

Geometry meaning : surface description

$$z = g(x, y)$$

Contour line :  $z = \text{constant}$

$$c = g(x, y)$$

Steep descent or no descent :

$$\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta \epsilon} = 0 = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} dy = \nabla g \cdot (dx, dy)$$

Corresponding ODE :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial g}{\partial y}}$$

Corresponding ODE :

$$M dx + N dy = 0$$

Corresponding pair :

$$M = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}, N = \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}$$

Test criteria :

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

Examples :

$$(1 - \sin(x)\tan(y))dx + (\cos(x)\sec^2(y))dy = 0$$

$$M = 1 - \sin(x)\tan(y), N = \cos(x)\sec^2(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

Find  $g(x, y)$  :

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 1 - \sin(x)\tan(y)$$

$$g(x, y) = x + \cos(x)\tan(y) + P(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = \cos(x)\sec^2(y) + P'(y) = \cos(x)\sec^2(y)$$

$$P(y) = \text{constant}$$

$$g(x, y) = x + \cos(x)\tan(y) + c$$

where  $c$  is determined by initial or boundary conditions.

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