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↔ **Topics**

Tangent planes, differentiability, gradient, level curves, directional derivatives. Eigenvalues and eigenvectors. Double integrals.

Exercise 1

Find the tangent plane of the following function:

- $f(x, y) = x^3 - y^3$ in $P(0, 1, -1)$.
- $f(x, y) = x^y + y^x$ in $P(1, 1, 2)$.

Solution

$f(x, y)$ is differentiable in $(x_0, y_0) \Leftrightarrow \exists$ a tangent plane in $(x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$ to $f(x, y)$ tangent plane equation:

$$z = f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

Consider the function $f(x, y) = x^3 - y^3$ in $P(0, 1, -1)$.

$$z = f(0, 1) + f_x(0, 1)(x - 0) + f_y(0, 1)(y - 1) = -1 + 3(0)^2x - 3(1)^2(y - 1) = -1 - 3y + 1 = -3y$$

Consider now the function $f(x, y) = x^y + y^x$ in $P(1, 1, 2)$.

$$z = f(1, 1) + f_x(1, 1)(x - 1) + f_y(1, 1)(y - 1) = 2 + 1(x - 1) + 1(y - 1) = 2 + x - 1 - y + 1 = x + y$$

Exercise 2

Check that the gradient is orthogonal to the correspondent level curve when $f(x, y)$ is:

$$f(x, y) = y - x$$

$L_c = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y - x = c\}$ This is the set of straight line with slope 1
Gradient

$\nabla f(x, y) = (-1, 1), \forall (x, y)$ Therefore, the gradient is orthogonal to the correspondent level curve.

Exercise 3

Check that the gradient is orthogonal to the level curve $L_c = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid f(x, y) = c\}$ at the points $P(0, 1)$ and $P'(0, -1)$ when $f(x, y)$ is:

$$f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$$

$$L_c = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y^2 - x^2 = c\}$$

consider $c=1$, the hyperbola you get intersect the y axis at P and P'

$$\text{The gradient is } \nabla f(x, y) = (-2x, 2y)$$

$$\text{At } P \text{ it is } \nabla f(x, y) = (0, 2)$$

$$\text{At } P' \text{ it is } \nabla f(x, y) = (0, -2)$$

Exercise 4

Consider the function $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2xy + 2y^2$ in the neighborhood of the point $(2, 1)$. Determine a direction v in which the directional derivative $\frac{\partial f}{\partial v}$ at the point $(2, 1)$ is null.

Solution

$$\nabla f(x, y) = (2(x + y), 2(x + 2y)) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla f(2, 1) = (6, 8)$$

Therefore for a direction $v = (v_1, v_2)$ one has

$$0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial v}(2, 1) = \langle \nabla f(2, 1), v \rangle = \langle (6, 8), (v_1, v_2) \rangle = 6v_1 + 8v_2$$

so that $v_2 = -\frac{3}{4}v_1$ and $v_1^2 + v_2^2 = 1$.

Therefore,

$$(v_1, v_2) = \left(\pm \frac{4}{5}, \mp \frac{3}{5} \right)$$

Exercise 5

Compute the eigenvalues of the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}; B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 9 & 18 \end{pmatrix}; C = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute the eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalues for matrix C .

Solution

We are looking for a λ such that $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & 4 \\ 1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

$$(5 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) - 4 = 0; \lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 6 = 0;$$

Therefore, $\lambda_1 = 6$ and $\lambda_2 = 1$.

Notice that this matrix is singular, we expect that one λ is equal to zero

$$\det(B - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 6 \\ 9 & 18 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

$$(3 - \lambda)(18 - \lambda) - 54 = 0; \lambda^2 - 21\lambda = 0;$$

Therefore, $\lambda_1 = 21$ and $\lambda_2 = 0$.

$$\det(C - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 6 - \lambda & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 - \lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 7 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

$$(6 - \lambda)(5 - \lambda)(7 - \lambda) - 2(5 - \lambda)2 - (-2)(7 - \lambda)(-2) = 0; \lambda^3 + 18\lambda^2 - 99\lambda + 162 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 6)(-\lambda + 9) = 0$$

Therefore, $\lambda_1 = 9$, $\lambda_2 = 6$ and $\lambda_3 = 3$.

An eigenvector of a square matrix A is a non-zero vector v that, when the matrix is multiplied by v , yields a constant multiple of v , the multiplier is the eigenvalue. That is:

$$Av = \lambda v$$

Let's consider λ_1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 9 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(C - \lambda I)v = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} -3x - 2y + 2z = 0 \\ -2x - 4y = 0 \\ 2x - 2z = 0 \end{cases}$$

The eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 9$ is $(x, -\frac{1}{2}x, x)$.

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Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ the bounded region delimited by the curves $y = x^2$, $y = 0$ and $x = 2$.

Calculate in two different ways. $\int \int_D (x^2 + y^2) dx dy$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^4 \left[\int_{\sqrt{y}}^2 (x^2 + y^2) dx \right] dy &= \int_0^4 \left[\frac{x^3}{3} + y^2 x \right]_{\sqrt{y}}^2 dy = \int_0^4 \left[\frac{8}{3} + y^2 \cdot 2 - \frac{y^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3} - y^2 \sqrt{y} \right] dy = \\ &= \left[\frac{8}{3} y + \frac{y^3}{3} \cdot 2 - \frac{1}{3} \frac{y^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{y^{\frac{7}{2}}}{\frac{7}{2}} \right]_0^4 = \frac{8}{3} \cdot 4 + \frac{64}{3} \cdot 2 - \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{\frac{5}{2}} \cdot \frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{7} \cdot 2^{\frac{7}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{32}{3} + \frac{128}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{32}{5} \cdot 2 - \frac{128}{7} \cdot 2 = \frac{1312}{105} \end{aligned}$$

Second way:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 \left[\int_0^{x^2} (x^2 + y^2) dy \right] dx &= \int_0^2 \left[\frac{y^3}{3} + y x^2 \right]_0^{x^2} dx = \int_0^2 \left(\frac{x^6}{3} + x^4 \right) dx = \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{3} \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^2 = 32 \left(\frac{4}{21} + \frac{1}{5} \right) = \frac{1312}{105} \end{aligned}$$