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## **Chapter 11**

## **Partial Derivatives**

## Lecture 1

- Directional Derivative
  - Definition (Last Time)
  - ➤ Geometrical Interpretation
  - ➤ Physical Interpretation
  - ➤ How to Compute?
- Definition of the Gradient vector
- Application of Directional derivative
- Significance of Gradient Vector
  - Level Curves and Gradient Vector
  - Level Surfaces and Gradient Vector
- Tangent plane to Level Surfaces
- Connection with z = f(x, y)
- Local Max/Min (Next Time)