

# Partial Derivatives and the Tangent Plane

## Background

Using the commands from the first two labs complete the following exercises.

## Exercises

1. Find the equation of the plane tangent to the surface  $z = \frac{x \sin(x + y)}{\sqrt{4 + x^2 + y^2}}$  at the point  $(-1, 2)$ . Plot both the tangent plane and the surface on the same graph over the intervals  $-3 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 4$ . Be sure to rotate the graph to see that the plane is tangent to the surface.

2. Given the function:

$$z = \frac{y}{3} + 5 + (x + \sin(x)) * \frac{y - 1}{3}$$

Find the critical point (including its z-value). Then graph the equation and decide what kind of critical point you found.

3. Using implicit methods find where the given ellipsoid has horizontal tangents.

$$\frac{(x - \frac{1}{3})^2}{9} + \frac{(y + 14)^2}{2} + z^2 = 1$$

Then graph the ellipsoid along with the planes over the intervals  $-3 \leq x \leq 4$  and  $-16 \leq y \leq -12$  and  $-1.2 \leq z \leq 1.2$ .