

BP4 Monday Oct. 24, 2016

Let  $z = f(x, y) = 4x^2 + 9y^2$  and  $\bar{r}(t) = 3 \sin 4t \bar{i} + 2 \cos 4t \bar{j}$ .

1. Show that  $\bar{r}$  lies on a level curve of  $z$ .
2. Give the equation of the tangent plane to the graph of  $z$  at  $(0,0)$  and  $(1,2)$ .
3. Suppose an ant is tracing out  $\bar{r}$  in time  $t$ .
  - (a) What is the ant's speed as it traces out this curve.
  - (b) Show that the ant is always moving in a direction orthogonal to  $\nabla z$ .
  - (c) If  $z$  gives the temperature at any point  $(x, y)$ , what is the change in the ant's temperature at  $t = \frac{\pi}{8}$ .
  - (d) What direction should the ant walk at  $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$  if it wants to decrease its temperature as fast as possible?