

Last day: The tangent plane of $(x, y) = (a, b)$

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

different surface
than $z = f(x, y)$

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§ 12.4 linear approx (no tangent plane in § 12.4 in AP EX)

Let:

$$\Delta x = x - a$$

$$\Delta y = y - b$$

$$\Delta z = f(x, y) - f(a, b)$$

} indep var
change
dep. var
change.

$$\Delta z \approx f_x(a, b) \Delta x + f_y(a, b) \Delta y$$

o.k.a. $f(x, y) \approx f(a, b) + f_x(a, b) \Delta x + f_y(a, b) \Delta y$

Ex a) find the linear approx to $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

of $(3, 4)$

b) use it to approx $\sqrt{(3.1)^2 + (3.9)^2}$

$$f(3, 4) = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5$$

$$f_x = \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2)^{-1/2} (2x) = x / f(x, y)$$

$$f_x(3, 4) = 3/5$$

Similarly $f_y(3, 4) = 4/5$

$$f(x, y) \approx 5 + \frac{3}{5}(x-3) + \frac{4}{5}(y-4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } f(3.1, 3.9) &\approx 5 + \frac{7}{5} (3.1 - 3) \\
 &\quad + \frac{4}{5} (3.9 - 4) \\
 &= 5 + \frac{3}{5} - \frac{4}{5} = 4.98
 \end{aligned}$$

Δx

Δy

$f(3.1, 3.9)$ exact: 4.98197...

§ 12.4 The total differential

review of (1D) $dy := f'(y) dx$

defining

the differential to curve $y = f(x)$

Multivariable case: $dz := f_x(x, y) dx + f_y(x, y) dy$

total differential.

x, y still variables (!)

two new indep. variables !!

Compare to linear approx...

Ok to think $dx = \Delta x, dy = \Delta y$

$\Delta z \approx dz$ — shorthand notation for the linear approx.

If

$$\Delta z \approx dz$$

error

then
(?)

$$\Delta z = dz + \varepsilon_1(dx, dy)dx + \varepsilon_2(dx, dy)dy$$

Def'n

If I can write Δz in this way and if

$$\lim_{(dx, dy) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \varepsilon_1(dx, dy) = 0$$

$$\lim_{(dx, dy) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \varepsilon_2(dx, dy) = 0$$

then we say f is differentiable

Intuitive :

the linear approx is the best possible linear approx.

Thm

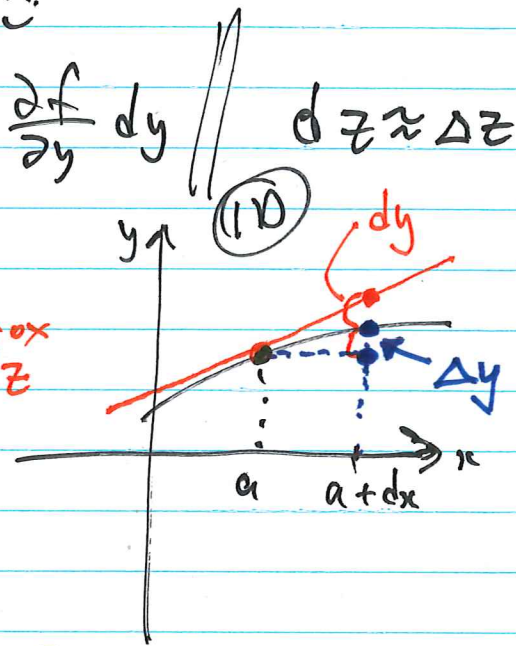
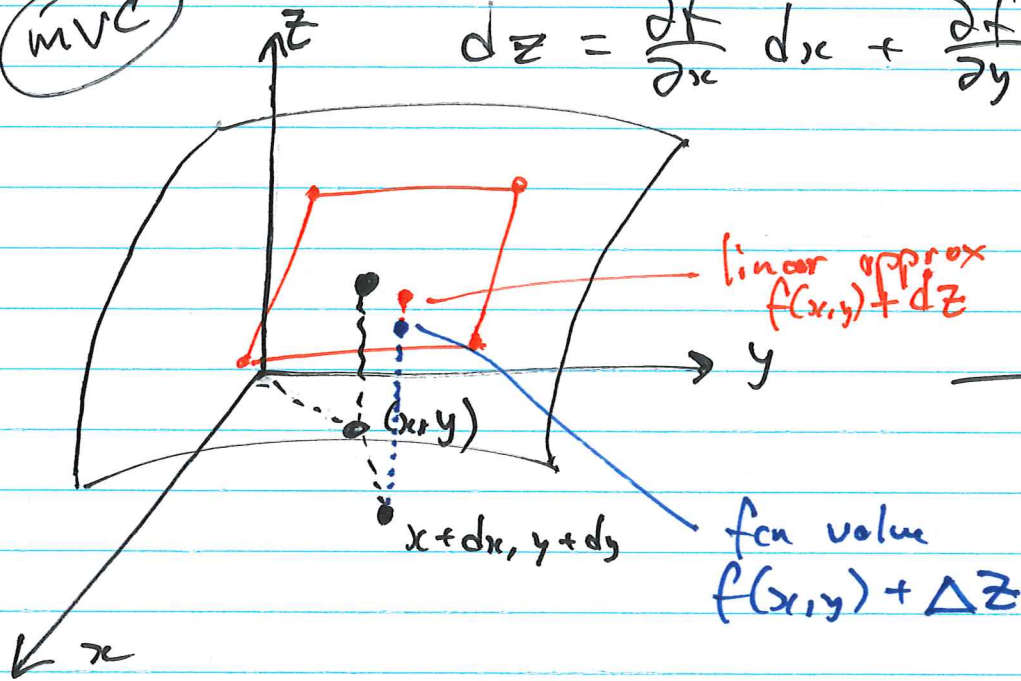
If f_x and f_y exist & near (a, b) and they are continuous at (a, b) then f is differentiable at (a, b)

End of theory :)

Return to practical matters \therefore

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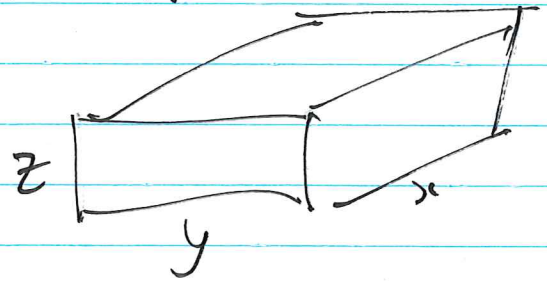
$$dz = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy \quad \Bigg| \quad dz \approx \Delta z$$



Ex

Rectangular box $80 \times 100 \times 50$ cm,
measured within 1mm. Estimate the
max error in the volume.

Sol'n $V = xyz$



$$dV = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} dz$$

$$= yz dx + xz dy + xy dz$$

(the total differential)

tangent
hyperplane??
don't want geometry!

$$dx = dy = dz = 0.1 \text{ cm}$$

$$x = 80 \text{ cm}$$

$$y = 50 \text{ cm}$$

$$z = 100 \text{ cm}$$

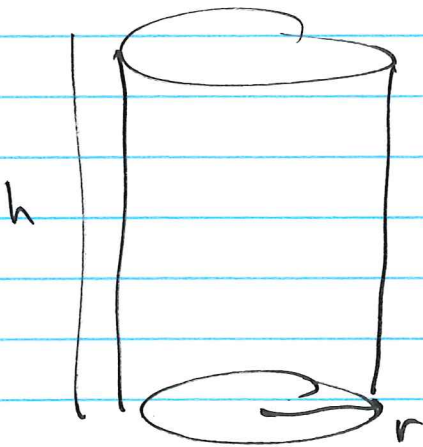
$$dV = 50 \cdot 100 \cdot 0.1 + 80 \cdot 70 \cdot 0.1 + 80 \cdot 100 \cdot 0.1$$

$$= 500 + 400 + 800 = 1700 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\approx 1.7\%$$

Relative to V : $\frac{1700 \text{ cm}^3}{80 \cdot 100 \cdot 50 \text{ cm}^3} = 0.4\%$

Ex Estimate the amount of metal in a hollow can 10cm high, 4cm in diameter. Suppose top/bottom 0.1cm thick and that the sides are 0.05cm thick



Soln: $V = \pi r^2 h$

$$dV = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} dh$$
$$= 2\pi r h dr + \pi r^2 dh$$

Surface area of the side surface area of the top or bottom