

2. Let $f(x, y) = x \ln(x^2 + y^2)$. Find $\vec{\nabla} f(1, 2)$.

$$f = \left[x \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2} + \ln(x^2 + y^2) \right] \vec{i} + \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y^2} \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} f(1, 2) = \left(\frac{2}{5} + \ln 5 \right) \vec{i} + \frac{4}{5} \vec{j}$$

3. Find the directional derivative of $f(x, y) = y^2 \ln x$ at the point $(1, 2)$ in the direction of $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - \vec{j}$. So $\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{i} - \vec{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$D_{\vec{u}} f = \vec{\nabla} f|_{(1,2)} \cdot \vec{u} = \left(\frac{y^2}{x} \vec{i} + 2y \ln x \vec{j} \right)|_{(1,2)} \cdot \vec{u} = 4\vec{i} \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{i} - \vec{j}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}$$

4. Find the equation of the plane tangent to the surface $z = x^3 y + 3xy^2$ at the point where $x = 2$ and $y = -2$.

Gradients are + levels.

View the surface as $0 = x^3 y + 3xy^2 - z$

$$\vec{\nabla} \text{RHS} = (3x^2 y + 3y^2) \vec{i} + (x^3 + 6xy) \vec{j} - \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \text{RHS}|_{(2,-2)} = (-3(4)(2) + 12) \vec{i} + (8 - 24) \vec{j} - \vec{k}$$

$$= -12 \vec{i} - 16 \vec{j} - \vec{k}$$

The z -coordinate of my point is

$$z = -16 + 3(8) = 8$$

$$0 = -12(x-2) - 16(y+2) - (z-8)$$