

8) compositions of  $f(g(x,y))$

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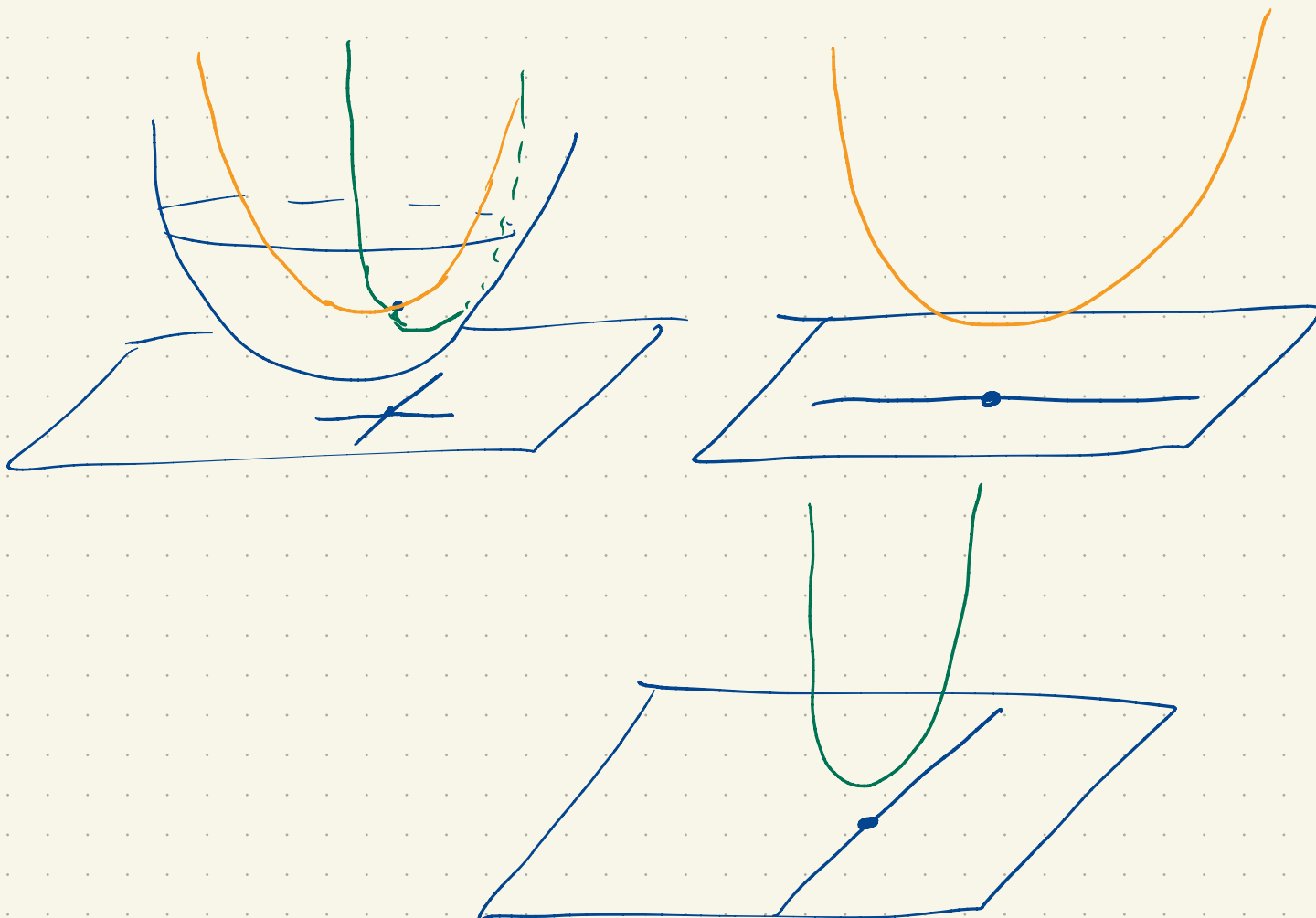
$$f(x, y)$$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  : treat  $y$  as constant

$$f(x, y) = \sin(x^2 y)$$

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

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \cos(x^2 y) x^2$$

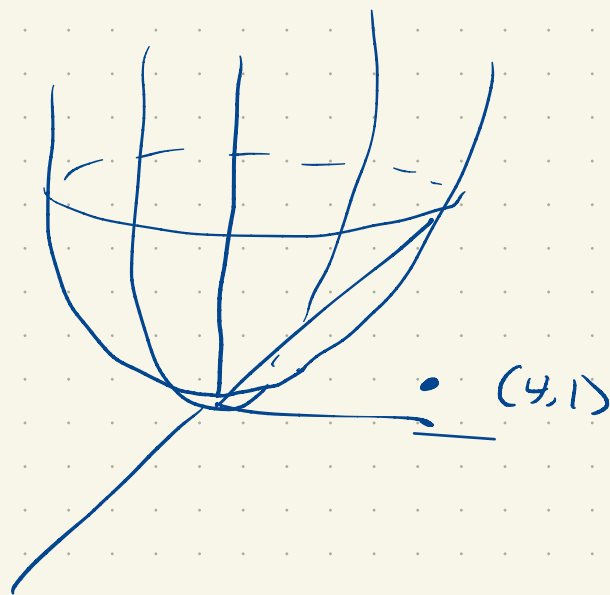


$$f(x,y) = x^2 + 3y^2$$

$$(a,b) = (4,1)$$

$$f_x(2,1) = 2 \cdot 4 = 8$$

$$f_y(2,1) = 6$$



$f$  is increasing more steeply in the  $x$ -direction

### 14.3 (continued)

2<sup>nd</sup> partial derivatives

$$f(x,y) = \sin(x^2y)$$

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

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \cos(x^2y) x^2$$

How does  $f$  change

in  $x, y$  directions

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

How does  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  change in  $y$  direction?

$$= 2x \left[ -x^2y \sin(x^2y) + \cos(x^2y) \right]$$

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

$$= 2x \left[ \cos(x^2y) - x^2y \sin(x^2y) \right]$$

Remarkable:  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$  in this case.

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \frac{x^3 y - y^3 x}{x^2 + y^2} \right] = \frac{[3x^2 y - y^3](x^2 + y^2) - [x^3 y - y^3 x] 2x}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

at  $x=0$ :  $\frac{-y^5}{y^4} = -y$



$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = -1$  on line  $x=0$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{(x^3 - 3y^2 x)(x^2 + y^2) - (x^3 y - y^3 x)(2y)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

at  $y=0$ :

$$\frac{x^3 \cdot x^2}{x^4} = x$$

$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 1$

$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \neq \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$

↪ on line  $y=0$

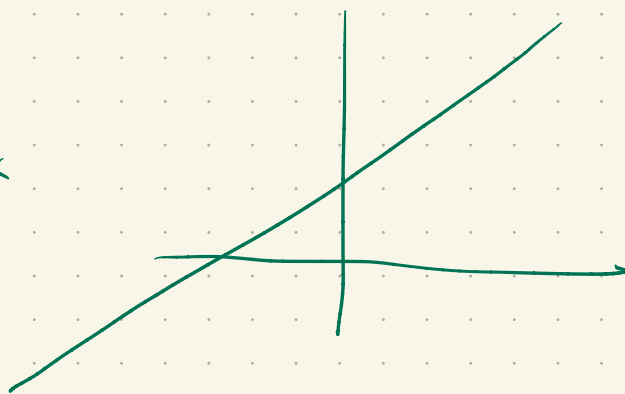
Thm: If  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$   
exist on a disk containing  $(a, b)$   
and are continuous, then  
 $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$ .

(2<sup>nd</sup> partials agree)

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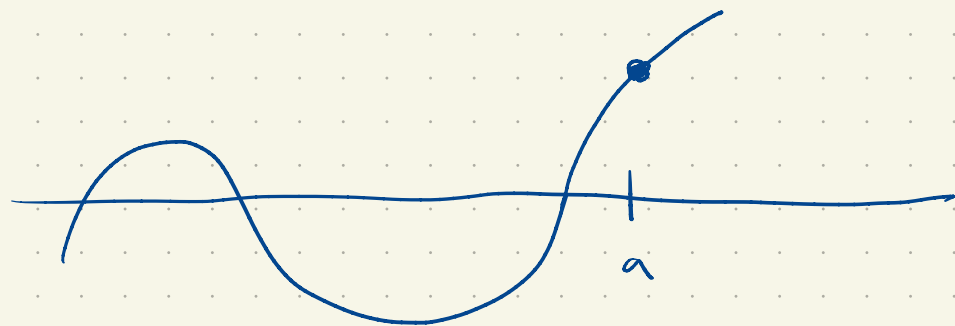
Linear approximation

$$f(x) = 5 + 7x$$



In some sense, these are the next most complicated  
functions, after the constants.

Recall from calc I



Linearization of  $f(x)$  at  $x=a$

$$L(x) = A + B(x-a) \quad A, B \text{ numbers,}$$

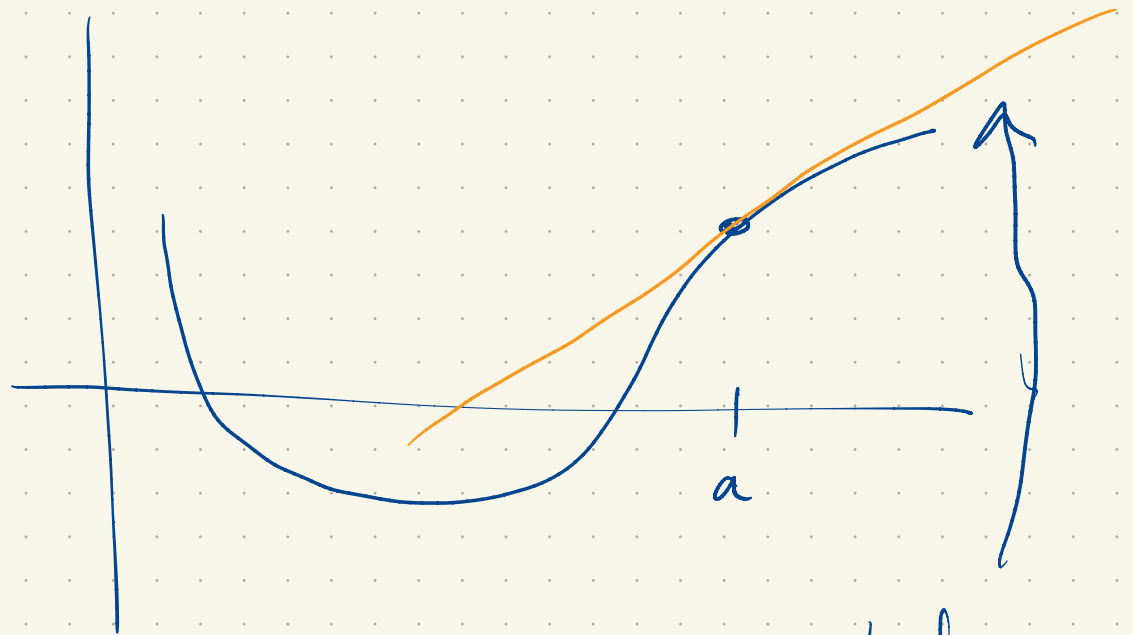
best approximates  $f(x)$  "near"  $x=a$

How good?

$$L(a) = f(a) \Rightarrow A = f(a)$$

$$L'(a) = f'(a) \Rightarrow B = f'(a)$$

$$L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$$



graph of  
linearization.

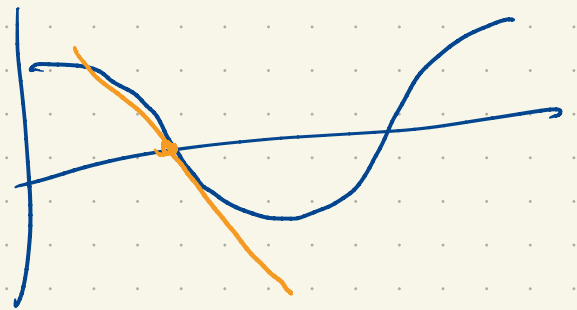
e.g.  $f(x) = \cos(x)$

$$a = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1$$

$$L(x) = -\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} - x$$





Generalization to two input variables

$$f(x, y) = 3 + 2x - y$$

Diagram illustrating the function  $f(x, y) = 3 + 2x - y$ . Arrows point from the labels "number" to the constant term 3, the coefficient 2, and the variable  $y$ . A curved arrow also points from the label "number" to the variable  $x$ .

$$Ax + By + C \quad A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$C + A(x-a) + B(y-b) \rightarrow (C - aA - bB + Ax + By)$$

What does the graph of such a function look like?

$$z = 3 + 2x - y$$

$$-2x + y + z = 3 \quad \text{aha! Its graph is a plane.}$$

Functions of the form are called affine (loosely linear)

The linearization of a function  $f(x, y)$  at  $(a, b)$

a function  $L(x, y)$  of the form  $C + A(x-a) + B(y-b)$

that "best approximates"  $f(x,y)$  near  $(a,b)$ .

How good?

$$L(a,b) = f(a,b) \Rightarrow C = f(a,b)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x}(a,b) = f_x(a,b) \Rightarrow A = f_x(a,b)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y}(a,b) = f_y(a,b) \Rightarrow B = f_y(a,b)$$

$$L(x,y) = f(a,b) + f_x(a,b)(x-a) + f_y(a,b)(y-b)$$

e.g. Compute the linearization of

$$f(x,y) = x^2 + 3y^2 \quad \text{at } (a,b) = (2,1)$$

$$f(2,1) = 4 + 3 = 7$$

$$f_x(x,y) = 2x \quad \Bigg| \quad f_y(x,y) = 6y$$

$$f_x(2,1) = 4 \quad \Bigg| \quad f_y(2,1) = 6$$

$$L(x,y) = 7 + 4(x-2) + 6(y-1)$$

The graph of the linearization is known as  
the tangent plane (at  $a,b$ ).

[MATLAB]

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