

Warm-up: Imagine you are standing on the side of a tall hill. List three things you would want to know about your position.

On your Mark: The surface represents the hill's height h . If x and y (and h) are measured in feet, measure the *steepest* slope possible at the blue dot. Include units.

Steepest slope: _____

Get Set: Measure $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial h}{\partial y}$ at the blue dot. Then form the vector $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \hat{y}$. Include units.

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \hat{y} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \hat{x} + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \hat{y}$$

Go: Find the magnitude of $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \hat{y}$.

Challenge: Rotate the surface some amount on the grid. Redraw the x and y directions extending through the blue dot, and redo **On your Mark**, **Get Set**, and **Go**. Did anything change? Stay the same? Why?