

12.4 The equation of the plane containing (a, b, c) , with slope m in the x -direction and slope n in the y -direction is

$$z = c + m(x-a) + n(y-b)$$

14.3 The plane tangent to $z = f(x, y)$ at (a, b, c) is

$$z = L(x, y) = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x-a) + f_y(a, b)(y-b)$$

which can be used to approximate the change in z for points (x, y) around (a, b) :

$$\Delta z \approx f_x(a, b)\Delta x + f_y(a, b)\Delta y$$

Def: $dz = f_x dx + f_y dy$

$$dz \approx \Delta z$$

13.3 The equation of the plane through (a, b, c) with normal vector $\vec{n} = n_1\vec{i} + n_2\vec{j} + n_3\vec{k}$ is

$$n_1(x-a) + n_2(y-b) + n_3(z-c) = 0$$

14.5 The plane tangent to $f(x, y, z) = k$ at (a, b, c)

$$f_x(a, b, c)(x-a) + f_y(a, b, c)(y-b) + f_z(a, b, c)(z-c) = 0$$