

Implicit partial Differentiation

Lecture 29

Theorem

If an equation $F(x, y) = 0$ determines a differential $f_0 f_1$ implicitly s.t. $y = f(x)$ then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-F_x(x, y)}{F_y(x, y)}$$

Ex Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $2x^3 + x^2y + y^3 = 1$

Ans: let $F(x, y) = 2x^3 + x^2y + y^3 - 1 = 0$

$$F(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-F_x(x, y)}{F_y(x, y)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{6x^2 + 2xy}{x^2 + 3y^2}$$

Theorem

If an eqn $F(x, y, z) = 0$ determines a diff. $f_0 f_1 f_2$ implicitly s.t. $z = f(x, y)$ then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x(x, y, z)}{F_z(x, y, z)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y(x, y, z)}{F_z(x, y, z)}$$

Ex Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ if

$$F(x, y, z) = 2xz^3 - 3yz^2 + x^2y^2 + 4z = 0$$

Ans: $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x(x, y, z)}{F_z(x, y, z)} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{2z^3 + 2xy^2}{6xz^2 - 6yz + 4}$

and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y(x, y, z)}{F_z(x, y, z)} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\left(\frac{-3z^2 + 2x^2y}{6xz^2 - 6yz + 4}\right)$
 $= \frac{3z^2 - 2x^2y}{6xz^2 - 6yz + 4}$

Directional Derivative (Gradient form)

let f be a differentiable $f(x, y, z)$ of three variables at $P(x, y, z)$

then (1) The directional derivative of f in direction of a unit vector

$\vec{u} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$, $D_{\vec{u}} f$ is given by

$$D_{\vec{u}} f = \nabla f \cdot \vec{u}$$

where $\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \vec{k}$ (gradient of f)

\Rightarrow $D_{\vec{u}} f = a f_x + b f_y + c f_z$

(2) The direction of maximum rate of increase of f is given by ∇f

and the max. value of $D_{\vec{u}} f$ is $\|\nabla f\|$

(3) The direction of min. rate of increase of f is given by $-\nabla f$

and the min. value of $D_{\vec{u}} f$ is $-\|\nabla f\|$

Ex If $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - 4z$ find the following:

(1) gradient of f (2) the direction of max. rate of increase of f at the point $(2, -1, 1)$

(3) $D_{\vec{u}} f$ in direction $\vec{a} = \langle 1, 3, -2 \rangle$ and max. of $D_{\vec{u}} f$

at $P(2, -1, 1)$

Ans:

$$(1) \nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \vec{k}$$

$$\nabla f = 2x \vec{i} + 2y \vec{j} - 4 \vec{k} = \langle 2x, 2y, -4 \rangle \quad (1)$$

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(2) The direction of max. rate of increase of f at $p(2, -1, 1)$ is

① $\Rightarrow \nabla f(2, -1, 1) = \langle 4, -2, -4 \rangle$ ②

(3) $D_u f = \nabla f \cdot \vec{u}$

$\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{a}}{\|\vec{a}\|} = \frac{\langle 1, 3, -2 \rangle}{\sqrt{1+9+4}}$
unit vector $\Rightarrow \langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{14}} \rangle$

$D_u f = \langle 4, -2, -4 \rangle \cdot \langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{14}} \rangle$

$D_u f = \frac{4}{\sqrt{14}} - \frac{6}{\sqrt{14}} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{14}}$

② \Rightarrow and max. of $D_u f = \|\nabla f\| = \sqrt{16+4+16} = 6$
