

$f(x, y) = \sqrt{29 - x^2 - 4y^2} \Rightarrow f_x(x, y) = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{29 - x^2 - 4y^2}}$  and  $f_y(x, y) = -\frac{4y}{\sqrt{29 - x^2 - 4y^2}}$ , so  $f_x(2, 2) = -\frac{2}{3}$  and  $f_y(2, 2) = -\frac{8}{3}$ . Then the linear approximation of  $f$  at  $(2, 2)$  is given by

$$f(x, y) \approx f(2, 2) + f_x(2, 2)(x - 2) + f_y(2, 2)(y - 2) = 3 - \frac{2}{3}(x - 2) - \frac{8}{3}(y - 2)$$

$$= -\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{8}{3}y + \frac{29}{3}.$$

Thus  $f(2.07, 2.08) \approx -\frac{2}{3}(2.07) - \frac{8}{3}(2.08) + \frac{29}{3} \approx 2.740$ .