

1.  $f(x,y) = x^4 - x^2 y^2 + 3y + 8 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x,y) = 4x^3 - 2xy^2 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x,y) = -2x^2 y + 3 \end{cases}$   
 $F(x,y,z) = z - f(x,y)$

$\nabla F(x,y,z) = \left( -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, 1 \right) = \left( -4x^3 + 2xy^2, 2x^2 y + 3, 1 \right)$

a)  $(x_0, y_0) = (1, 1) \quad z_0 = f(x_0, y_0) = 1 - 1 + 3 + 8 = 11$

$\nabla F(1, 1, 11) = (-2, -1, 1)$

Tangent plane:  $\langle (x-x_0, y-y_0, z-z_0), \nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0) \rangle = 0$

$\langle (x-1, y-1, z-11), (-2, -1, 1) \rangle = 0$

$-2(x-1) - (y-1) + (z-11) = 0$

$\boxed{-2x - y + z - 8 = 0}$  (or  $2x + y - z + 8 = 0$ )

b)  $(x_0, y_0) = (0, 2) \quad z_0 = f(x_0, y_0) = 3 \cdot 2 + 8 = 14$

$\nabla F(0, 2, 14) = (0, -3, 1)$

Tangent plane:  $\langle (x-0, y-2, z-14), (0, -3, 1) \rangle = 0$

$-3(y-2) + (z-14) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{-3y + z - 8 = 0}$  (or  $3y - z + 8 = 0$ )

$$c) (x_0, y_0) = (1, -2) \quad z_0 = f'(x_0, y_0) = 1 - 4 - 6 + 8 = -1$$

$$\nabla F(1, -2, -1) = (4, -7, 1)$$

tangent plane.  $\langle (x-1, y+2, z+1), (4, -7, 1) \rangle = 0$

$$4(x-1) - 7(y+2) + (z+1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{4x - 7y + z - 17 = 0} \quad \left( \text{or} \quad -4x + 7y - z + 17 = 0 \right)$$