

MULTI-VARIATE "DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS"

RECALL, FOR  $n=1$

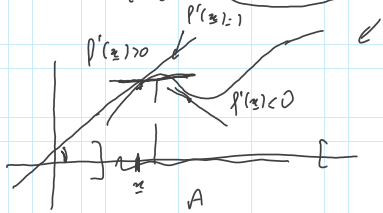
$f: A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A$  OPEN,  $x \in A$ .

WE SAY THAT  $f$  ADMITS DERIVATIVE AT  $x \in A$

IF AND ONLY IF

$\exists$  FINITE

INCREMENTAL RATIO  
 $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+t) - f(x)}{t} = f'(x) \in \mathbb{R}$   
 DERIVATIVE OF  $f$  AT  $x \in A$

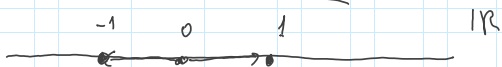


DIRECTION (VERSOR)

$v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $v$  DIRECTION  $\Leftrightarrow \|v\| = 1$

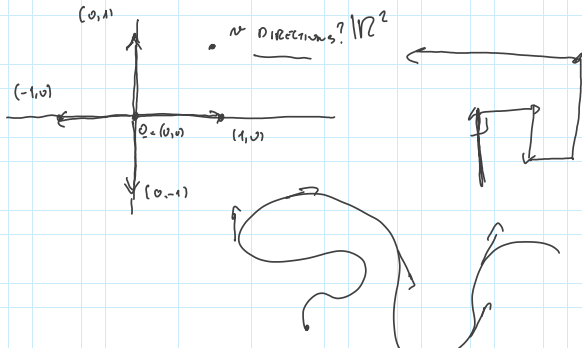
EX 1  $n=1$   $v$  DIRECTION IN  $\mathbb{R}^1 = \mathbb{R} \Leftrightarrow$

$\|v\| = 1 = |v| \Rightarrow v = -1, 1$



EX  $n=2$  WHAT ARE DIRECTION  $v$  IN  $\mathbb{R}^2$

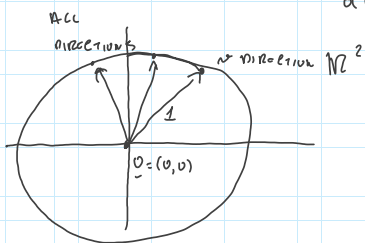
$\|v\| = 1$



WHY DIRECTIONS IN  $\mathbb{R}^2$  ARE INFINITE ???

RECALL THAT A DIRECTION  $\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\|v\| = 1}$

$d(v, 0) = 1$

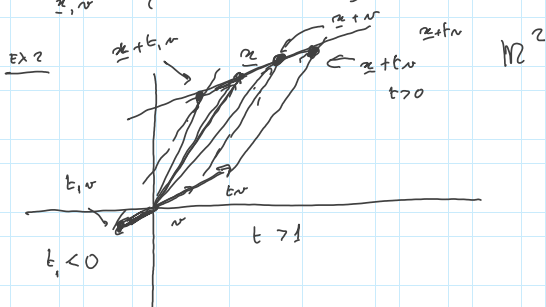


PRELIMINARY REMARK  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Fix  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , A DIRECTION,  $\|v\| = 1$

CONSIDER

$\mathcal{L}_{x,v} = \{ x + tv; t \in \mathbb{R} \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$



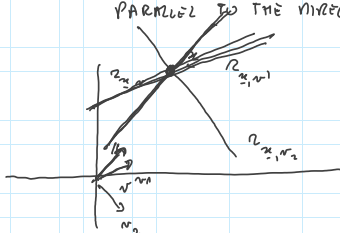
SO  $\mathcal{L}_{x,v} \stackrel{\text{DEF}}{=} \{ x + tv; t \in \mathbb{R} \}$  IS

THE UNIQUE LINE

PASSING THROUGH  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

AND

PARALLEL TO THE DIRECTION  $v$ .



LET  $n \geq 1$ ,  $f: A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A$  OPEN,  $\underline{x} \in A$ .

$f$  ADMITS DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVE

AT  $\underline{x} \in A$  ALONG THE DIRECTION  $\underline{v}: \|\underline{v}\| = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  FINITE  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\underline{x} + t\underline{v}) - f(\underline{x})}{t} = \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta \underline{v}}(\underline{x})$  (\*)

IF AND ONLY IF INCREMENTAL RATIO

IF  $n=1$ , THEN  $\underline{v}=1$  AND

(\*) BECOMES

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\underline{x} + t) - f(\underline{x})}{t} = f'(\underline{x})$$