

$f: \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $e =$  unit vector.

The directional derivative of  $f$  at  $x = x_0$  in the

direction of  $e$  is

$$f'(x_0; e) := \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + he) - f(x_0)}{h} \quad (\text{if the limit exists}).$$

$$= \left. \frac{d}{dt} f(x_0 + et) \right|_{t=0}.$$

For  $e = e_i$ ,  $f'(x_0, e_i)$  is also called the partial

derivative of  $f$  in the direction  $e_i$

or simply  $i$ -th partial derivative

and is denoted by  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0)$  or  $f'_i(x_0)$

or  $f'_i(x_0)$ .

For functions of several variables

$f$  has a directional derivative  $\forall e$ , unit vector  $\Rightarrow f$  is continuous at  $x=x_0$ .

in  $x=x_0$

$$\text{Ex : } f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} & (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$$

The stronger differentiability criteria is given by the "total derivative"

Defn The function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is in  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (total) differentiable if  $\exists$  a linear map  $A = A_{x_0}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{|f(x) - f(x_0) - A(x - x_0)|}{\|x - x_0\|} = 0.$$

If that is the case the linear transformation  $A_{x_0}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called the (total) derivative of  $f$  at  $x_0$

It is denoted by  $df(x_0)$  or  $d_{x_0}f$

!!! Note ① the total derivative is NOT a number, it is a linear map

② if  $df$  exists then it is unique.

$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  differentiable at  $x = x_0$ , with total derivative  $d_{x_0} f$ .  
 $d_{x_0} f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a linear map.

Thm If  $f$  as above then the derivative of  $f$  at  $x_0$  with respect to any  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  exists and we have

$$f'(x_0; y) = d_{x_0} f(y).$$

In particular  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0) = d_{x_0} f(e_i)$

The matrix representation of  $d_{x_0} f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with respect to the Basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is the

$$\text{Matrix } \nabla f(x_0) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_0), \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(x_0), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(x_0) \right)$$

and  $f'(x_0; y) = \langle \nabla f(x_0), y \rangle$ .

$\nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right)$  is called the gradient of  $f$

Thm  $f$  is total differentiable in  $x_0 \implies f$  is cont. in  $x_0$ . (4)

$\nabla f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector field.

$$x_0 \rightarrow \nabla f(x_0)$$

First order Taylor Formula for  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  diff in  $x_0$ . Then.

$$f(\bar{x}) = f(x_0) + \nabla f(x_0) \cdot (x - x_0) + R(x, x_0)$$

with  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{R(x, x_0)}{|x - x_0|} = 0$ .

eg:  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $(x, y) \rightarrow f(x, y)$

$$f(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) + R(x, y, x_0, y_0).$$

$$z = f(x_0, y_0) + \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \right) (x - x_0) + \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \right) (y - y_0)$$

$z = z_0 + A_1(x - x_0) + A_2(y - y_0)$ ; with

$$z_0 = f(x_0, y_0)$$

$$A_1 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)$$

$$A_2 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$$

## Digression - Review of Lines and Planes in Space.

Lines.  $\mathbb{R}^2$  In plane a line is determined by a point  $P_0$  on the line and  $m$  giving the slope of the line.

General eqn of a line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$   $y = mx + b.$

~~Q~~ If  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0)$  then

$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0).$$

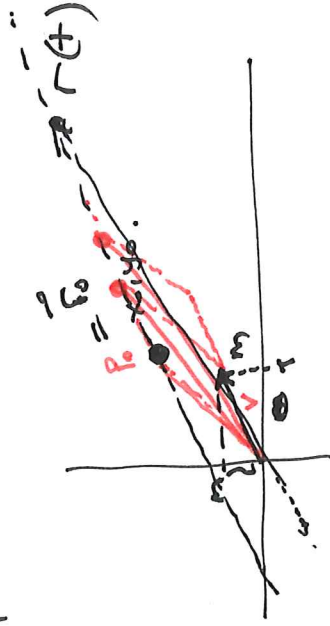
We can also write this eqn.

as  $(x, y) = \underbrace{(x_0, y_0)}_{P_0} + \underbrace{(1, m)}_{\vec{v}} t, t \in \mathbb{R}.$

$(x, y) = P_0 + \vec{v}t$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + \vec{v}t$$

$t \in \mathbb{R}.$  vector eqn of the line.



$$x = x_0 + t, \quad y = y_0 + mt \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Parametric eqn of  
the line

We can also write this as

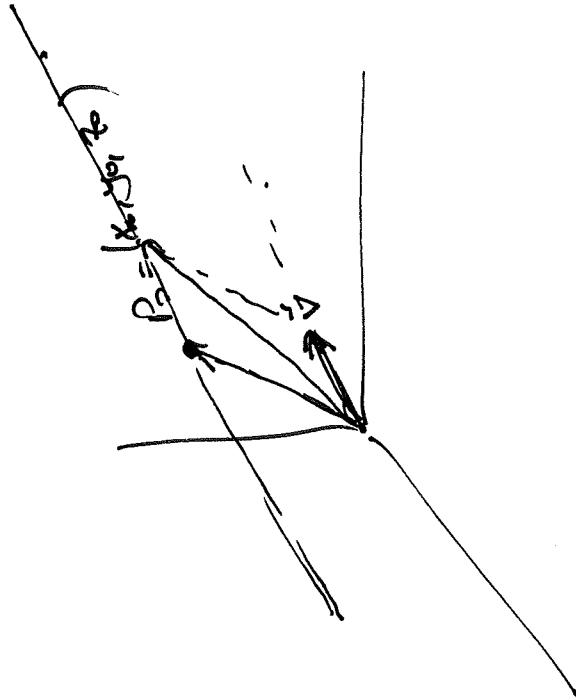
$$\boxed{\frac{x-x_0}{1} = \frac{y-y_0}{m}}$$

$\mathbb{R}^3$  Eqn of a line in space

Any line is determined uniquely by a point  $P_0$   
and a vector giving the direction of the line.

Be careful!! In space the eqn  $y = mx + b$   
is NOT a line. This is a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  "slope" is given by a vector of direction.



$$(x, y, z) = P_0 + \vec{v}t \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$  we can write eqn of a "line"

as  $P_0 + \vec{v}t$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\vec{r}(t) = P_0 + \vec{v}t \quad v = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x_0 + v_1 t \\ y &= y_0 + v_2 t \\ z &= z_0 + v_3 t \end{aligned} \right\} t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\frac{x - x_0}{v_1} = \frac{y - y_0}{v_2} = \frac{z - z_0}{v_3}$$

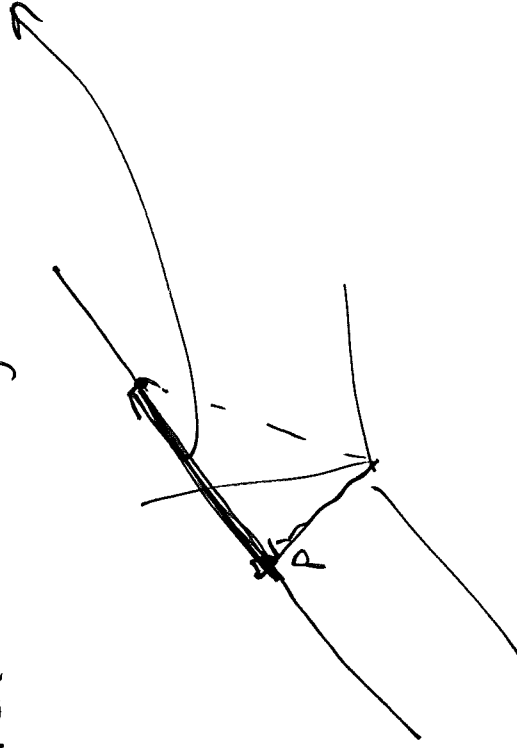


Parametrizing a line segment on a line:

from a point  $\vec{P}$  to  $Q$  on the line.

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{P}(1-t) + \vec{Q}t \quad t \in [0,1]$$

Then it is given



## Egns of Plane in $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

A plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is determined uniquely by a point

$P_0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and by its "tilt" which is determined

by a vector which is orthogonal to the plane.

This vector is called the normal vector. If  $P$  is

any other point on the plane,

$\vec{PP}_0$  is on the plane

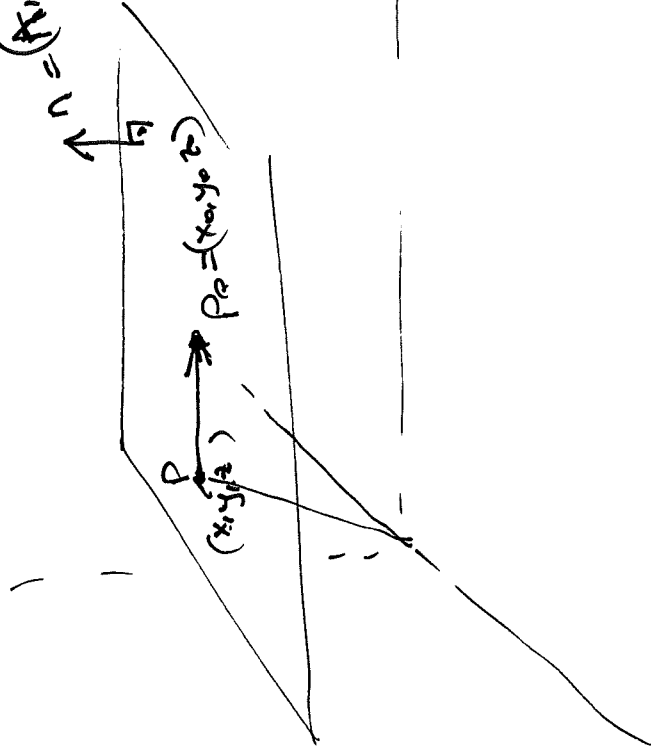
$$\vec{PP}_0 \perp \vec{n}$$

$$(x-x_0, y-y_0, z-z_0) \perp (A, B, C)$$

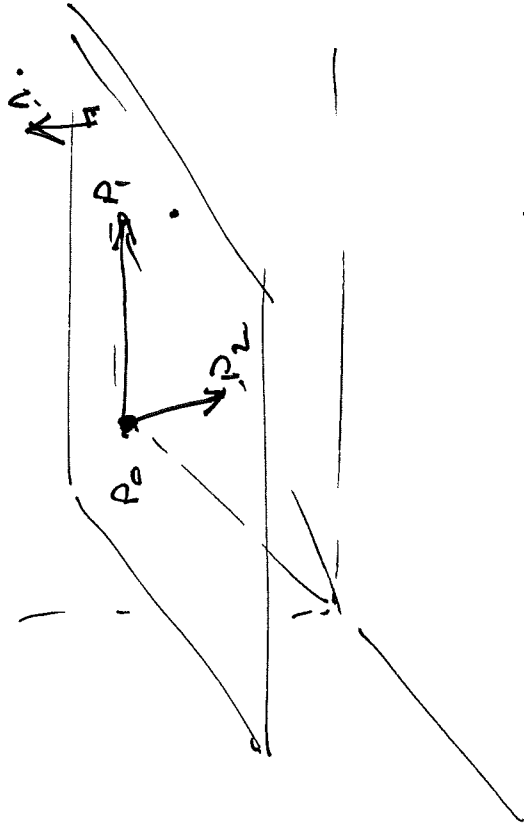
$$\Rightarrow A(x-x_0) + B(y-y_0) + C(z-z_0) = 0$$

$$Ax + By + Cz = z_0 + Ax_0 + By_0 =: D.$$

$$Ax + By + Cz = D.$$



A plane is also determined by 3 points that do not all lie on a line.



$$P = P_0 + P_1 P_0 t + P_2 P_0 s, \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= (1, -2, 0) \\ P_2 &= (3, 1, 4) \\ P_3 &= (0, -2, 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 P_2 &= (2, 3, 4) \\ P_1 P_3 &= (-1, 0, 4) \end{aligned}$$

FA:

$$(x, y, z) = (1, -2, 0) + (2, 3, 4)t + (-1, 0, 4)s, \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= 1 + 2t - s \\ y &= -2 + 3t \\ z &= 4t + 4s \end{aligned} \right\}.$$

To find the scalar eqn of the same plane,  
we need to find a normal vector,  $n$

$n \perp P_1P_2$  and  $n \perp P_1P_3 \Rightarrow n$  can be found  
by the taking  
the cross product of  
the 2 vectors  $P_1P_2, P_1P_3$

$$\begin{array}{cc} P_1P_2 & P_1P_3 \\ (2, 3, 4) \times (-1, 0, 4) & = (12, -12, 3) \end{array}$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \hat{i}12 - 12\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \Rightarrow \underline{(12, -12, 3)} = \vec{n}$$

Take  $P_1 = (-1, 2, 0)$      $\vec{n} = (12, -12, 3)$

eqn of the plane  $(x+1, y-2, z) \cdot (12, -12, 3) = 0$ .

$$12(x+1) - 12(y-2) + 3z = 0$$

$$\boxed{12x - 12y + 3z = -36}$$

$$\begin{cases} y = mx + b \\ mx - y + 0 \cdot z = b \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{is a plane}$$

# The differential and the tangent plane.

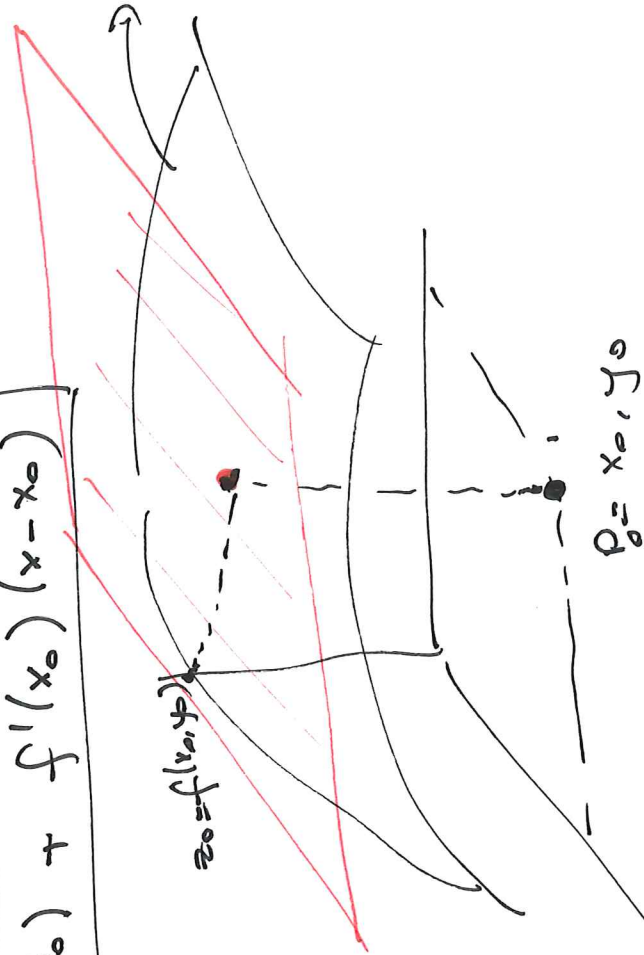
$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$



graph of  $f$

$$\text{Tangent line: } y = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



$$P_0 = x_0, y_0$$

$$f(P) \sim \underbrace{f(P_0)}_{z_0} + \nabla f(P_0) \cdot (P - P_0)$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(P_0), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(P_0) \right) \cdot (x - x_0, y - y_0).$$

$$z = z_0 + A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0)$$

$$0 = A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) - (z - z_0)$$

$$0 = (A, B, -1) \cdot (x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0)$$

$$f(P) \sim \underbrace{z_0 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(P_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(P_0)(y - y_0)}_{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} A}$$

Ex -  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $(x, y) \rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .

$(x_0, y_0) = (3, 4)$ . Find the eqn of the tangent plane to  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0) = (3, 4)$

$$\nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)$$

$$\nabla f(3, 4) = \left( \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right) \quad f(3, 4) = 5$$

The tangent plane:  $z = f(\bar{x}_0) + \nabla f(\bar{x}_0) \cdot (\bar{x} - \bar{x}_0)$ .

$$z = 5 + \left( \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right) \cdot (x-3, y-4)$$

$$z = 5 + \frac{3}{5}(x-3) + \frac{4}{5}(y-4)$$

## Tangent plane and normal line to a surface

This applet illustrates the computation of the normal line and the tangent plane to a surface at a point  $P$ .

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Function:  $(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$

Point  $P=(3,4)$

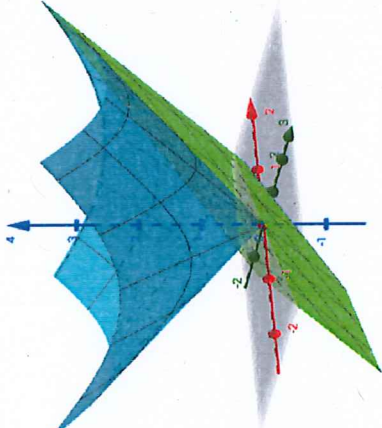
$x_0 = 3$

$y_0 = 4$

Normal line

Tangent plane

$\Pi : (x - 3, y - 4, z - 5)(-0.6, -0.8, 1) = 0$



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Function:  $x^2 + y^2$

Point  $P=(1,1)$   
 $x_0 = 1$

$y_0 = 1$

Normal line

$l : (1, 1, 2) + t(-2, -2, 1)$

Tangent plane

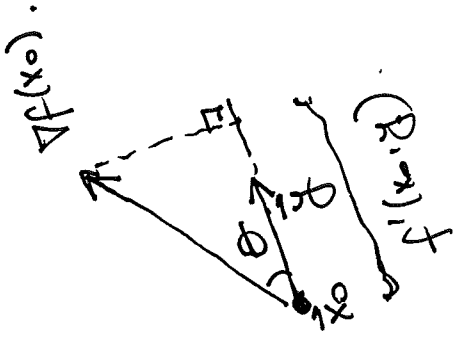
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We've seen that  $f'(x_0, y) = \langle \nabla f(x_0), \gamma \rangle$ .

$$= \|\nabla f(x_0)\| \|\gamma\| \cos \theta$$



$\gamma$  is a unit vector

$$f'(x_0, \gamma) = \|\nabla f(x_0)\| \cos \theta$$

That means  $f'(x_0, \gamma)$  is the component of  $\nabla f(x_0)$  in the direction of  $\gamma$ .

This derivative is largest if  $\cos \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 0$ .

i.e.  $\gamma$  has the same direction as  $\nabla f$ .

i.e.  $f$  increases fastest in the direction of  $\nabla f(x_0)$ .

Remark.  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  differentiable.

$df(x_0)$  has matrix repr  $\left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^1}(x_0), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^n}(x_0) \right)$

The map  $X^{\vec{i}}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $x \rightarrow x^{\vec{i}}$  is diff. at every pt  $x_0$ .

$$\underline{d}X^{\vec{i}} = (0, 0, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0).$$

The differentials  $dx^1, dx^2, \dots, dx^n$  form a basis for the linear space

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}) = \{ A \mid A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, A \text{ linear} \}.$$

where we identify  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$  with matrix repr

$$A = (A_1, \dots, A_n) \quad A_{\vec{i}} = A(e_{\vec{i}}).$$

examples of

$$A = \left[ A_1 dx^1 + A_2 dx^2 + \dots + A_n dx^n \right] \rightarrow \underline{1\text{-forms.}}$$
$$\underline{df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^1}(x_0) dx^1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^2}(x_0) dx^2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^n}(x_0) dx^n.}$$

A sufficient condition for differentiability:

We've seen:  $f$  is diff at  $x_0 \implies \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0)$  exist  
 $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$f$  is diff at  $x_0 \iff \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0)$  exist

Thm. (7.1.1 sme). Assume  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$  exist  $i=1 \dots n$

in a neighbourhood of  $x_0$  and and continuous at  $x_0$

then  $f$  is differentiable at  $x_0$ .

Summarize:

To study diff. of  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

1)  $f$  is diff in  $x_0 \iff \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0)$  exist

$df(x_0) = \nabla f(x_0)$ .

2)  $f \in C^1 \iff \left\{ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \text{ exist and continuous} \right\} \iff f$  is differentiable.

Is  $f$  diff at  $x_0$ ?

Is  $f$  continuous at  $x_0$ ?

Yes  $\swarrow$   
No  $\searrow$

Yes  $\swarrow$  Is  $f$  in  $x_0$  partial differentiable?  
No  $\searrow$  i.e.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$  exist

$f$  is not diff.

Yes  $\swarrow$  are  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$  continuous?  
No  $\searrow$   $f$  is not diff.

Yes  $\swarrow$   $f$  is diff

No  $\swarrow$   $f$  is not diff.

Q. Is there a linear map  $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{|f(x) - f(x_0) - \nabla f(x_0) \cdot (x - x_0)|}{\|x - x_0\|} = 0$ , it means rep is  $\nabla f(x_0)$

If Yes it is differentiable if not.

### Differentiation rules.

Thm Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f, g: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f, g$  are differentiable at  $x_0$ .

Then  $f+g, f \cdot g$  are diff in  $x_0$  and we have.

1)  $d(f+g)(x_0) = df(x_0) + dg(x_0)$ .

2)  $d(fg)(x_0) = (df)(x_0) \cdot g(x_0) + f(x_0) \cdot (dg)(x_0)$

3) If  $g(x_0) \neq 0$  then  $f/g$  is also differentiable

$$d\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x_0) = \frac{g(x_0) \cdot df(x_0) - f(x_0) \cdot (dg)(x_0)}{g(x_0)^2}$$

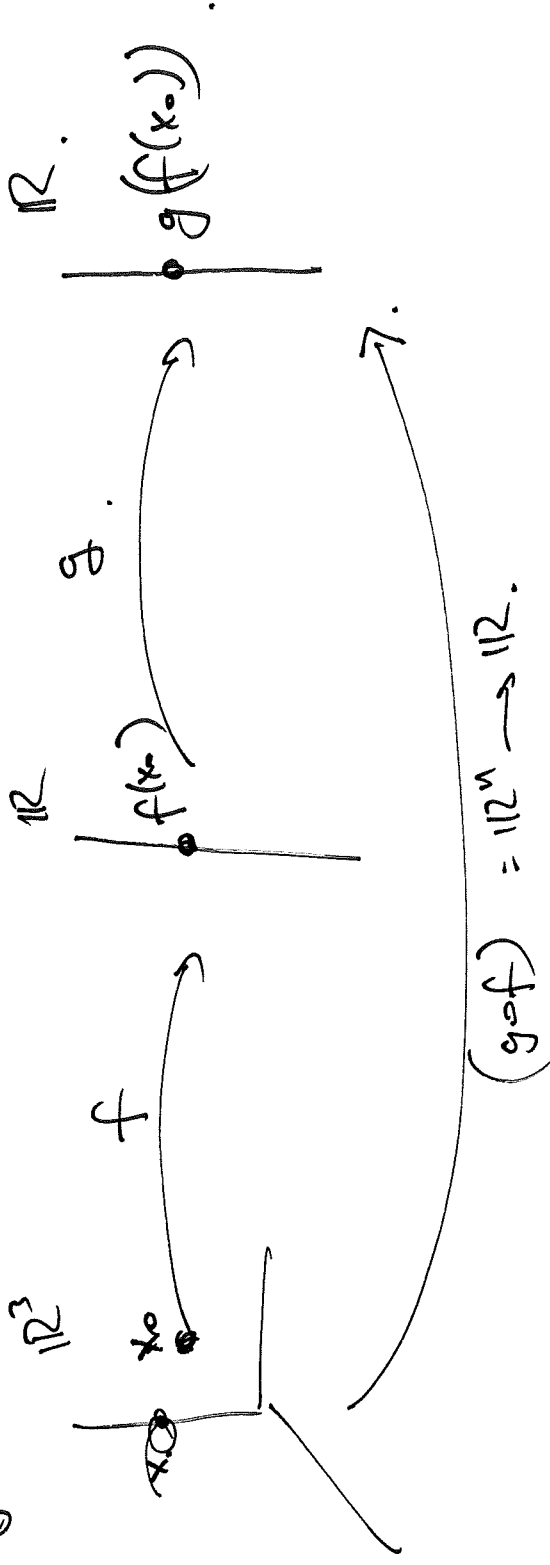
Thm (Chain rule - Version I).

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  diff in  $x_0$ , and

$g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  diff in  $f(x_0)$

Then  $g \circ f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is diff in  $x_0$  and

$$d(g \circ f)(x_0) = g'(f(x_0)) df(x_0).$$



Example =  $h: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{xy}$

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{xy} \cdot$$

$$g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$h = g \circ f$  where  $f(x,y) = xy$

$$g(t) = e^t$$

$$Dh(x,y) = \nabla h(x,y)$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right) = \left( xy, x^2 \right)$$

We can find  $Dh$  directly

$$Dh = (ye^{xy}, x^2 e^{xy})$$

use the chain rule

$$Dh(x,y) = D(g \circ f) = Dg'(f(x,y)) \cdot Df(x,y)$$

$$= e^{xy} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} e^{xy}, y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} e^{xy} \right) = (xy, x^2)$$

For the 2nd chain rule, we first give a defn.

Defn. Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   ~~$f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$~~   $= I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $t \mapsto (f_1(t), f_2(t), \dots, f_n(t))$

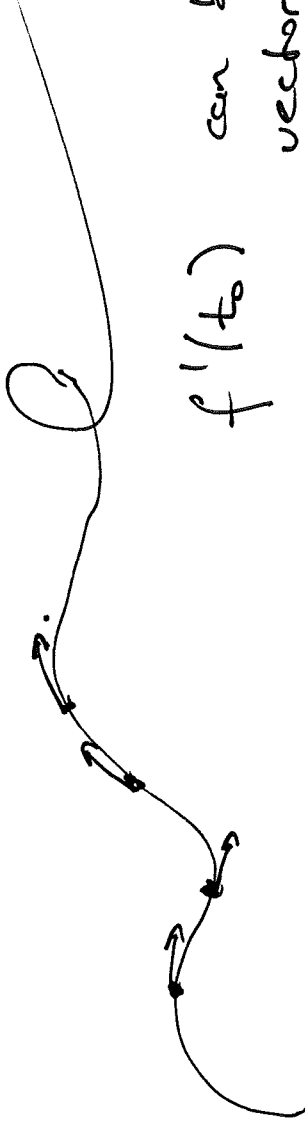
we say  $f$  is differentiable in  $x_0 \in I$

if each component function  $f_i: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is diff in  $x_0$ .

In this case  $f'(t) := (f'_1(t), f'_2(t), \dots, f'_n(t))$

$f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

describes a curve  
in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .



$f'(t_0)$

can be seen as a velocity  
vector at the point  $f(t_0)$

Ex.



# Thm (Chain rule - version #)

$$\text{Let } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n, I \subset \mathbb{R} \quad f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ g: I \rightarrow \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

Assume  $g$  is differentiable at  $t_0 \in I$  and  $f$  is differentiable at  $g(t_0)$ .

Then the function  $f \circ g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable in  $t_0$  and.

$$\frac{d}{dt}(f \circ g) = (df)(g(t_0)) \cdot g'(t_0)$$

$$\left\langle \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(g(x_0)), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(g(x_0)) \right), \left( g_1'(t_0), g_2'(t_0), \dots, g_n'(t_0) \right) \right\rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(g(x_0)) g_1'(t_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(g(x_0)) g_2'(t_0) + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(g(x_0)) g_n'(t_0)$$

Ex. Basic operations of addition and multiplication are differentiable functions of 2 variables.

$$A: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (x, y) \mapsto x+y.$$

$$dA = \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \right) \\ = (1, 1).$$

$$M: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (x, y) \mapsto xy.$$

$$dM = \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) \\ = (y, x)$$

Now we use these functions in the chain rule

$$\text{with } g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ t \mapsto (g_1(t), g_2(t))$$

$$g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

$$A \circ g(t) = g_1(t) + g_2(t).$$

$$M \circ g(t) = g_1(t)g_2(t).$$

$$d(A \circ g)(t) = \underbrace{(dA)(g(t))}_{\text{chain rule}} \cdot g'(t)$$

$$\parallel \quad (1, 1) \cdot (g_1'(t), g_2'(t))$$

$$= g_1'(t) + g_2'(t)$$

$$d(g_1(t) + g_2(t)) = g_1'(t) + g_2'(t)$$

$$d(M \circ g)(t) = (dM)(g(t)) \cdot g'(t)$$

$$= \langle (dM)(g(t)), g_2'(t) \rangle$$

$$(g_1'(t), g_2'(t))$$

$$= \langle (g_2'(t), g_1'(t)), (g_1'(t), g_2'(t)) \rangle$$

$$= g_2'(t)g_1'(t) + g_1'(t)g_2'(t)$$

$$= d(g_1, g_2)(t)$$

$$\text{Ex: } f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow \sin(xyz)$$

Directly

$$(f \circ g)(t) = f(t^2, t^3, t) = \sin t^6$$

$$\frac{d(f \circ g)}{dt} = \frac{d(\sin t^6)}{dt}$$

using chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dt}(f \circ g) = df(g(t)) \cdot g'(t)$$

$$df = (yz \cos(xyz), xz \cos(xyz), xy \cos(xyz))$$

$$g'(t) = (2t, 3t^2, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}df(g(t)) \cdot (2t, 3t^2, 1) &= 2t^5 \cos t^6 + 3t^5 \cos t^6 + t^5 \cos t^6 \\ &= \underline{6t^5 \cos t^6}\end{aligned}$$