

**EX 11.6.3:** Let  $f(x, y) = \ln \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .

(a) In what direction is  $f$  increasing most rapidly from point  $P(1, 2)$ ?

First, use properties of logarithms to make differentiation easier:  $f(x, y) = \ln \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \ln (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \ln (x^2 + y^2)$

$$\nabla f = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \right\rangle \implies \nabla f(1, 2) = \left\langle \frac{1}{1^2 + 2^2}, \frac{2}{1^2 + 2^2} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5} \right\rangle$$

(b) What is the maximum rate of increase of  $f$  from point  $P(1, 2)$ ?

$$\|\nabla f(1, 2)\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{25}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

(c) In what direction is  $f$  decreasing most rapidly from point  $P(1, 2)$ ?

$$-\nabla f(1, 2) = \left\langle -\frac{1}{5}, -\frac{2}{5} \right\rangle$$

**EX 11.6.4:** Let  $h(x, y, z) = \tan(x + 2y + 3z)$ .

(a) In what direction is  $h$  increasing most rapidly from point  $P(-5, 1, 1)$ ?

$$\nabla h = \langle h_x, h_y, h_z \rangle = \langle \sec^2(x + 2y + 3z), 2 \sec^2(x + 2y + 3z), 3 \sec^2(x + 2y + 3z) \rangle$$

$$\nabla h(-5, 1, 1) = \langle \sec^2((-5) + 2(1) + 3(1)), 2 \sec^2((-5) + 2(1) + 3(1)), 3 \sec^2((-5) + 2(1) + 3(1)) \rangle = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$

(b) What is the maximum rate of increase of  $h$  from point  $P(-5, 1, 1)$ ?

$$\|\nabla h(-5, 1, 1)\| = \|\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

(c) In what direction is  $h$  decreasing most rapidly from point  $P(-5, 1, 1)$ ?

$$-\nabla h(-5, 1, 1) = \langle -1, -2, -3 \rangle$$

**EX 11.6.5:** Find a unit vector that's normal to the hyperbola  $\frac{x^2}{5} - \frac{y^2}{3} = 1$  at point  $Q(\sqrt{10}, \sqrt{3})$ .

The key here is to realize that the desired normal unit vector is  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \nabla f(\sqrt{10}, \sqrt{3})$  or  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = -\nabla f(\sqrt{10}, \sqrt{3})$

$$\text{Let } f(x, y) = (\text{Left-Hand Side of Canonical Form of Hyperbola}) = \frac{x^2}{5} - \frac{y^2}{3}$$

$$\text{Then, } \nabla f = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{2}{5}x, -\frac{2}{3}y \right\rangle \implies \nabla f(\sqrt{10}, \sqrt{3}) = \left\langle \frac{2}{5}(\sqrt{10}), -\frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{3}) \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{4}{\sqrt{10}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{Hence, } \mathbf{n} = \left\langle \frac{4}{\sqrt{10}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{Finally, normalize } \mathbf{n}: \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{\mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} = \frac{\left\langle \frac{4}{\sqrt{10}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{10}}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{30}}{\sqrt{88}} \left\langle \frac{4}{\sqrt{10}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{22}}, -\frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{22}} \right\rangle$$