

## § 11.6 Gradient Vector

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#5.  $f(x, y, z) = x e^{2yz}$ ,  $P(3, 0, 2)$ ,  $\vec{u} = \langle \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \rangle$

(a) Find the gradient of  $f$

(b) Evaluate the gradient at  $P$

(c) Find the rate of change of  $f$  at  $P$  in the direction of  $\vec{u}$

sol (a):  $\vec{\nabla} f = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle = \langle e^{2yz}, 2xz e^{2yz}, 2xy e^{2yz} \rangle$

(b):  $\vec{\nabla} f(3, 0, 2) = \langle 1, 12, 0 \rangle$

(c)  $D_{\vec{u}} f(3, 0, 2) = D_{\vec{u}} f(3, 0, 2) = \vec{\nabla} f(3, 0, 2) \cdot \hat{u}$   
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 因  $|\vec{u}| = 1$   
 by 公式  
 $\langle 1, 12, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \rangle$   
 $= -\frac{22}{3}$

#7  $f(x, y) = 1 + 2x\sqrt{y}$ ,  $P(3, 4)$ ,  $\vec{v} = \langle 4, -3 \rangle$

Find  $D_{\vec{v}} f(3, 4) = ?$

sol:  $\vec{\nabla} f = \langle 2\sqrt{y}, 2x \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \rangle = \langle 2\sqrt{y}, \frac{x}{\sqrt{y}} \rangle$

$\vec{\nabla} f(3, 4) = \langle 4, \frac{3}{2} \rangle$

$|\vec{v}| = 5$ ,  $\hat{v} = \langle \frac{4}{5}, -\frac{3}{5} \rangle$

Thus  $D_{\vec{v}} f(3, 4) = \vec{\nabla} f(3, 4) \cdot \hat{v}$

$= \langle 4, \frac{3}{2} \rangle \cdot \langle \frac{4}{5}, -\frac{3}{5} \rangle = \frac{23}{10}$

#11.  $g(x, y, z) = (x + 2y + 3z)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ ,  $P(1, 1, 2)$ ,  $\vec{v} = 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Find  $D_{\vec{v}} g(1, 1, 2) = ?$

sol:  $\vec{\nabla} g = \langle \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{x+2y+3z}, 3\sqrt{x+2y+3z}, \frac{9}{2} \sqrt{x+2y+3z} \rangle$

$\vec{\nabla} g(1, 1, 2) = \langle \frac{9}{2}, 9, \frac{27}{2} \rangle$ ,  $|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{5}$ ,  $\hat{v} = \langle 0, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \rangle$

$D_{\vec{v}} g(1, 1, 2) = \vec{\nabla} g(1, 1, 2) \cdot \hat{v} = \langle \frac{9}{2}, 9, \frac{27}{2} \rangle \cdot \langle 0, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \rangle$   
 $= \frac{9}{\sqrt{5}}$



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#15. Find the maximum rate of change of  $f(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{x}$  at the point  $(2, 4)$  and the direction in which it occurs.

sol: max rate of change =  $|\nabla f|$

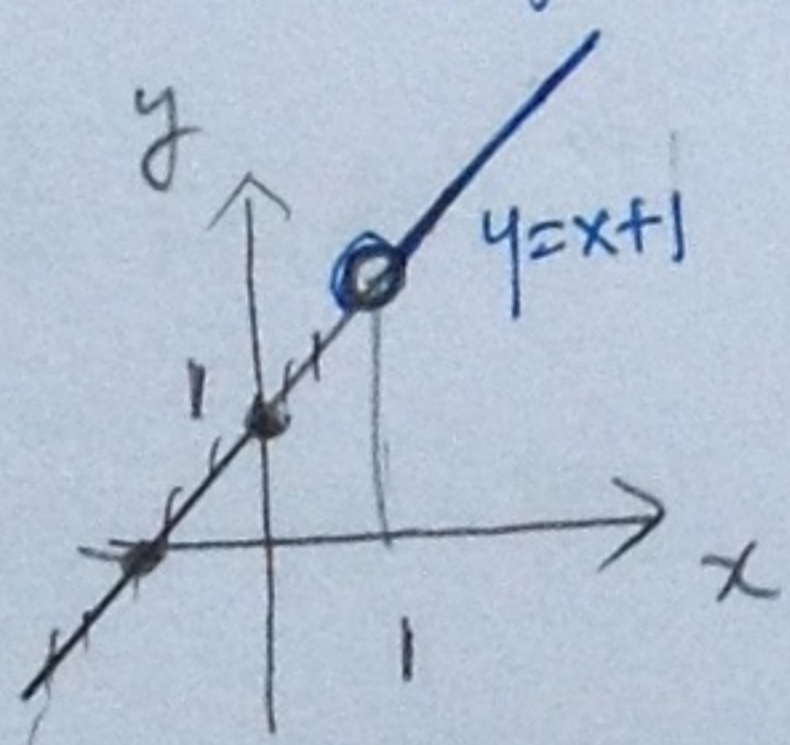
and the direction is  $\nabla f$

$$\nabla f = \left\langle -\frac{y^2}{x^2}, \frac{2y}{x} \right\rangle \Rightarrow \nabla f(2, 4) = \langle -4, 4 \rangle = 4\langle -1, 1 \rangle$$

Thus max rate of change =  $4\sqrt{2}$  and in the direction  $\langle -1, 1 \rangle$

#21. Find all pts at which the direction of fastest change of the fun  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y$  is  $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$

sol:  $\nabla f = \langle 2x-2, 2y-4 \rangle = 2k \langle 1, 1 \rangle, k > 0$



$$\begin{cases} x-1 = k > 0 \\ y-2 = k \end{cases} \Rightarrow x-1 = y-2 \Rightarrow y = x+1$$

消去 k 得

有损失一些条件, 回去找  $x > 1$  and  $y > 2$

Ans:  $\{(x, y) \mid y = x+1 \text{ and } x > 1\}$  如图所示

#25.  $V(x, y, z) = 5x^2 - 3xy + xyz$  electrical potential

(a) Find the rate of change of the potential at  $P(3, 4, 5)$  in  $\vec{v} = \langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle$  direction

(b) In which direction does  $V$  change most rapidly at  $P$ ?

(c) What is the max rate of change at  $P$ ?

sol:  $\nabla V = \langle 10x - 3y + yz, xz - 3x, xy \rangle$

$$\nabla V(3, 4, 5) = \langle 38, 6, 12 \rangle, |\vec{v}| = \sqrt{3}$$

(a)  $D_{\vec{v}} V(3, 4, 5) = \nabla V(3, 4, 5) \cdot \hat{v} = \langle 38, 6, 12 \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle = \frac{32}{\sqrt{3}}$

(b) in direction of  $\langle 19, 3, 6 \rangle$

(c)  $|\nabla V(3, 4, 5)| = 2\sqrt{19^2 + 3^2 + 6^2} = 2\sqrt{406}$



#27.  $f \in C^1$ ,  $A(1, 3)$ ,  $B(3, 3)$ ,  $C(1, 7)$  and  $D(6, 15)$

$D_{\vec{AB}} f(A) = 3$ ,  $D_{\vec{AC}} f(A) = 26$ .

Find  $D_{\vec{AD}} f(A) = ?$

sol:  $\vec{AB} = \langle 2, 0 \rangle$  unit vector is  $\hat{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$

$\Rightarrow D_{\vec{AB}} f(A) = D_{\hat{i}} f(A) = f_x(1, 3) = 3$

$\vec{AC} = \langle 0, 4 \rangle$  unit vector is  $\hat{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$

$\Rightarrow D_{\vec{AC}} f(A) = f_y(1, 3) = 26$

$\vec{AD} = \langle 5, 12 \rangle$   $|\vec{AD}| = 13$  unit vector  $\hat{v} = \langle \frac{5}{13}, \frac{12}{13} \rangle$

$\therefore D_{\vec{AD}} f(1, 3) = D_{\hat{v}} f(1, 3) = \nabla f(1, 3) \cdot \hat{v} = \langle f_x(1, 3), f_y(1, 3) \rangle \cdot \hat{v}$

$= \langle 3, 26 \rangle \cdot \langle \frac{5}{13}, \frac{12}{13} \rangle = \frac{25}{13} + \frac{312}{13} = \frac{337}{13}$

#31 Find eqs of (a) the tangent plane and (b) the normal line

to the surface  $x^2 - 2y^2 + z^2 + yz = 2$  at  $(2, 1, -1)$  pt.

sol: Let  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 - 2y^2 + z^2 + yz$

Thus the surface is the level surface of  $W = f(x, y, z)$

(with level = 2)

$\nabla f = \langle 2x, -4y + z, 2z + y \rangle$

$\nabla f(2, 1, -1) = \langle 4, -5, -1 \rangle$  is a normal of the surface (level)

(a) eq of E:  $\frac{4x - 5y - z}{2 \quad 1 \quad -1} = 4$

(b) eq of L:  $\frac{x-2}{4} = \frac{y-1}{-5} = \frac{z+1}{-1}$

or  $x = 2 + 4t, y = 1 - 5t, z = -1 - t$

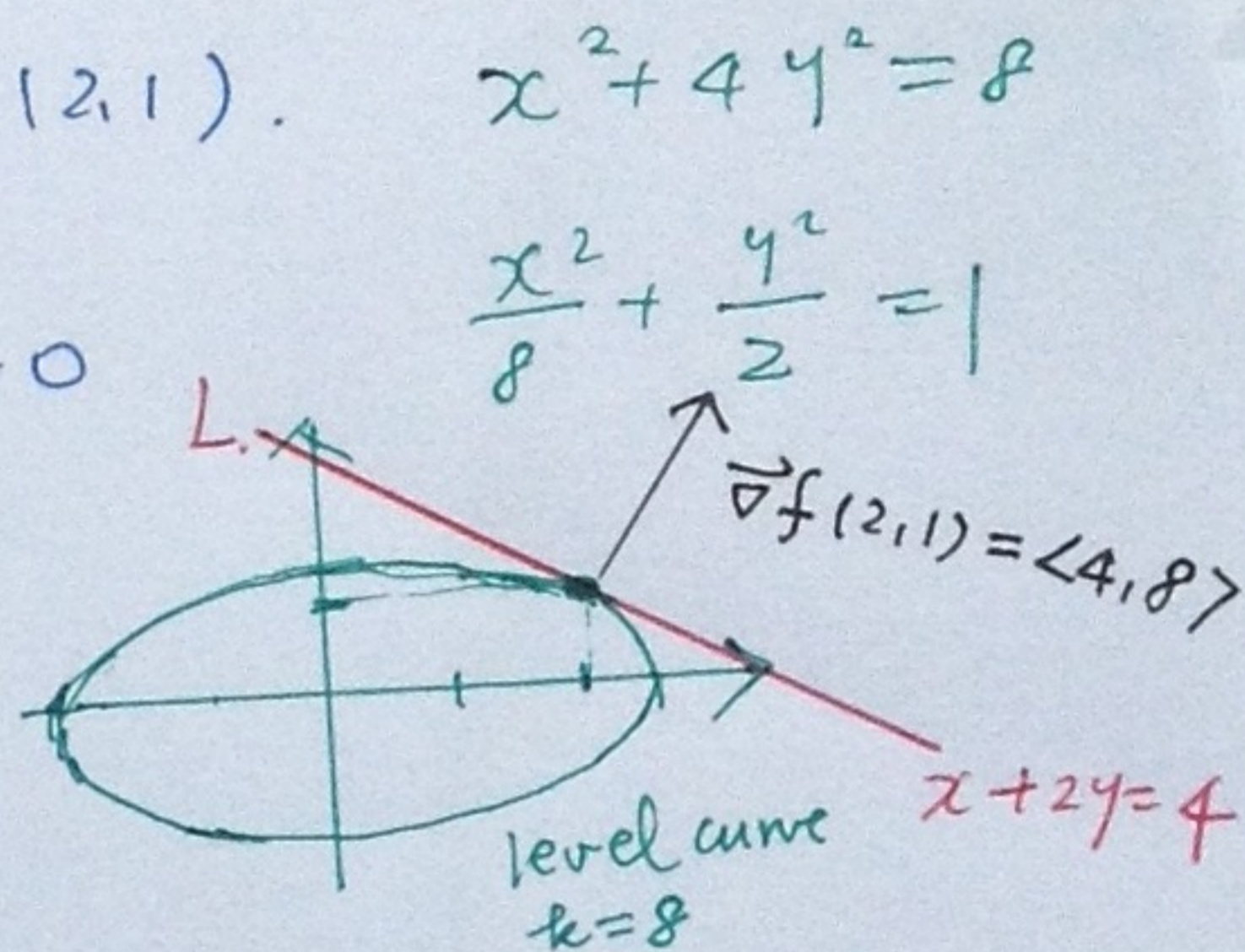


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#37  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 4y^2$ , find  $\vec{\nabla} f(2, 1)$  and tangent line to the level curve  $f(x, y) = 8$  at  $(2, 1)$ . Sketch the level curve, the tangent line, and gradient vector.

sol:  $\vec{\nabla} f(x, y) = \langle 2x, 8y \rangle$ ,  $\vec{\nabla} f(2, 1) = \langle 4, 8 \rangle$   
 $\because f(2, 1) = 8 \quad \therefore \vec{\nabla} f(2, 1)$  is a normal vector of the level curve  $\{(x, y) \mid f(x, y) = 8\}$  at  $(2, 1)$ .  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 8$

e.g. of  $L: \langle 1, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle x-2, y-1 \rangle = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x + 2y = 4$



#41. Find the pt on  $S: x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2 = 1$  where normal line  $\parallel \vec{AB}$ ,  $A(3, -1, 0)$ ,  $B(5, 3, 6)$

sol: Let  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2$

Then above surface  $S$  is a level surface of  $f$

Thus  $\vec{\nabla} f$  is a normal vector of  $S$

Since  $\vec{AB} = \langle 2, 4, 6 \rangle$  and  $\vec{\nabla} f(x, y, z) = \langle 2x, -2y, 4z \rangle$

Then  $\langle x, -y, 2z \rangle \parallel \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$

$$\begin{cases} \langle x, -y, 2z \rangle = k \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle, & k \in \mathbb{R}, k \neq 0 \\ x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow k = \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}$  and there are two such pt  $(\pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}, \mp \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}, \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3})$

#45. Find parametric eq for tangent line  $L$  to the curve  $C$  at  $(-1, 1, 2)$

$C: S_1: z = x^2 + y^2$  intersects  $S_2: 4x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$

sol:  $L$  lies on tangent plane of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .

$S_1$  is normal is  $\vec{n}_1 = \langle 2x, 2y, -1 \rangle \Big|_{(-1, 1, 2)} = \langle -2, 2, -1 \rangle$

$S_2$  is normal is  $\vec{n}_2 = \langle 8x, 2y, 2z \rangle \Big|_{(-1, 1, 2)} = \langle -8, 2, 4 \rangle$ , 取成  $\langle -4, 1, 2 \rangle$

$\therefore$  directional vector of  $L = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \\ -4 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 5, 8, 6 \rangle$

eq of  $L: x = -1 + 5t, y = 1 + 8t, z = 2 + 6t$