

Math 100, lecture 23, 9/9/2024

Today: Graphs of multivariable functions

Next time: Optimization

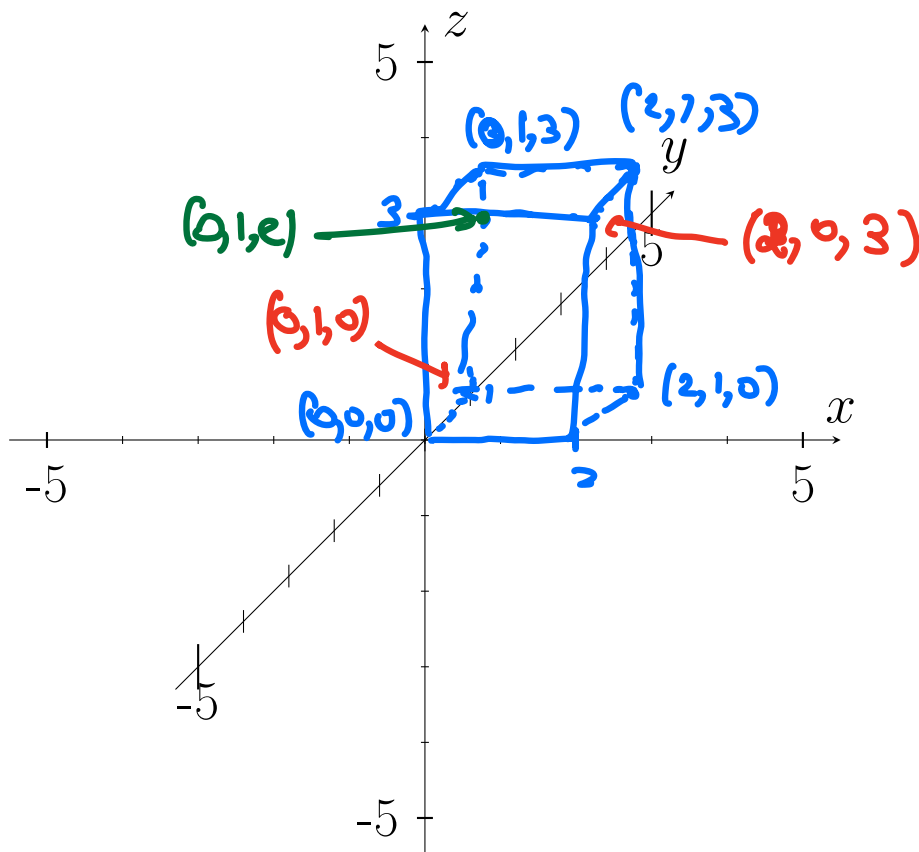
Have f function of (x, y) Graph of f is the surface

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

- ⇒ (1) need to understand 3d space : projection
(2) topographical intuition/terminology
(3) combine with calculus

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MULTIVARIABLE DIFFERENTIATION

1. PLOTTING IN THREE DIMENSIONS



(1) ★ Plot the points $(2, 1, 3)$, $(-2, 2, 2)$ on the axes provided.

(2) Let $f(x, y) = e^{x^2+y^2}$. $f(0, -1) = e$, $f(1, 2) = e^5$

(a) ★ What are $f(0, -1)$? $f(1, 2)$? Plot the point $(0, 1, e)$ $= (0, 1, f(0, 1))$ on the axes provided.

(b) ★ What is the *domain* of f (that is: for what (x, y) values does f make sense?

whole plane

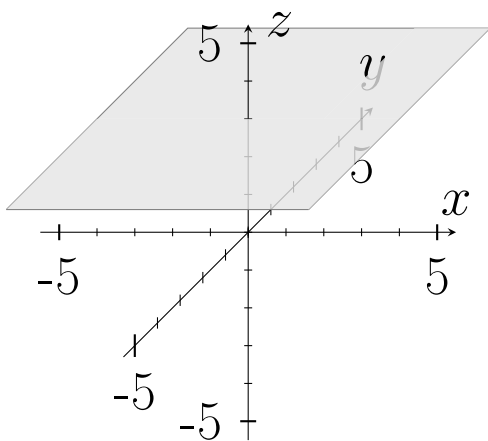
(c) ★ What is the *range* of f (that is: what values does it take)?

$x^2 + y^2$ takes all values in $[0, \infty)$ so $e^{x^2 + y^2}$ takes all values in $[1, \infty)$ ($e^0 = 1$)

(3) ★★ What would the graph of $z = \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}$ look like?

points on graph have $z^2 = 1 - x^2 - y^2$ so $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$
so graph is on sphere, also $z \geq 0$ so set hemisphere.

(4) ★ Which plane is this?



- (A) $x = 3$
- (B) $y = 3$
- (C) $z = 3$
- (D) none
- (E) not sure

2. PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

(5)(a) ★ Let $f(x) = 2x^2 - a^2 - 2$. What is $\frac{df}{dx}$?

(b) ★ Let $f(x) = 2x^2 - y^2 - 2$ where y is a constant.
What is $\frac{df}{dx}$?

(c) ★ Let $f(x, y) = 2x^2 - y^2 - 2$. What is the rate of change of f as a function of x if we keep y constant?

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 4x$$

(d) ★ What is $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$?

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2y$$

(6) Find the partial derivatives with respect to both x, y
of

(a) $\star g(x, y) = 3y^2 \sin(x + 3)$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 3y^2 \cos(x+3)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 6y \sin(x+3)$$

(b) $\star h(x, y) = ye^{Axy} + B$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = Ay^2 e^{Axy} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} = e^{Axy} + Axy e^{Axy} \\ = (1 + Axy) e^{Axy}$$

(7) The the gravitational *potential* due to a point mass M (equivalently the electrical potential due to a point charge M) is given by the formula $U(x, y, z) = -\frac{GM}{r}$ where $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$. Here G is the universal gravitational constant (equivalently G is the Coulomb constant).

(a) ★ The x -component of the field is given by the formula $F_x(x, y, z) = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$. Find F_x

$$-\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \stackrel{\text{chain rule}}{=} -\frac{dU}{dr} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = -\frac{GM}{r^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}} \cdot 2x = -\frac{GM}{r^3} \cdot x$$

(b) ★ The magnitude of the field is given by $|\vec{F}| = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2}$. How does it decay as a function of r ?

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{GM}{r^3} x\right)^2 + \left(\frac{GM}{r^3} y\right)^2 + \left(\frac{GM}{r^3} z\right)^2} = \frac{GM}{r^3} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

(8) The *entropy* of an ideal gas of N molecules at temperature T and volume V is

$$S(N, V, T) = Nk \log \left[\frac{VT^{1/(\gamma-1)}}{N\Phi} \right].$$

where k is *Boltzmann's constant* and γ, Φ are constants that depend on the gas.

(a) ★ Find the *heat capacity at constant volume* $C_V = T \frac{\partial S}{\partial T}$.

$$S = Nk \log V + \frac{Nk}{\gamma-1} \log T - Nk \log(N\Phi)$$

$$\text{so } \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{N,V} = \frac{Nk}{\gamma-1} \frac{1}{T} \quad \text{so } C_V = \frac{Nk}{\gamma-1}$$

(b) ★★★ Using the relation (“ideal gas law”) $PV = NkT$ write S as a function of N, P, T instead. Differentiating with respect to T while keeping P constant determine the *heat capacity at constant pressure* $C_P = T \frac{\partial S}{\partial T}$.

$$V = \frac{NkT}{P} \quad \text{so } S = Nk \log \left(\frac{NkT \cdot T}{PN\Phi} \right)$$

$$= Nk \log \frac{k}{P\Phi} + Nk \left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma-1} \right) \log T$$

$$\text{so } \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{P,N} = Nk \cdot \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \cdot \frac{1}{T}, \quad C_P = \frac{Nk \cdot \gamma}{\gamma-1}$$

(9) We can also compute second derivatives. For example $f_{xy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial x} f$. Evaluate:

(a) $\star h_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} =$

$$\Rightarrow h_{xx} = A^2 y^2 e^{Axy} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = Ay^2 e^{Axy} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} = (1 + Axy) e^{Axy}$$

(b) $\star h_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (h_x) = 2Ay e^{Axy} + A^2 x y^2 e^{Axy}$
 $= (2Ay + A^2 x y^2) e^{Axy}$

(c) $\star h_{yx} = \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x \partial y} = Ay e^{Axy} + (1 + Axy) Ay e^{Axy}$
 $= (2Ay + A^2 x y^2) e^{Axy}$

(d) $\star h_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} =$

(11) You stand in the middle of a north-south street (say Health Sciences Mall). Let the x axis run along the street (say oriented toward the south), and let the y axis run across the street. Let $z = z(x, y)$ denote the height of the street surface above sea level.

(a) ★ What does $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$ say about the street?

street is level

(b) ★ What does $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0.15$ say about the street?

street has a 15% grade

(c) ★ You want to follow the street downhill. Which way should you go?

toward negative x -axis

(d) The intersection of Health Sciences Mall and Agronomy Road is a local maximum.

What does that say about $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ there?

both have to be zero.