

# Linear Approximations

**Problem 1.** Let  $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the function defined by

$$\mathbf{f}(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 + \sin(x) \\ x(y - 2) \\ -3xy + y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use the local linearization of  $\mathbf{f}$  at the point  $P = (0, 1)$  to approximate  $\mathbf{f}(1/2, 1/2)$ .

**Problem 2.** Let  $\mathbf{r} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the function defined by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

Use the local linearization of  $\mathbf{r}$  at  $t = \frac{1}{2}\pi$  to approximate  $\mathbf{r}(\frac{1}{2}\pi + \frac{1}{3})$ .

**Problem 3.** Consider  $\mathbf{F} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$\mathbf{F}(r, \theta, z) = \begin{bmatrix} r \cos(\theta) \\ r \sin(\theta) \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Show that  $\det(D\mathbf{F}) = r$ .

**Problem 4.** Consider  $\mathbf{F} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$\mathbf{F}(\rho, \varphi, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \cos(\theta) \sin(\varphi) \\ \rho \sin(\theta) \sin(\varphi) \\ \rho \cos(\varphi) \end{bmatrix}$$

Show that  $\det(D\mathbf{F}) = \rho^2 \sin(\varphi)$ .

**Problem 5.** Let  $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by

$$\mathbf{f}(r, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} r \cos(\theta) \\ r \sin(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $R_\theta = D\mathbf{f}$  evaluated at  $r = 1$ . The matrix  $R_\theta$  is called *the counterclockwise rotation matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by  $\theta$* . The matrix-vector product  $R_\theta \mathbf{v}$  is the vector  $\mathbf{v}$  rotated counterclockwise by the angle  $\theta$ .

(a) Calculate the matrix  $R_\theta$ .

(b) Let  $\mathbf{v} = [x \ y]^\top$ . Find the coordinates of the vector  $\mathbf{v}$  rotated counterclockwise by an angle of  $\theta$  (this vector will depend on the coordinates  $x$ ,  $y$ , and the angle  $\theta$ ).

(c) Find the coordinates of the vector  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5/2 \sqrt{3} + 3/2 \\ 3/2 \sqrt{3} - 5/2 \end{bmatrix}$  rotated counterclockwise by  $\theta = 5\pi/3$ .