

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= X_0 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial F_{\alpha}}{\partial X_i}(p) (x_i - \alpha_i) = X_0 \sum_{i=1}^n X_0^{d-1} \frac{\partial f_{\alpha}}{\partial x_i}(p) (x_i - \alpha_i) \\
 &= X_0^d \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f_{\alpha}}{\partial x_i}(p) (x_i - \alpha_i) \quad \text{since } \alpha_0 = \frac{X_0}{X_0} = 1 = \alpha_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

I think $\frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial F}{\partial X_i} = F$ is useless and wrong

Example. $F = X_0^2 + X_1 X_0$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial X_0} = 2X_0 + X_1, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial X_1} = X_0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(2X_0 + X_1 + X_0) \neq F$$

In a similar way we may define the tangent cone to a variety $V \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ at a (possibly singular) point $p \in V$. First, if V is a hypersurface cut out by the homogeneous polynomial F , and p a point of multiplicity k on V — so that all the partial derivatives of F of order $\leq k-1$ vanish — we take the tangent cone to V at p to be the locus

$$T_p(V) = \sum \frac{\partial^k F}{\partial^{i_0} X_0 \cdots \partial^{i_n} X_n}(p) \cdot X_0^{i_0} \cdots X_n^{i_n} = 0.$$

In general, we will take the tangent cone to a variety $V \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ at a point p to be the intersection of the tangent cones at p to all the hypersurfaces containing V near p . This may be realized alternatively as the union of the tangent lines at p to all curves lying on V and passing through p ; or as the limiting position of chords $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} p, q(\lambda)$ where $q(\lambda)$ is an arc in V with $q(0) = p$.

[See P220, Theorem 4B (a), (d), Whitney. Complex Analytic Varieties.]