

Tangent plane and normal Line to a level surface $f(x, y, z) = c$

IF $f(x, y, z)$ has continuous partial derivatives at $p_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ on the level surface $f(x, y, z) = c$, c is constant.

The tangent plane to the surface at the point p_0 is

$$(x - x_0) f_x|_{p_0} + (y - y_0) f_y|_{p_0} + (z - z_0) f_z|_{p_0} = 0 \quad \text{معادلة لمسانة}$$

لما $f(x, y, z) = c$ كل ديريفاتي للدالة، ∇f يساوي صفر،
 p_0 على ∇f على $f(x, y, z) = c$ على p_0 يعني
 $-p_0 \in \nabla f$ على المستوى عمودياً

The normal line to $S: f(x, y, z) = c$ at p_0 is the line perpendicular to the tangent plane and parallel to ∇f at p_0 given by the eq:

$$x = x_0 + t f_x|_{p_0}$$

$$y = y_0 + t f_y|_{p_0}$$

$$z = z_0 + t f_z|_{p_0} \quad f(x, y, z) = c \text{ على}$$

$$\text{IF } t=0 \Rightarrow x=x_0, y=y_0, z=z_0.$$

IF none of the partial derivative of f is zero at p_0 , then the normal line is also given by the eq:-

$$\frac{x - x_0}{f_x|_{p_0}} = \frac{y - y_0}{f_y|_{p_0}} = \frac{z - z_0}{f_z|_{p_0}}$$

Ex₂ :- Find the tangent plane to the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ at the point $(-1, 1, \sqrt{2})$.

$$\text{Sol} \quad f_x = 2x \Rightarrow f_x|_{P_0} = -2$$

$$f_y = 2y \Rightarrow f_y|_{P_0} = 2$$

$$f_z = 2z \Rightarrow f_z|_{P_0} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

\therefore The tangent plane is $(x-x_0)f_x|_{P_0} + (y-y_0)f_y|_{P_0} + (z-z_0)f_z|_{P_0} =$

$$\Rightarrow -2(x+1) + 2(y-1) + 2\sqrt{2}(z-\sqrt{2}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x - 2 + 2y - 2 + 2\sqrt{2}z - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x + 2y + 2\sqrt{2}z = 8 \Rightarrow y + \sqrt{2}z - x = 4$$

\therefore The point $(-1, 1, \sqrt{2})$ satisfy this eq.

Ex₃ : Find the tangent plane and the normal line to the surface $x^2 + xy^2 - z^3 = 1$ at $P_0(1, 1, 1)$

$$\text{Sol} \quad f_x = 2x + y^2 \Rightarrow f_x|_{P_0} = 3$$

$$f_y = x^2 \Rightarrow f_y|_{P_0} = 1$$

$$f_z = xy - 3z^2 \Rightarrow f_z|_{P_0} = -2$$

Then the Tangent plane to the surface at P_0 is

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

The normal line is

$$\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-1}{-2}$$

Tangent plane and Normal Line For a surface $z=f(x,y)$

The tangent plane to the surface $z=f(x,y)$ at a point p_0 on the surface is :

$$(x-x_0) \frac{f_x|}{p_0} + (y-y_0) \frac{f_y|}{p_0} - (z-z_0) = 0$$

The normal line to the surface at p_0 is

$$x = x_0 + t \frac{f_x|}{p_0}$$

$$y = y_0 + t \frac{f_y|}{p_0}$$

$$z = z_0 - t$$

IF none of the partial derivative of f is zero at p_0 , then the normal line is also given by the eq:-

$$\frac{x-x_0}{f_x|_{p_0}} = \frac{y-y_0}{f_y|_{p_0}} = \frac{z-z_0}{-1}$$

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Find eq. of the tangent plane and the normal line to the surface $Z = f(x,y) = 8 - x^2 - y^2$ at the point $(1,1,6)$.

Sol, $f_x = -2x \rightarrow f_x|_{(1,1,6)} = -2$, $f_y = -2y \rightarrow f_y|_{(1,1,6)} = -2$

The tangent plane is $(x-x_0)f_x|_{P_0} + (y-y_0)f_y|_{P_0} - (z-z_0) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -2(x-1) - 2(y-1) - (z-6) = 0$$

$$-2x + 2 - 2y + 2 - z + 6 = 0$$

$$-2x - 2y - z + 10 = 0$$

$$2x + 2y + z = 10$$

The normal line: $x = 1 - 2t$, $y = 1 - 2t$, $z = 6 - t$.

$$\text{or } \frac{x-1}{-2} = \frac{y-1}{-2} = \frac{z-6}{-1}$$