

THOMAS' CALCULUS (12/E)

14.5 Directional Derivatives and Gradient Vectors

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1 Directional Derivatives in the Plane

- 1.1 Suppose that the function _____ is defined throughout a region R in the xy -plane, that _____ is a point in R , and that _____ is a unit vector. Then the equations

$$x = \text{_____}, \quad y = \text{_____}$$

parametrize the line through P_0 parallel to \vec{u} .

- 1.2 If the parameter s measures _____ from P_0 in the direction of _____, we find the rate of change of f at P_0 in the direction of \vec{u} by calculating _____ at _____.

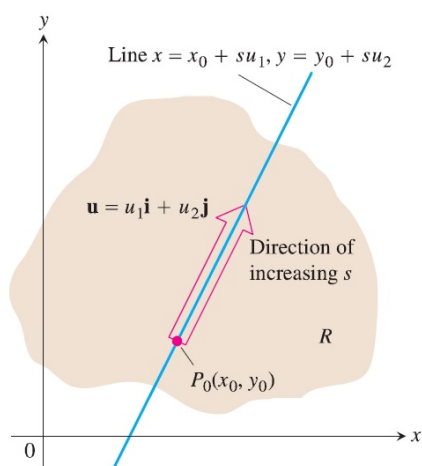


FIGURE 14.26 The rate of change of f in the direction of \mathbf{u} at a point P_0 is the rate at which f changes along this line at P_0 .

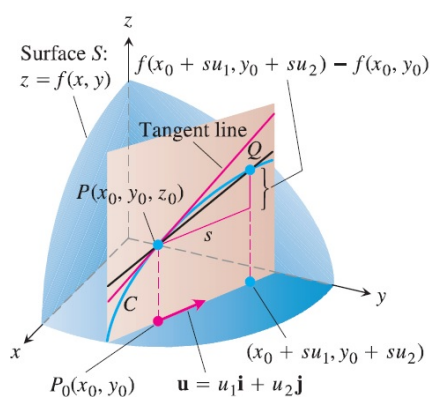


FIGURE 14.27 The slope of curve C at P_0 is $\lim_{Q \rightarrow P} \text{slope}(PQ)$; this is the directional derivative

$$\left(\frac{df}{ds} \right)_{\mathbf{u}, P_0} = (D_{\mathbf{u}} f)_{P_0}$$

1.3 *Definition*


The derivative of f at $P_0(x_0, y_0)$ in the direction of the unit vector $\vec{u} = u_1\vec{i} + u_2\vec{j}$ is the number

_____ = _____

provided the limit exists.

1.4 The derivative of f at P_0 in the direction of \vec{u} is also defined by _____.

1.5 The partial derivatives $f_x(x_0, y_0)$ and $f_y(x_0, y_0)$ are the _____ of f at P_0 in the _____ and _____ directions.

 **Ex. 1** (example1, p785)

Using the definition, find the derivative of $f(x, y) = x^2 + xy$ at $P_0(1, 2)$ in the direction of the unit vector $\vec{u} = (1/\sqrt{2})\vec{i} + (1/\sqrt{2})\vec{j}$

sol:

2 Calculation and Gradients

2.1 *Definition*


The gradient vector (_____) of $f(x, y)$ at a point $P_0(x_0, y_0)$ is the vector

_____ = _____

2.2 Theorem 9: The Directional Derivative Is a Dot Product

If $f(x, y)$ is differentiable in an open region containing $P_0(x_0, y_0)$, then

the dot product of _____ and _____.

 **Ex. 2** (example2, p786)

Find the derivative of $f(x, y) = xe^y + \cos(xy)$ at the point $(2, 0)$ in the direction of $\vec{v} = 3\vec{i} - 4\vec{j}$.

sol:

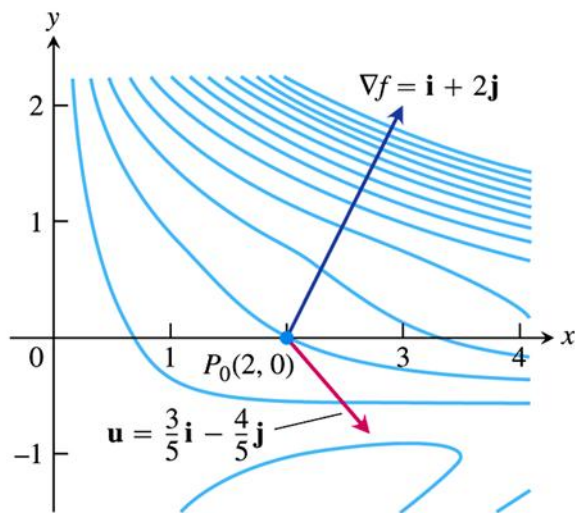


FIGURE 14.28 Picture ∇f as a vector in the domain of f . The figure shows a number of level curves of f . The rate at which f changes at $(2, 0)$ in the direction $\mathbf{u} = (3/5)\mathbf{i} - (4/5)\mathbf{j}$ is $\nabla f \cdot \mathbf{u} = -1$ (Example 2).

實習課練習 (EXERCISE 14.5)

5. Find the gradient of the function at the given point. $f(x, y) = \sqrt{2x + 3y}$, $(-1, 2)$
9. Find ∇f at the given point: $f(x, y, z) = e^{x+y} \cos z + (y + 1) \sin^{-1} x$, $(0, 0, \pi/6)$.
- In Exercise 11-18, find the derivative of the function at P_0 in the direction of \vec{u} .
11. $f(x, y) = 2xy - 3y^2$, $P_0(5, 5)$, $\vec{u} = 4\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$.
13. $g(x, y) = \frac{x - y}{xy + 2}$, $P_0(1, -1)$, $\vec{u} = 12\vec{i} + 5\vec{j}$.
15. $f(x, y, z) = xy + yz + zx$, $P_0(1, -1, 2)$, $\vec{u} = 3\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$.
17. $g(x, y, z) = 3e^x \cos yz$, $P_0(0, 0, 0)$, $\vec{u} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$.