

## Lecture No -13      Orthogonal Surface

In this Lecture we will study the following topics

- **Normal line**
- **Orthogonal Surface**
- **Total differential for function of one variable**
- **Total differential for function of two variables**

### Normal line

Let  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  be any point on the surface  $f(x, y, z) = 0$ . If  $f(x, y, z)$  is differentiable at  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  then the normal line at the point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  has the equation

$$x = x_0 + f_x(P_0)t, \quad y = y_0 + f_y(P_0)t, \quad z = z_0 + f_z(P_0)t$$

Here  $f_x$  means that the function  $f(x, y, z)$  is partially differentiable with respect to  $x$ . And  $f_x(P_0)$  means that the function  $f(x, y, z)$  is partially differentiable with respect to  $x$  at the point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ .

$f_y$  means that the function  $f(x, y, z)$  is partially differentiable with respect to  $y$ . And  $f_y(P_0)$  means that the function  $f(x, y, z)$  is partially differentiable with respect to  $y$  at the point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ .

Similarly

$f_z$  means that the function  $f(x, y, z)$  is partially differentiable with respect to  $z$ . And  $f_z(P_0)$  means that the function  $f(x, y, z)$  is partially differentiable with respect to  $z$  at the point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ .

### EXAMPLE

Find the Equation of the tangent plane and normal of the surface  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4$  at the point  $P(1, -2, 3)$

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4$$

$$P(1, -2, 3).$$

$$f_x = 2x, \quad f_y = 2y, \quad f_z = 2z$$

$$f_x(P_0) = 2, \quad f_y(P_0) = -4, \quad f_z(P_0) = 6$$

Equation of the tangent plane to the surface at  $P$  is

$$2(x - 1) - 4(y + 2) + 6(z - 3) = 0$$

$$x - 2y + 3z - 14 = 0$$

Equations of the normal line of the surface through P are

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{-4} = \frac{z-3}{6}$$

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

**EXAMPLE**

Find the equation of the tangent plane and normal plane

$$4x^2 - y^2 + 3z^2 = 10 \quad P(2, -3, 1)$$

$$f(x, y, z) = 4x^2 - y^2 + 3z^2 - 10$$

$$f_x = 8x, \quad f_y = -2y, \quad f_z = 6z$$

$$f_x(P) = 16, \quad f_y(P) = 6, \quad f_z(P) = 6$$

Equations of Tangent Plane to the surface through P is

$$16(x - 2) + 6(y + 3) + 6(z - 1) = 0$$

$$8x + 3y + 3z = 10$$

Equations of the normal line to the surface through P are

$$\frac{x-2}{16} = \frac{y+3}{6} = \frac{z-1}{6}$$

$$\frac{x-2}{8} = \frac{y+3}{3} = \frac{z-1}{3}$$

**Example**

$$z = \frac{1}{2} x^7 y^2$$

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2} x^7 y^2 - z$$

$$f_x = \frac{7}{2} x^6 y^2, \quad f_y = -x^7 y^3, \quad f_z = -1$$

$$f_x(2, 4, 4) = \frac{7}{2} (2)^6 (4)^2 = 14$$

$$f_y(2, 4, 4) = -(2)^7 (4)^3 = -2$$

$$f_z(2, 4, 4) = -1$$

Equation of Tangent at (2, 4, 4) is given by

$$f_x(2, 4, 4)(x-2) + f_y(2, 4, 4)(y-4) + f_z(2, 4, 4)(z-4) = 0$$

$$14(x - 2) + (-2)(y - 4) - (z - 4) = 0$$

$$14x - 2y - z - 16 = 0$$

The normal line has equation

$$x = 2 + f_x(2, 4, 4)t, \quad y = 4 + f_y(2, 4, 4)t, \quad z = 4 + f_z(2, 4, 4)t$$

$$x = 2 + 14t, \quad y = 4 - 2t, \quad z = 4 - t$$

## ORTHOGONAL SURFACES

Two surfaces are said to be orthogonal at a point of their intersection if their normals at that point are orthogonal. They are said to intersect orthogonally if they are orthogonal at every point common to them.

### CONDITION FOR ORTHOGONAL SURFACES

Let  $(x, y, z)$  be any point of intersection of

$$f(x, y, z) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } g(x, y, z) = 0 \quad (2)$$

Direction ratios of a line normal to (1) are  $f_x, f_y, f_z$

Similarly, direction ratios of a line normal to (2)

are  $g_x, g_y, g_z$

The two normal lines are orthogonal if and only if

$$f_x g_x + f_y g_y + f_z g_z = 0$$

### EXAMPLE

Show that given two surfaces are orthogonal or not

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z - 16 \quad (1)$$

$$g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - 63z \quad (2)$$

Adding (1) and (2)

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{63}{4}, \quad z = \frac{1}{4} \quad (3)$$

$$f_x = 2x, \quad f_y = 2y, \quad f_z = 1$$

$$g_x = 2x, \quad g_y = 2y, \quad g_z = -63$$

$$f_x g_x + f_y g_y + f_z g_z$$

$$= 4(x^2 + y^2) - 63 \quad \text{using (3)}$$

$$f_x g_x + f_y g_y + f_z g_z$$

$$= 4\left(\frac{63}{4}\right) - 63 = 0$$

Since they satisfied the condition of orthogonality so they are orthogonal.

### Differentials of a functions

For a function  $y = f(x)$

$$dy = f'(x) dx$$

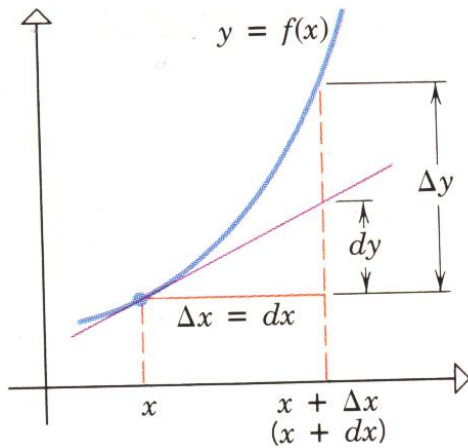
is called the differential of functions  $f(x)$

$dx$  the differential of  $x$  is the same as the actual change in  $x$

i.e.  $dx = \nabla x$  where as  $dy$  the

differential of  $y$  is the approximate change in the value of the functions which is different from the actual change  $\nabla y$  in the value of the functions.

### Distinction between the increment $\Delta y$ and the differential $dy$



#### Approximation to the curve

If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$ , then the tangent line to the curve  $y = f(x)$  at  $x_0$  is a reasonably good approximation to the curve  $y = f(x)$  for value of  $x$  near  $x_0$ . Since the tangent line passes

through the point  $(x_0, f(x_0))$  and has slope  $f'(x_0)$ , the point-slope form of its equation is

$$y - f(x_0) = f'(x_0)(x - x_0) \quad \text{or}$$

$$y = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

#### EXAMPLE

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sqrt{x} \\ x = 4 \text{ and } dx = \Delta x = 3 & \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{3} \\ \Delta y &= \sqrt{x + \Delta x} - \sqrt{x} \\ &= \sqrt{7} - \sqrt{4} \approx .65 \\ \text{If } y &= \sqrt{x}, \text{ then} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \quad \text{so } dy = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4}} (3) = \frac{3}{4} = .75 \end{aligned}$$

**EXAMPLE**

**Using differentials approximation  
for the value of  $\cos 61^\circ$ .**

Let  $y = \cos x$  and  $x = 60^\circ$

then  $dx = 61^\circ - 60^\circ = 1^\circ$

$$\Delta y \approx dy = -\sin x \, dx = -\sin 60^\circ (1^\circ)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left( \frac{1}{180} \pi \right)$$

Now  $y = \cos x$

$$y + \Delta y = \cos(x + \Delta x) = \cos(x + dx)$$

$$= \cos(60^\circ + 1^\circ) = \cos 61^\circ$$

$$\cos 61^\circ = y + \Delta y = \cos x + \Delta y$$

$$\approx \cos 60^\circ - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left( \frac{1}{180} \pi \right)$$

$$\cos 61^\circ \approx \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left( \frac{1}{180} \pi \right)$$

$$= 0.5 - 0.01511 = 0.48489$$

$$\cos 61^\circ \approx 0.48489$$

**EXAMPLE**

**A box with a square base has its height twice its width. If the width of the box is 8.5 inches with a possible error of  $\pm 0.3$  inches**

Let  $x$  and  $h$  be the width and the height of the box respectively, then its volume

$V$  is given by

$$V = x^2 h$$

Since  $h = 2x$ , so (1) take the form

$$V = 2x^3$$

$$dV = 6x^2 \, dx$$

Since  $x = 8.5$ ,  $dx = \pm 0.3$ , so

putting these values in (2), we have

$$dV = 6(8.5)^2 (\pm 0.3) = \pm 130.05$$

This shows that the possible error in the

volume of the box is  $\pm 130.05$ .

**TOTAL DIFFERENTIAL**

If we move from  $(x_0, y_0)$  to a point  $(x_0 + dx, y_0 + dy)$  nearby, the resulting differential in  $f$  is

$$df = f_x(x_0, y_0) \, dx + f_y(x_0, y_0) \, dy$$

This change in the linearization of

$f$  is called the total differential of  $f$ .

## EXACT CHANGE

$$\text{Area} = xy$$

$$x = 10, y = 8 \quad \text{Area} = 80$$

$$x = 10.03, y = 8.02 \quad \text{Area} = 80.4406$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Exact Change in area} &= 80.4406 - 80 \\ &= 0.4406 \end{aligned}$$

### EXAMPLE

A rectangular plate expands in such a way that its length changes from 10 to 10.03 and its breadth changes from 8 to 8.02.

Let  $x$  and  $y$  the length and breadth of the rectangle respectively, then its area is

$$A = xy$$

$$dA = A_x dx + A_y dy = ydx + xdy$$

By the given conditions

$$x = 10, dx = 0.03, y = 8, dy = 0.02.$$

$$dA = 8(0.03) + 10(0.02) = 0.44$$

Which is exact Change

### EXAMPLE

The volume of a rectangular parallelepiped is given by the formula  $V = xyz$ . If this solid is compressed from above so that  $z$  is decreased by 2% while  $x$  and  $y$  each is increased by 0.75% approximately

$$V = xyz$$

$$dV = V_x dx + V_y dy + V_z dz$$

$$dV = yzdx + xzdy + z ydz \quad (1)$$

$$dx = \frac{0.75}{100} x, dy = \frac{0.75}{100} y, dz = -\frac{2}{100} z$$

Putting these values in (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} dV &= \frac{0.75}{100} xyz + \frac{0.75}{100} xyz - \frac{2}{100} xyz \\ &= -\frac{0.5}{100} xyz = -\frac{0.5}{100} V \end{aligned}$$

This shows that there is 0.5 % decrease in the volume.

**EXAMPLE**

A formula for the area  $\Delta$  of a triangle is  
 $\Delta = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$ . Approximately what error is  
 made in computing  $\Delta$  if  $a$  is taken to be 9.1  
 instead of 9,  $b$  is taken to be 4.08 instead of  
 4 and  $C$  is taken to be  $30^\circ 3'$  instead of  $30^\circ$ .

By the given conditions

$$a = 9, b = 4, C = 30^\circ,$$

$$da = 9.1 - 9 = 0.1,$$

$$db = 4.08 - 4 = 0.08$$

$$dC = 30^\circ 3' - 30^\circ = \left(\frac{3}{60}\right)^\circ$$

$$= \frac{3}{60} \times \frac{\pi}{180} \text{ radians}$$

Putting these values in (1), we have

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$$

$$d\Delta = \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left( \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C \right) da + \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \left( \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C \right) db$$

$$+ \frac{\partial}{\partial C} \left( \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C \right) dC$$

$$d\Delta = \frac{1}{2} b \sin C da + \frac{1}{2} a \sin C db$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} ab \cos C dC$$

$$d\Delta = \frac{1}{2} 4 \sin 30^\circ (0.1) + \frac{1}{2} 9 \sin 30^\circ (0.08)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} 36 \cos 30^\circ \left( \frac{\pi}{3600} \right)$$

$$d\Delta = 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) (0.1) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) (0.08)$$

$$+ 18 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{3.14}{3600} \right) = 0.293$$

$$\% \text{ change in area} = \frac{0.293}{\Delta} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{0.293}{9} \times 10 = 3.25\%$$