

Exercises

E22.2 [1Q0] Prerequisites: [1GD]. Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open and $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ in C^1 . Fix $\bar{x} \in A$ such that $f(\bar{x}) = 0$, and $\nabla f(\bar{x}) \neq 0$: by the implicit function theorem [1GD] the set $E = \{f = 0\}$ is a graph in a neighborhood of \bar{x} , and the plane tangent to this graph is the set of x for which

$$\langle x - \bar{x}, \nabla f(\bar{x}) \rangle = 0 .$$

Compare this result to Lemma 7.7.1 in the notes [?]: "the gradient is orthogonal to the level sets" .

Solution 1. [1Q1]