

Section 10.4

In problems 2, 4, and 6, find the tangent plane to the given function at the given point.

$$2. f(x, y) = x^2 - 3y^2; (-1, 1, -2)$$

Answer: If the tangent plane to a function $f(x, y)$ exists at a point $P = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$, then its equation is

$$L(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x, y) = (x_0, y_0)} (x - x_0) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(x, y) = (x_0, y_0)} (y - y_0).$$

(note that $z_0 = f(x_0, y_0)$). Here,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^2 - 3y^2] = 2x \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [x^2 - 3y^2] = -6y,$$

so

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x, y) = (x_0, y_0) = (-1, 1)} = 2(-1) = -2 \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(x, y) = (-1, 1)} = -6(1) = -6.$$

Finally, $f(-1, 1) = (-1)^2 - 3(1)^2 = 1 - 3 = -2$ (as you should have guessed),

so the equation for the tangent plane is

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, y) &= -2(x - (-1)) - 6(y - 1) - 2 \\ &= -2x - 2 - 6y + 6 - 2 = -2x - 6y + 2. \end{aligned}$$

The answer is

$$L(x, y) = -2x - 6y + 2.$$

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4. $f(x,y) = \sin x + \cos y; (0,0,1)$.

Answer: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\sin x + \cos y] = \cos x; \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x,y)=(0,0)} = \cos 0 = 1$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\sin x + \cos y] = -\sin y; \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Big|_{(x,y)=(0,0)} = -\sin 0 = 0$

So the tangent plane is

$$L(x,y) = 1(x-0) + 0(y-0) + 1$$

$$\boxed{L(x,y) = x + 1.}$$

6. $f(x,y) = e^{x-y}; (1,-1,e^2)$

Answer: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [e^{x-y}] = e^{x-y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x-y] = e^{x-y}$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x,y)=(1,-1)} = e^{1-(-1)} = e^2$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [e^{x-y}] = e^{x-y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [x-y] = -e^{x-y}$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Big|_{(x,y)=(1,-1)} = -e^{1-(-1)} = -e^2.$

So the tangent plane is

$$L(x,y) = e^2(x-1) - e^2(y+1) + e^2$$

$$\boxed{L(x,y) = e^2(x-y-1).}$$

14. Show that $f(x,y) = e^{x-y}$ is differentiable at $(0,0)$.

Answer: We have that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = e^{x-y}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -e^{x-y}$. Since f , $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$, and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ are continuous everywhere, f is differentiable on all of $\mathbb{R}^2$.

(See the "Sufficient Condition for Differentiability" on p. 530.)

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20. Find the linearization of $f(x, y) = \cos(x^2 y)$ at $(\pi/2, 0)$.

Answer: The linearization is just the tangent plane:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\cos(x^2 y)] = -\sin(x^2 y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^2 y] = -2xy \sin(x^2 y)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x, y) = (\pi/2, 0)} = -2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)(0) \sin\left(\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 (0)\right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\cos(x^2 y)] = -\sin(x^2 y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [x^2 y] = -x^2 \sin(x^2 y)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(x, y) = (\pi/2, 0)} = -\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 \sin\left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 (0)\right] = 0$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) = \cos\left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 (0)\right] = \cos 0 = 1.$$

So the linearization is

$$L(x, y) = 0\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 0(y - 0) + 1$$

$$\boxed{L(x, y) = 1.}$$

24. Find the linearization of $f(x, y) = x^2 e^y$ at the point $(1, 0)$.

Answer: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^2 e^y] = 2x e^y$; $\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x, y) = (1, 0)} = 2(1)e^0 = 2$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [x^2 e^y] = x^2 e^y$$
; $\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(x, y) = (1, 0)} = (1)^2 e^0 = 1$

$$f(1, 0) = (1)^2 e^0 = 1.$$

So the linearization is

$$L(x, y) = 2(x - 1) + 1(y - 0) + 1$$

$$\boxed{L(x, y) = 2x + y - 1.}$$

26. Find the linear approximation of $f(x,y) = \sin(x+2y)$ at $(0,0)$ and use it to approximate $f(-0.1, 0.2)$. Using a calculator, compare the approximation with the exact value of $f(-0.1, 0.2)$. (4)

Answer: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\sin(x+2y)] = \cos(x+2y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x+2y] = \cos(x+2y).$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x,y)=(0,0)} = \cos(0+2(0)) = \cos 0 = 1.$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\sin(x+2y)] = \cos(x+2y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [x+2y] = 2\cos(x+2y).$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(x,y)=(0,0)} = 2\cos(0+2(0)) = 2\cos 0 = 2.$$

$$f(0,0) = \sin(0+2(0)) = 0.$$

So the linearization is

$$\begin{aligned} L(x,y) &= 1(x-0) + 2(y-0) + 0 \\ &= x + 2y. \end{aligned}$$

Since $f(x,y) \approx L(x,y)$ when (x,y) is "close" to $(0,0)$,

$$f(-0.1, 0.2) \approx L(-0.1, 0.2) = (-0.1) + 2(0.2) = -0.1 + 0.4 = \boxed{0.3}.$$

My TI-89 says that

$$f(-0.1, 0.2) = \sin(-0.1 + 2(0.2)) = \sin(0.3) \approx 0.29552.$$

30. Let $\vec{f}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x - 3y \\ 4x^2 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the Jacobi matrix of $\vec{f}$.

Answer: If $\vec{f}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots \\ f_m(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{bmatrix}$ (so $\vec{f}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$),

the Jacobi matrix of $\vec{f}$ is

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$$D\vec{f} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{So here } n=2 \text{ and } m=2, \text{ and}$$

$$\vec{f}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x,y) \\ f_2(x,y) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x-3y \\ 4x^2 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ So}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [2x-3y] = 2 \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [2x-3y] = -3$$

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [4x^2] = 8x \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [4x^2] = 0.$$

So the Jacobi matrix is

$$D\vec{f} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 8x & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

32. Find the Jacobi matrix for $\vec{f}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} (x-y)^2 \\ \sin(x-y) \end{bmatrix}$.

Let $f_1 = (x-y)^2 = x^2 - 2xy + y^2$ and $f_2 = \sin(x-y)$. Then

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} = 2x - 2y \quad , \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} = 2y - 2x$$

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} = \cos(x-y) \quad , \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} = -\cos(x-y).$$

So the Jacobian matrix is

$$D\vec{f} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x-2y & 2y-2x \\ \cos(x-y) & -\cos(x-y) \end{bmatrix}.$$

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40. Find a linear approximation to $\vec{f}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} e^x \sin y \\ e^{-y} \cos x \end{bmatrix}$ at $(0,0)$.

Answer: Let $f_1(x,y) = e^x \sin y$ and $f_2(x,y) = e^{-y} \cos x$.

Then

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} = e^x \sin y, \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} = e^x \cos y$$

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} = -e^{-y} \sin x, \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} = -e^{-y} \cos x$$

so the Jacobi matrix is

$$D\vec{f} = \begin{bmatrix} e^x \sin y & e^x \cos y \\ -e^{-y} \sin x & -e^{-y} \cos x \end{bmatrix}.$$

The linearization at $(0,0)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{L}(x,y) &= \begin{bmatrix} f_1(0,0) \\ f_2(0,0) \end{bmatrix} + D\vec{f}(0,0) \begin{bmatrix} x-0 \\ y-0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e^0 \sin 0 \\ e^{-0} \cos 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e^0 \sin 0 & e^0 \cos 0 \\ -e^{-0} \sin 0 & -e^{-0} \cos 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y \\ -y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ 1-y \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\boxed{\vec{L}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ 1-y \end{bmatrix} .}$$

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42. Find a linear approximation to $\vec{f}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} (x+y)^2 \\ xy \end{bmatrix}$ at $(-1,1)$.

Answer: $D\vec{f} = \begin{bmatrix} 2(x+y) & 2(x+y) \\ y & x \end{bmatrix}$, so

$$D\vec{f}(-1,1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(-1+1) & 2(-1+1) \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So the linearization is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{L}(x,y) &= \vec{f}(-1,1) + D\vec{f}(-1,1) \begin{bmatrix} x+1 \\ y-1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x+1 \\ y-1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x+1-y+1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

So $\vec{L}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x-y+1 \end{bmatrix}$.

46. Find a linear approximation to $\vec{f}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2x+y} \\ x-y^2 \end{bmatrix}$ at $(1,2)$. Use your result to find an approximation for $f(1.05, 2.05)$, and compare the approximation to the value of $f(1.05, 2.05)$ that you get when you use a calculator.

Answer: $D\vec{f} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+y}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2x+y}} \\ 1 & -2y \end{bmatrix}$, so

$$D\vec{f}(1,2) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1)+2}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2(1)+2}} \\ 1 & -2(2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/4 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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The linearization is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{L}(x,y) &= \vec{f}(1,2) + D\vec{f}(1,2) \begin{bmatrix} x-1 \\ y-2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2(1)+2} \\ 1-2^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/4 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x-1 \\ y-2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}y - \frac{1}{2} \\ x-1 - 4y+8 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}y - 1 \\ x - 4y + 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}y + 1 \\ x - 4y + 4 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } \vec{f}(1.05, 2.05) &\approx \vec{L}(1.05, 2.05) = \vec{L}(21/20, 41/20) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{21}{20} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{41}{20} \right) + 1 \\ \frac{21}{20} - 4 \left(\frac{41}{20} \right) + 4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 21/40 + 41/80 + 1 \\ 21/20 - 164/20 + 4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 83/80 + 1 \\ -143/20 + 80/20 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 163/80 \\ -63/20 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2.0375 \\ -3.15 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

From my calculator,

$$\vec{f}(1.05, 2.05) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2(1.05)+2.05} \\ 1.05 - (2.05)^2 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 2.0372 \\ -3.1525 \end{bmatrix}.$$