

1. The temperature on a plate of metal is a function $T(x, y)$ of the position (x, y) on the plate. Suppose that T is in degrees fahrenheit and x and y are in inches. Suppose also that we know

$$T(3, 1) = 51.7^\circ\text{F},$$

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- (a) Use this information to approximate the temperature at each of the following points:

$$(3.4, 1.6) \quad (3.5, 0.8) \quad (2.7, 0.4)$$

- (b) Recall that the partial derivatives give us the “instantaneous” rate of change of temperature with respect to position as we pass through a point in the x - or y -direction. What do you think the rate of change might be when passing through $(3, 1)$ in the direction of the vector $\langle 2, 5 \rangle$? How about when passing through $(3, 1)$ in the direction of $\langle 4, 10 \rangle$?

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- (a) Use this information to determine the directional derivative in the direction of the vector $\langle -2, 1 \rangle$.
- (b) What is the maximum rate of increase in temperature possible from the point $(3, 1)$? In what direction of travel through $(3, 1)$ is that maximum rate of increase obtained?
- (c) Give a vector in the direction one could pass through $(3, 1)$ in order to be experiencing no change in temperature at that point.

3. The pressure in kilopascals (kPa) at the point (x, y, z) , each in feet, is given by

$$P(x, y, z) = x^4 + 2y^3 + x^2z + 4yz^3$$

- (a) Determine the rate of change of pressure at $(1, 2, 1)$ and in the direction of the vector $\langle -2, 1, 2 \rangle$.
- (b) Determine the direction in which the pressure is increasing most rapidly at $(3, 1, 2)$. Determine the rate at which pressure is increasing, in that direction and at that point.
- (c) Determine a direction that one could go from $(2, 2, 2)$ to experience no change in pressure.