

Midterm 2  
Calculus of Several Variables  
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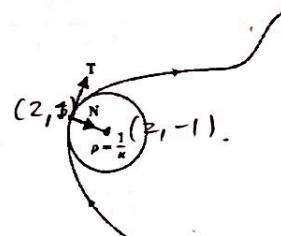


Figure 1: Osculating Circle

1. Consider the following parametrization of a curve:

$$x = \frac{1+t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}, \quad y = \frac{1-t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}.$$

(a) [10 points] Find a relation between  $x$  and  $y$  by eliminating  $t$ .

(b) [10 points] Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$  only (your answer can not contain  $t$ ).

[Hint: For Part (b), differentiate the equation in  $x-y$  obtained in Part (a) with respect to  $x$ .]

$$x^2 = \frac{(1+t)^2}{1+t^2}$$

$$y^2 = \frac{(1-t)^2}{1+t^2}$$

$$x = \frac{1+t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1-t^2}}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$$

$$= \frac{t^2 + 2t + 1}{1+t^2}$$

$$= \frac{t^2 - 2t + 1}{1+t^2}$$

$$= \frac{(1+t)(1-t)}{1-t^2}$$

$$y^2 = \frac{t^2 + 2t + 1}{1+t^2} + \frac{1-4t}{1+t^2}$$

$$y = \frac{(1-t)\sqrt{1-t^2}}{1-t^2}$$

$$y^2 = x^2 - \frac{4t}{1+t^2}$$

$$x = 1+t \quad y = 1-t$$

$$x-y = \frac{1+t - 1-t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} = \frac{2t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}$$

$$t=1-x$$

$$y = 1-(1-x)$$

$$y = 1-1+x$$

$$y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

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

$$\cancel{y^2 = x^2 - 2(x-y)}$$

$$b) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1+2x^2}{1+2x^2}$$

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$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = (2x - 2) dx$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x-2}{2y} = \frac{x-1}{y}$$

2. The equation of the osculating circle to a curve parametrized by  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t) \rangle$  at the point  $(2, 1)$  is:

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$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 2y + 1 = 0.$$

(a) [5 points] Find the curvature of  $\vec{r}(t)$  at the point  $(2, 1)$ .

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(b) [10 points] Find the unit normal  $\vec{N}$  to  $\vec{r}(t)$  at the point  $(2, 1)$ .

(c) [10 points] Find a parametrization of the tangent line to  $\vec{r}(t)$  at the point  $(2, 1)$ .

(This is not the same thing as finding the unit tangent vector  $\vec{T}$  at  $(2, 1)$ , you need to find a parametrization of the whole tangent line).

[Hint: First rewrite the equation as  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$ . Then look at the Figure 1 on Page 1 and use its geometry (the relation of the osculating circle to the curve at the point  $(2, 1)$ ) to solve this problem.]

$$a) k = \frac{\|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\|}{\|\vec{r}''(t)\|}$$

$$x^2 - 4x + y^2 + 2y + 1 = 0.$$

$$(x-2)^2 + (y+1)^2 - 4 - 1 + 1 = 0.$$

$$(x-2)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 4.$$

$$(x-2)^2 + (y+1)^2 = z^2. \Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = \langle 2\cos t + 2, 2\sin t - 1, z \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -2\sin t, 2\cos t \rangle \quad \vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}''(t) = 4\sin t \cos t - 4\sin t \cos t = 0$$

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle -2\cos t, -2\sin t \rangle.$$

$$\therefore \|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\| = \|\vec{r}'(t)\| \cdot \|\vec{r}''(t)\| \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ = \sqrt{4\sin^2 t + 4\cos^2 t} \cdot \sqrt{4\cos^2 t + 4\sin^2 t} = 2 \cdot 2 = 4.$$

$$k = \frac{4}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|^3} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{4\sin^2 t + 4\cos^2 t}} = \frac{4}{2^3} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{1}{2} \dots$$

$$b). \vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{\langle -2\sin t, 2\cos t \rangle}{2} = \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle.$$

$$\vec{T}'(t) = \langle -\cos t, -\sin t \rangle.$$

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle -\cos t, -\sin t \rangle \because \sqrt{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} = 1 \text{ unit}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{\cos t} = 2 \Rightarrow 2\cos t + 2 = 2 \quad \begin{matrix} 2\sin t - 1 = 1 \\ \cos t = 0 \end{matrix} \quad \text{Page 3} \quad \begin{matrix} 2\sin t = 2 \\ \sin t = 1 \end{matrix} \quad \Rightarrow \vec{N}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \langle 0, -1 \rangle.$$

c)  $(x-2)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 4$ .

parametrization of tangent line

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}_t(t) = \vec{r}(t_0) + \vec{v}t.$$

$\vec{v}$  = direction vector.

$$\vec{v} \parallel \vec{T} = \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle$$

$$\text{at } P = (2, 1)$$

$$\vec{T} = \langle -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right), \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \rangle$$

$$= \langle -1, 0 \rangle.$$

$$\vec{v} = \lambda \langle -1, 0 \rangle$$

$\vec{r}(t_0)$  can be determined by  $P$  as  $P = (2, 1)$  is on the curve and the circle.

$$\vec{r}(t_0) = \langle 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 2, 2\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - 1 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 2, 1 \rangle.$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}_t(t) = \langle 2, 1 \rangle + \langle -1, 0 \rangle t$$

assuming  $\lambda = 1$ .

3. (a) [15 points] Using the Squeeze Theorem prove that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2y}{\sqrt{x^4+y^2}} = 0$ .

(b) [10 points] Use Part (a) to show that the function  $f$  defined by

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^4y^2}{\sqrt{x^4+y^2}} & \text{if } (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & \text{at } (0,0) \end{cases}$$

is continuous at  $(0,0)$ .

[Hint: A function  $f$  is called continuous at  $(a,b)$  if  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) = f(a,b)$ .]

$$\text{a). } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2y}{\sqrt{x^4+y^2}} = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{must be non-negative or zero.} \\ 0 &\leq |y|^2 = y^2 \\ 0 &\leq |x|^2 = x^2 \\ 0 &\leq |x|^4 \leq x^4 \\ 0 &\leq |x|^4 \leq x^4 + y^2 \\ 0 &\leq |x|^2 \leq \sqrt{x^4 + y^2} \\ 0 &\leq |x|^2 \leq \sqrt{x^4 + y^2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\checkmark \Rightarrow 0 \leq x^2|y| \leq (\sqrt{x^4 + y^2})^2$$

$$0 \leq \frac{x^2|y|}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} \leq \sqrt{x^4 + y^2}.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} 0 = 0 = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \sqrt{x^4 + y^2}.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2|y|}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|^2|y|}{\sqrt{|x|^4 + |y|^2}} = 0.$$

$\therefore$  since its absolute value approaches to 0 as  $x, y \rightarrow 0, 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|^4 y^2}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} = 0 \# \text{ shown.}$$

$$\text{b). } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 y^2}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(|x|^2 y)^2}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}}$$

$$\text{d) } \therefore \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 y^2}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} = 0 = f(0,0)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} \\ &= 0 \cdot 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  function  $f$  is continuous at  $(0,0)$ .

4. [15 points] Compute  $f_{xyzzy}$ , where

$$f(x, y, z) = y \sin(xz) \sin(x+z) + (x+z^2) \tan y + x \tan\left(\frac{z+z^{-1}}{y-y^{-1}}\right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= y \left[ z \cos(xz) \sin(x+z) + \cos(x+z) \sin(xz) \right] \\ &\quad + \tan y + \tan\left(\frac{z+z^{-1}}{y-y^{-1}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xx} &= y \left[ z \left( -z \sin(xz) \sin(x+z) - \cancel{\cos(xz) \cos(x+z)} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sin(x+z) \sin(xz) + z \cancel{\cos(x+z) \cos(xz)} \right] \\ &= y \left[ -z^2 \sin(xz) \sin(x+z) - \sin(x+z) \sin(xz) \right] \\ &= y(-z^2 - 1) \sin(xz) \sin(x+z). \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{xxy} = (-z^2 - 1) \sin(xz) \sin(x+z).$$

$$f_{xxyy} = 0.$$

$$f_{xxyyz} = 0$$

$$\therefore f_{xyzzy} = f_{xxyyz} = 0.$$

5. [15 points] Let  $L$  be the tangent plane to the graph of  $z = f(x, y)$  at  $(-2, 7, 3)$ , such that it is also the tangent plane to graph of  $h(x, y) = x^2 - y$  at  $(-1, 1, 0)$ , i.e.,  $L$  is a common tangent plane to the both of the graphs. Find the equation of  $L$ .

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

$$h_x(x, y) = 2x \quad h_x(-1, 1) = -2.$$

$$h_y(x, y) = -1. \quad h_y(-1, 1) = -1.$$

$$h(-1, 1) = 1 - 1 = 0.$$

$$kz = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x-a) + f_y(a, b)(y-b).$$

$$kz = 0 + (-2)(x+1) - 1(y-1)$$

$$kz = -2x - 2 - y + 1.$$

$$-2x - y - kz - 1 = 0$$

$$2x + y + kz = -1$$

knowing  $(-2, 7, 3)$  is also on  $2x + y + kz = -1$ .

$$\Rightarrow -4 + 7 + 3k = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + 3k = -1.$$

$$3k = -4$$

$$k = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2: 2x + y - \frac{4}{3} = -1.$$

You don't need  $z = f(x, y)$  or  $(-2, 7, 3)$  to find the equation.