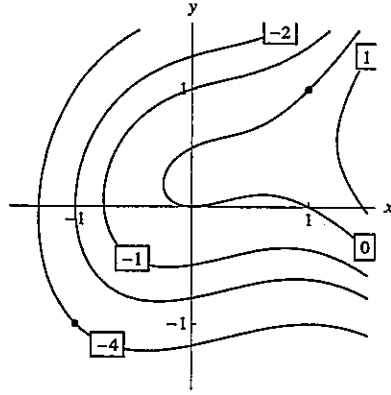
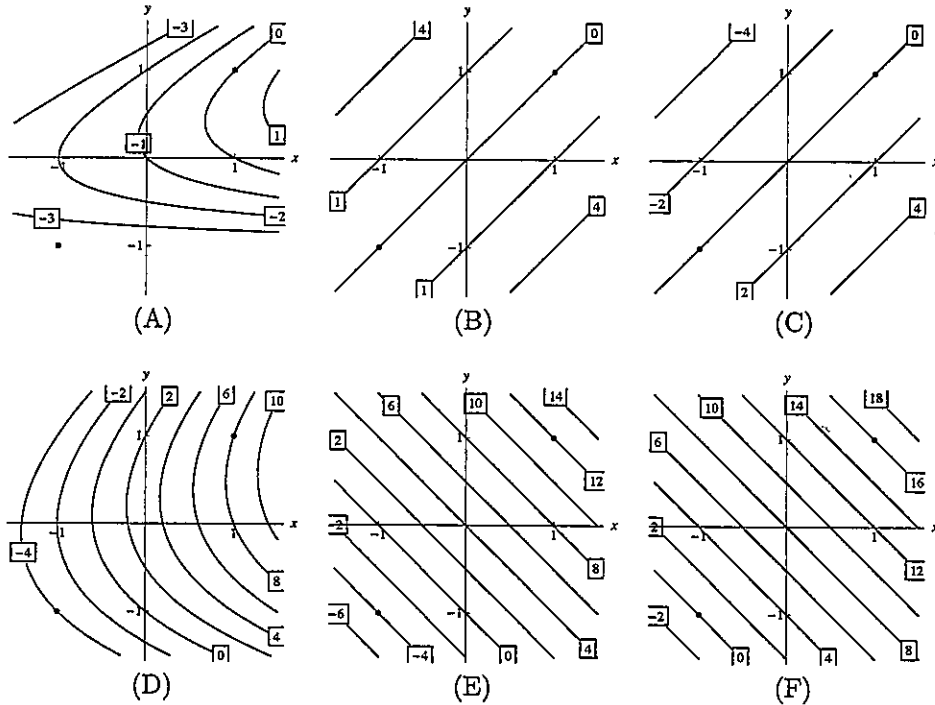


# Linearization and the chain rule

1. Suppose the mysterious function  $f(x, y)$  has the following level set diagram (contour map).



The points  $(1, 1)$  and  $(-1, -1)$  are marked with dots. Let  $L_1(x, y)$  be the linearization of  $f$  at  $(1, 1)$  and  $L_2(x, y)$  be the linearization of  $f$  at  $(-1, -1)$ . Which of the following is the level set diagram of  $L_1(x, y)$ ? Which of the following is the level set diagram of  $L_2(x, y)$ ?



$L_1 \leftrightarrow (C)$   
 $L_2 \leftrightarrow (F)$

*L<sub>f</sub> linear so level sets are line  
 1<sup>st</sup> partial derivatives of f and L<sub>f</sub> agree so a level set of L<sub>f</sub> is a tangent line of f. Lastly, look at the direction of increase*

*0 level set of L<sub>f</sub> is the tangent line of f*

2. Find the tangent plane to \_\_\_\_\_ at the point \_\_\_\_\_.

- the cylinder  $\{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 4\}; (1, \sqrt{3}, 5)$
- the graph  $\{z = y \sin x\}; (\pi/6, 2, 1)$

$L(x, y, z) = 2(x-1) + 2(y-\sqrt{3})$   
~~Tangent plane: L = 4~~

$y \sin x - z = 0$   
 $L(x, y, z) = 2 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (x - \pi/6) + \frac{1}{2} (y - 2) - (z - 1)$   
 Tangent Plane:  $L = 0$

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

- the graph  $\{z = f(x, y)\}$ ;  $(a, b)$ .  $L = 0$

3. Warm-up problem: A clown is inflating a spherical balloon so that its radius at time  $t$  is  $\ln(1+t)$ . Find the rate at which the volume of the balloon is changing at time  $t$ . (Remember that the volume of a sphere of radius  $x$  is  $\frac{4}{3}\pi x^3$ .)

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 = \frac{4}{3}\pi [\ln(1+t)]^3$$

$$R = \ln(1+t) \implies \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = \frac{4\pi [\ln(1+t)]^2}{1+t}$$

4. An ant is walking around on the blackboard. The temperature on the blackboard at the point  $(x, y)$  is  $x^4 y^2$ . The ant's position at time  $t$  is given by the vector-valued function  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, e^t \rangle$ . What is the rate of change of temperature experienced by the ant (with respect to time) at any time  $t$ ?

$$T = x^4 y^2 = \cos^4 t e^{2t}$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, e^t \rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 4 \cos^3 t e^{2t} + 2 \cos^4 t e^{2t}$$

5. Quick gradient practice: Find the gradient  $\nabla f$  of the following functions  $f$ .

(a)  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ .  $\langle 2x, 2y \rangle$

(b)  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ .  $\langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$

(c)  $f(x, y) = xy$ .  $\langle y, x \rangle$

(d)  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ .  $\langle yz, xz, xy \rangle$

6. A fly is flying around a room; his position at time  $t$  is  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, t \rangle$ . The temperature in the room is given by the function  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ . What is the rate of change of the temperature experienced by the fly at time  $t$ ?

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle \quad \begin{matrix} x = \cos t \\ y = \sin t \\ z = t \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(\vec{r}(t)) = \nabla f \cdot \vec{r}'_t = \langle yz, xz, xy \rangle \cdot \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 1 \rangle$$

$$= \langle t \sin t, t \cos t, \cos t \sin t \rangle \cdot \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 1 \rangle$$

$$= -t \sin^2 t + t \cos^2 t + \cos t \sin t$$

(any of)  
You can use 3 methods for all problems

(A) Plug in like Problem 4

(B)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(\vec{r}(t)) = \nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'_t(t)$   
like Problem 6

(C) Make diagram of dependencies

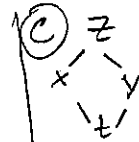
7. Suppose  $z = x^3 + xy + \cos y$ ,  $x = t^2$ , and  $y = e^t$ . Find  $\frac{dz}{dt}$ .

(A)  $z = t^6 + t^2 e^t + \cos e^t$

$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = 6t^5 + 2te^t + t^2 e^t - (\sin e^t) \cdot e^t$

(B)  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$

$\frac{d}{dt} z(\vec{r}(t)) = \nabla z \cdot \vec{r}'_t$   
 $= \langle 3x^2 + y, x - \sin y \rangle \cdot \langle 2t, e^t \rangle$   
 $= (3t^4 + e^t) \cdot 2t + (t^2 - \sin e^t) e^t$



$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$   
 $= (3x^2 + y) \cdot (2t) + (x - \sin y) \cdot (e^t)$   
 $= (3t^4 + e^t) 2t + (t^2 - \sin e^t) e^t$

8. Suppose  $u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ ,  $x = s^2$ ,  $y = \sin s$ , and  $z = e^s$ . Find  $\frac{du}{ds}$ .

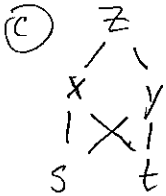
(B)  $\frac{d}{ds} u(x(s), y(s), z(s)) = \nabla u \cdot \frac{d}{ds} \langle x(s), y(s), z(s) \rangle$

$= \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle \cdot \langle 2s, \cos s, e^s \rangle$

$= \langle 2s^2, 2\sin s, 2e^s \rangle$

$= 4s^3 + 2\sin s \cos s + 2e^{2s}$

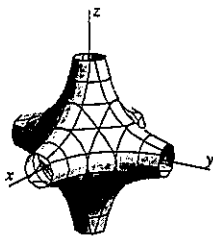
9. Suppose  $z = x^2 - y^2$ ,  $x = \sin st$ , and  $y = te^s$ . Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$ .



$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = (2x)(t \cos st) + (-2y)(te^s)$   
 $= 2t \sin(2st) - 2t^2 e^{2s}$

$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = (2x)(s \sin st) + (-2y)(e^s)$   
 $= 2s \sin(2st) - 2t e^{2s}$

10. (Implicit differentiation.) The equation  $x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + x^2 z^2 = 9$  describes the surface shown. Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  at the point  $(-1, 1, -2)$ .



Apply  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  to

$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + x^2 z^2] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} 9$

$2xy^2 + 2yy_x z^2 + 2yy_x z^2 + y^2 2zz_x + 2xz^2 + x^2 2zz_x = 0$

Now set  $y_x = 0$   
 since we are interested in how  $z$  changes as we change  $x$

$2xy^2 + 2y^2 z z_x + 2xz^2 + x^2 2z z_x = 0$

Solve for  $z_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$

$z_x = - \frac{2xy^2 + 2xz^2}{2y^2 z + 2x^2 z} = - \frac{2(-1)(1)^2 + 2(-1)(-2)^2}{2(1)^2(-2) + 2(-1)^2(-2)}$   
 $= - \frac{-2 - 8}{-4 - 4} = \boxed{-\frac{5}{4}}$

