

Recall: • Partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f_x = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = f_y = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+k) - f(x, y)}{k}$$

• Let S be the graph, $z = f(x, y)$
if S has a tangent plane
at $(x, y) = (a, b)$ it is given by

$$f_x(a, b)(x-a) + f_y(a, b)(y-b) - (z - f(a, b)) = 0$$

When does $z = f(x, y)$ have
tangent planes? The answer is:
when f is differentiable

Def: f is differentiable at

$(x, y) = (a, b)$ if when writing

$$f(x, y) = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x-a) + f_y(a, b)(y-b)$$

+ $E(x,y)$ ← error term

We have

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{E(x,y)}{\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}} = 0$$

Ex:

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, & (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0, & (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$$

Is f differentiable at the origin?

First let's compute $f_x(0,0)$, $f_y(0,0)$

Since f is defined piecewise, we need to use the definition.

$$f_x(0,0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h,0) - f(0,0)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{h} = 0$$

$$f_y(0,0) = [\text{similar limit}] = 0.$$

Now, let's find the error term as in the def of differentiability

$$f(x,y) = \underbrace{f(0,0)}_{=0} + \underbrace{f_x(0,0)}_{=0}x + \underbrace{f_y(0,0)}_{=0}y + E(x,y)$$

$$= E(x,y) = \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{E(x,y)}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$$

and this limit doesn't exist, b/c along the line $y=0$

it is

$$\boxed{y=0} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{0}{x^2} = 0$$

Along the line $x=y$ it is

$$\boxed{x=y} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2+x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Since the limit doesn't exist, $f(x,y)$ is not differentiable

at $(x,y)=(0,0)$. But note, that the partial derivatives do exist!

Remark: If f is differentiable, its partial derivatives exist, but not the other way around.

Ex: $f(x,y) = xe^{xy}$. Is differentiable at $(x,y) = (0,0)$?

$$f_x(x,y) = e^{xy} + xye^{xy} = (1+xy)e^{xy}$$

$$f_y(x,y) = x^2e^{xy}$$

$$f(1,0) = 0 \cdot e^0 = 0$$

$$f_x(1,0) = (1+0)e^0 = 1$$

$$f_y(1,0) = 0e^0 = 0$$

$$f(x,y) = \underbrace{f(0,0)}_{=0} + \underbrace{f_x(0,0)}_{=1}x + \underbrace{f_y(0,0)}_{=0}y + E(x,y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow E(x,y) = f(x,y) - x = xe^{xy} - x$$

$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x e^{xy} - x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$. Does it exist?

Let's try to check the limit along lines $y = kx$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x e^{kx^2} - x}{\sqrt{x^2 + k^2 x^2}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x e^{kx^2} - x}{\sqrt{1+k^2} |x|} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{sgn}(x)}{\sqrt{1+k^2}} \underbrace{(e^{kx^2} - 1)}_{\rightarrow 0} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

We guess that the limit exists, and now we prove it:

Remember $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) = L$

if $|f(x,y) - L|$ can be arbitrarily small by making $\text{dist}((x,y), (a,b))$ arbitrarily small.

We have $x \leq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ for x, y very close to 0. So

$$\left| \frac{x(e^{xy}-1)}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right| \leq \left| \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}(e^{xy}-1)}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right|$$

$$= |e^{xy}-1| \rightarrow 0, \text{ which}$$

shows

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x e^{xy} - x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = 0.$$

Ex: $f(x,y) = x^2 + 3y$. Is f differentiable at every point?

$$f_x(x,y) = 2x, \quad f_y(x,y) = 3.$$

$$f(x,y) = f(a,b) + f_x(a,b)(x-a) + f_y(a,b)(y-b) + E(x,y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow E(x,y) = f(x,y) - f(a,b) - 2a(x-a) - 3(y-b)$$

$$= \cancel{x^2 + 3y} - \cancel{a^2 - 3b} - 2ax + 2a^2 - 3y + 3b$$

$$= x^2 + a^2 - 2ax = (x-a)^2. \text{ Now}$$

$$\left| \frac{(x-a)^2}{\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}} \right| \leq \left| \frac{(x-a)^2}{\sqrt{(x-a)^2}} \right| = |x-a|$$

$\rightarrow 0$ as $(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)$, so $f(x,y)$ is differentiable at every pt.

Thm: If f is differentiable, f is continuous.

§4.5 Chain rule

Chain rule in a single variable:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) &= \frac{df}{dg} \cdot \frac{dg}{dx} \\ &= f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x). \end{aligned}$$

Let's first consider $f(x,y)$ where $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$ depends on another variable. Then:

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$f(x(t), y(t))$$

$$x(t)$$

$$y(t)$$

$$t$$

$$t$$

Ex: $f(x, y) = 4x^2 + 3y^2$

$$x = x(t) = \sin t$$

$$y = y(t) = \cos t$$

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$= (8x)(\cos t) + (6y)(-\sin t)$$

$$= 8 \sin t \cos t - 6 \cos t \sin t$$

$$= 2 \sin t \cos t = \sin(2t)$$

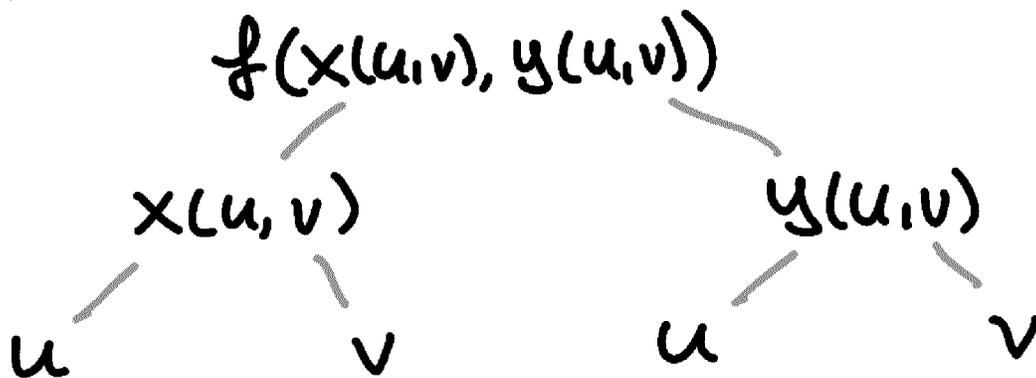
Ex: $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 - y^2}$

$$x = x(t) = e^{2t}$$

$$y = y(t) = e^{-t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df}{dt} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \left(\frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2 - y^2}} \right) (2e^{2t}) + \left(\frac{-2y}{\sqrt{x^2 - y^2}} \right) (-e^{-t}) \\ &= \frac{4e^{4t^2} + 2e^{t^2}}{\sqrt{e^{4t^2} - e^{t^2}}} \end{aligned}$$

Now consider $f(x, y)$, and let $x = x(u, v)$, $y = y(u, v)$. The function f depends on u, v , $f = f(x(u, v), y(u, v))$.



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{aligned}$$

Ex: $f(x,y) = e^{xy}$, $x = u+v$
 $y = uv$.

Let's find $\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial v}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \\ &= (ye^{xy})(1) + (xe^{xy})(v) \\ &= uve^{(u+v)uv} + (u+v)ve^{(u+v)uv} \\ &= (2uv + v^2)e^{(u+v)uv}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial v} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \\ &= (ye^{xy})(1) + (xe^{xy})(u) \\ &= uve^{(u+v)uv} + (u+v)ue^{(u+v)uv} \\ &= (u^2 + 2uv)e^{(u+v)uv}\end{aligned}$$
