

A wireframe sphere is positioned in the top-left corner of the slide. It is composed of a grid of thin lines forming a spherical shape, with a central point and lines radiating outwards to form the surface.

MATH 2401 - Harrell

Making the grad

Lecture 10

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Current reading and homework assignments

- Due Thursday, 25 September:



REMINDER - THERE WILL BE A TEST ON THIS DATE



Reading:

- The test will cover SHE, Sections 14.5, 15.1-15.6, 16.1-16.4.
- Review the [lecture of 17 September](#)
- Review the [lecture of 22 September](#)
- Review the [lecture of 24 September](#)
- Optional, but helpful, see [Chapter 8](#) of Cain and Herod's [on-line vector-calculus text](#)

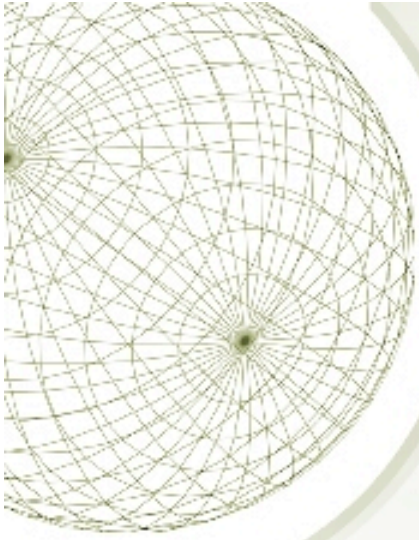
Practice Problems : Note: Homework will not be collected on Thursday. These exercises are to help you practice for the test. Even better, do ALL the exercises in Chapter 15 and Sections 16.1-16.4.

- SHE, Chapter 15.6, #4-18,23,24,27,30
- SHE, Chapter 16.1, #12-21,33-37.
- SHE, Chapter 16.2, #1-4,9-11,15,18-20,23-25,32,37
- SHE, Chapter 16.3, #1-3,7-13,25,27,29-33
- SHE, Chapter 16.4, #3,5,7,11,15,21,24,31,34,35
- Do the Chapter 15 Review exercises, especially 7-13, 17-19,33-38, 44

Current contests

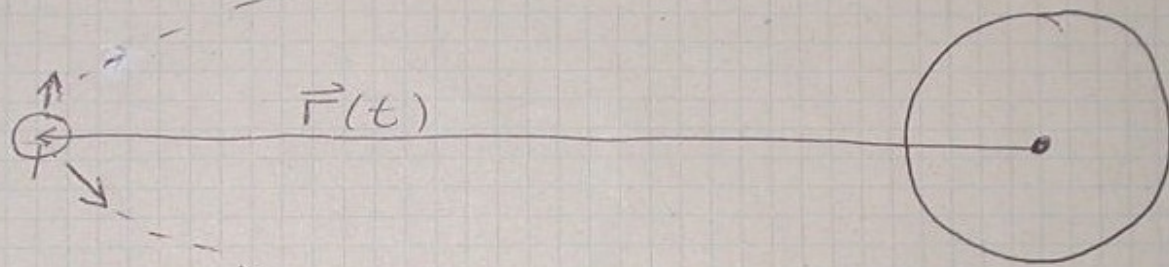
Note about contest entries. These must be entirely your own work and not, for example, copied from the Web, even in modified form (which would be an [honor code](#) violation).

Unless otherwise specified, entries should be submitted to the professor, either in hard copy or A



Oh, and “Happy fall!”

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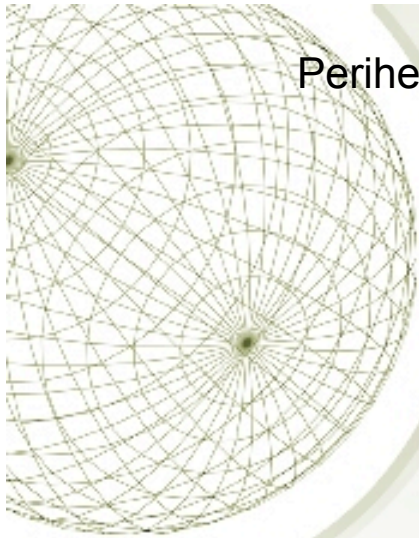


$$\vec{r}(t) \approx 150 \times 10^6 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{365.25}(t-2)\right) + 149 \times 10^6 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{365.25}(t-2)\right)$$

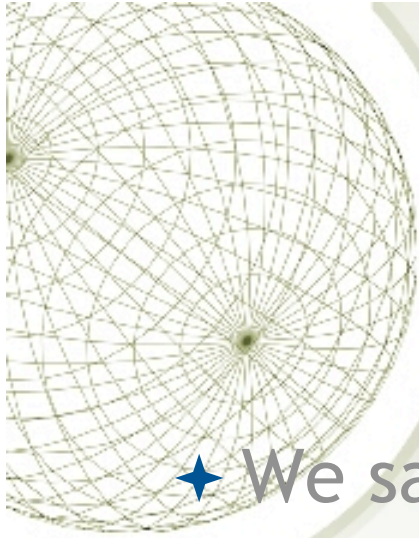
Time t measured in days from 0h on 1 January, 2008

Earth axis vector: $\hat{u} = 0.3899\hat{i} - 0.0835\hat{j} + 0.9171\hat{k}$

Perihelia from <http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/EarthSeasons.php> . Times in U.T.

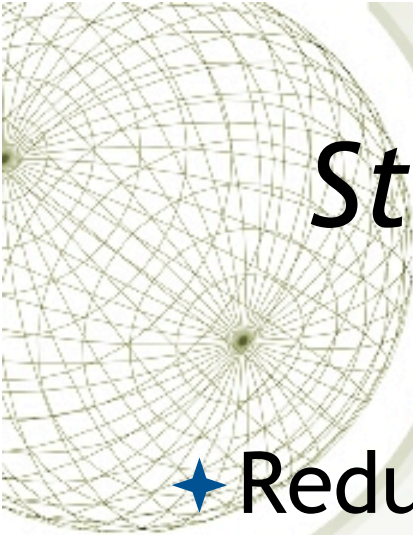


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Differentiation as a *three-dimensional* concept

- ★ We say f is differentiable iff
$$f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h}) - f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y} \bullet \mathbf{h} + o(\mathbf{h}),$$
- ★ \mathbf{y} is called the *gradient* of f at \mathbf{x} , and denoted $\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$.
- ★ *The gradient $\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ of a scalar function is a vector-valued function of a vector variable!*



Strategies for working with the gradient

- ★ Reduce a problem to 1-D
- ★ Keep the problem 3-D, let 1-D calculus be your guide.

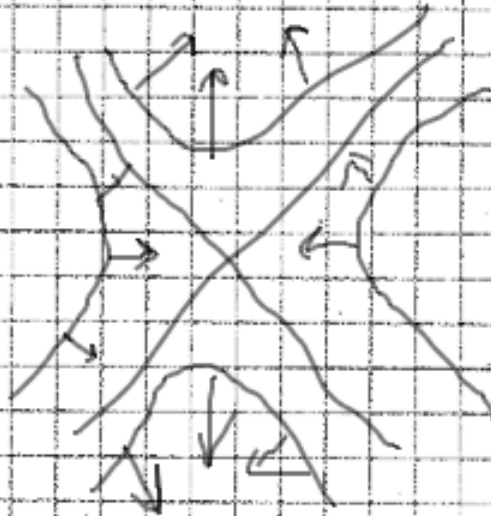


The gradient in thermodynamics

- ★ Suppose the temperature in a solid is $T(x,y,z)$. Newton's law of cooling says that the heat energy flows in the direction $-\nabla T$, and that the rate is proportional to $|\nabla T|$.
- ★ "Heat flux" is a vector, $-\kappa \nabla T$, more exactly a *vector field*.

$$T(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$$

$$T = -2xy$$





Gradients and directional derivatives

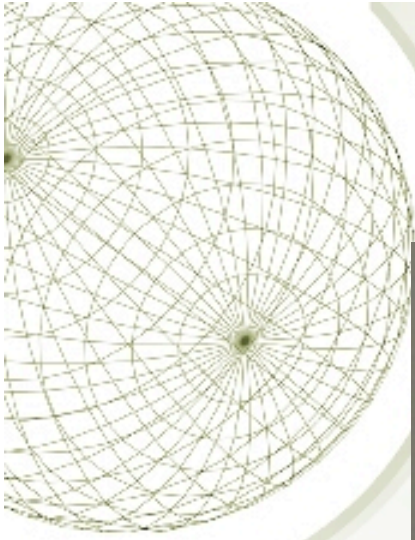
★ In what direction is $\sin(x) \cos(y)$ increasing most rapidly when $x=1$, $y=2$?



Gradients and directional derivatives

★ Find the directional derivatives $f'_u(\mathbf{r})$ of the function $f(\mathbf{r}) = 3xyz - y^2$ at $(1, 1, -1)$ in the directions parallel to the line

$$(x-1) = (y+1)/4 = z/9.$$



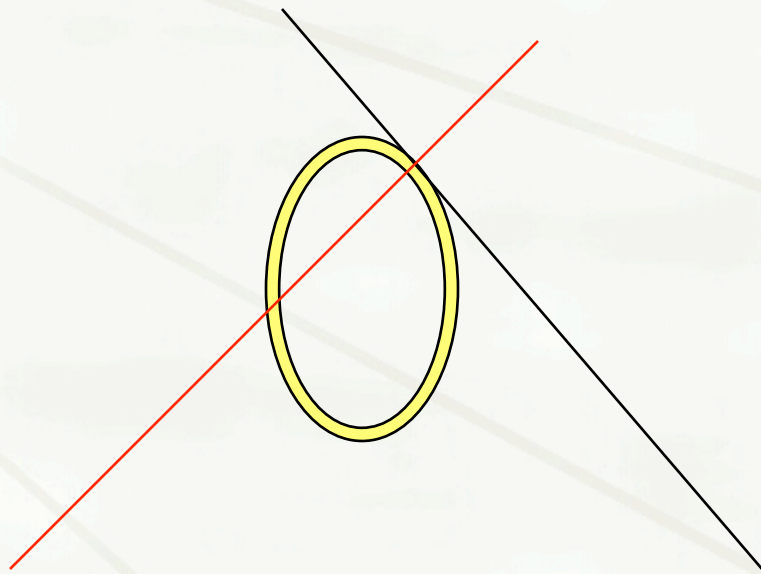
∇f

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3yz \\ 3xz - 2y \\ 3xy \end{bmatrix} \\ \nabla f \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



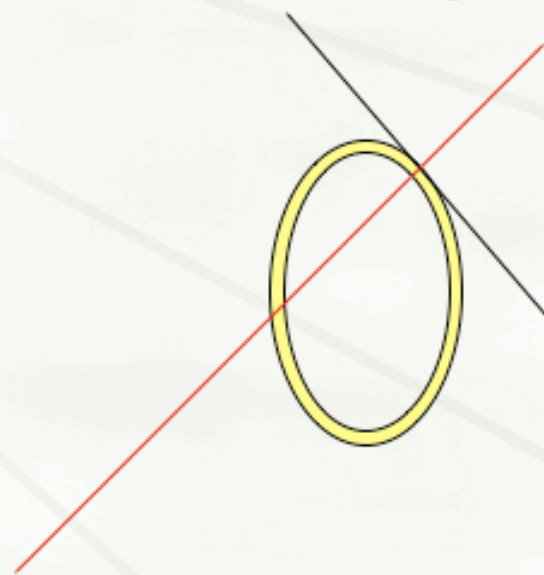
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$$N \parallel \nabla (x^2 + y^2/4)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ y/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

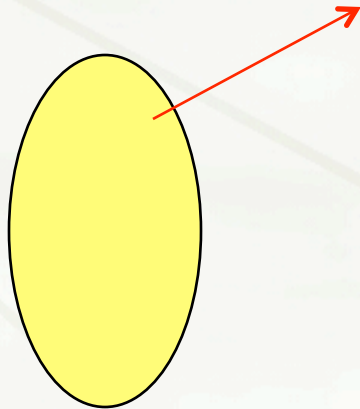
$$\text{t.p. curve} : L = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

a tangent
would be
 $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}$



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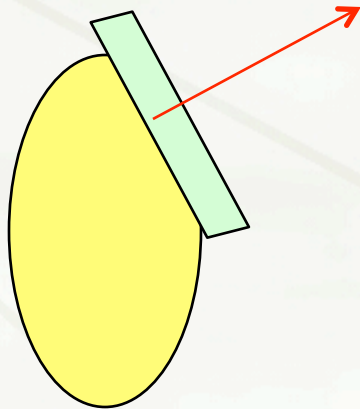
- ★ Normal vector and normal line to a surface in 3D. For example, the ellipsoid $x^2+y^2+z^2/4 = 3$ at $(1,1,2)$

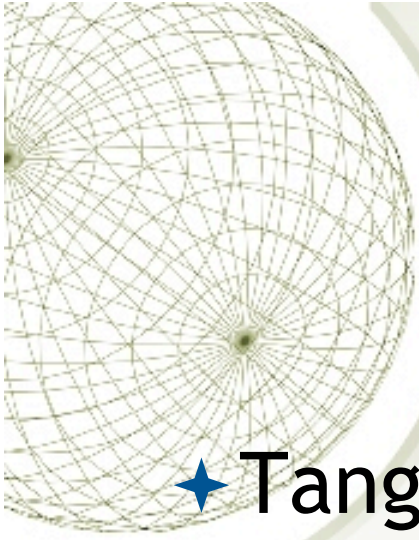




Some geometric problems you can work out with the gradient

- ★ Tangent plane to a surface in 3D. For example, the ellipsoid $x^2+y^2+z^2/4 = 3$ at $(1,1,2)$



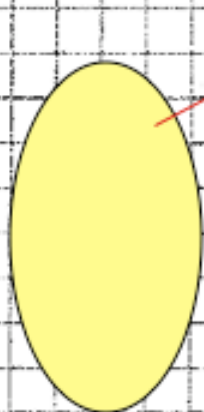


Recall tangent planes:

- ★ Tangent plane passing through \mathbf{r}_0 and normal to the vector \mathbf{N} :

$$(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{N} = 0$$

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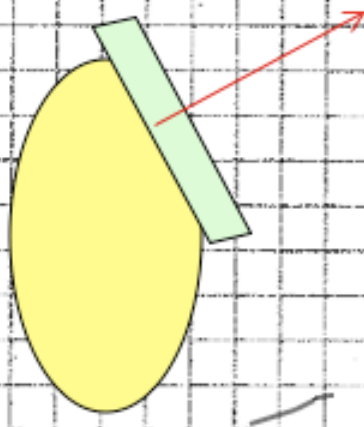


$$\nabla f = 2x \hat{i} + 2y \hat{j} + \frac{z}{2} \hat{k}$$

at P $\vec{N} \parallel 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$L = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + u \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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$$N = \nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \\ z/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

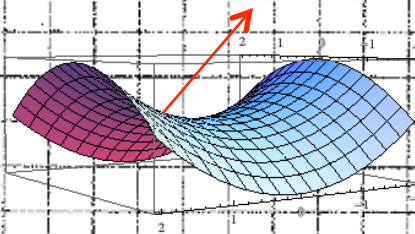
$(1, 1, 2)$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \begin{bmatrix} x-1 \\ y-1 \\ z-2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

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

★ Normal vector, normal line, and tangent planes to a surface in 3D given as a graph. For example, the saddle

$$z = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (y^2 - x^2) \text{ at } (1, -3, 4)$$



★ **N** must have something to do with $\nabla\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (y^2 - x^2)\right)$, but that can't be the whole story, because that is a 2-D gradient and we're in 3-D here!

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$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$
 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

$$z - \frac{1}{2}(y^2 - x^2) = 0$$

N will be 3-D and of this.



3D grad

upward normal

$$\left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, 1 \right)$$

$$\nabla_3(z - f(x, y))$$
$$-\nabla_2 f + \vec{k}$$

2D grad