

**Problem 1: Limit for Two Variable Function**

Determine if the following functions have a limit as  $(x, y)$  approaches  $(0, 0)$ :

1.  $f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$  No

2.  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{x^2+y^2}$  No

3.  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$  Yes

2. Restrict the  $f$  to  $y=kx$

so  $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{1+k^2}$

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limit.

1. Restrict the function to  $y=kx$

$f(x, y) = \frac{x \cdot kx}{x^2 + k^2x^2} = \frac{k}{1+k^2}$

so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, kx) = \frac{k}{1+k^2}$

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So there is no limit for  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$

3.  $f(x, y) = \frac{r^2 \cos^2 \theta}{r} = r \cos^2 \theta \leq r$

so  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r \cos^2 \theta = 0$

**Problem 2 : Tangent Plane/Linear Approximation**

For following surfaces:

- 1) compute the partial derivatives;
- 2) write up the differential  $df$ ;
- 3) find out the tangent plane at the given point;
- 4) what is the linear approximation at the given point;
- 4) what is the normal vector of the plane you find out.

1.  $z = xy^2$ ;  $x = 2, y = 1$

2.  $z = \frac{xy}{x+y}$ ;  $x = 3, y = 1$

3.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3$ ;  $x = 1, y = 1, z = 1$ ;  $x = 1, y = 1, z = -1$

1.  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = y^2$   $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2xy$

2)  $df = y^2 dx + 2xy dy$

3)  $df = dx + 4dy$  @  $(2, 1)$

$z - 2 = (x - 2) + 4 \cdot (y - 1)$

4)  $z \approx (x - 2) + 4 \cdot (y - 1) + 2$

5)  $\vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

2.  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{y^2}{(x+y)^2}$   $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{x^2}{(x+y)^2}$

3.1)  $2x dx + 2y dy + 2z dz = 0$

$dz = -\frac{x}{z} dx - \frac{y}{z} dy \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{x}{z}$   $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{y}{z}$

[ Here if you feel not comfortable, just compute  $z = \sqrt{3-x^2-y^2}$   $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  and  $z = -\sqrt{3-x^2-y^2}$  ]

3)  $dz = dx + dy$  at  $(1, 1, -1)$  For  $(1, 1, 1)$

$(z + 1) = (x - 1) + (y - 1)$

$x + y - z = 3$   $\vec{z} \approx x + y - 3$

5)  $\vec{n} = (1, 1, -1)$

$z - 1 = -(x - 1) - (y - 1)$   
 $x + y + z = 1$   
 $z \approx 1 - x - y$   
 $\vec{n} = (1, 1, 1)$

2)  $df = \frac{y^2}{(x+y)^2} dx + \frac{x^2}{(x+y)^2} dy$

3)  $df = \frac{1}{16} dx + \frac{9}{16} dy$

$z - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{16} (x - 3) + \frac{9}{16} (y - 1)$

4)  $z \approx \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{16} (x - 3) + \frac{9}{16} (y - 1)$

5)  $\vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{16} \\ \frac{9}{16} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

### Problem 3: Chain Rule

Firstly use chain rule to compute  $\frac{df}{dt}$ , and then evaluate  $\frac{df}{dt}$  at given point:

1.  $f(x, y) = x^2y^3 + x^3y^2$ ;  $x(t) = t^2 + t$ ,  $y(t) = e^t$ ;  $t = 0$ ;

2.  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ ;  $x(t) = \cos t$ ,  $y(t) = 2 \sin t$ ;  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ;

3.  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ ;  $x(t) = \ln t$ ,  $y(t) = e^t$ ,  $z(t) = \frac{1}{t}$ ;  $t = 2$ ;

$$1. \frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$= (2xy^3 + 3x^2y^2) \cdot (2t+1) + (3y^2x^2 + 2yx^3) \cdot e^t$$

$$\left. \frac{df}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$2. \frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} = 2x \cdot (-\sin t) + 2y \cdot (2 \cos t)$$

$$\left. \frac{df}{dt} \right|_{t=\frac{\pi}{2}} = 2 \cdot 0 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

(because  $x(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$   $y(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 2$ )

$$3. \frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{dz}{dt} = yz \cdot \frac{1}{t} + xz \cdot e^t + xy \cdot \frac{-1}{t^2}$$

$$\left. \frac{df}{dt} \right|_{t=2} = e^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \ln 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^2 + \ln 2 \cdot e^2 \cdot \frac{-1}{4} = e^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln 2$$