

## Lecture 13 [ Tue, March 1, 2005 ]

- $e$
- ① • Gradient  $\perp$  level set (continuation)
- Equation  $T_a(L_c)$
- Example Ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 + 2z^2 = 4$ .  
 $a = (2, 1, 1) \in E, T_a(E)$

$S = \text{surface}$

- note  $T_a(S) = \{v + Y'(t_0) \mid \gamma(t) = \text{path in } S, \gamma(t_0) = a\}$

- ① Motion in a (potential) ~~vector~~ field :

$$m c'(t) = \nabla V(c(t))$$

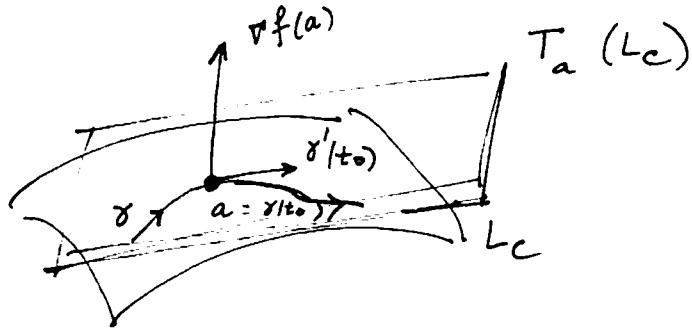
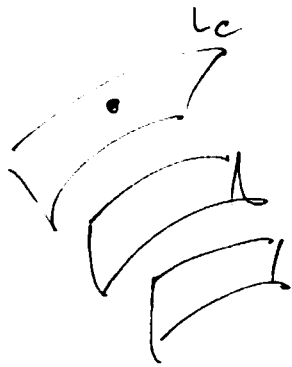
Conservation of energy

$$\bar{E} = \frac{1}{2} m \|c'(t)\|^2 - V(c(t)) = \text{constant}$$

(5) The case  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

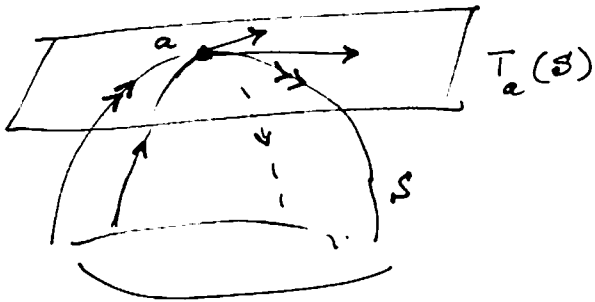
Level sets  $L_c = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid f(x, y, z) = c\}$   
 (given  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ )

$L_c =$  "Surface" in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .



Let  $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$  a curve in  $L_c$  passing

~~through~~ through  $a = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ , say  $\begin{cases} x_0 = x(t_0) \\ y_0 = y(t_0) \\ z_0 = z(t_0) \end{cases}$



Let  $\varphi(t) = f(\gamma(t))$

Then  $\varphi(t) = c, \forall t$

$\Downarrow$

$\varphi'(t) = 0, \forall t.$

In particular  $\varphi'(t_0) = 0$

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 $\nabla f(a) \cdot \gamma'(t_0) = 0. \Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla f(a) \perp \gamma'(t_0)}$

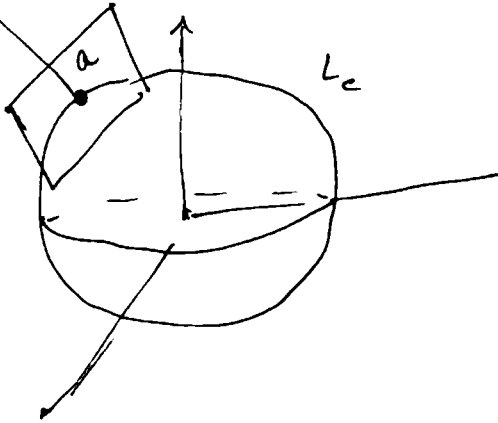
Taking different paths through  $a$ ,  $\gamma'(t_0)$  span  $T_a(L_c)$ .

Conclusion :  $\nabla f(a) \perp T_a(L_c)$

$L_c =$  level set passing through  $a$ .  $[c = ?]$

### Perfect Illustration

$\nabla f(a)$   $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(\underline{a}) = \|\underline{a}\|^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2.$



$$L_c = \mathbb{B}(0, \sqrt{c}).$$

For  $a \in L_c$ ,

$$\nabla f(a) = 2 \underline{a}.$$

Recall If  $a = (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , sometimes we use the notation:  
 $\underline{a} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k} = \overrightarrow{Oa}$  to distinguish "vectors" from "points".

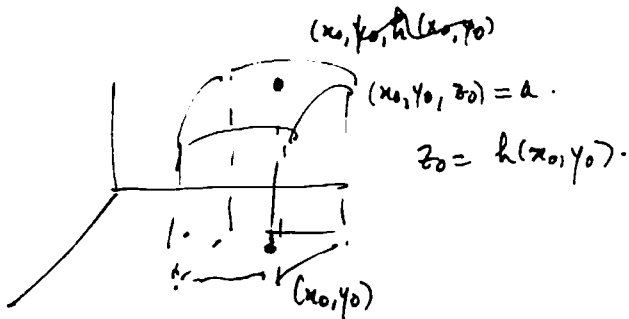
① Graph of  $z = f$

② Equation of  $T_a(L_c)$ .

$$\begin{cases} T_a(L_c) \text{ passes through } a = (x_0, y_0, z_0) \\ \nabla f(a) \cdot \vec{r} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a)\vec{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a)\vec{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(a)\vec{k} \perp T_a(L_c) \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a)(y - y_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(a)(z - z_0) = 0}$$

③ Tangent to a graph of the function  $h: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Graph}(h) &= \{ (x, y, f(x, y)) \mid (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \} \\ &= \{ (x, y, z) \mid z = f(x, y) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Think of it as a level set of a function

$$F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$F(x, y, z) = z - f(x, y)$$

$$\text{Graph}(f) = L_0 \quad (\text{of } F).$$

Equation.

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_0}(a)(x-x_0) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y_0}(a)(y-y_0) - \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_0}(a)(z-z_0) = 0.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(a) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(a) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(a) = -1. \end{array} \right.$$

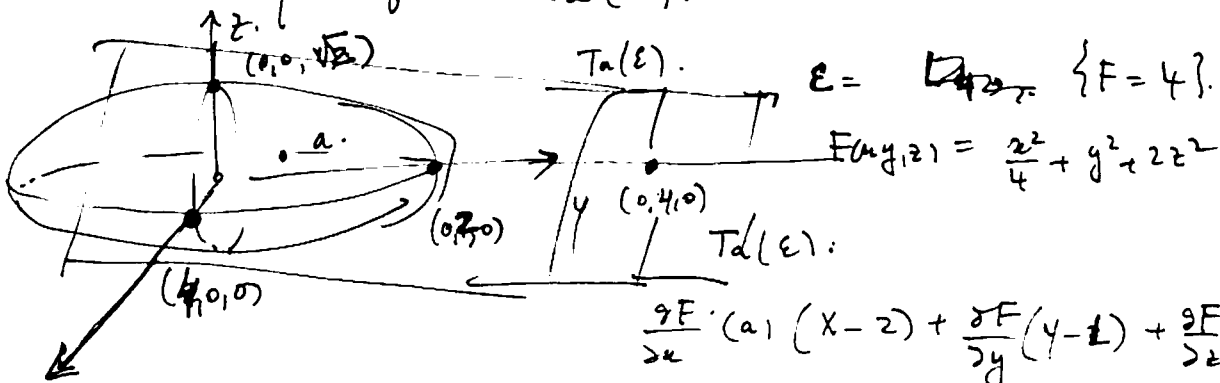
Get  $z - f(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y-y_0).$

the formula that you've been using it before.

⑧ Example.

Ellipsoid.  $\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 + 2z^2 = 4. \quad (E)$

Take  $a = (2, 1, 1) \in E$ . Find the equation of the tangent plane  $T_a(E)$ .



$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(a)(x-2) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(a)(y-1) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(a)(z-1) = 0.$$

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

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 2x, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(a) = 4$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 2y, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(a) = 2, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 4z, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(a) = 4.$$

$x + 2y + 4z - 8 = 0$

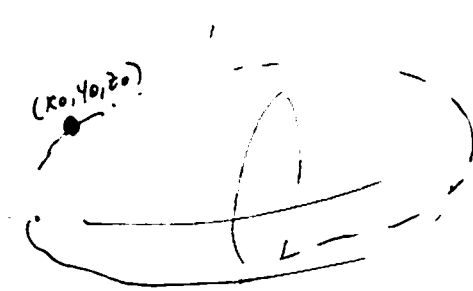
9) Determine the point where  $T_a(\epsilon)$  intersects the  $y$ -axis.

Let  $x = z = 0$ .  
 $y = 4$ . (99)

$T_a(\epsilon) \cap (y\text{-axis}) = (0, 0, 4), (0, 4, 0)$ .

10) Find all the tangent <sup>planes</sup> to the rugby ball that pass through  $(0, 4, 0)$ .

$a = (x_0, y_0, z_0) \in \Sigma$



$T_a(\epsilon): \frac{x_0}{2}(x - x_0) + 2y_0(y - y_0) + 4z_0(z - z_0) = 0$ .

$(0, 4, 0) \in T_a(\epsilon) : \frac{x_0}{2}(-x_0) + 2y_0(4 - y_0) + 4z_0(4 - z_0) = 0$ .

$-\frac{x_0^2}{2} - 2y_0^2 - 4z_0^2 + 8y_0 + 8z_0 = 0$ .

$\begin{cases} \frac{x_0^2}{4} + 4y_0^2 + 2z_0^2 - 4y_0 - 4z_0 = 0 \end{cases}$

$\begin{cases} \frac{x_0^2}{4} + y_0^2 + 2z_0^2 = 4 \end{cases}$

$4y_0 = 4 \Rightarrow \boxed{y_0 = 1} \quad \boxed{z_0 = 1}$

$\frac{z_0^2}{4} + y_0^2 + 2z_0^2 = 4$

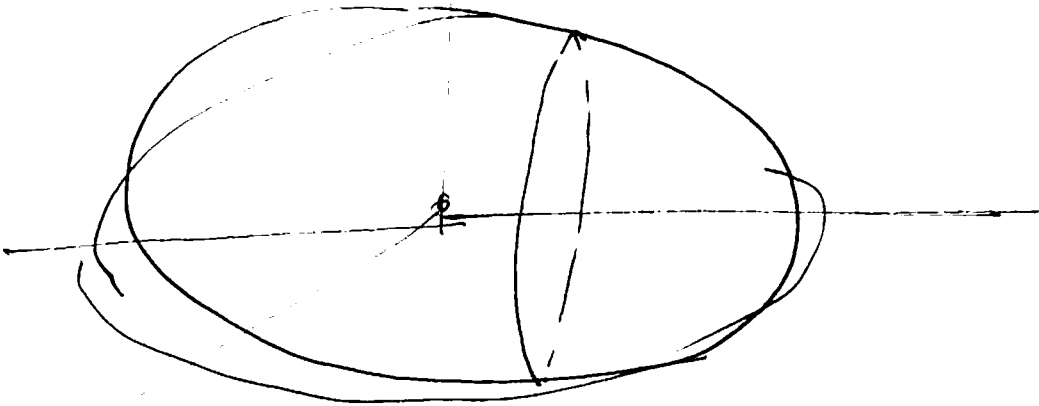
$x_0^2 + 4y_0^2 = 4$

$\frac{x_0^2}{4} + 1 + 2z_0^2 = 4$ ,

$\boxed{\frac{x_0^2}{4} + 2z_0^2 = 3}$

$z_0$

z  
↑  
y = 1



$$\frac{x_0^2}{12} + \frac{z_0^2}{3} = 1. \quad e \quad e$$

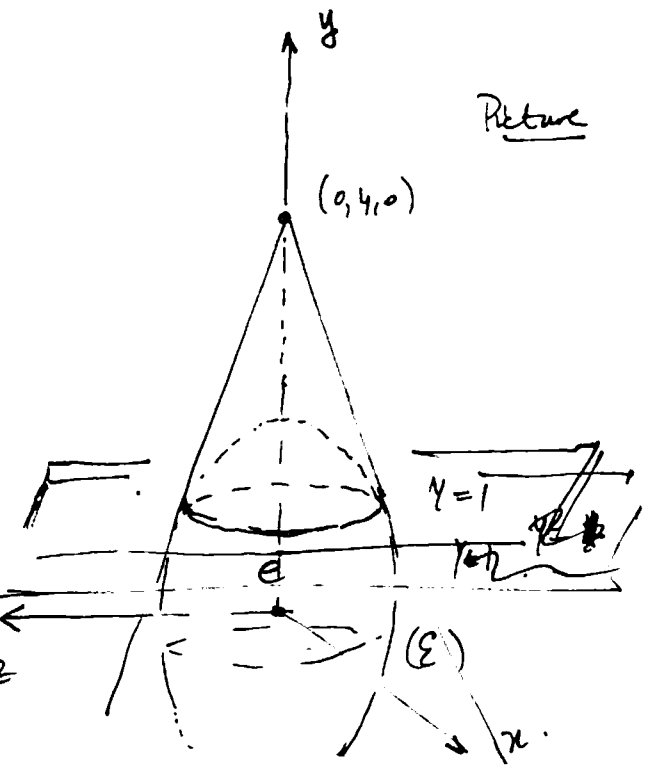
sets

the

A : the tangent planes to the points on the ellipse

$$e = \mathcal{E} \cap (y=1) = \text{arg}\{(x_0, z_0) \mid \frac{x_0^2}{4} + z_0^2 = 3\}.$$

Picture The tangent planes envelop around a cone with base  $e$  and vertex  $(0, 4, 0)$ .



## Leibniz Rule

$$1. \quad \frac{d}{dt} \underline{c}_1(t) \cdot \underline{c}_2(t) = \underline{c}'_1(t) \cdot \underline{c}_2(t) + \underline{c}_1(t) \cdot \underline{c}'_2(t)$$

$$2. \quad \frac{d}{dt} \underline{c}_1(t) \times \underline{c}_2(t) = \underline{c}'_1(t) \times \underline{c}_2(t) + \underline{c}_1(t) \times \underline{c}'_2(t)$$

## Applications.

1.  $\underline{\gamma}(t)$  a path in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\|\underline{\gamma}(t)\| = \text{constant} = R, \forall t$ .

Prove that  $\underline{\gamma}'(t) \perp \underline{\gamma}(t), \forall t$ .

Proof  $\frac{d}{dt} \|\underline{\gamma}(t)\|^2 = 0,$

$$0 = \frac{d}{dt} \underline{\gamma}(t) \cdot \underline{\gamma}(t) = \underline{\gamma}'(t) \cdot \underline{\gamma}(t) + \underline{\gamma}(t) \cdot \underline{\gamma}'(t)$$

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{dt} \|\underline{\gamma}(t)\|^2 = 2 \underline{\gamma}'(t) \cdot \underline{\gamma}(t) = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore } \underline{\gamma}'(t) \cdot \underline{\gamma}(t) = 0$$

## 2. Conservation of Energy

Let  $V: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a "potential" function, and  $\underline{c}(t)$  the movement of a particle such that

$$\underline{c}''(t) = -GM \nabla V(\underline{c}(t)).$$

Prove that  $\frac{1}{2} m \|\underline{c}'(t)\|^2 + m V(\underline{c}(t)) = \text{constant}$

Proof  $\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} m \|\underline{c}'(t)\|^2 + m V(\underline{c}(t)) \right\} =$

$$= m \underline{c}'(t) \cdot \underline{c}'(t) + m \nabla V(\underline{c}(t)) \cdot \underline{c}'(t) =$$

$$= m \left\{ \underline{c}''(t) + \nabla V(\underline{c}(t)) \right\} \cdot \underline{c}'(t) = 0$$

$$\text{hence } E = \frac{1}{2} m \|\underline{c}'(t)\|^2 + m V(\underline{c}(t)) = \text{constant}.$$

Example For  $V = \frac{1}{r}$  i.e.  $V(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$ , we

$$\text{have } \nabla V = -\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}$$