

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

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h}.$$

- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
 $x \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x) \end{pmatrix}$

Then $f'(x_0) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1'(x_0) \\ f_2'(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ f_n'(x_0) \end{pmatrix}$

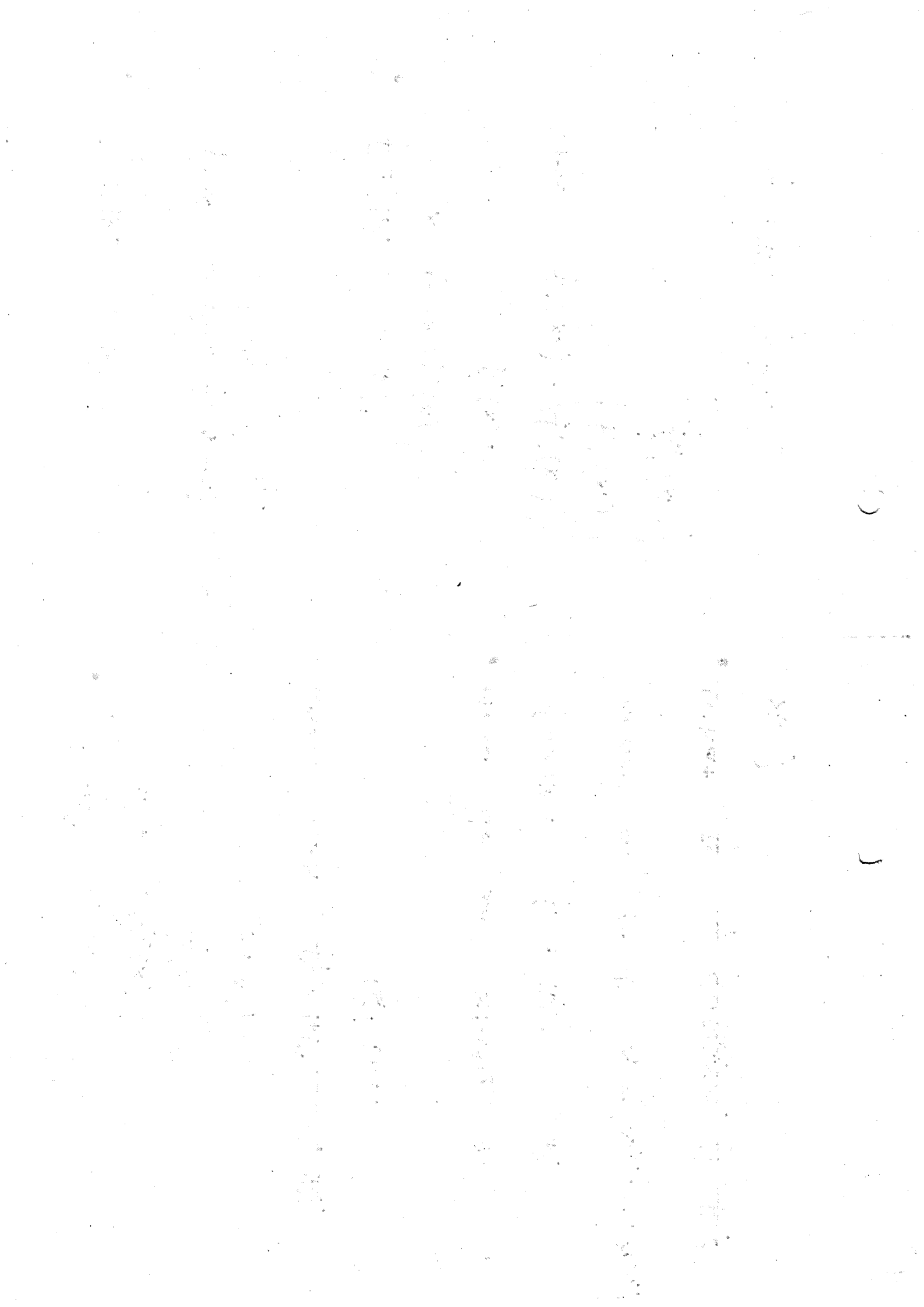
$f_i: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$

- $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
 $x \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_m(x) \end{pmatrix}$

where each $f_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$

$1 \leq i \leq m.$

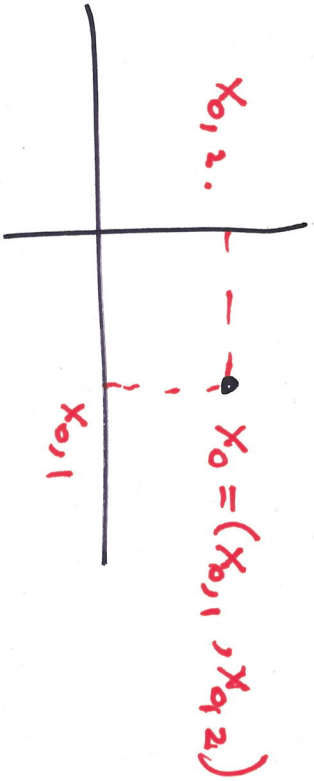
- How do we study a function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ near a point $x_0 = (x_{0,1}, \dots, x_{0,n})$?
- How does f change near x_0 ?



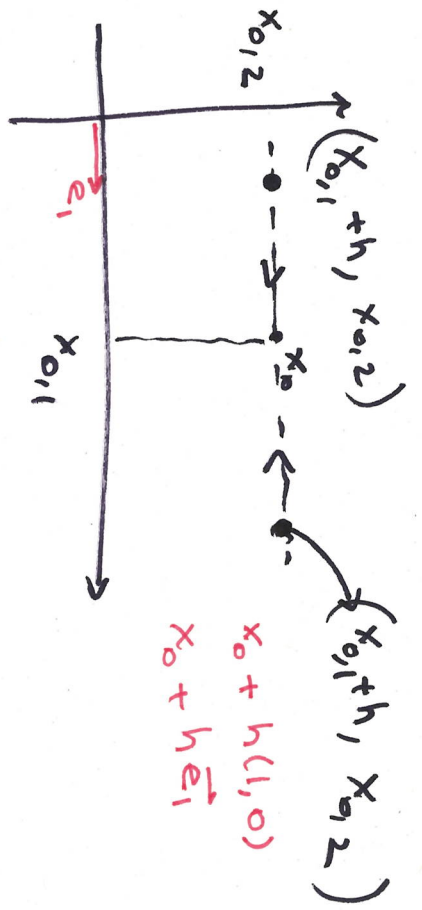
$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



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



We can approach x_0 along the horizontal line



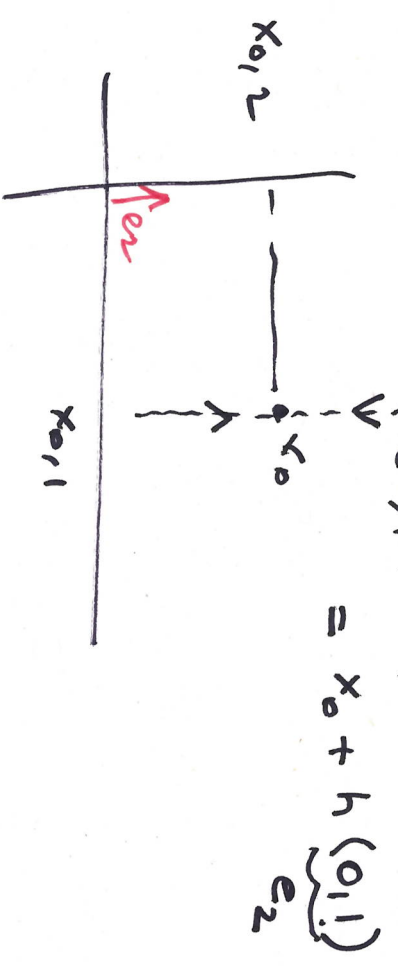
$$\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta x_1} = \frac{f(x_{0,1} + h, x_{0,2}) - f(x_{0,1}, x_{0,2})}{h}$$

$$\| (x_{0,1} + h, x_{0,2}) - (x_{0,1}, x_{0,2}) \| = \| (h, 0) \| = h$$

what happens if $h \rightarrow 0$.

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

OR along the vertical line



$$\frac{\Delta F}{\Delta x_2} = \frac{f(x_{0,1}, x_{0,2} + h) - f(x_{0,1}, x_{0,2})}{h}$$

What we are doing is really to consider the following function of one variable:

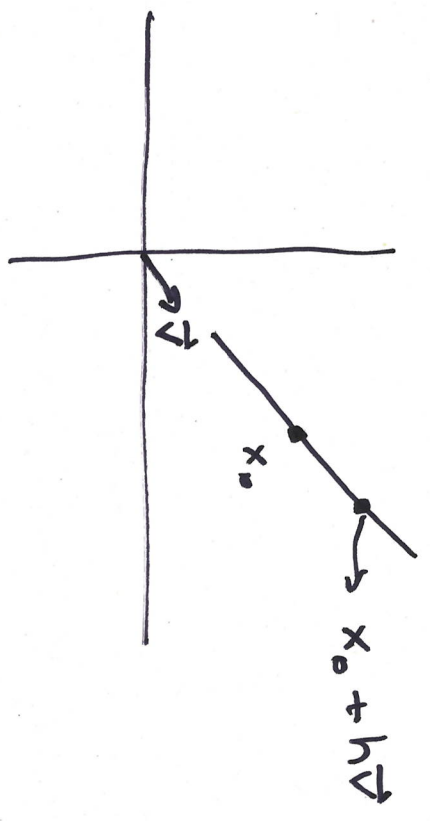
$$g(t) := f(x_{0,1}, t)$$

and look at $g'(t) \Big|_{t=x_{0,2}}$

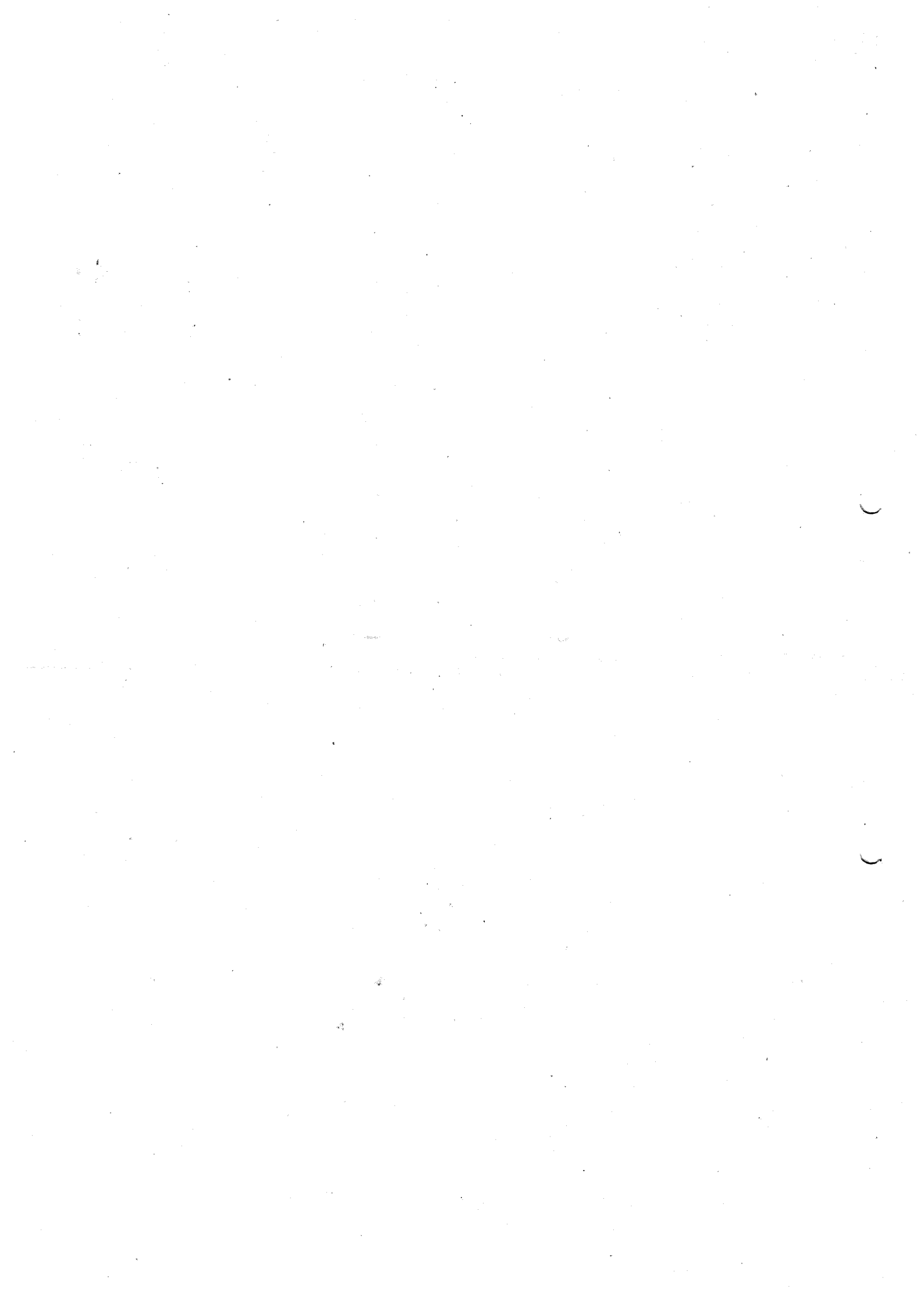
or

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(x_{0,1}, x_{0,2} + h) \Big|_{h=0}$$

$h=0$



$$\frac{f(x_0 + h \vec{v}) - f(x_0)}{h} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} ?$$



General case:

$$\text{Let } f: \mathbb{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

we want to study f around $x_0 = (x_{0,1}, \dots, x_{0,n})$.

For each j , we consider

$$g_j(t) := f(x_{0,1}, x_{0,2}, \dots, x_{0,j-1}, t, x_{0,j+1}, \dots, x_{0,n})$$

$$g_j: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

defined on the set

$$I := \{t \in \mathbb{R} \mid (x_{0,1}, \dots, t, \dots, x_{0,n}) \in \mathbb{K}\}$$

Then we ask if

$$\frac{dg_j}{dt}(x_{0,j}) \text{ exists?}$$

$$\frac{dg}{dt}(x_{0,j}) =$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x_{0,j} + h) - g(x_{0,j})}{h}$$

$$= \lim \left(\frac{f(x_{0,1}, \dots, x_{0,j-1}, x_{0,j} + h, x_{0,j+1}, \dots, x_{0,n}) - f(x_{0,1}, \dots, x_{0,j}, \dots, x_{0,n})}{h} \right)$$

If the limit exists then we say that f has

partial derivative with

respect to x_j at the point

x_0 , and we write $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(x_0)$,

$(\partial_{x_j} f)(x_0)$ or $(\partial_j f)(x_0)$



$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \quad x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{then } g_j(t) := f(x_{0,1}, \dots, x_{0,j-1}, t, x_{0,j+1}, \dots, x_{0,n})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_1 \\ \vdots \\ g_m \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x_{0,1}, \dots, x_{0,j-1}, t, x_{0,j+1}, \dots, x_{0,n}) \\ f_2(\dots) \\ \vdots \\ f_m(\dots) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_j: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m := \begin{pmatrix} g_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ g_m(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_j'(x_{0,j}) = \begin{pmatrix} g_1'(x_{0,j}) \\ g_2'(x_{0,j}) \\ \vdots \\ g_m'(x_{0,j}) \end{pmatrix} := \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(x_0)$$

Ex. To evaluate

partial derivatives of a function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ with respect to x_j at a point $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ we differentiate

$f(a_1, \dots, a_{j-1}, x_j, a_{j+1}, \dots, a_n)$ w.r.t x_j treating all other variables as a constant with respect to x_j .

Ex $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $(x, y) \mapsto (x^2 + xy) \sin y$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \sin y (2x + y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x \sin y + (x^2 + xy) \cos y.$$



$$2) f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + y^2 \\ 2x \\ 2y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_1: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto x^2 + y^2$$

$$f_2(x, y) = 2x \quad f_3(x, y) = 2y$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \begin{pmatrix} 2y \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Say at $(x, y) = (1, 1)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

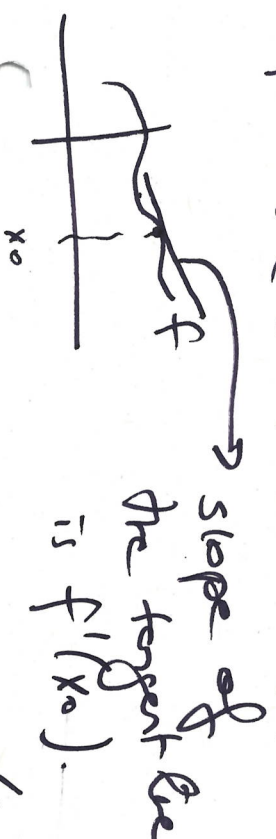
What does the partial derivatives mean geometrically?

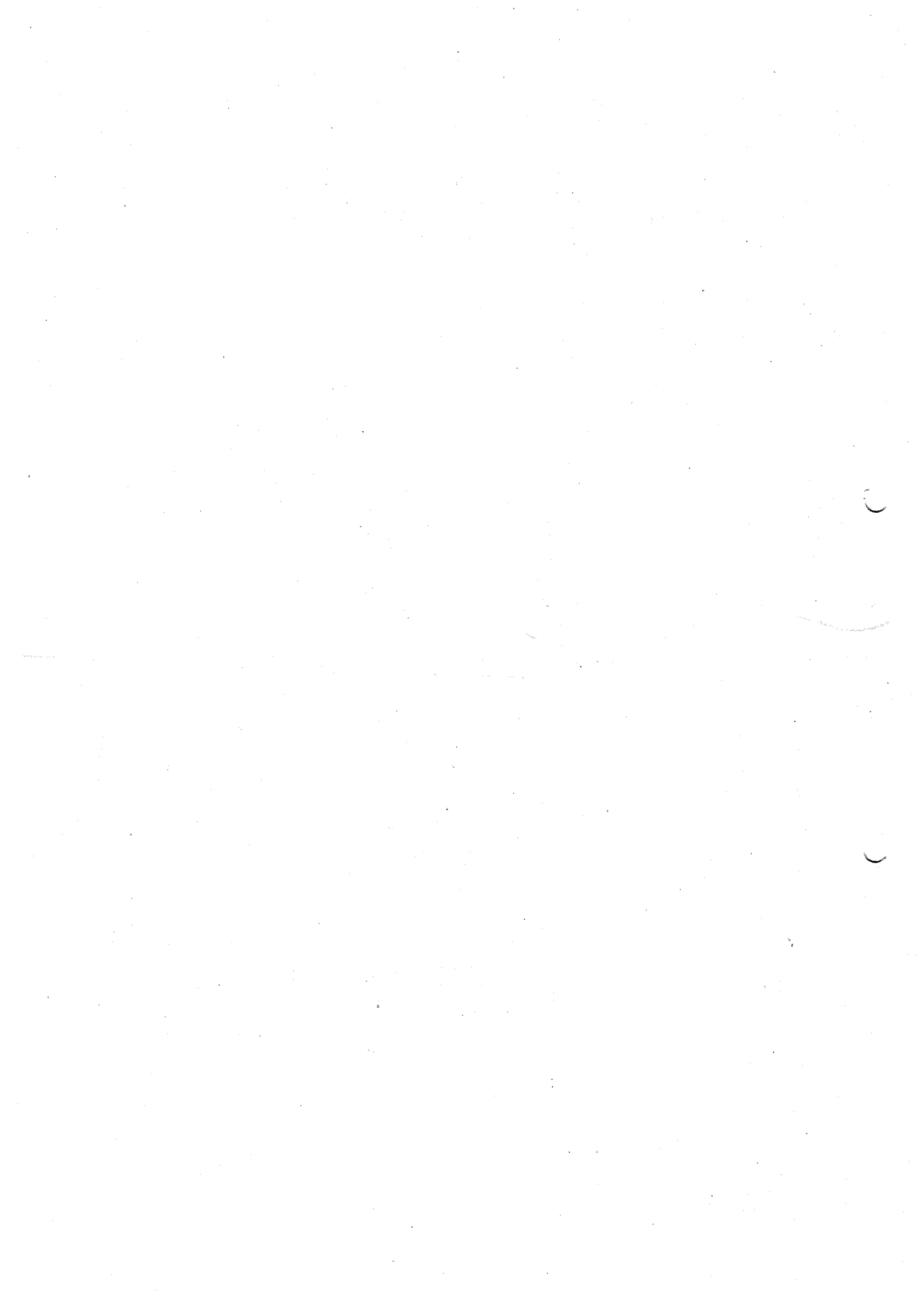
Say: $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

graph $f = \{ (x, y, z) \mid z = f(x, y) \}$

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

graph $f = \{ (x, y) \mid y = f(x) \}$.

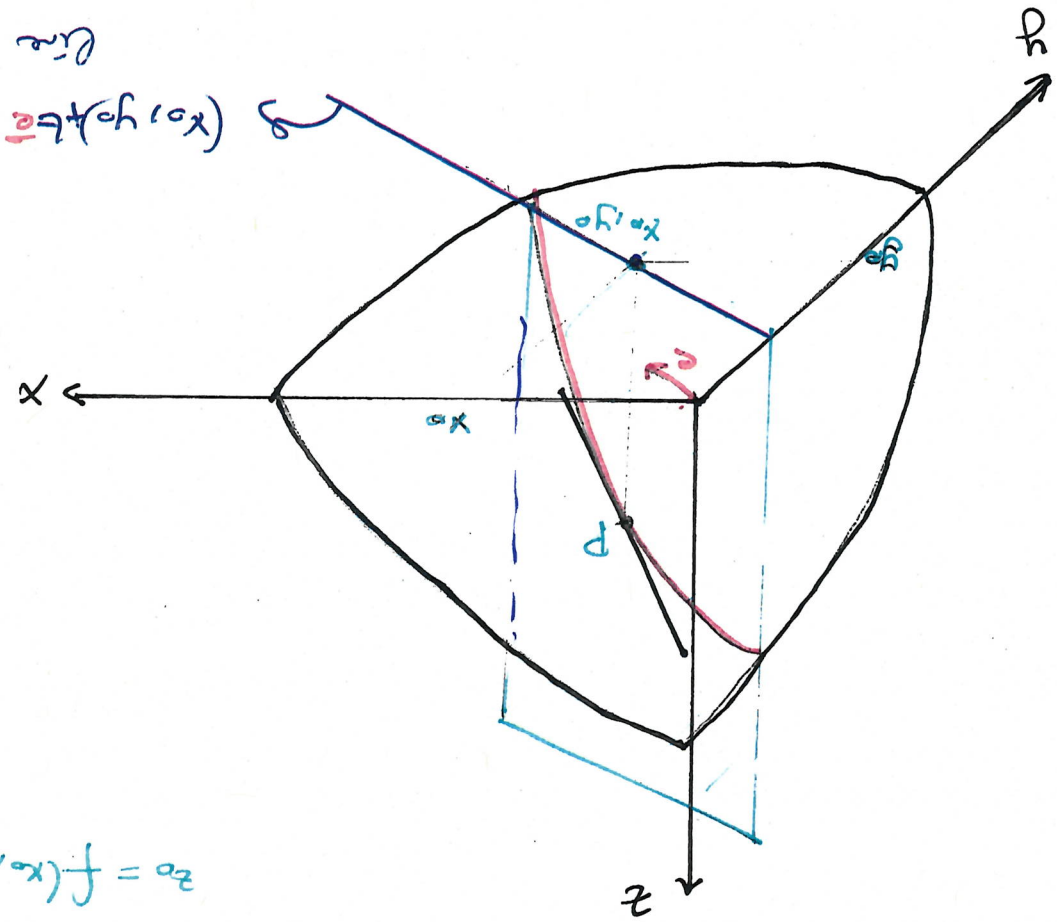




Directional derivative of f at x_0 in the direction of the vector e_i .

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

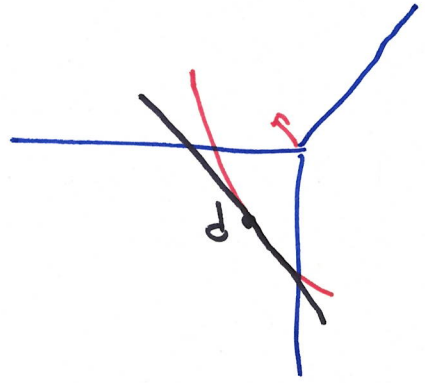
$$z_0 = f(x_0, y_0)$$



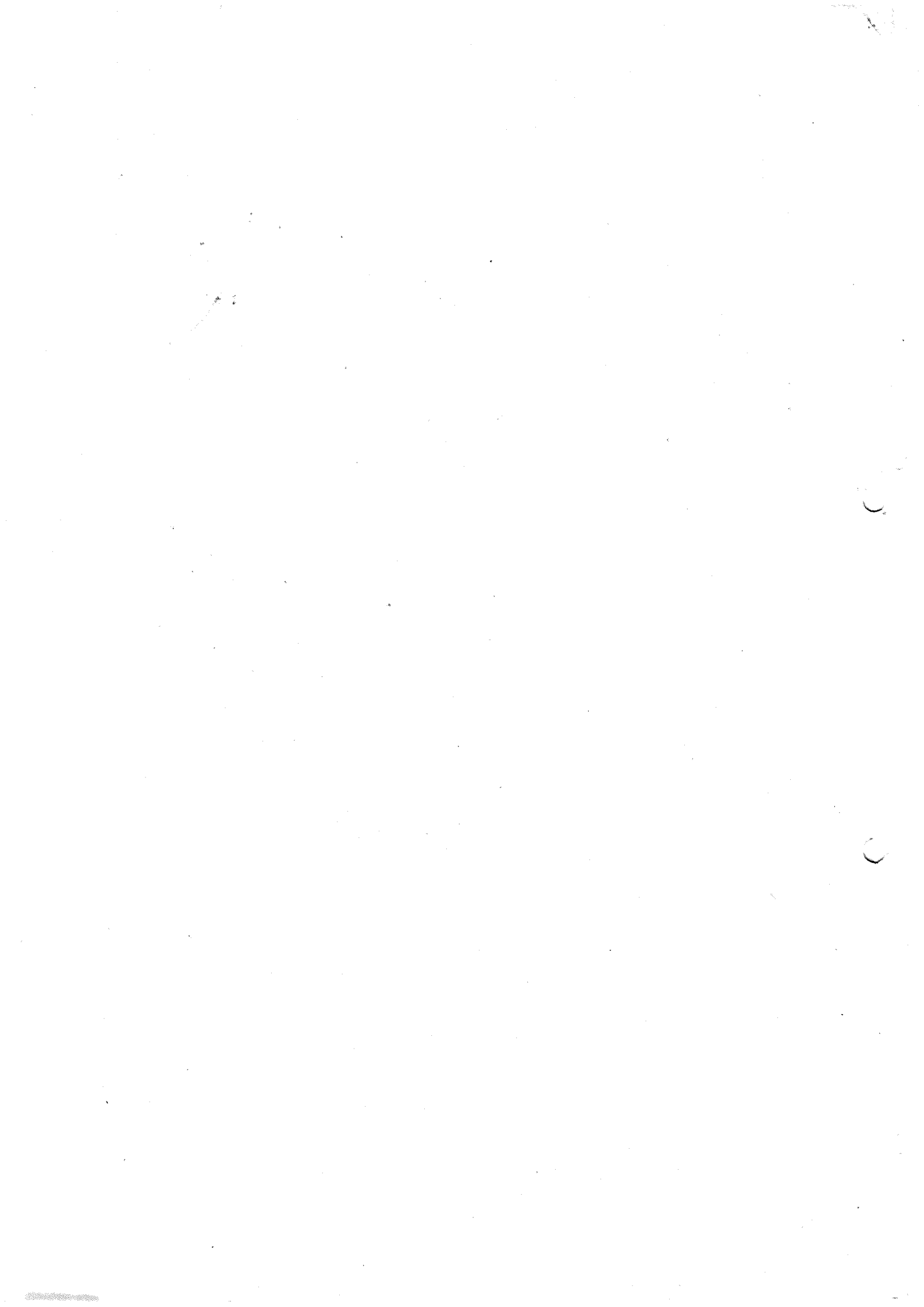
$$\text{slope} = f_{e_i}(x_0, y_0)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} f(x_0, y_0 + t e_i)$$

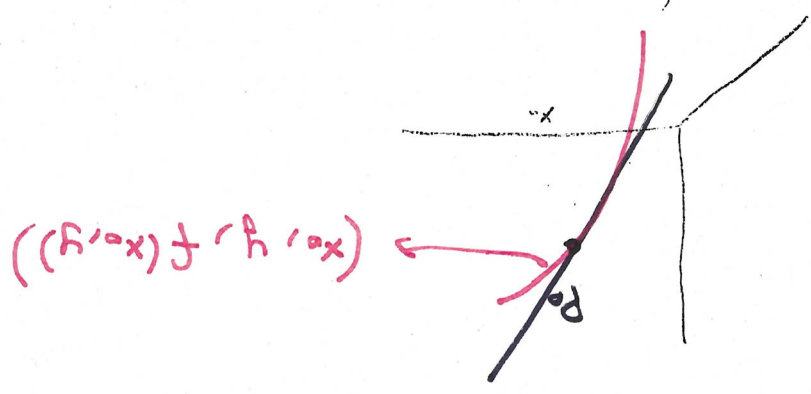
$t=0$



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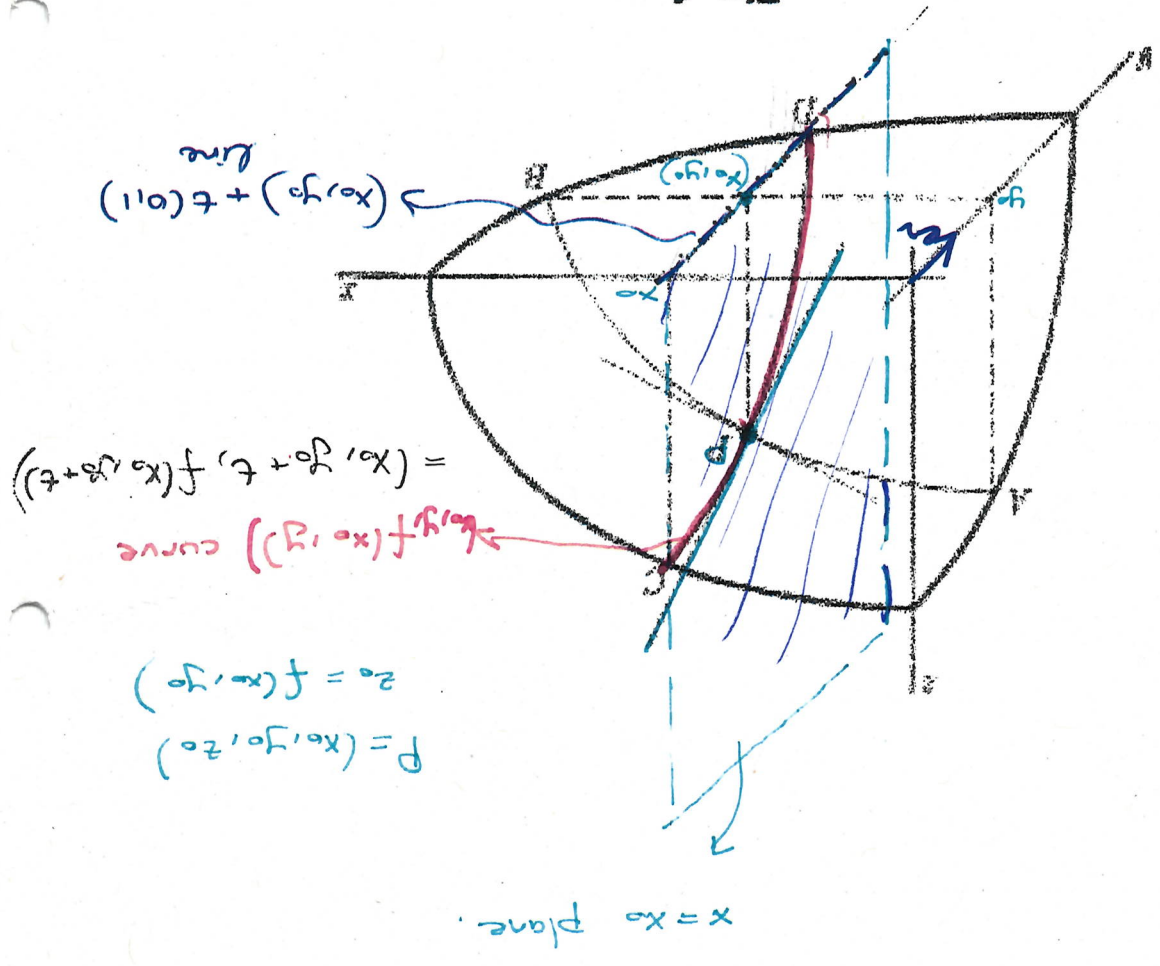


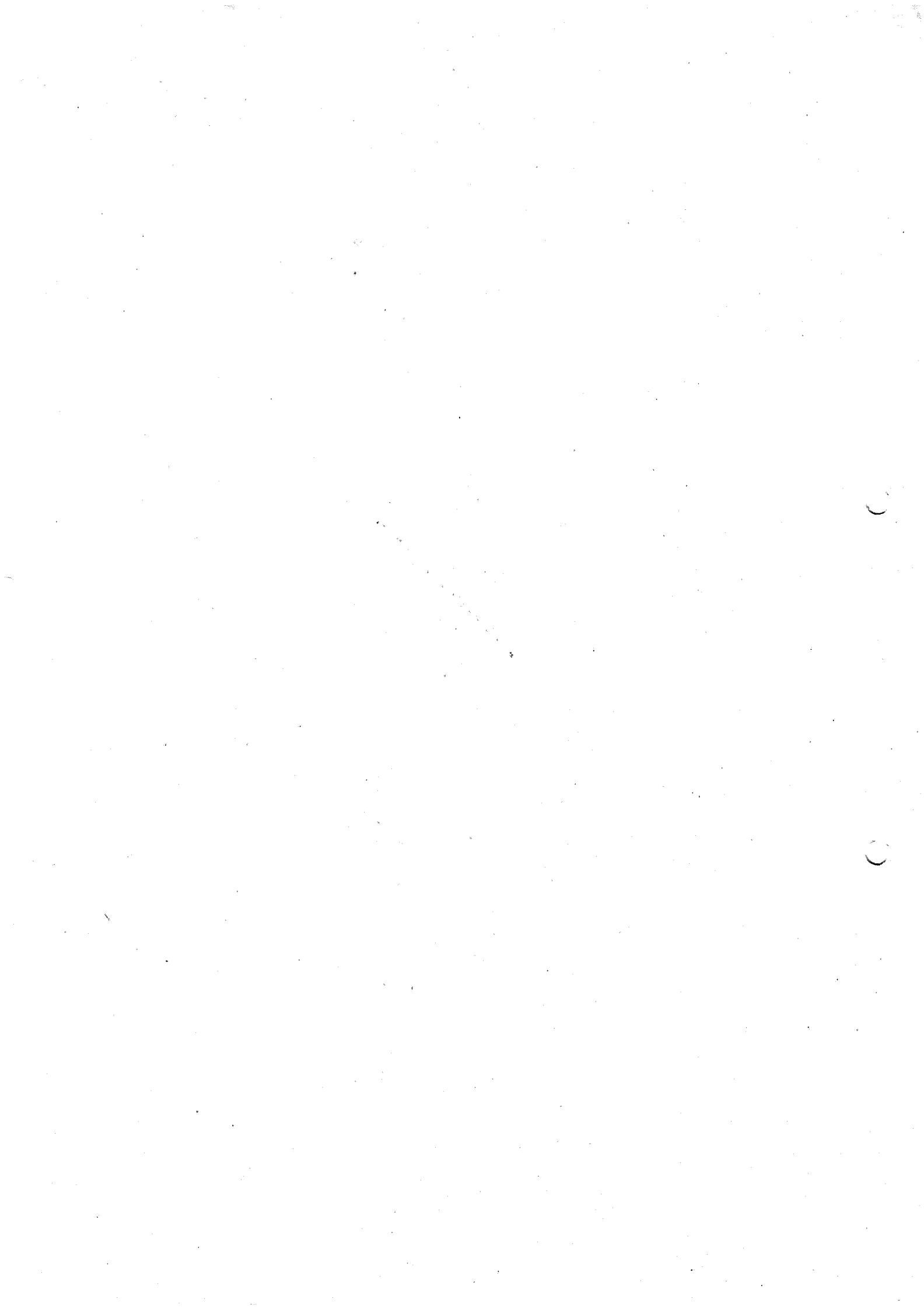
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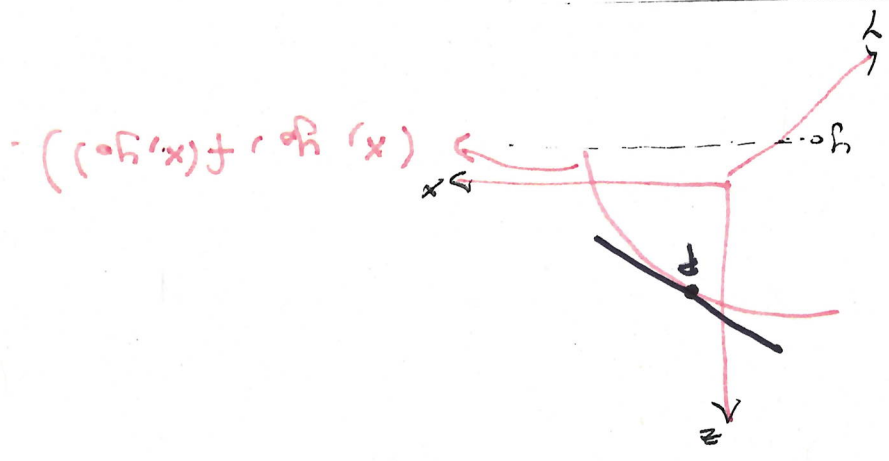


$$\text{slope} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (x_0, y_0) = \frac{dz}{dy} (f(x_0, y_0 + t))$$

Fig. 1

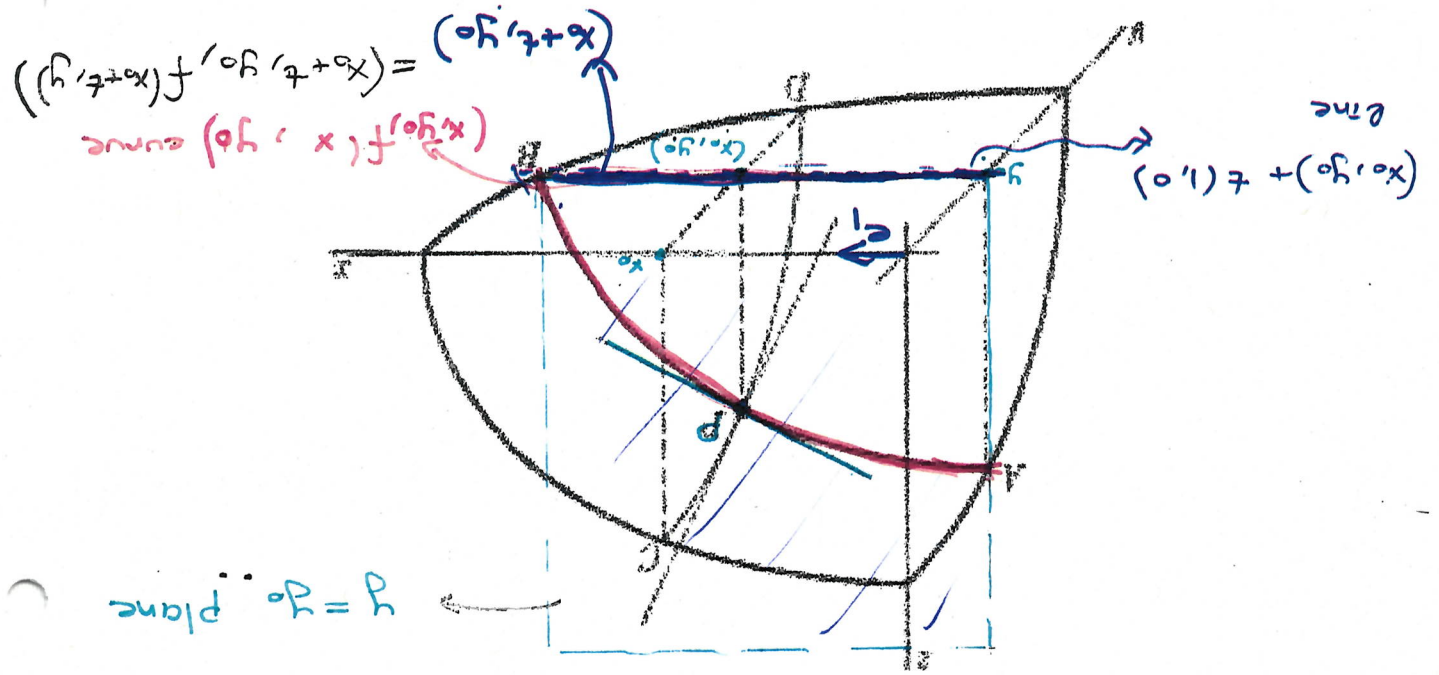






$$\text{slope} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x_0 + t, y_0) \Big|_{t=0}$$

Fig. 1



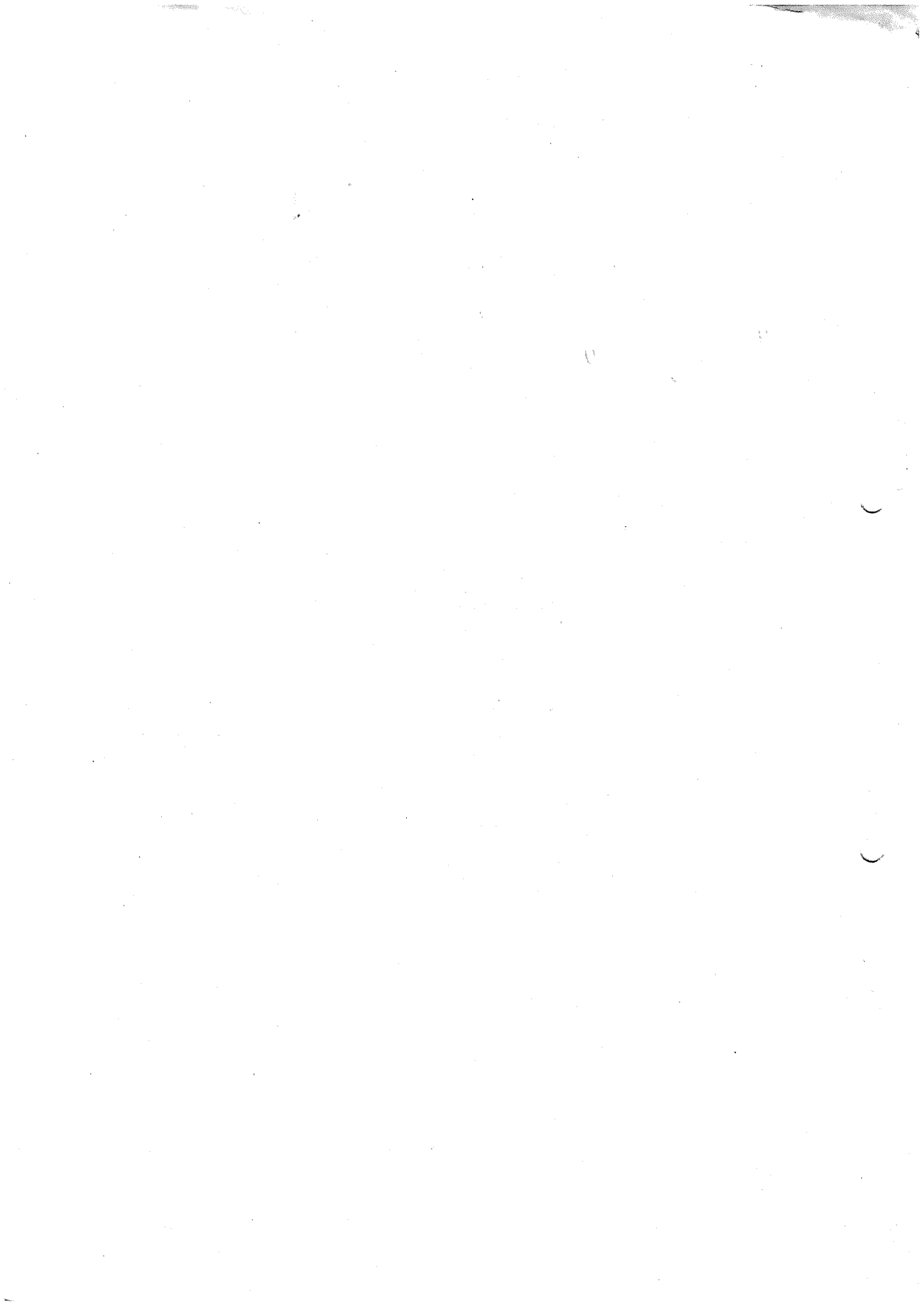
$y = y_0$ plane

$P = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$

$z_0 = f(x_0, y_0)$

Graph = $\{(x, y, z) \mid z = f(x, y)\}$.

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



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

③ $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) := a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n$
for some constants $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} = a_j$$

④ $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
 $x \mapsto Ax = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_m \end{pmatrix}$

A is an $m \times n$ matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

$$f \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \end{pmatrix} = Ax$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_i(x) = a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n.$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right) = A$$

$1 \leq i \leq m$
 $1 \leq j \leq n$

Defn. Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open

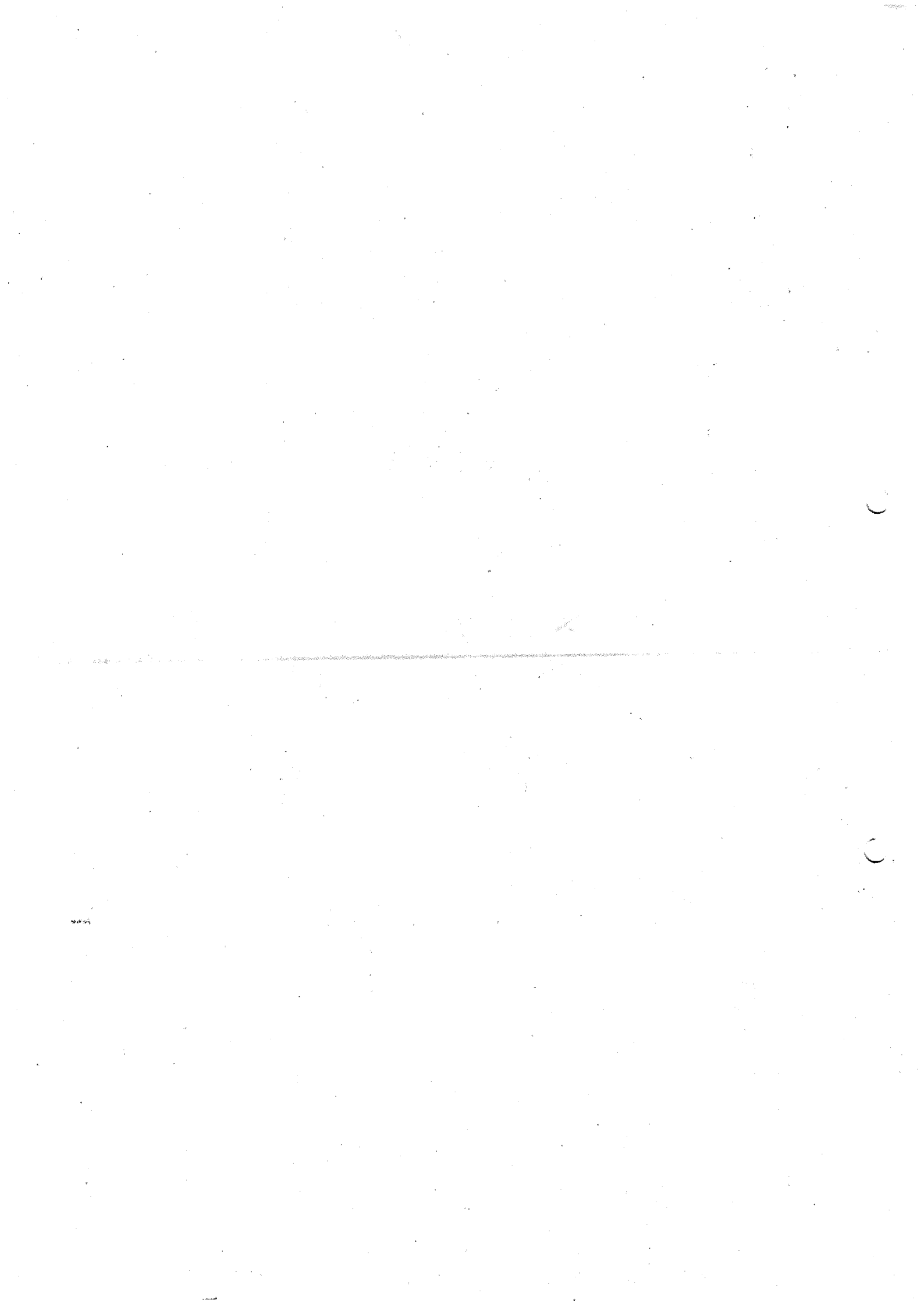
$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ with

partial derivatives on X
write $f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_m(x) \end{pmatrix}$

for any $x \in X$ the matrix

$$J_f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_j} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_j} \end{pmatrix}$$

$1 \leq i \leq m$
 $1 \leq j \leq n$



$\nabla f(x)$ is a matrix of m rows and n columns. i.e. it is a $m \times n$ Matrix

$$f: \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

It is called the Jacobian

Matrix of f at point x

Defn In the special case

$$f: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

the column vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(x_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

is called the Gradient of f at x_0

It is denoted $(\nabla f)(x_0)$

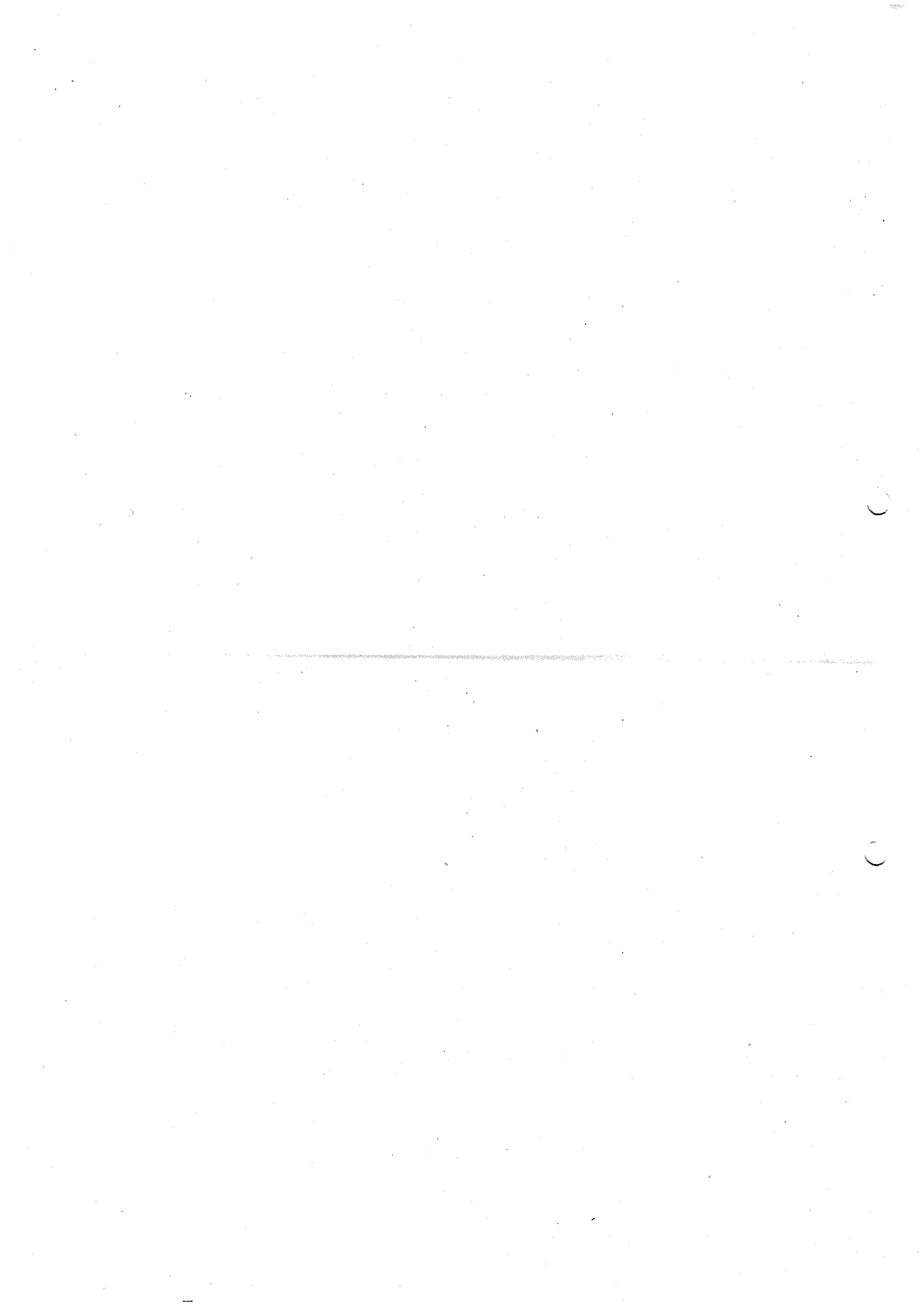
Note $(\nabla f)(x_0) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_0), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(x_0) \right)$

$$= \left(\nabla f(x_0) \right)^t$$

Properties . 1) If $f, g: \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ X open have partial derivatives at x_0 w.r.t variable x_j in \mathbb{R}^n with respect to

then so does $f+g$

$$\frac{\partial (f+g)}{\partial x_j}(x_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(x_0) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_j}(x_0)$$



2) If $f, g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

have partial derivatives at x_0

wrt x_j

then so does f/g

and if $g(x) \neq 0$ then

also f/g .

$$\frac{\partial(f/g)}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \cdot g + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_j} \cdot f$$

$$\frac{\partial(f/g)}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \cdot g - \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_j} \cdot f}{g^2}$$

RL. Given $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
 $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Assume partial

derivatives of f exist everywhere

Then $(\partial_{x_i} f)(x)$ are

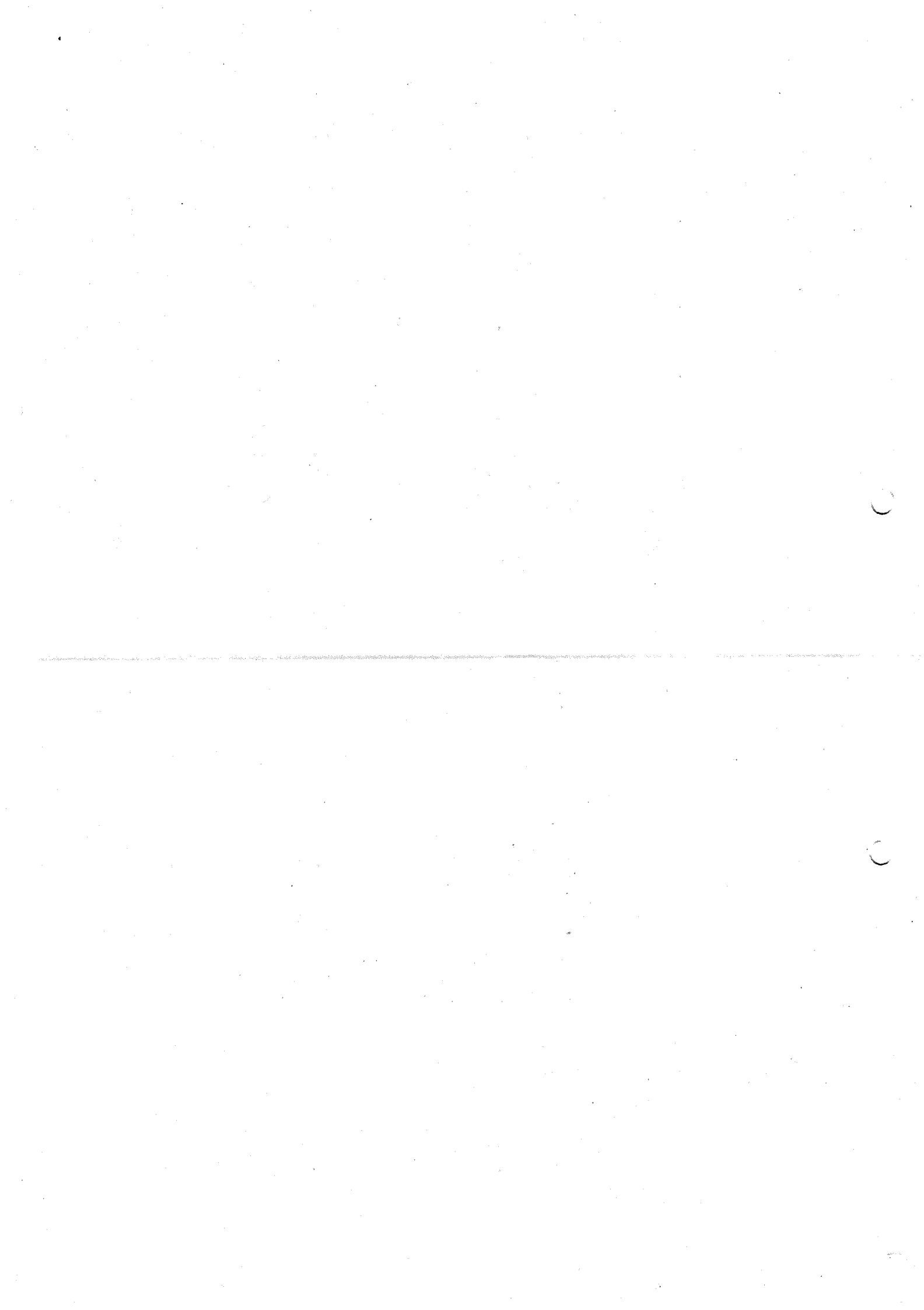
themselves new functions

we can differentiate wrt

(once again) either x_i
or some other x_j

$$\partial_{x_j} (\partial_{x_i} f) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f$$

$$\partial_{x_i} (\partial_{x_i} f) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i^2}$$



$$\underline{Ex} = f(x, y, z) = x^3 y z^2 + \cos x e^z$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 y z^2 - \sin x$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = 3x^2 z^2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = 6x^2 y z$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = 6xy z^2 - \cos x$$

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

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h}$$

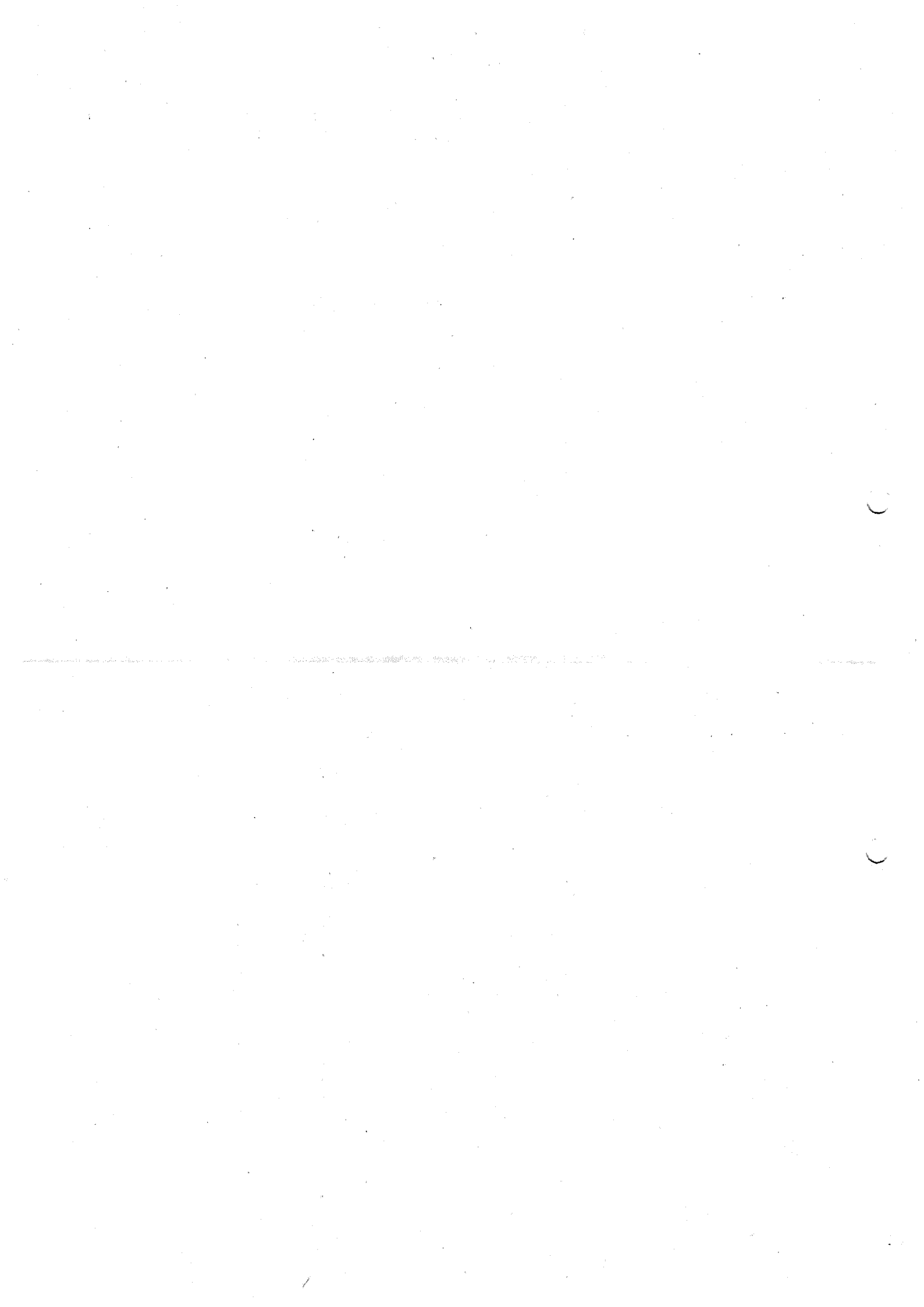
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{h} = 0.$$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0)$ exists and is equal to 0.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, 0+h) - f(0, 0)}{h}$$

$$= 0.$$



In fact, we can look at directional derivatives in all directions.

Let $v = (a, b) \neq (0, 0)$

$$g(h) := f((0,0) + h\vec{v}) \\ = f(ha, hb)$$

$$= \frac{h^2 ab}{h^2(a^2 + b^2)} = \frac{ab}{a^2 + b^2}$$

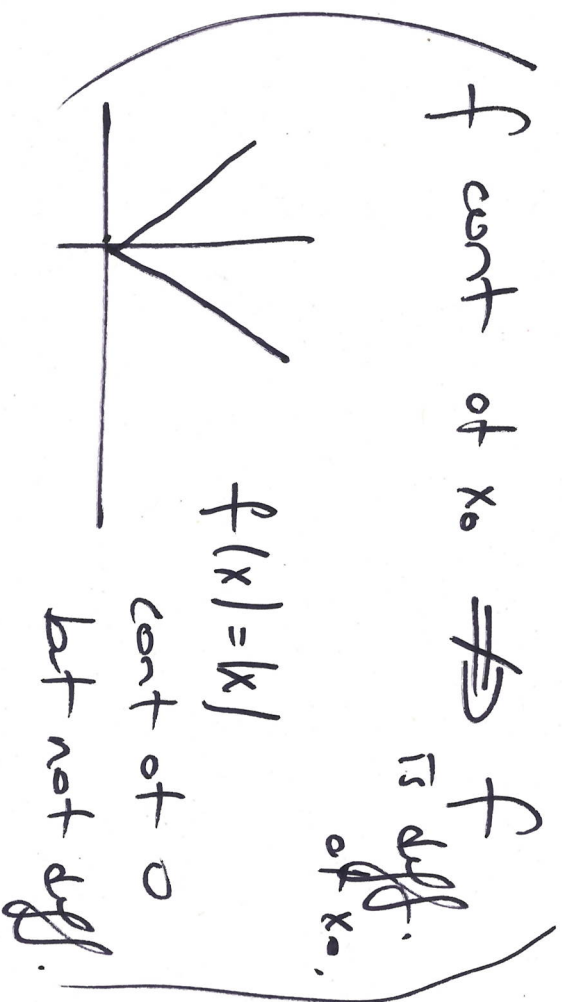
Dirac. der. of f in the direction of v

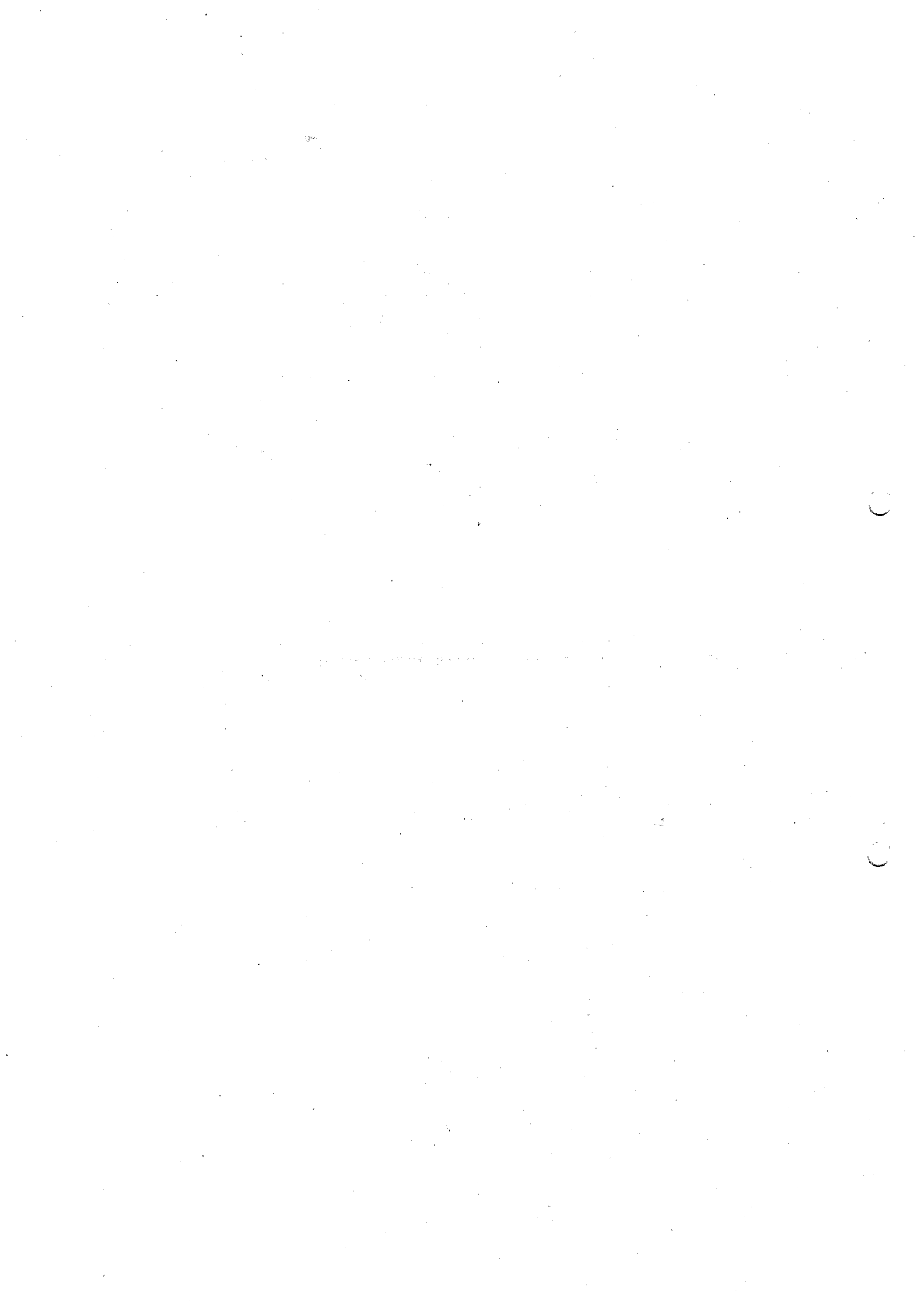
$$= g'(0) = \frac{d}{dh} \left(\frac{ab}{a^2 + b^2} \right) = 0.$$

↳ constant.

Recall. If $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at a point x_0 then

f is continuous at x_0 .





RL: This test

example has

all directional derivatives at $(0,0)$ and they are all equal to 0. Yet we know that f is not convex at $(0,0)$.

This suggests that partial derivatives are not strong enough to take as an analog of the derivative from 1-variable case.

~~RL~~ Let's look at

the case of

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

once again.

Recall: $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is diff in x_0 if it can be well approximated by the affine linear map

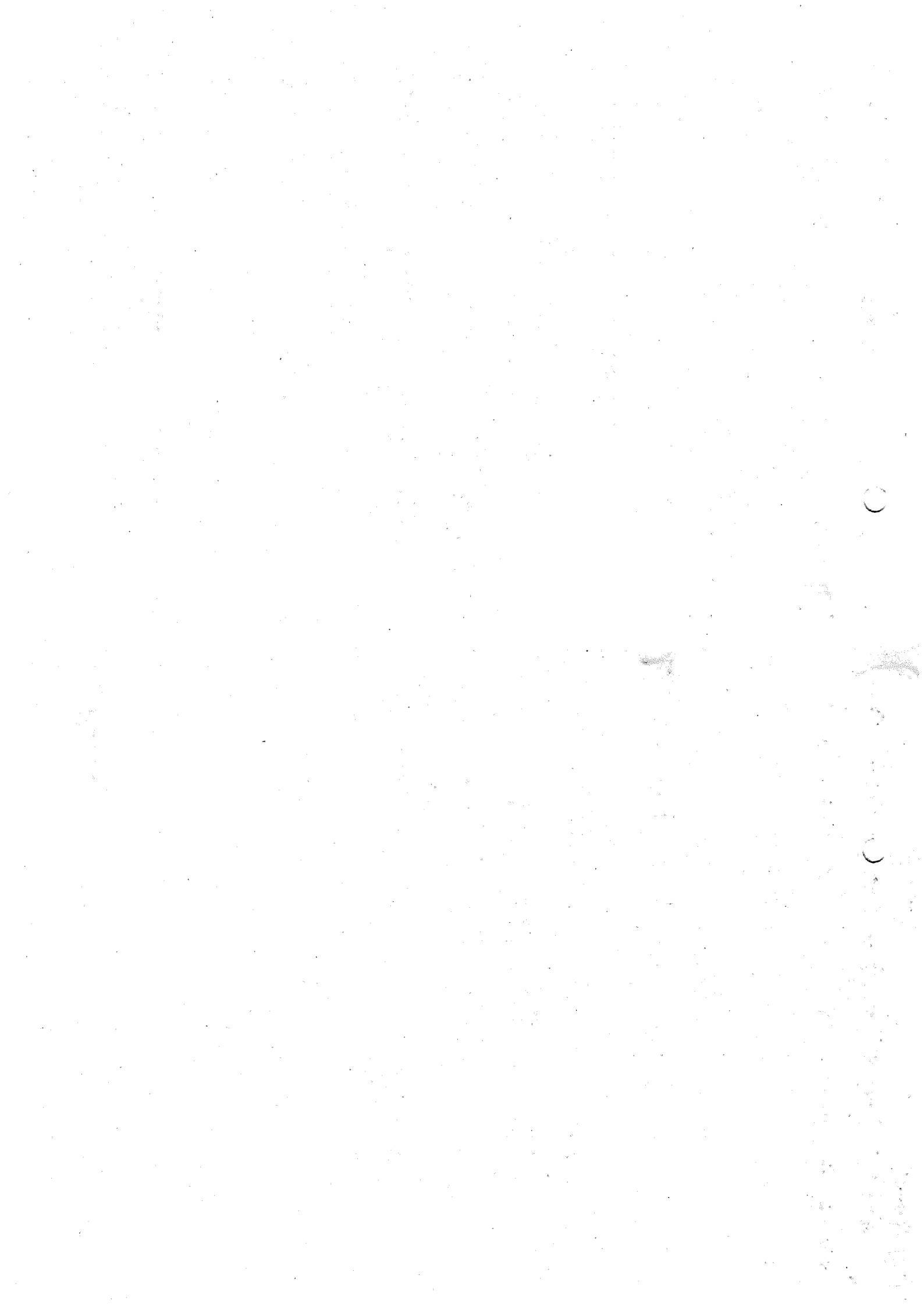
$$A(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

when x is near x_0 .

well approximated means that

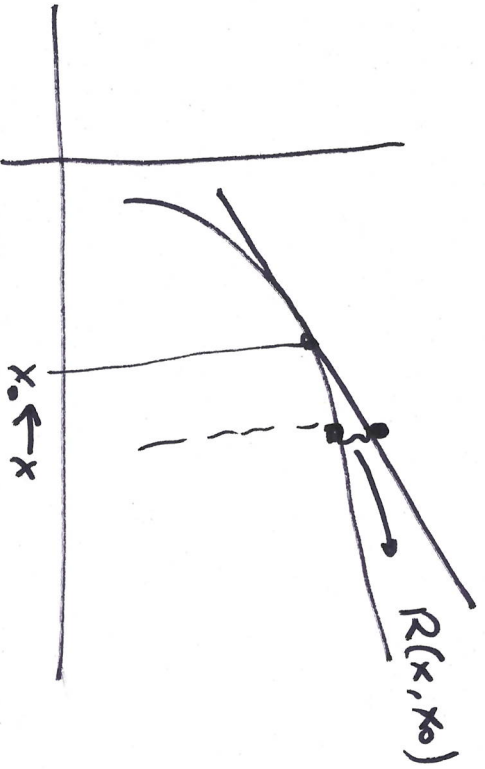
$$f(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0) + R(x, x_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(x) - (f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0))}{|x - x_0|} = \frac{R(x, x_0)}{|x - x_0|} \rightarrow 0$$



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

i.e. $R(x, x_0)$ goes to zero faster than $|x - x_0|$ as $x \rightarrow x_0$.



The number $f'(x_0) = A$ can be thought of as a 1×1 matrix A which represents

the linear map $u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $x \mapsto f'(x_0)x$.

Defn. Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open $x_0 \in X$, $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ a function. We say f is differentiable at x_0 if there exists a linear map $u: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0, x \neq x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0) - \underbrace{u(x - x_0)}_{=0}}{\|x - x_0\|} = 0$$

limit here is in \mathbb{R}^m .



The linear map

$$u: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

is called the total

differential of f at x_0
and is denoted by

$$df(x_0) \text{ or } d_x f$$

Rk for $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
the total differential

is NOT a number

It is a linear map!!!

Recall From Lin. algebra

$$U: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

is a lin. map.

Then we can find

a Matrix A that

represents this Lin.

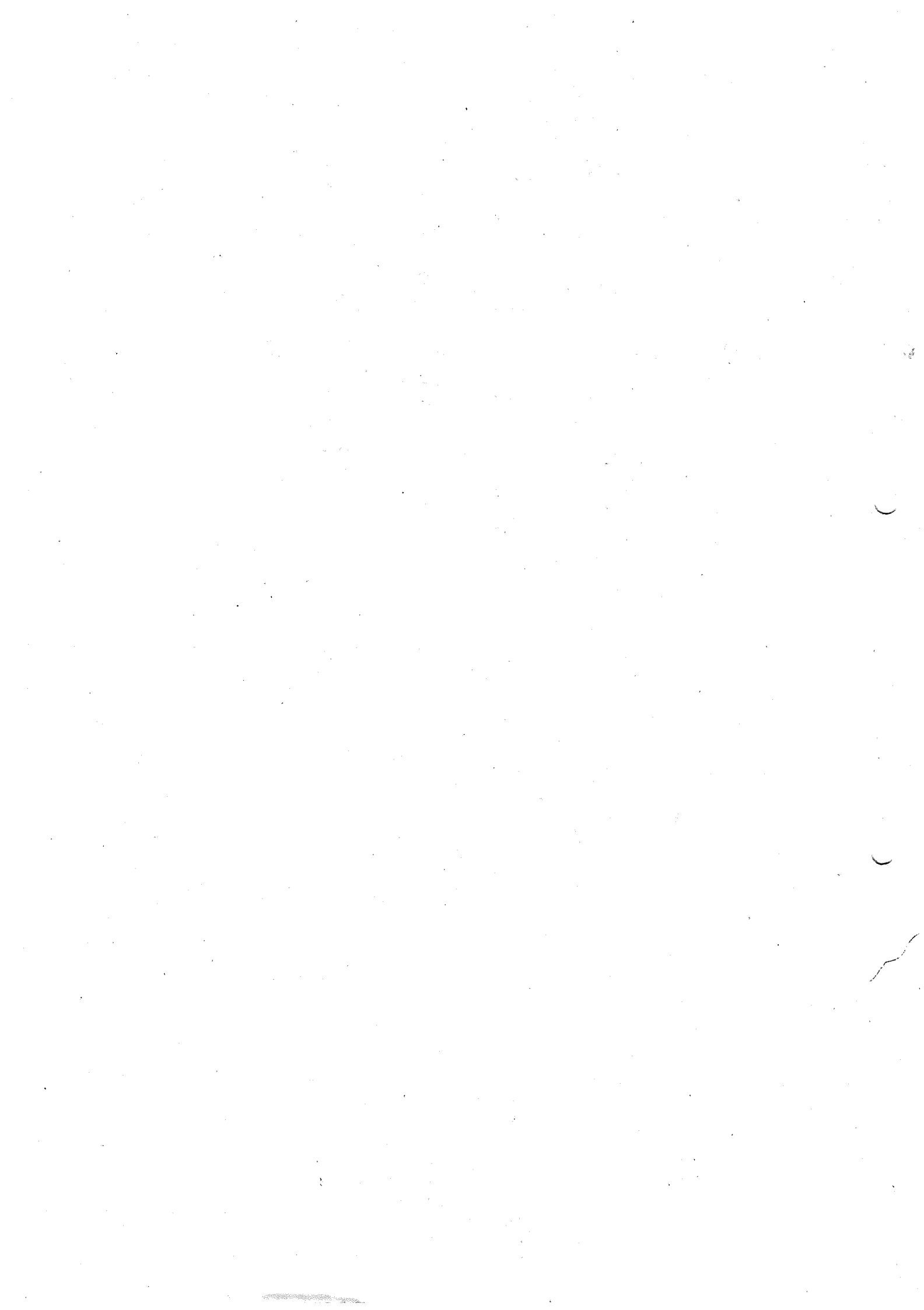
map. A is a $m \times n$ matrix.

Question: What is the

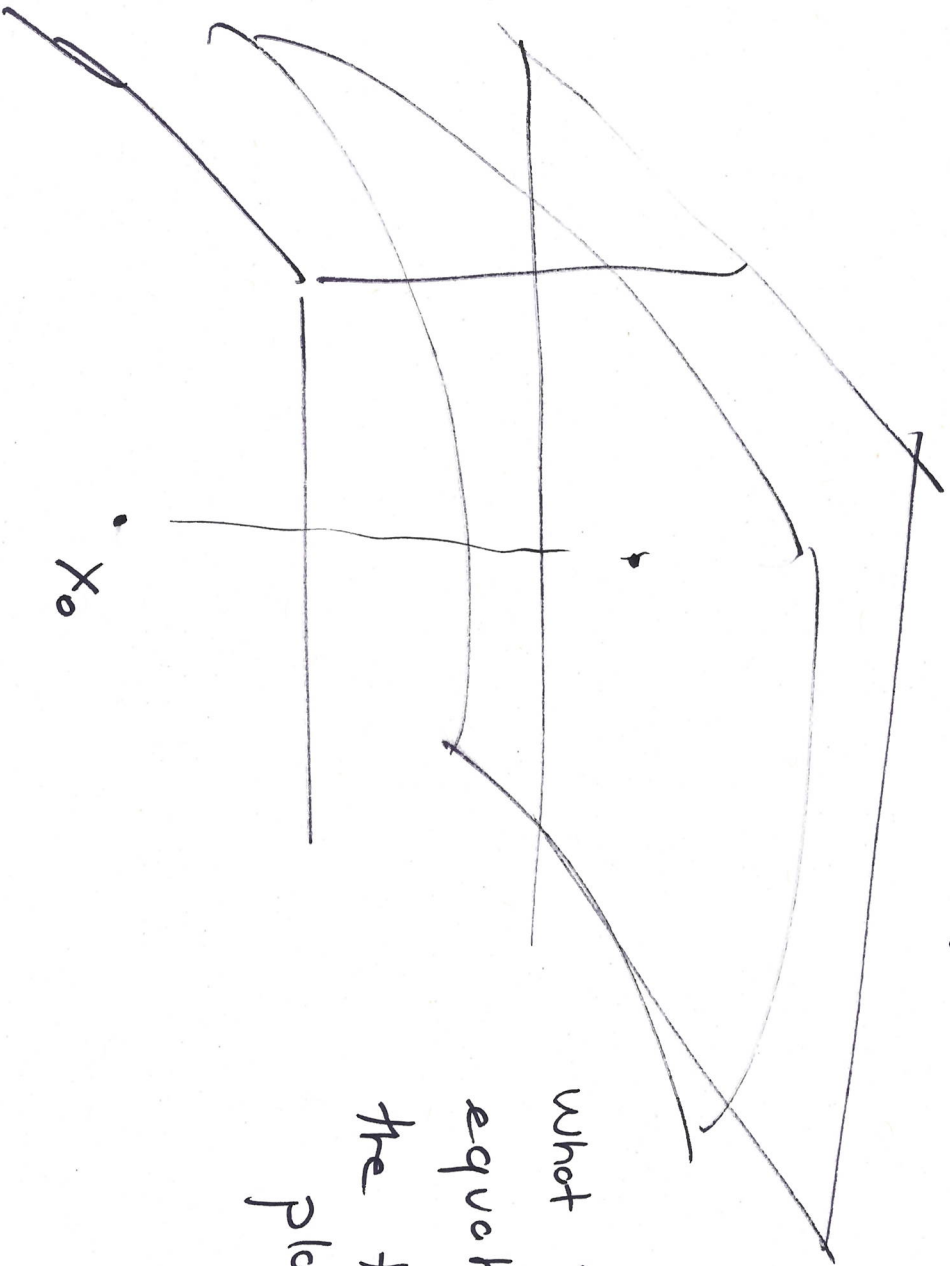
matrix representation

of the differential

$$df(x_0): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m.$$



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



what is the
equation of
the tangent
plane?

