

Last time

For a function $\phi(x, y, z)$ we have

$$\text{grad } \phi = \nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \underline{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \underline{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \underline{k}$$

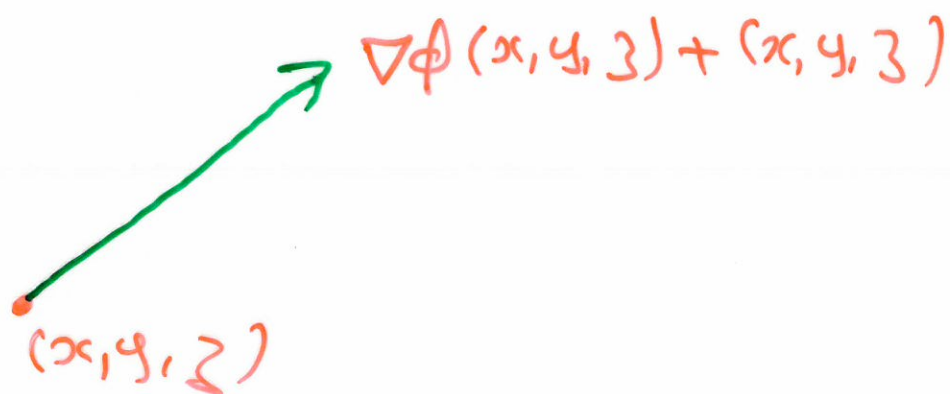
Example $\phi(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

$$\nabla \phi = 2x \underline{i} + 2y \underline{j} + 2z \underline{k}$$

$$= \underline{(2x, 2y, 2z)}$$

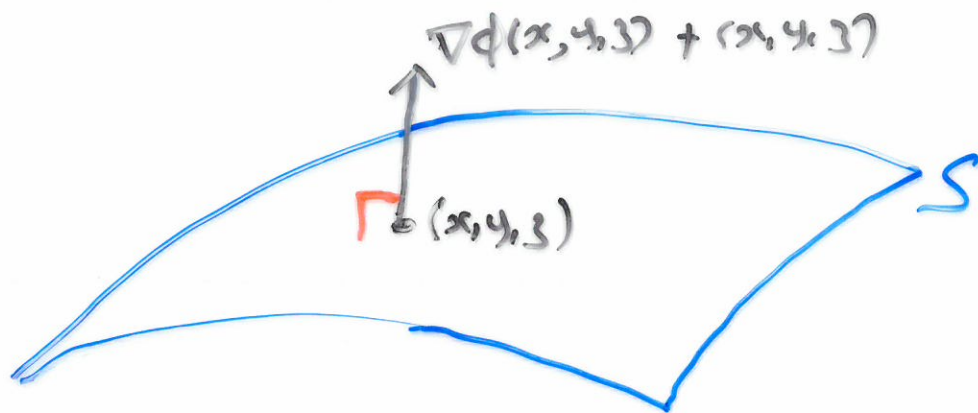
We picture $\nabla \phi$ as a "vector field"
one vector at each point

(x, y, z) .



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For a surface $\phi(x, y, z) = k$
the vector $\nabla \phi$ is always
perpendicular to the surface.



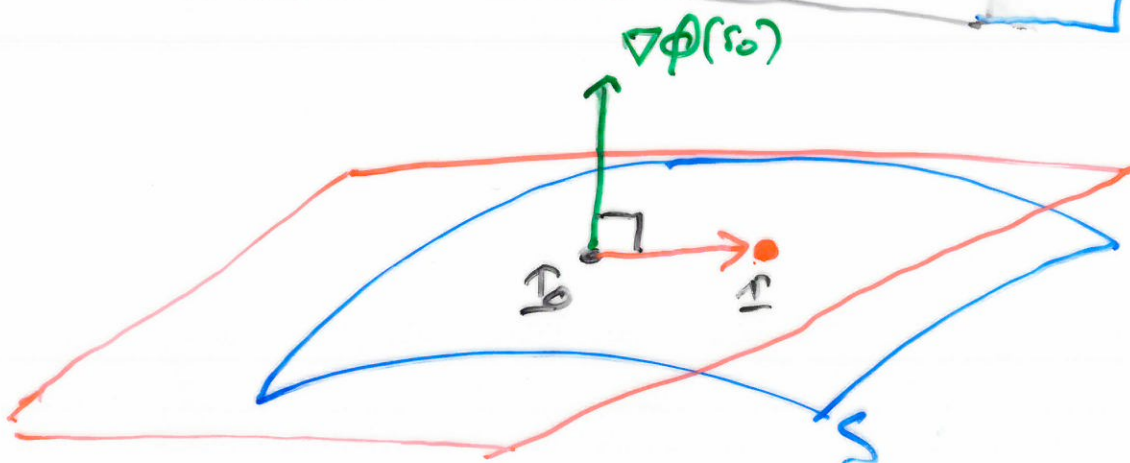
Observation The tangent plane to S at some point

$$\underline{r}_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

consists of all points $\underline{r} = (x, y, z)$

such that

$$\boxed{\nabla\phi(\underline{r}_0) \cdot (\underline{r} - \underline{r}_0) = 0}$$



Example Find a unit normal vector to the surface S :

$$2x^2 + 4yz - 5z^2 = -10$$

at the point $(3, -1, 2)$.

Solⁿ Note

$$2 \cdot 3^2 + 4(-1)(2) - 5 \cdot 2^2 = -10$$

So $(3, -1, 2)$ does lie on S .

$$\text{Let } \phi(x, y, z) = 2x^2 + 4yz - 5z^2$$

$$\nabla \phi = 4x \underline{\underline{i}} + 4z \underline{\underline{j}} + (4y - 10z) \underline{\underline{k}}$$

$$= (4x, 4z, 4y - 10z)$$

At $(3, -1, 2)$

$$\nabla \phi = (12, 8, -24) \leftarrow \text{normal vector to } S$$

$$\sqrt{12^2 + 8^2 + (-24)^2} = 7$$

Unit normal vector to S at $(3, -1, 2)$ is: $\underline{\underline{n}} = \frac{1}{7}(12, 8, -24)$

Example Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface

$$2x^2 + 4yz - 5z^2 = -10$$

at $(3, -1, 2)$.

Solⁿ The equation is

$$(12, 8, -24) \cdot ((3, -1, 2) - (x, y, z)) = 0$$

$$(12, 8, -24) \cdot (3-x, -1-y, 2-z) = 0$$

$$36 - 12x - 8 - 8y - 48 + 24z = 0$$

$$\boxed{-12x - 8y + 24z = 20}$$

Equation of tangent plane to S at $(3, -1, 2)$.

Curl

Let $F_1(x, y, z)$, $F_2(x, y, z)$, $F_3(x, y, z)$
be three differentiable functions
of x, y, z .

Consider the vector field

$$\mathbf{F} = F_1 \underline{i} + F_2 \underline{j} + F_3 \underline{k}$$

which assigns to each point
 $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ the vector/arrow
 $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z)$.

One defines $\text{Curl}(\mathbf{F})$ to be
the vector value function

$$\text{Curl}(\mathbf{F}) =$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \right) \underline{i} + \left(\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} \right) \underline{j} + \left(\frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \right) \underline{k}$$

Example Suppose

$$F = xy \underline{i} - y^2 \underline{j} + 2x^2y \underline{k}$$

$$\text{Curl}(F) = 2x^2 \underline{i} - 4xy \underline{j} - x \underline{k}$$

We can think of the vector field

$$F = F_1 \underline{i} + F_2 \underline{j} + F_3 \underline{k}$$

as a 1-form

$$\omega = F_1 dx + F_2 dy + F_3 dz$$

This is called the work form associated to F .

Now

$$d\omega = \dots \text{Next lecture!}$$