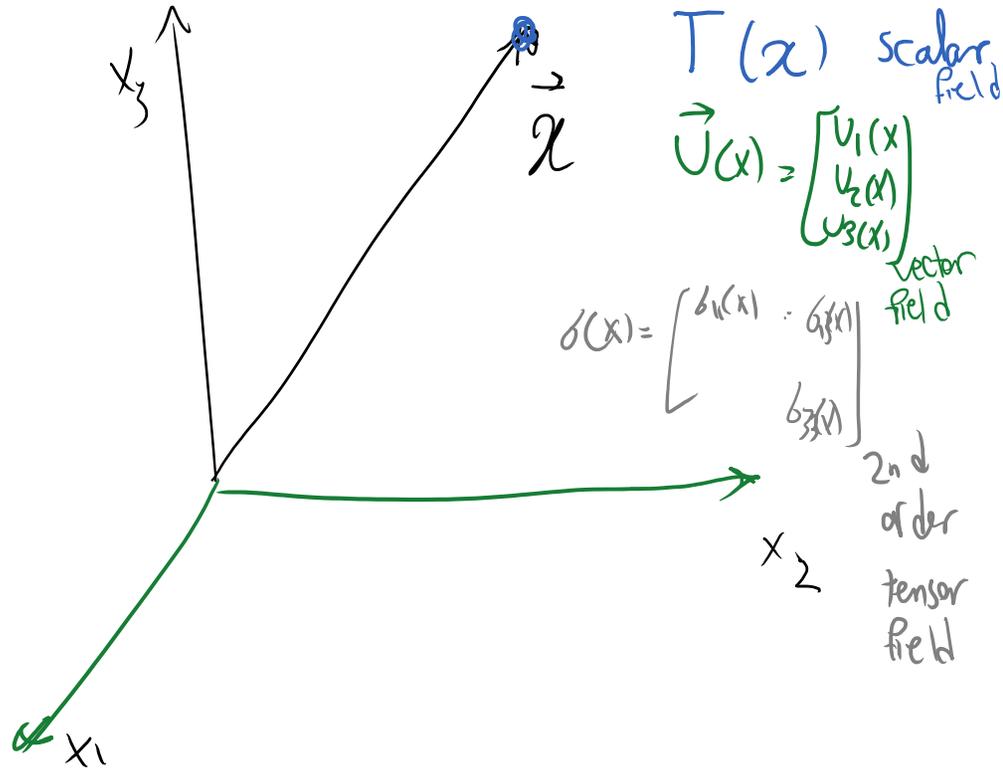


Tensor fields:



A tensor field is a function from Cartesian system to tensors. The tensors can be scalar, vector, second order tensor, or even higher.

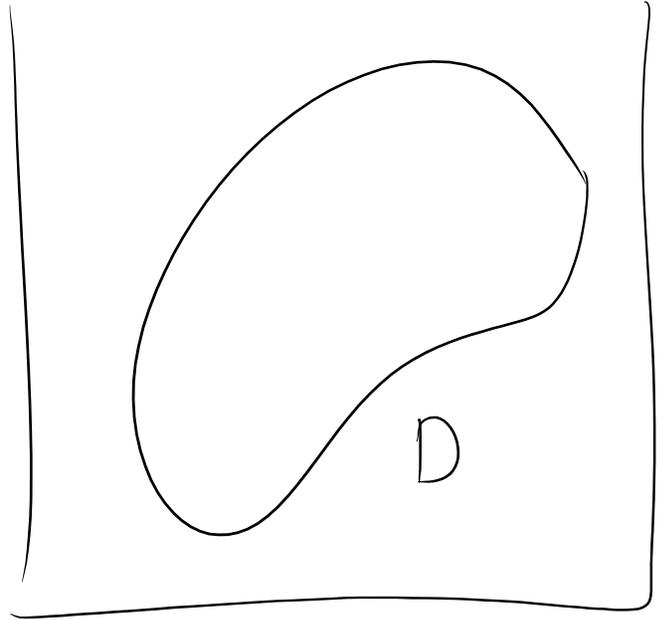
**Definition 57** Let  $\mathcal{D}$  denote a subset of a three-dimensional Euclidean point space  $\mathcal{E}$  (we write  $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{E}$ ), and let  $P$  be an arbitrary point in  $\mathcal{D}$ . A function  $f$  that maps  $\mathcal{D}$  to a set of tensors of order  $m$  is called an  $m^{\text{th}}$ -order tensor field, where  $\mathcal{D}$  is called the domain of  $f$ . The value of  $f$  at  $P \in \mathcal{D}$  is denoted  $f(P)$ .

We use tensor fields in balance laws, kinematic equations, etc.

kinematic equations, etc.

$$Mass = \int_D \rho(\vec{x}) d\vec{V}$$

$\rho(\vec{x})$   
 $\downarrow$   
 mass density



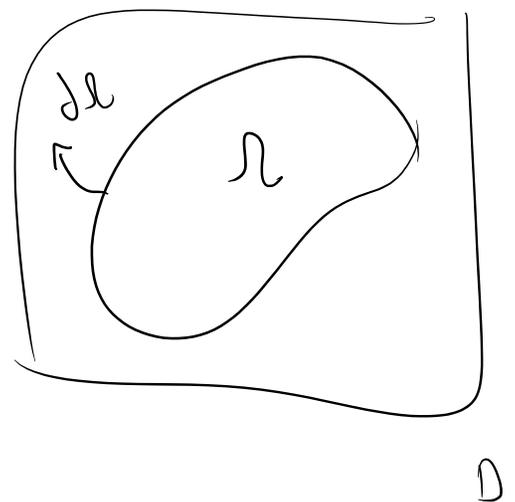
mass density is a scalar tensor field

Many times we deal with derivatives of tensor fields

Balance of linear momentum

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho b d\vec{V} + \int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{t} dS$$

$\partial\Omega$   
 $\downarrow$   
 traction vector  
 boundary of  $\Omega$



$$\vec{t} = \sigma \cdot \vec{n}$$

$$\vec{t} = \underline{\underline{\sigma}} n$$

$\downarrow$   
 stress tensor

divergence (Gauss)

$$\int_{\partial \mathcal{R}} \vec{t} \, dS = \int_{\partial \mathcal{R}} \underline{\underline{\sigma}} n \, dS = \int_{\mathcal{R}} \nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{\sigma}} \, dV$$

so we need to compute derivative of tensor fields

Continuity notation:

$$T(\vec{x})$$

tensor field is

$$C^m(D, \mathbb{R})$$

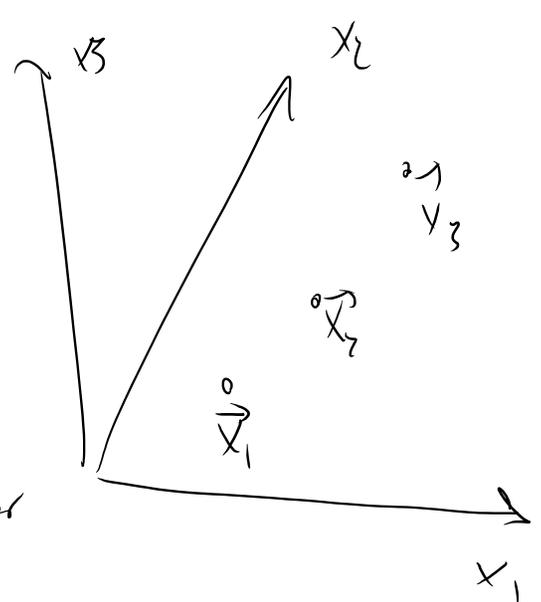
$\uparrow$  T is scalar

$$C^m(D, \mathbb{R}^3)$$

$\downarrow$  T is a vector

$$C^m(D, \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3)$$

T is 2nd or 3rd tensor, etc



$$C^m$$

Means that each component of the

$C^1$

Means that each component of the tensor has n continuous derivatives w.r.t. all coordinate components

$\vec{v}$  is a vector  $v \in C^2(D, \mathbb{R}^3)$

$v_{1,11}$   $v_{1,12}$   $v_{1,13}$   $v_{1,21}$   $v_{1,22}$   $v_{1,23}$   $v_{1,31}$   $v_{1,32}$   $v_{1,33}$

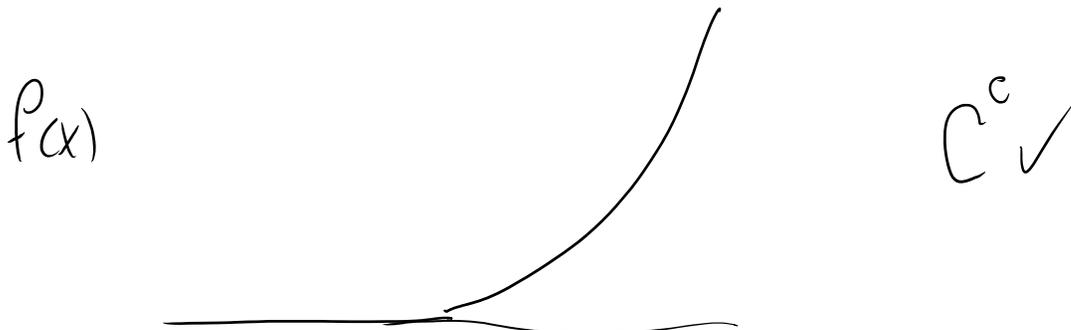
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$v_{3,11}$

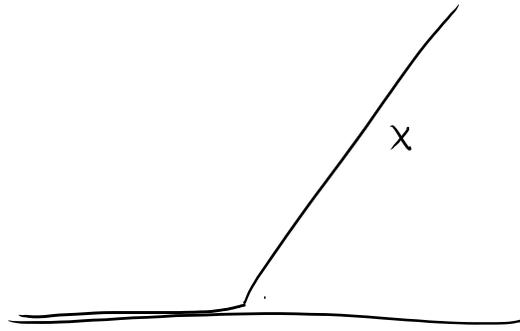
$v_{3,33}$

these values exist and are all continuous

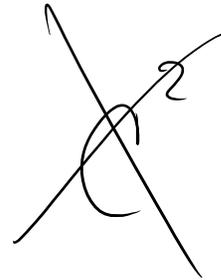
In 1D  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x^2 & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$   
 $C^1$  function



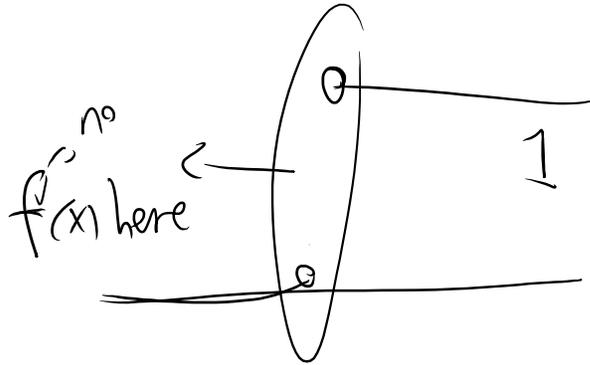
$f'(x)$



$C'$



$f''(x)$



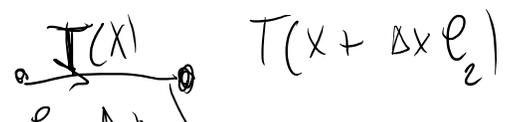
### Definition of partial derivatives:

$T$  2nd order tensor

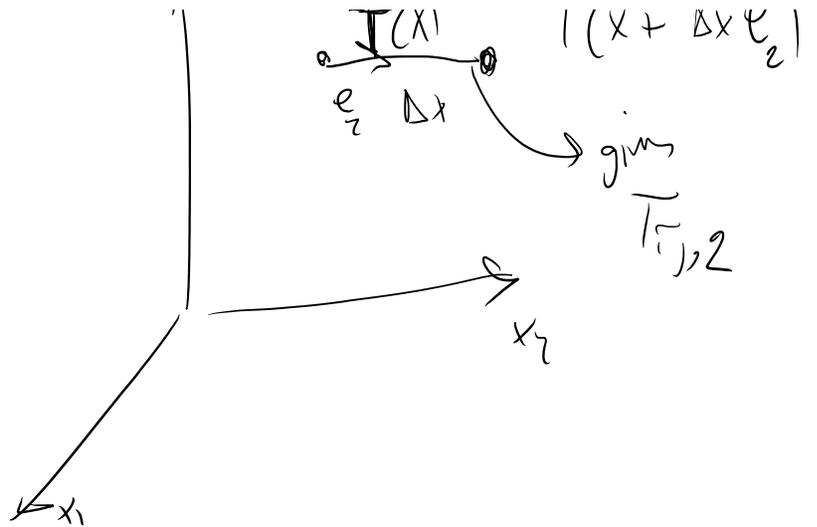
$$T = T_{ij} e_i \otimes e_j$$

$$T_{ij,k} = \frac{\partial T_{ij}(x)}{\partial x_k} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{T_{ij}(x + e_k \Delta x) - T_{ij}(x)}{\Delta x}$$

the new thing



the new thing



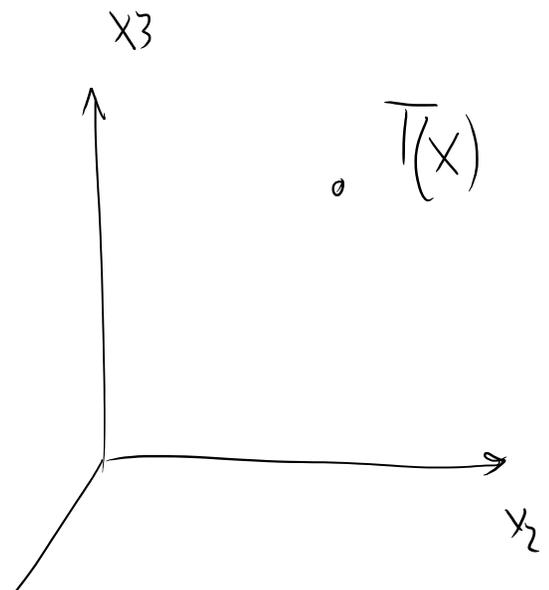
This is a generalization of partial derivatives for scalars which we are familiar with

$$\phi_{,k} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi(x + e_k \Delta x) - \phi(x)}{\Delta x}$$

Let's say we have a Cartesian coordinate system, we want to define gradient of a tensor

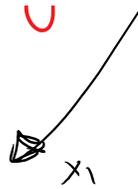
$$T = T_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} e_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{i_n}$$

$$\nabla T = T_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} e_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{i_n} \otimes e_j$$



gradient  
of  $T$

$\dots \dots \dots$



$x_2$

$\phi$  scalar

$$\nabla \phi = \phi_{,1} e_1 + \phi_{,2} e_2 + \phi_{,3} e_3$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{,1} & \phi_{,2} & \phi_{,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

covector

$u$  is a vector

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla u = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,1} & u_{1,2} & u_{1,3} \\ u_{2,1} & u_{2,2} & u_{2,3} \\ u_{3,1} & u_{3,2} & u_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

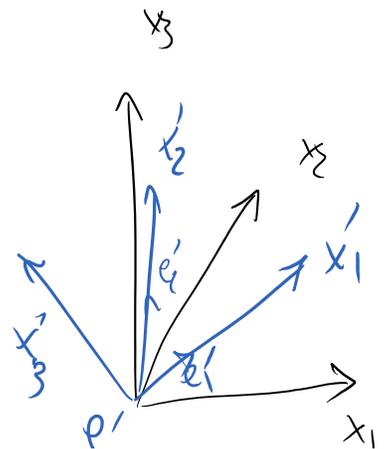
How do we know if  $T$  is a tensor, its gradient is also a tensor?

I'll show this for a second order tensor

$$T = T_{ij} e_i \otimes e_j$$

$$(\nabla T)_{ijk} = T_{ij,k} = \frac{\partial T_{ij}(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{\partial x_k}$$

$$(\nabla T)' = T'_{mn} = \frac{\partial T'_{mn}(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)}{\partial x'_k}$$



$$(\nabla T)'_{mnp} = T'_{mn,p} = \frac{\partial T'_{mn}(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)}{\partial x'_p}$$

To show grad is a tensor, we should show

$$(\nabla T)'_{mnp} = Q_{mi} Q_{nj} Q_{pk} (\nabla T)_{ijk}$$

$$T'_{mn} = Q_{mi} Q_{nj} T_{ij}$$

because

$T$  is a tensor

constant

$$(\nabla T)'_{mnp} = \frac{\partial T'_{mn}}{\partial x'_p} = \frac{\partial (Q_{mi} Q_{nj} T_{ij}(x))}{\partial x'_p}$$

$$= Q_{mi} Q_{nj} \frac{\partial T_{ij}(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{\partial x'_p}$$

using  
chain rule

$$= Q_{mi} Q_{nj} \left\{ \frac{\partial \tilde{T}_y(x)}{\partial x_k} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial x'_p} \right)}_{Q_{pk}} \right\} \quad \text{I}$$

Summation over  $k$  (repeated  $k$ )

$$x_k = Q_{sk} x'_s$$

$$\frac{\partial x_k}{\partial x'_p}$$

~~$$= \frac{\partial Q_{sk} x'_s}{\partial x'_p}$$~~

3 times repeated indices

$$\frac{\partial x_k}{\partial x'_p} = \frac{\partial Q_{sk} x'_s}{\partial x'_p} = Q_{sk} \left( \frac{\partial x'_s}{\partial x'_p} \right)$$

$$= Q_{sk} \delta_{sp} = Q_{pk}$$

From (I)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\left(\nabla T\right)'_{mnp} = Q_{mi} Q_{nj} Q_{pk} \frac{dT_i}{\delta x_k}$$

$$\left(\nabla T\right)_{mnp} = Q_{mi} Q_{nj} Q_{pk} \left(\nabla T\right)_{ijk}$$

So T is a tensor so its gradient

Consequences:

1. Anything that follows transformation rule is frame-independent (objective), that is it has physical interpretation independent of the coordinate system used to express it.
2. If we have partial derivative w.r.t. **one** coordinate system, we have partial derivative in **any other** coordinate system.

That's why if we show for example  $u_{i,j}$

exist and are continuous for ONE coordinate system, they exist in any other coordinate system

$$u'_{m,n} = Q_{mi} Q_{nj} u_{ij}$$

That's why we can define  $C^m$  continuity conditions mentioned before

What are some of the uses of gradient, divergence, curl, ...

$$\underbrace{\nabla \cdot T}_{\text{divergence}}$$

$$V, \nabla V = V_{i,j} e_i \otimes e_j$$

$$\underbrace{\nabla \cdot V}_{\text{divergence}} = V_{i,i}$$

Always contract the last two indices

$$T = T_{ij} e_i \otimes e_j$$

$$\nabla T = T_{i,j,k} e_i \otimes e_j \otimes e_k$$

$$\text{div} T = \nabla \cdot T$$

Contract

$$\text{div } l = \nabla \cdot l$$

$$\nabla \cdot T = T_{ij} j_j e_i$$

Contract  
j & k

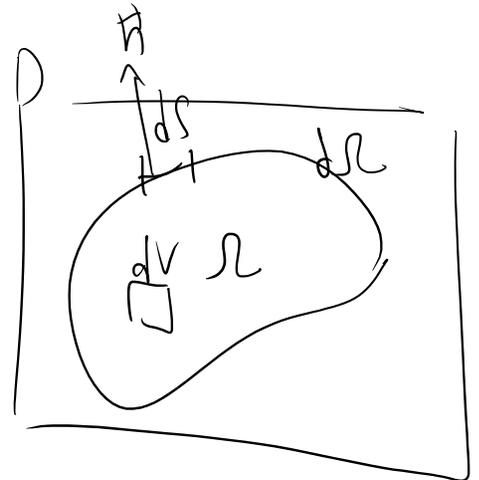
$$\text{Curl } v = \nabla \times v$$

$$\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} e_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} e_2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} e_3$$

Some useful theorems:

1. Divergence theorem:

$$\int_{\partial \Omega} T \cdot n \, dS = \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \cdot T) \, dV$$



Also called Gauss theorem

2. Curl theorem (or Stokes theorem - which in fact is more general)

$$\oint_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_S (\nabla \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{n} \, dS$$



## Curvilinear coordinate systems:

Curvilinear systems:

Please refer to (ref1) [Appendix C of http://geo.mff.cuni.cz/vyuka/Martinec-ContinuumMechanics.pdf](http://geo.mff.cuni.cz/vyuka/Martinec-ContinuumMechanics.pdf)

(the text is in zip files sent to you in

Continuum References\_Curvilinear\Martinec\_Zdenek\_Charles\_U\_Prague\_Martinec-ContinuumMechanics.pdf) -

Refer to (ref2) [http://homepages.engineering.auckland.ac.nz/~pkel015/SolidMechanicsBooks/Part\\_III/Chapter\\_1\\_Vectors\\_Tensors/Vectors\\_Tensors\\_14\\_Tensor\\_Calculus.pdf](http://homepages.engineering.auckland.ac.nz/~pkel015/SolidMechanicsBooks/Part_III/Chapter_1_Vectors_Tensors/Vectors_Tensors_14_Tensor_Calculus.pdf)

(shared with you in the same same zip files)

for a discussion on the meaning of grad operator.

For your information (beyond the class) This is an excellent reference on curvilinear coordinates in general:

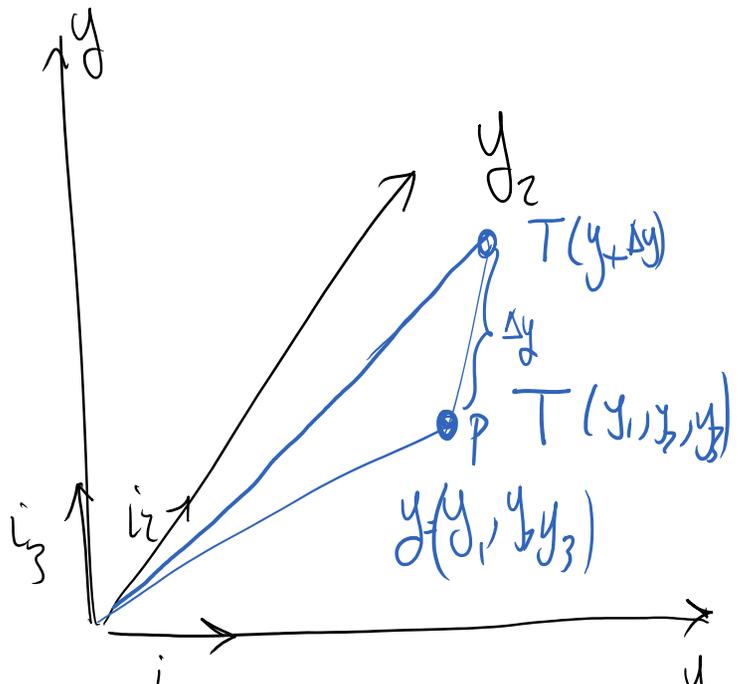
<http://www.mech.utah.edu/~brannon/public/curvilinear.pdf>

## Notations:

$y_1, y_2, y_3$

are Global Cartesian  
coordinate values

$i_1, i_2, i_3$



$i_1, i_2, i_3$

the corresponding unit  
vectors



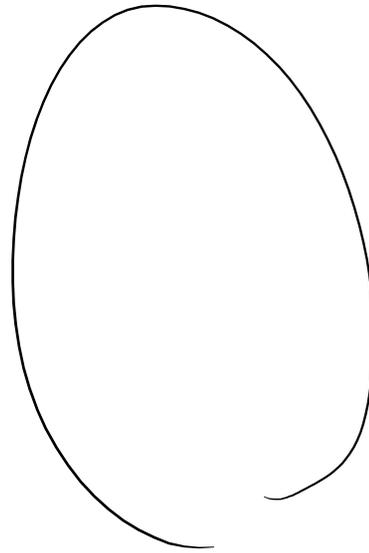
change  
in position  $\Delta P =$   
 $\Delta y$

We are given the change in coordinate

We want to obtain the change in tensor value  $\Delta T = ?$

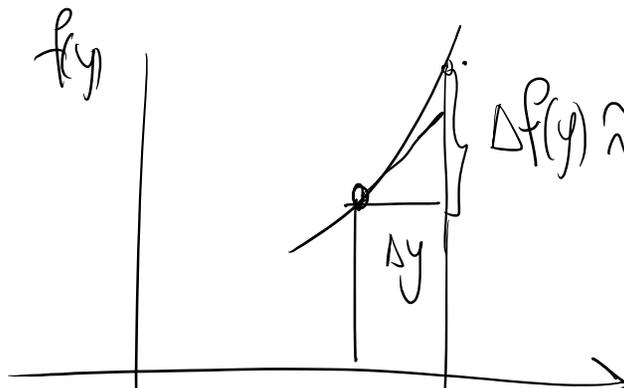
$\Delta$  : means change, "increment". It's  
not Laplacian operator

$\Delta T \approx$   
change in T

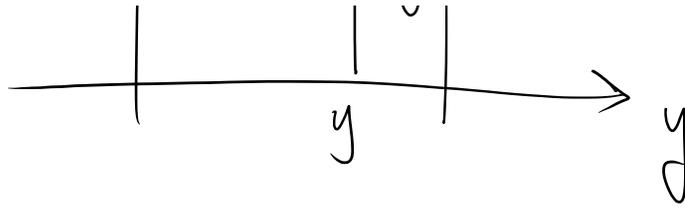


$\Delta P$   
change in  
position.

1D



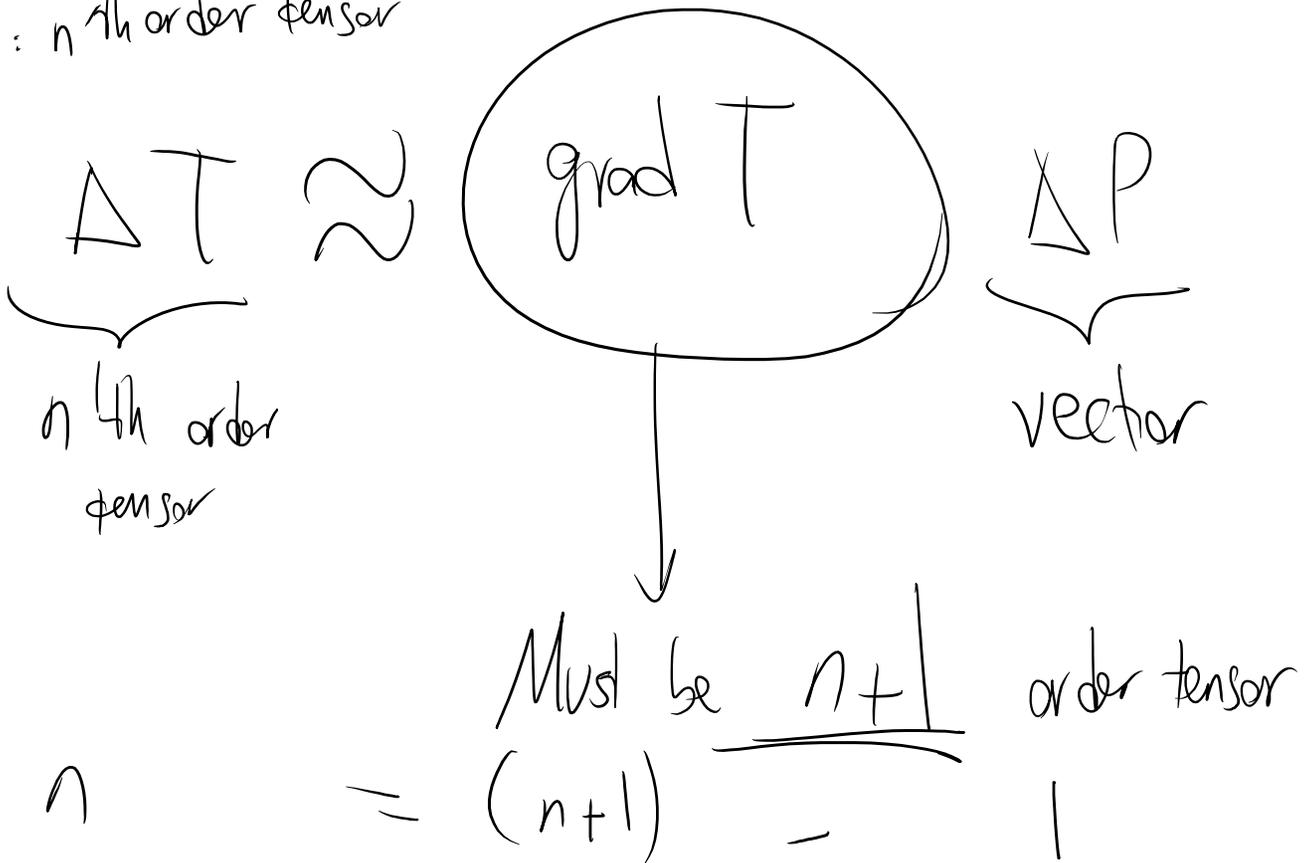
$\Delta f(y) \approx$   
 $f'(y) \Delta y$   
derivative



Derivative maps change in position to change in function value.

Gradient does the same thing, but in  $d=1, 2, 3$  and for any tensor order

$T$ :  $n$ th order tensor



$$T(y + \Delta y) = T(y_1 + \Delta y_1, y_2 + \Delta y_2, y_3 + \Delta y_3)$$

$$= T(y_1, y_2, y_3) + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_1} \Delta y_1 + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_2} \Delta y_2 + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_3} \Delta y_3$$

$$= \underbrace{T(y_1, y_2, y_3)}_{T(y)} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial T}{\partial y_1} \Delta y_1 + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_2} \Delta y_2 + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_3} \Delta y_3}_{\text{1st increment in Taylor expansion}}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y_1 \partial y_1} \Delta y_1^2 + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y_1 \partial y_2} \Delta y_1 \Delta y_2 + \dots + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y_2 \partial y_2} \Delta y_2^2$$

2nd increment  
 $+ O(\Delta y^3)$  discuss this notation later

$$\Delta T = T(y + \Delta y) - T(y) \approx \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta y_1 \\ \Delta y_2 \\ \Delta y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

gradient

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta y_1 & \Delta y_2 & \Delta y_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} & T_{23} \\ T_{31} & T_{32} & T_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta y_1 \\ \Delta y_2 \\ \Delta y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$+ O(\Delta y^3)$

Hessian

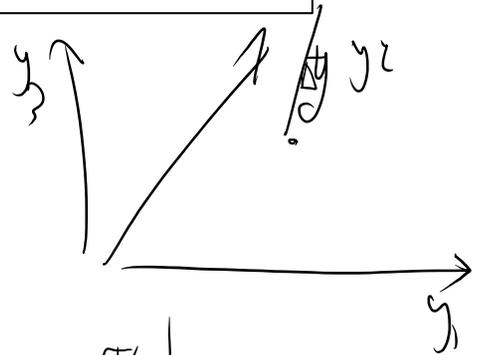
$$\Delta T \approx \text{grad } T \cdot \Delta P$$

↙ change in position

$\Delta$  |  $\approx$   $y$  increment |  $\curvearrowright$  change in position

$$\text{grad } T = \left[ \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_1} \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_2} \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_3} \right] \quad \text{corrector}$$

$$\Delta P = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta y_1 \\ \Delta y_2 \\ \Delta y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



Do it yourself:

For a vector  $v = v_1 i_1 + v_2 i_2 + v_3 i_3$

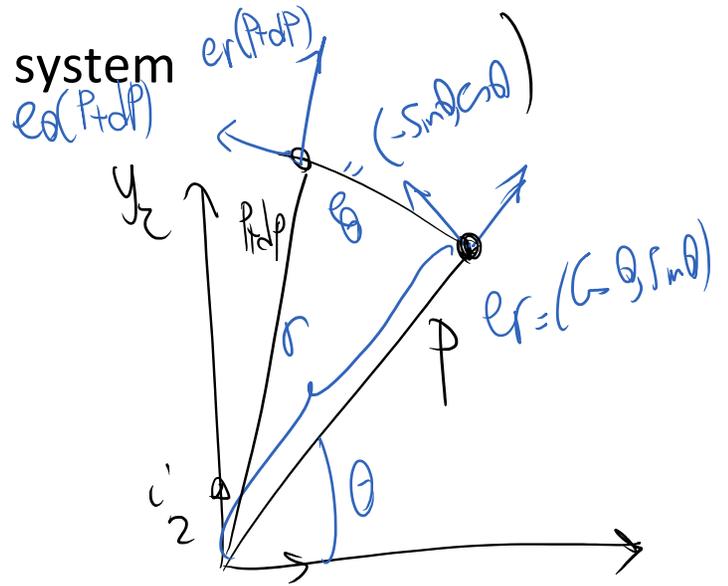
$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{grad } v = \nabla v = \begin{bmatrix} v_{1,1} & v_{1,2} & v_{1,3} \\ v_{2,1} & v_{2,2} & v_{2,3} \\ v_{3,1} & v_{3,2} & v_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Delta v = \begin{bmatrix} v_{1,1} & v_{1,2} & v_{1,3} \\ v_{2,1} & v_{2,2} & v_{2,3} \\ v_{3,1} & v_{3,2} & v_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta y_1 \\ \Delta y_2 \\ \Delta y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Grad in cylindrical coordinate system

in 2D



$$\vec{P} = r \vec{e}_r$$

$$\underbrace{d\vec{P}}_{\text{change in position}} = d(r\vec{e}_r) = dr\vec{e}_r + r \underbrace{d\vec{e}_r}_{\substack{\text{the unit vector changes} \\ \text{by position}}}$$

$$\vec{e}_r = \cos \theta \vec{i}_1 + \sin \theta \vec{i}_2$$

$$d\vec{e}_r = -\sin \theta d\theta \vec{i}_1 + \cos \theta d\theta \vec{i}_2$$

$$= d\theta \underbrace{(-\sin \theta \vec{i}_1 + \cos \theta \vec{i}_2)}_{\vec{e}_\theta}$$

$$d\vec{e}_r = d\theta \vec{e}_\theta$$

$$\text{Similarly } d\vec{e}_\theta = -d\theta \vec{e}_r$$

$$d\mathbf{e}_r = -r\sin\theta d\theta \mathbf{e}_\theta$$

$$d\mathbf{P} = d(r\mathbf{e}_r) = dr\mathbf{e}_r + r d\mathbf{e}_r$$

$$\Rightarrow d\mathbf{P} = dr\mathbf{e}_r + (r d\theta) d\theta$$

$$d\mathbf{P} = \begin{matrix} dr \\ r d\theta \end{matrix} \quad \text{in } \mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{e}_\theta \text{ coordinate system}$$

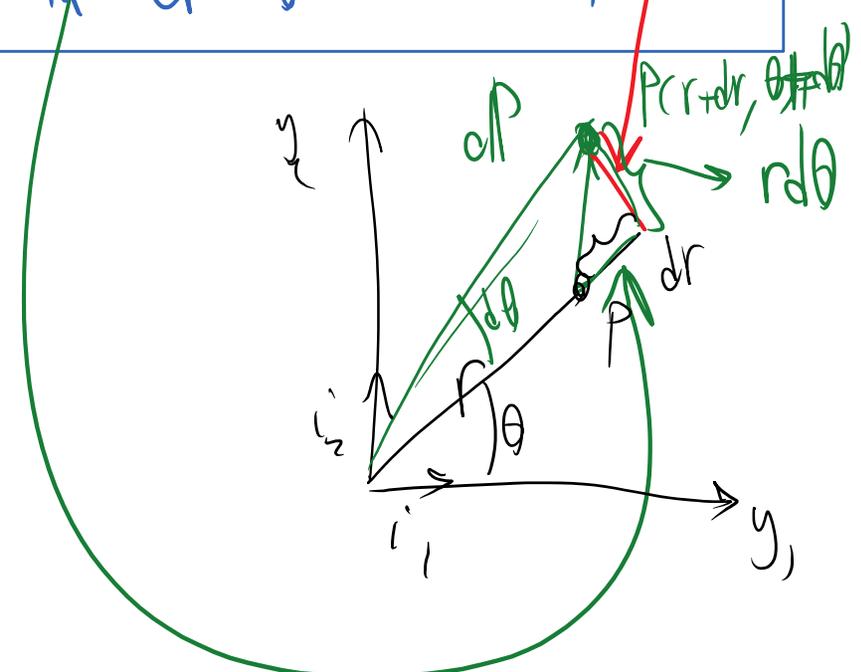
Compare this with

$$\mathbf{P} = y_1 \mathbf{i}_1 + y_2 \mathbf{i}_2$$

fixed

$$d\mathbf{P} = dy_1 \mathbf{i}_1 + dy_2 \mathbf{i}_2$$

Eq. 1



$$= \begin{bmatrix} dy_1 \\ dy_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ fig system}$$