

Solutions 13.6

1. a) $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z^2 \quad \nabla f = 2x\mathbf{i} + 2y\mathbf{j} - 2z\mathbf{k}$
 tangent plane at (x_0, y_0, z_0) $2x_0(x-x_0) + 2y_0(y-y_0) - 2z_0(z-z_0) = 0$

$\mathcal{P}: x_0x + y_0y + z_0z = x_0^2 + y_0^2 - z_0^2 = 0$

clearly $(0, 0, 0)$ is on \mathcal{P} .

b) Normal line $\begin{cases} x = x_0 + x_0t \\ y = y_0 + y_0t \\ z = z_0 - z_0t \end{cases}$ when $t = -1$
 $x = y = 0 \quad z = 2z_0$
 $(0, 0, 2z_0)$ is on line

2. $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad \nabla f = 2x\mathbf{i} + 2y\mathbf{j} + 2z\mathbf{k}$
 n. Plane at (x_0, y_0, z_0) $x_0(x-x_0) + y_0(y-y_0) + z_0(z-z_0) = 0$

$x_0x + y_0y + z_0z = x_0^2 + y_0^2 + z_0^2 = a^2$

Intercepts $y=z=0 \quad x^* = a^2/x_0 \quad x=z=0 \quad y^* = a^2/y_0 \quad x=y=0 \quad z^* = a^2/z_0$

b) Normal line $\begin{cases} x = x_0 + tx_0 \\ y = y_0 + ty_0 \\ z = z_0 + tz_0 \end{cases}$ when $t = -1 \quad (x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$

This doesn't happen in general $\mathcal{P} = 2x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2 = 1$

$\nabla f = 4x\mathbf{i} + 2y\mathbf{j} + 2z\mathbf{k}$ Line $\begin{cases} x = x_0 + 4x_0t \\ y = y_0 + 2y_0t \\ z = z_0 + 2z_0t \end{cases}$ does not pass thru $(0, 0, 0)$

c) $f(x, y, z) = x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} + z^{2/3}$
 $\nabla f = \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3}\mathbf{i} + \frac{2}{3}y^{-1/3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}z^{-1/3}\mathbf{k}$ if $x \neq 0, y \neq 0, z \neq 0$.

Tangent Plane at (x_0, y_0, z_0)

$x_0^{-1/3}(x-x_0) + y_0^{-1/3}(y-y_0) + z_0^{-1/3}(z-z_0) = 0$

$x_0^{-1/3}x + y_0^{-1/3}y + z_0^{-1/3}z = x_0^{2/3} + y_0^{2/3} + z_0^{2/3} = a^{2/3}$

intercepts are $x_0^{1/3}a^{2/3}, y_0^{1/3}a^{2/3}, z_0^{1/3}a^{2/3}$

$(x_0^{1/3}a^{2/3})^2 + (y_0^{1/3}a^{2/3})^2 + (z_0^{1/3}a^{2/3})^2 = (x_0^{2/3} + y_0^{2/3} + z_0^{2/3})a^{4/3} = a^{2/3}a^{4/3} = a^2$