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1. Consider the function

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 - y^3 + xy}{6}$$

Find the equation to the tangent plane of the graph of $z = f(x, y)$ at $x = 2$ and $y = -1$.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{2x + y}{6} \Rightarrow \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(2, -1)} = \frac{4 - 1}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{-3y^2 + x}{6} \Rightarrow \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(2, -1)} = \frac{-1}{6}$$

$$f(2, -1) = \frac{4 + 1 - 2}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= f(2, -1) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(2, -1)} (x - 2) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(2, -1)} (y + 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(x - 2) - \frac{1}{6}(y + 1) \end{aligned}$$

2. For the function $f(x, y)$ defined above, it's easy to compute that $f(2, -1) = 1/2$. Use your formula for the tangent plane to estimate $f(2.1, -1.1)$.

$$z = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(x - 2) - \frac{1}{6}(y + 1)$$

Plus in $x = 2.1$, $y = -1.1$

$$z = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{60} = \frac{30 + 3 + 1}{60} = \frac{34}{60}$$

3. A cylindrical can has volume $V = \pi r^2 h$ where r is the radius of the end and h is the height. Use differentials to estimate the error in the volume of a can if nominally $r = 4$ cm and $h = 10$ cm assuming that both r and h have tolerances of ± 0.1 cm.

$$dV = 2\pi r h dr + \pi r^2 dh$$

Substitute $r = 4$ cm, $h = 10$ cm,

$$dr = 0.1 \text{ cm}, \quad dh = 0.1 \text{ cm},$$

$$dV = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot 40 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + \pi \cdot 16 \cdot \frac{1}{10}$$

$$= 9.6\pi \text{ cm}^3$$