

EMORY UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & CS
Math 211 Multivariable Calculus
Spring 2012

Problem Set # 2 (due Friday 3 Feb 2012)

Planes: The plane through a point P and with normal vector \vec{n} is given by

$$\vec{n} \cdot \overrightarrow{PX} = 0$$

where $X = (x, y, z)$ is the **general position** point. Writing $P = (P_1, P_2, P_3)$ and $\vec{n} = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + c\vec{k}$, then this translates into

$$a(x - P_1) + b(y - P_2) + c(z - P_3) = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad ax + by + cz = aP_1 + bP_2 + cP_3.$$

Reading: CM 13.4 and 14.1-5

Note: About half of these problems are essentially “practice taking derivatives.”

1. CM 13.4 Problems 28, 29

2. CM 14.2 Exercises 2, 5, 8, 10, 26, 27, 28, 35
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3. CM 14.3 Exercises 2, 4, 8 (find the equation of the tangent plane to the graph of the given function at the given point, express your answer in the form $ax + by + cz = d$)