13.7 Tangent Planes and Normal Lines

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- **6.** $F(x,y) = x^4 x^2 + y^2 \Rightarrow \nabla F\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right) = \left[\left(4x^3 2x\right)\mathbf{i} + 2y\mathbf{j}\right]_{\left(1/2, \sqrt{3}/4\right)} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{i} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\mathbf{j}$ is normal to the level curve $F(x,y) = x^4 x^2 + y^2 = 0$ at $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right)$. So the slope of the required normal line is $m = \frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{-1/2} = -\sqrt{3}$ and an equation of the normal line is $y \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} = -\sqrt{3}\left(x \frac{1}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow y = -\sqrt{3}x + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$. The slope of the required tangent line is $m = -\frac{1}{-\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$, and so an equation of the tangent line is $y \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\left(x \frac{1}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12}$.
- **8.** $F(x,y) = 2x + y e^{x-y} \Rightarrow \nabla F(1,1) = \left[\left(2 e^{x-y}\right)\mathbf{i} + \left(1 + e^{x-y}\right)\mathbf{j}\right]_{(1,1)} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$ is normal to the level curve $F(x,y) = 2x + y e^{x-y} = 2$ at (1,1). From this, we see that the slope of the required normal line is $m = \frac{2}{1} = 2$ and so an equation of the normal line is $y 1 = 2(x 1) \Leftrightarrow y = 2x 1$. The slope of the required tangent line is $m = -\frac{1}{2}$ and so an equation of the tangent line is $y 1 = -\frac{1}{2}(x 1) \Leftrightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}$.
- **15.** $F(x, y, z) = x^2 + 4y^2 + 9z^2 17 \Rightarrow \nabla F(2, 1, 1) = (2x\mathbf{i} + 8y\mathbf{j} + 18z\mathbf{k})|_{(2,1,1)} = 4\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j} + 18\mathbf{k}$, so an equation of the tangent plane at (2, 1, 1) is $4(x 2) + 8(y 1) + 18(z 1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2x + 4y + 9z = 17$. Equations of the normal line passing through (2, 1, 1) are $\frac{x 2}{4} = \frac{y 1}{8} = \frac{z 1}{18} \Leftrightarrow \frac{x 2}{2} = \frac{y 1}{4} = \frac{z 1}{9}$.
- **19.** $F(x, y, z) = xy + yz + xz 11 = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla F(1, 2, 3) = [(y + z)\mathbf{i} + (x + z)\mathbf{j} + (x + y)\mathbf{k}]_{(1,2,3)} = 5\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$, so an equation of the tangent plane at (1, 2, 3) is $5(x 1) + 4(y 2) + 3(z 3) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 5x + 4y + 3z = 22$. Equations of the normal line passing through (1, 2, 3) are $\frac{x 1}{5} = \frac{y 2}{4} = \frac{z 3}{3}$.
- **26.** $F(x, y, z) = e^x \sin \pi y z = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla F(0, 1, 0) = \left(e^x \sin \pi y \mathbf{i} + \pi e^x \cos \pi y \mathbf{j} \mathbf{k}\right)\big|_{(0,1,0)} = -\pi \mathbf{j} \mathbf{k}$, so an equation of the tangent plane at (0, 1, 0) is $-\pi (y 1) z = 0 \Leftrightarrow \pi y + z = \pi$. Equations of the normal line passing through (0, 1, 0) are x = 0, $\frac{y 1}{-\pi} = \frac{z}{-1} \Leftrightarrow x = 0$, $\frac{y 1}{\pi} = z$.
- **28.** $F(x, y, z) = \ln \frac{x}{y} z = \ln x \ln y z = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla F(2, 2, 0) = \left(\frac{1}{x}\mathbf{i} \frac{1}{y}\mathbf{j} \mathbf{k}\right)\Big|_{(2,2,0)} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{i} \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{j} \mathbf{k}$, so an equation of the tangent plane at (2, 2, 0) is $\frac{1}{2}(x 2) \frac{1}{2}(y 2) z = 0 \Leftrightarrow x y 2z = 0$. Equations of the normal line passing through (2, 2, 0) are $\frac{x 2}{1/2} = \frac{y 2}{-1/2} = \frac{z}{-1} \Leftrightarrow x 2 = \frac{y 2}{-1} = \frac{z}{-2}$.
- 31. $F(x, y, z) = \sin xy + 3z 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla F(0, 3, 1) = (y \cos xy \mathbf{i} + x \cos xy \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})|_{(0,3,1)} = 3\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{k} = 3(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k})$, so an equation of the tangent plane at (0, 3, 1) is $(x 0) + (z 1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x + z = 1$. Equations of the normal line passing through (0, 3, 1) are $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{z 1}{1}$, y = 3.

37. We write $F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 14$. Then the normal to the tangent plane to the sphere at the point (x_0, y_0, z_0) is $\nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0) = 2x_0\mathbf{i} + 2y_0\mathbf{j} + 2z_0\mathbf{k}$. Since the tangent plane is parallel to the plane x + 2y + 3z = 12 whose normal is $\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$, we see that $x_0\mathbf{i} + y_0\mathbf{j} + z_0\mathbf{k} = c(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$, where c is a constant. This equation implies that $x_0 = c$, $y_0 = 2c$, and $z_0 = 3c$, and substituting these values into the equation of the sphere gives $c^2 + (2c)^2 + (3c)^2 = 14 \Leftrightarrow 14c^2 = 14 \Leftrightarrow c = \pm 1$. Thus, the required points are (-1, -2, -3) and (1, 2, 3).

13.8 Extrema of Functions of Two Variables

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3. To find the critical points of f, we solve the system

 $f(5,6) = 2(5)^2 + 6^2 - 2(5)(6) - 8(5) - 2(6) + 2 = -24.$

$$f_x(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(-x^2 - 3y^2 + 4x - 6y + 8 \right) = -2x + 4 = 0$$

$$f_y(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(-x^2 - 3y^2 + 4x - 6y + 8 \right) = -6y - 6 = 0$$
obtaining the sole critical point (2, -1) of f.

Next, we use the SDT on the critical point: $D(x, y) = f_{xx}(x, y) f_{yy}(x, y) - f_{xy}^2(x, y) = (-2)(-6) - 0^2 = 12$. Since D(2, -1) = 12 > 0 and $f_{xx}(2, -1) = -2 < 0$, the point (2, -1) gives a relative maximum of f with value $f(2, -1) = -2^2 - 3(-1)^2 + 4(2) - 6(-1) + 8 = 15$.

- 7. $f_x(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(2x^2 + y^2 2xy 8x 2y + 2 \right) = 4x 2y 8 = 0$ $f_y(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(2x^2 + y^2 2xy 8x 2y + 2 \right) = 2y 2x 2 = 0$ $\Rightarrow x = 5, y = 6, \text{ so } (5,6) \text{ is }$ the sole critical point of f. Next, $D(x,y) = f_{xx}(x,y) f_{yy}(x,y) f_{xy}^2(x,y) = 4 \cdot 2 (-2)^2 = 4.$ Since D(5,6) = 4 > 0 and $f_{xx}(5,6) = 4 > 0$, the point (5,6) gives a relative minimum of f with value
- 9. $f_x(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(x^2 + 2y^2 + x^2y + 3 \right) = 2x + 2xy = 0$ $f_y(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(x^2 + 2y^2 + x^2y + 3 \right) = 4y + x^2 = 0$ The first equation gives x = 0 or y = -1. Substituting x = 0 into the second equation gives y = 0; substituting y = -1 into the second equation gives $x = \pm 2$. Thus, f has critical points (0,0), (-2,-1), and (2,-1). Next, $D(x,y) = f_{xx}(x,y) f_{yy}(x,y) f_{xy}^2(x,y) = (2+2y)(4) (2x)^2 = -4x^2 + 8y + 8$.
 At (0,0): D(0,0) = 8 > 0 and $f_{xx}(0,0) = 2 > 0$, so (0,0) gives a relative minimum of f with value f(0,0) = 3.
 At (-2,-1): $D(-2,-1) = -4(-2)^2 + 8(-1) + 8 = -16 < 0$, so (-2,-1,5) is a saddle point of f.
 At (2,-1): $D(2,-1) = -4(2)^2 + 8(-1) + 8 = -16 < 0$, so (2,-1,5) is also a saddle point of f.
- 11. $f_{x}(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(x^{2} + 5y^{2} + x^{2}y + 2y^{3} \right) = 2x + 2xy = 2x \ (y+1) = 0$ $f_{y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(x^{2} + 5y^{2} + x^{2}y + 2y^{3} \right) = 10y + x^{2} + 6y^{2} = 0$ The first equation gives x = 0 or y = -1.

 Substituting x = 0 into the second equation gives $10y + 6y^{2} = 2y \ (3y + 5) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$ or $-\frac{5}{3}$; substituting y = -1 into the second equation gives $x^{2} 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 2$. Thus, f has critical points $(0, 0), (0, -\frac{5}{3}), (-2, -1), \text{ and } (2, -1)$. Next, $D(x, y) = f_{xx}(x, y) \ f_{yy}(x, y) f_{xy}^{2}(x, y) = 2 \ (y + 1) \ (10 + 12y) (2x)^{2} = 4 \ (y + 1) \ (5 + 6y) 4x^{2}.$ At (0, 0): $D(0, 0) = 4 \ (1) \ (5) 0 = 20 > 0$ and $f_{xx}(0, 0) = 2 > 0$, so f has a relative minimum at (0, 0) with value f(0, 0) = 0.

 At $\left(0, -\frac{5}{3}\right)$: $D\left(0, -\frac{5}{3}\right) = 4\left(-\frac{5}{3} + 1\right)\left[5 + 6\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right)\right] 4 \ (0) = \frac{40}{3} > 0$ and $f_{xx}\left(0, -\frac{5}{3}\right) = 2\left(-\frac{5}{3} + 1\right) = -\frac{4}{3} < 0$, so f has a relative maximum at f(0, 0) = 0.

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17.
$$\begin{aligned} f_{x}\left(x,y\right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(e^{-x^{2}-y^{2}}\right) = -2xe^{-x^{2}-y^{2}} \\ f_{y}\left(x,y\right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(e^{-x^{2}-y^{2}}\right) = -2ye^{-x^{2}-y^{2}} \\ &= -2ye^{-x^{2}-y^{2}} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow f_{xx}\left(x,y\right) = 2\left(2x^{2}-1\right)e^{-x^{2}-y^{2}}, f_{xy}\left(x,y\right) = 4xye^{-x^{2}-y^{2}}, \text{ and }$$

$$f_{yy}(x,y) = 2\left(2y^2 - 1\right)e^{-x^2 - y^2}$$
. Setting $\begin{cases} f_x(x,y) = 0 \\ f_y(x,y) = 0 \end{cases}$ $\Rightarrow x = 0$ and $y = 0$, so $(0,0)$ is the sole critical point of f .

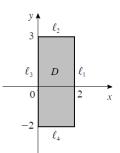
Next, $D(0,0) = f_{xx}(0,0) f_{yy}(0,0) - f_{xy}^2(0,0) = (-2)(-2) - 0^2 = 4 > 0$ and $f_{xx}(0,0) = -2 < 0$, we see that f has a relative maximum at (0,0) with value f(0,0) = 1.

33. Since $f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2x + 3y - 6) = 2$ and

 $f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2x + 3y - 6) = 3$ are never equal to 0, f has no critical point on D.

On
$$\ell_1$$
, $x = 2$ and $y = y$, so $g(y) = f(2, y) = 3y - 2$ for $-2 \le y \le 3$.

We see that g has an absolute minimum value of -8 at (2, -2) and an absolute maximum value of 7 at (2, 3).



On ℓ_2 , x = x and y = 3, so h(x) = f(x, 3) = 2x + 3 for $0 \le x \le 2$. We see that h has an absolute minimum value of 3 at (0, 3) and an absolute maximum value of 7 at (2, 3).

On ℓ_3 , x = 0 and y = y, so s(y) = f(0, y) = 3y - 6 for $-2 \le y \le 3$. We see that s has an absolute minimum value of -12 at (0, -2) and an absolute maximum value of 3 at (0, 3).

On ℓ_4 , x = x and y = -2, so t(x) = f(x, -2) = 2x - 12 for $0 \le x \le 2$. We see that t has an absolute minimum value of -12 at (0, -2) and an absolute maximum value of -8 at (2, -2).

The extreme values of f on each boundary of D are summarized below.

	ℓ_1		ℓ_2		ℓ_3		ℓ_4	
(x, y)	(2, -2)	(2, 3)	(0, 3)	(2, 3)	(0, -2)	(0, 3)	(0, -2)	(2, -2)
Extreme value	-8	7	3	7	-12	3	-12	-8

We see that f has an absolute minimum value of f(0, -2) = -12 and an absolute maximum value of f(2, 3) = 7 on D.

35. $f_x(x, y) = 3$ and $f_y(x, y) = 4$, so f has no critical point.

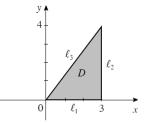
On
$$\ell_1$$
, $x = x$ and $y = 0$, so $g(y) = f(x, 0) = 3x - 12$ for $0 \le x \le 3$.

We see that f has an absolute minimum value of -12 and an absolute maximum value of -3 on ℓ_1 .

On
$$\ell_2$$
, $x = 3$ and $y = y$, so $h(y) = f(3, y) = 4y - 3$ for $0 \le y \le 4$. We

see that f has an absolute minimum value of -3 and an absolute

maximum value of 13 on ℓ_2 .



On
$$\ell_3$$
, $y = \frac{4}{3}x$, so $s(x) = f\left(x, \frac{4}{3}x\right) = 3x + 4\left(\frac{4}{3}x\right) - 12 = \frac{25}{3}x - 12$ for $0 \le x \le 3$. We see that f has an absolute minimum value of -12 and an absolute maximum value of 13 on ℓ_3 .

From these calculations, we see that f has an absolute minimum value of -12 and an absolute maximum value of 13 on D.

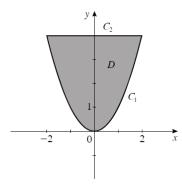
37.
$$\begin{cases} f_x(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(xy - x^2 \right) = y - 2x = 0 \\ f_y(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(xy - x^2 \right) = x = 0 \end{cases}$$
 $\Rightarrow x = 0, y = 0, \text{ so } f \text{ has }$

no critical point in the interior of D.

On
$$C_1$$
, $y = x^2$, so $g(x) = f(x, x^2) = x^3 - x^2$ for $-2 \le x \le 2$.
 $g'(x) = 3x^2 - 2x = x(3x - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ or $x = \frac{2}{3}$, so 0 and $\frac{2}{3}$ are critical numbers of g on $(-2, 2)$.

From the table, we see that f has an absolute minimum value of -12 and an absolute maximum value of 4 on C_1 .

On
$$C_2$$
, $x = x$ and $y = 4$, so $h(x) = f(x, 4) = 4x - x^2$ for $-2 \le x \le 2$. $h'(x) = 4 - 2x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2$, an endpoint. We find $h(-2) = -12$ and $g(2) = 4$, so f has an absolute minimum value of -12 and an absolute maximum value of 4 on C_2 .



x	-2	0	<u>2</u> 3	2
g(x)	-12	0	$-\frac{4}{27}$	4

We conclude that f has an absolute minimum value of -12 and an absolute maximum value of 4 on D.