



PARTIAL DERIVS DETERMINE  
RATE OF CHANGE AS YOU  
MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF  
GRID LINES IN THE DOMAIN

- WE NOW DEFINE A DERIVATIVE  
WHEN MOVING IN ANY DIRECTION
- THE GRADIENT TELLS US THE  
DIRECTION OF GREATEST INCREASE

THEOREM: IF  $f$  IS DIFFERENTIABLE  
 AT  $\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$  AND  $\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$

THEN

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{v}}(\underline{x}) = \nabla f(\underline{x}) \cdot \underline{v}.$$

IN PARTICULAR,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial (c \cdot \underline{v})}(\underline{x}) = c \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{v}}(\underline{x}).$$

(REPLACE  $\nabla f(\underline{x}) \cdot \underline{v}$  WITH  $\nabla f(\underline{x}) \cdot (c \underline{v})$ .)

SINCE  $f$  IS DIFFERENTIABLE

AT  $\underline{x}$ ,

$$\lim_{\underline{y} \rightarrow \underline{x}} \frac{f(\underline{y}) - f(\underline{x}) - \nabla f(\underline{x}) \cdot (\underline{y} - \underline{x})}{\|\underline{y} - \underline{x}\|} = 0.$$

CHOOSE  $\underline{y} = \underline{x} + t\underline{v}$ , LET  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\underline{x} + t\underline{v}) - f(\underline{x}) - \nabla f(\underline{x}) \cdot t\underline{v}}{\|t\underline{v}\|} = 0.$$

$$\|t\underline{v}\| = |t| \cdot \|\underline{v}\|.$$

THUS

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\underline{x} + t\underline{v}) - f(\underline{x})}{t} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \nabla f(\underline{x}) \cdot \underline{v} \\ &= \nabla f(\underline{x}) \cdot \underline{v}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM: IF  $\nabla f(x) \neq \underline{0}$ ,

$$\frac{\nabla f}{\|\nabla f\|} = \underline{v} \quad \text{MAXIMIZES}$$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{v}}(x)$  AMONG ALL VECTORS  
 $\underline{v}$  WITH  $\|\underline{v}\| = 1$ .

"THE GRADIENT IS THE DIRECTION  
OF MAXIMUM INCREASE."

EXAMPLE: MAXIMIZE SOME UNKNOWN FUNCTION  $f$ , WHOSE VALUE CAN BE SAMPLED FROM A BLACK BOX.

START WITH SOME INITIAL GUESS  $\underline{x}_0$ . CALCULATE

$$\nabla f(\underline{x}_0) \approx \frac{1}{\delta} \begin{pmatrix} f(\underline{x}_0 + \delta \underline{e}_1) - f(\underline{x}_0) \\ f(\underline{x}_0 + \delta \underline{e}_2) - f(\underline{x}_0) \\ \vdots \\ f(\underline{x}_0 + \delta \underline{e}_n) - f(\underline{x}_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

UPDATE TO

$$\underline{x}_1 = \underline{x}_0 + c \cdot \frac{\nabla f(\underline{x}_0)}{\|\nabla f(\underline{x}_0)\|}$$

ITERATE.

THIS METHOD IS GRADIENT ASCENT.

IF  $\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$ , GRAPHED IN  
 $\mathbb{R}^3$  AS

$$\text{GRAPH}_f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ f(x) \end{pmatrix}.$$

$\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  A UNIT VECTOR,

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{u}}(x)$  IS THE SLOPE OF  
TANGENT LINE AT  $(x, f(x))$  AS  
 $\underline{x}$  MOVES IN DIRECTION  $\underline{u}$ .

THEOREM: LET  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

BE DIFFERENTIABLE ON AN OPEN SET CONTAINING THE SEGMENT FROM  $x$  TO  $y$ . THEN THERE IS AN  $\underline{x}_0$  ON THIS SEGMENT SUCH THAT

$$f(y) - f(x) = \nabla f(\underline{x}_0) \cdot (y - x).$$

DEFINITION: WE SAY AN  
OPEN SET  $U$  OF  $\mathbb{R}^n$  IS  
POLYGONALLY CONNECTED IF,  
GIVEN ANY TWO POINTS  $x, y \in U$ ,  
THERE IS A SEQUENCE OF  
POINTS  $x = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = y$   
SO THAT, FOR EACH  $i$ , THE LINE  
SEGMENT FROM  $x_i$  TO  $x_{i+1}$   
IS CONTAINED IN  $U$ .



THEOREM: IF  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
IS DIFF ON A POLYGONALLY  
CONNECTED, <sup>OPEN</sup> SET AND  $\nabla f = 0$ ,  
THEN  $f$  IS CONSTANT ON THE  
SET.

DEFINITION: A VECTOR VALUED  
FUNCTION  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  IS  
DIFFERENTIABLE IF EACH  
COORDINATE FUNCTION  
 $f_1, \dots, f_m: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
IS DIFFERENTIABLE.

IT IS CONVENIENT IN THIS SITUATION TO WRITE THE GRADIENTS OF THE COMPONENT FUNCTIONS AS ROW VECTORS

$$\nabla f_1(\underline{x}) = \left( \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

$$\nabla f_2(\underline{x}) = \left( \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

⋮

$$\nabla f_m(\underline{x}) = \left( \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \right).$$

IN THIS WAY, THE DOT PRODUCT

$$D_{\underline{v}} f(\underline{x}) = \nabla f(\underline{x}) \cdot \underline{v}$$

IS MATRIX MULTIPLICATION.

## THE DERIVATIVE MATRIX

IS THE MATRIX WITH  
GRADIENTS OF COMPONENT  
FUNCTIONS AS ROW VECTORS.

$$Df(\underline{x}) = f'(\underline{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

EXAMPLE:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + 2xy + y^2 \\ xy^2 + yx^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f'(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x + 2y & 2x + 2y \\ y^2 + 2xy & 2xy + x^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

DEFINITION: THE DEGREE 1  
TAYLOR POLYNOMIAL OF  
 $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  AT  $\underline{x}_0$  IS

$$T(\underline{x}) = f(\underline{x}_0) + f'(\underline{x}_0)(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0).$$

EXAMPLE:  $f(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} -x + y + z \\ 2x - 2y + 2z \\ 3x + 3y - 3z \end{pmatrix}$

$$f'(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

PROOF:  $f$  DIFF AT  $\underline{x}_0$

$\Leftrightarrow f_1, \dots, f_n$  DIFF AT  $\underline{x}_0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0} \frac{f(\underline{x}) - f(\underline{x}_0) - \nabla f(\underline{x}_0)(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0)}{\|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0\|} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0} \frac{f(\underline{x}) - f(\underline{x}_0) - f'(\underline{x}_0)(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0)}{\|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0\|} = 0$$

SINCE EACH COORD CONVERGES

IF  $A$  IS ANY OTHER MATRIX  
WRITE  $A = f'(\underline{x}_0) + B$ .

$$\lim_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0} \frac{f(\underline{x}) - f(\underline{x}_0) - A(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0)}{\|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0\|}$$

$$= \lim_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0} \frac{f(\underline{x}) - f(\underline{x}_0) - f'(\underline{x}_0)(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0)}{\|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0\|} + \lim_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0} \frac{B(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0)}{\|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0\|}$$

$$= \lim_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0} \frac{B(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0)}{\|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0\|}$$

LET  $\underline{x} = \underline{x}_0 + t\underline{v}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{B(t\underline{v})}{\|t\underline{v}\|} = \frac{tB\underline{v}}{|t|\|\underline{v}\|} = \pm \frac{B\underline{v}}{\|\underline{v}\|} \Rightarrow$$

SO  $B\underline{v} = \underline{0}$  ALL  $\underline{v}$ . THIS IS

POSSIBLE ONLY IF  $B$  IS  
THE ZERO MATRIX.  $\square$



DEFINITION: LET  $x_1, x_2, \dots$

BE A SEQUENCE OF  
VECTORS OF  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

WE SAY

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underline{x}_n = \underline{x}$$

IF, FOR ANY  $\epsilon > 0$  THERE

EXISTS  $N$  SO THAT  $n > N$   
 $\Rightarrow \|x_n - x\| < \epsilon$ .

IF  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , A SEQUENCE  
OF VECTORS APPROXIMATING  
 $\underline{x}^*$ , WITH  $f(\underline{x}^*) = \underline{0}$  IS  
GIVEN BY AN INITIAL GUESS  
 $\underline{x}_0$ , AND UPDATE RULE

$$\underline{x}_{n+1} = \underline{x}_n - (f'(\underline{x}_n))^{-1} \cdot f(\underline{x}_n)$$

$\uparrow$   
INVERSE MATRIX.

EXAMPLE:  $x^2 + y^2 = 2$   
 $x^2 - y^2 = 1$

SOLUTION:  $2x^2 = 3, y^2 = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $x^2 = \frac{3}{2}$ .

$$f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + y^2 - 2 \\ x^2 - y^2 - 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f'(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x & 2y \\ 2x & -2y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(f'(x, y))^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4x} & \frac{1}{4y} \\ \frac{1}{4y} & -\frac{1}{4y} \end{pmatrix}$$

UPDATE:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4x} & \frac{1}{4y} \\ \frac{1}{4y} & -\frac{1}{4y} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + y^2 - 2 \\ x^2 - y^2 - 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2x^2 + 3}{4x} \\ \frac{2y^2 + 1}{4y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1.25 \\ .75 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1.225 \\ 1.70833 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1.2257 \\ 0.707108 \end{pmatrix}$$

Sol'n:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1.22474 \dots \\ 0.707107 \dots \end{pmatrix}$