

ENG MATHS TO REMEMBER

CALCULUS

Partial Differentiation

$$\text{Directional derivative} := f_{\hat{v}} = \nabla f \cdot \hat{v} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Remember } \nabla f \text{ is a vector} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Only if } f_x \text{ and } f_y \text{ are smooth does } f_{xy} = f_{yx} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{The total derivative (of } u) := du = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy \quad (4)$$

where $u = f(x, y)$

$$\text{Definition of first partial derivative} := \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta x} \quad (5)$$

- Multi-dimensional Taylor series. Let $\Delta x = x - x_0$ and $\Delta y = y - y_0$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) = & f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)\Delta x + f_y(x_0, y_0)\Delta y + \frac{1}{2!}[f_{xx}(x_0, y_0)\Delta x^2 \\ & + 2f_{xy}(x_0, y_0)\Delta x\Delta y + f_{yy}(x_0, y_0)\Delta y^2] \dots \end{aligned}$$

ODE's

- Substitution - Use $y = \frac{x}{t}$ for ODE's that look like this $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x/t)$
- Integration factor. You know how this works.
- For non-linear ODE's try conservation law. You can solve the ODE if, for an ODE that looks like this $q(x, t)\frac{dx}{dt} + p(x, t) = 0$, the condition $\frac{\partial q(x, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial p(x, t)}{\partial x}$ holds. The function $h(x, t)$ is a conserved quantity this means that $\frac{dh(x, t)}{dt} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = 0$. Notice this is identical to the equation above: $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = q(x, t)$ and $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = p(x, t)$. To solve the ode, integrate $q(x, t)$ with respect to x , then differentiate with respect to t to find the constants. Finally set $h(x, t) = E$ or any constant and solve for x . Make sure your left with only one constant.

Classification of ODE's:

Highest derivative gives order. If the derivatives of dependent variable or the dependent variable itself is non-linear then the ODE is non-linear. Move all dependent terms to left hand side of the equation, if it is equal to zero its homogeneous, otherwise its non-homogeneous.

The three types of solutions to higher order differential equations with constant coefficients: (Ansatz is $x(t) = Ae^{mt}$)

1) characteristic polynomial has two real solutions (roots).

$$m = a, b \quad (6)$$

$$x_C(t) = Ae^{at} + Be^{bt} \quad (7)$$

2) characteristic polynomial has only one solution

$$m = a \quad (8)$$

$$x_C(t) = Ae^{at} + Bte^{at} \quad (9)$$

3) characteristic polynomial has two complex solutions

$$m = a \pm bj \quad (10)$$

$$x_C(t) = e^{at}(A\cos(bt) + B\sin(bt)) \quad (11)$$

For particular x_P solutions just use your brain and think of an ansatz. The final solution is $x(t) = x_P(t) + x_C(t)$, i.e. the sum of the complementary function and particular integral.

Resonance - I think it has to do with the particular solution having a similar frequency to that of the complementary function. Similarly if you have an output to an ODE $f(t)$ that has the same frequency as the complementary function, use $A\cos(\omega t) + B\sin(\omega t)$ as your ansatz.

Systems of ODE's. (State-space form). Any system of linear homogeneous differential equations can be written in the form $\frac{dx}{dt} = \mathbf{A}x$. $x = \sum v e^{\lambda t}$ is the general solution, where v are the eigenvectors and λ is the corresponding eigenvalue. They are used for large calculations that can only be solved numerically.

PROBABILITY

$$\text{Mutually exclusive} := P(A \cap B) = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Independent} := P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) \quad (13)$$

$$\text{Conditional Probability} := P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \quad (14)$$

- Try using contingency tables.
- If B and C are mutually exclusive $P(B \cap C) = 0$ and $P(B \cap A) \neq 0$ and $P(C \cap A) \neq 0$ then $P((B \cup C)|A) = P(B|A) + P(C|A)$
- Some properties of $E(X)$ are $E(aX) = aE(X)$, $E(X + b) = E(X) + b$ and $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$. Use these if you want to show that $\sigma^2 = E(X^2) - \mu^2$

Discrete Random Variables

Probability function $:= P_X(x) = P(X = x)$

Mean $:= \mu = E(X) = \sum xP_X(x)$

Cumulative distribution function $:= F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$

Median $:= m$ is such that $P(X \leq m) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ and $P(X \geq m) \geq \frac{1}{2}$

Variance $:= \sigma^2 = E(X^2) - \mu^2 = \sum x^2 P_X(x) - \mu^2$

Continuous Random Variables

Probability density function (pdf) $:= f_X(x)$

$P(x_1 < X < x_2) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f_X(x) dx$

Cumulative distribution function $:= F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(x) dx$

Mean $:= E(X) = \int x f_X(x) dx$

Median $:= \int_0^m f_X(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$

Mode $:= \frac{df_X(x)}{dx} = 0$

Variance $:= \sigma^2 = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx - \mu^2$

Distributions

Discrete

- Bernoulli distribution - for two outcomes $P_X(0) = 1 - p$ and $P(1) = p$.
- Geometric distribution - for finding the first successful occurrence. X is the number of trials (n). $P(X = n) = (1 - p)^{(n-1)}p$. $F_X(n) = 1 - (1 - p)^n$. Mean = p and Variance = $p(1 - p)$
- Binomial distribution - for multiple successes (k) and failures. X is the number of successes (k). n is the number of trials. $P_X(k) = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$. Mean = np . Variance = $np(1 - p)$. Just like Bernoulli except multiplied by n .
- Poisson distribution - for large n and small p Bernoulli distribution. It's basically an approximation. $P_X(k) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$, where $\lambda = np$ or the mean rate per unit time. Mean = λ . Variance = λ .

Continuous

- Exponential distribution - For studying the time between successive events. Let X be the time between two occurrences. Then pdf $f_X(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$ and

cdf $F_X(t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$, for $t > 0$. Mean = $\frac{1}{\lambda}$. Variance is $\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$. You can use Poisson as well.

- Normal Distribution $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ - for a lot of things. $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$
- Converting to standard Normal Distribution. $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ and $Z = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}$.
So if $X \sim N(4, 4)$ for example, then $P(X \leq 6.7) = P(Z = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{6.7-4}{2})$.
Find the Z values in the provided table.
- Central limit theorem - approximate a binomial with a normal distribution. Then $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ becomes $X \sim N(np, np(1-p))$

COMPLEX NUMBERS

$$\text{De Moivre's formula} := (\cos(\theta) + j\sin(\theta))^n = \cos(n\theta) + j\sin(n\theta) \quad (15)$$

Use when asked to convert $\sin(n\theta)$ or $\cos(n\theta)$ to powers of \cos and \sin . E.g. $\cos(5\theta) = \text{Re}(\cos(5\theta) + j\sin(5\theta)) = \text{Re}((\cos(\theta) + j\sin(\theta))^5)$ (Then use binomial expansion).

To convert powers of \sin and \cos in terms of $\sin(k\theta)$ and $\cos(k\theta)$, use the fact that $e^{j\theta} = \cos(\theta) + j\sin(\theta)$ and $e^{-j\theta} = \cos(\theta) - j\sin(\theta)$

Remember that $\cos(jx) = \cosh(x)$ and $\sin(jx) = j\sinh(x)$. If you get lost just set $\theta = jx$ and then use the above equations for $e^{j\theta}$. Use it for things like $\cos(z) = 2$

VECTORS

Projection of one vector onto another

$$|\overrightarrow{OP}| = \frac{\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}}{|\underline{b}|} = \underline{a} \cdot \hat{b} \quad (16)$$

Cross product

$$\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = |\underline{a}||\underline{b}|\sin(\theta)\underline{\hat{n}} = \det \begin{bmatrix} i & j & k \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{(\underline{a} \times \underline{b})}{2} = \text{Area of a triangle} \quad (18)$$

$$\underline{a} \times (\underline{b} + \underline{c}) = (\underline{a} \times \underline{b}) + (\underline{a} \times \underline{c}) \quad (19)$$

$$(k\underline{a}) \times (p\underline{b}) = kp(\underline{a} \times \underline{b}) \quad (20)$$

Vector equation of a sphere

$$|\underline{r} - \underline{a}| = \text{radius} \quad (21)$$

$$\underline{a} = \text{position of centre of sphere} \quad (22)$$

$$\underline{r} = \text{position vector} \quad (23)$$

Scalar Triple Product (Magnitude gives volume of parallelepiped)

$$a \cdot (b \times c) = \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

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MATRICES

Useful things to know

$(n \times m) \times (p \times q)$ only works if $p = n$ and gives a matrix of size $m \times q$

$$(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$$

Area/Volume of transformed shape by matrix = Original area/volume \times determinant of matrix

$$\det(A) = \sum a_{i,j} A_{i,j}$$

$$\mathbf{Cofactor} A_{i,j} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{i,j} (\mathbf{Minor})$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}^T) = \det(\mathbf{A})$$

$$\det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{A}) \det(\mathbf{B})$$

$\text{adj}(\mathbf{A})$ = The transpose of the matrix of cofactors

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum a_{i,i} = \sum \lambda$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \prod \lambda$$

Eigenvalues of A^{-1} are $\frac{1}{\lambda}$. For kA they are $k\lambda$ and for A^k they are λ^k . For A^T they are the same as for A , namely just λ .

If Eigenvalues are complex, then matrix rotates as well as stretching. To analyze, convert λ into exponential form $re^{j\theta}$ and r gives stretch factor and θ gives rotation. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yj1eYJyOFac>

If $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$ then A^{-1} exists and there is a unique solution to the system of equations $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ namely $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$

Cayley-Hamilton Theorem - Matrices satisfy their own characteristic equations.

- Unique solution has full rank and $\det(A) \neq 0$
- There is no solution when $\text{Rank}(A) \neq \text{Rank}(A|b)$
- There is a family of solutions if $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(A|b)$ (under-determined)
- $(\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Number of rows} - \text{Null}(A))$

Use the following property to find inverses: $AA^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$ and then use row elimination.

Matrices are distributive and associative, but only sometimes commutative.

FUNCTIONS

- X is a set called the domain
- Y is a set called the co-domain
- $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function, if it maps a unique value from set X onto set Y .
- Injective (one-to-one) means every value in set Y is mapped to by one point in set X . It also means some of the range (co-domain) is not covered.
- Surjective(onto) means every value in set Y is mapped to by at least one point in set X . Range is completely covered.
- Bijjective means it is both one-to-one and onto. If $f(x)$ is bijective then it is invertible and its inverse is bijective too.
- Even $:= f(x) = f(-x)$
- Odd $:= f(-x) = -f(x)$
- Periodic $:= f(x + T) = f(x)$

Intermediate value theorem. Basically says that if a function is continuous on an interval $[a, b]$ then $f(x)$ takes every value between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$. No shit sherlock.

A function that is smooth is continuous and differentiable throughout its domain

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = f(a) \quad (26)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f'(x) = f'(a) \quad (27)$$

BASIC CALCULUS

- positive curvature $:=$ convex
- negative curvature $:=$ concave
- integration "smooths out" small errors, i.e. it can turn a discontinuous function into something continuous.

The Riemann Integral (Does not work for improper integrals)

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(b-a)}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N f(a + \frac{n(b-a)}{N}) \quad (28)$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{N} \quad (29)$$

Partial Fractions. Always remember to have as many fractions as factors in the denominator. E.g.

$$\frac{1}{(x-2)^2(x-1)} = \frac{A_1}{(x-2)} + \frac{A_2}{(x-2)^2} + \frac{A_3}{(x-1)} \quad (30)$$

NUMERICAL METHODS

- Euler Method. (Explicit) Let $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t)$ be a non-linear ODE. Then the Euler method is as follows: $x_{n+1} = x_n + h \frac{dx}{dt} = x_n + hf(x_n, t_n)$. h is the step-size in the independent variables (in this case t) direction. You can also use it for higher-order ODE's but you have to convert it into state-space form.
- Backwards Euler (implicit) $x_{n+1} = x_n + hf(x_{n+1}, t_{n+1})$. $O(h)$.
- Errors. Useful to know how accurate the numerical solutions are. There are two kind of errors. Local error $= x_1 - x(t_1)$, i.e. the error after one step, and the global error $= x_n - x(t_n)$, the error after n steps. Normally if the local error gets smaller (by decreasing the step-size) the global error gets smaller. Not the case for stiff-problems though.
- For stiff ode's use an implicit method.
- step-size. You can test for which step-size various numerical methods will break by solving for x_{n+1} with an ODE that you know the solution to.
- Big O notation. A classification of how fast the error decays, i.e. how accurate the method is. For the Euler Method the error decays at a rate $O(h)$, which means it decays linearly with decreasing step-size. For the explicit midpoint method, $O(h^2)$, having the step-size will quarter the error. Runge-Kutta Method is $O(h^4)$ accurate.
- Fixed Point iteration. For solving roots of transcendental equations (anything besides polynomials) numerically, because they cannot be solved analytically. Use $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$ and iterate until it converges.
 - A necessary condition for convergence to a root L is $|g'(L)| < 1$.
 - If $0 < g'(L) < 1$ convergence is monotonic
 - If $-1 < g'(L) < 0$ convergence is oscillatory
 - If a root diverges, you can sometimes find a rearranged iteration scheme that find a converged root.
 - Error. $E_{n+1} \approx g'(L)E_n$, where $E_n = x_n - L$.
 - rate of converges $r = |g'(L)|$
- Intermediate value theorem (IMVT) can be used to show a root exists. Its a sufficient condition not a necessary condition.

- Bisection method uses this principle to determine a root by constantly having the distance between the two opposite points $f(a)$ and $f(b)$.
- Converges linearly with rate $1/2$.
- Newton-Raphson Method $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$. You have to set $f(x) = 0$ and then you can find $f'(x)$
 - May jump outside interval before converging
 - May diverge
 - Converges quadratically

Series

- Series worth remembering: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges,
- If the sequence of partial sums of a series converges, then the series converges too.
- Look at formula sheet for sum of geometric series.
- Tests

– **Integral test.** $\int_N^{\infty} f(x)dx \leq \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} f(n) \leq \int_N^{\infty} f(x)dx + f(N)$

– $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$

– **Alternating series** $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$ converges if:

- * a_n is of alternating sign
- * $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0$
- * $|a_{n+1}| < |a_n| \forall n$

– **Comparison test.** $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$ converges if:

* $b_n \geq a_n \geq 0$ and $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} b_n$ converges

* If $a_n \geq b_n \geq 0$ and $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges, then $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges

– **Ratio test**

* If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1$, then $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$ is absolutely convergent

- * If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| > 1$, then $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent
- * If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$, then the test gives no information.

Sequences

- Definition. A sequence a_n converges to a limit L if $\forall \epsilon > 0$ there exists an N such that $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$, $(L - \epsilon < a_n < L + \epsilon) \forall n > N$. ϵ is the distance from the limit L . So for example if we want to get to $\frac{1}{100}$ th of the limit of $1/n$, we need $\frac{1}{100} < \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{100}$ since $L = 0$, which means that for any $n > N = 100$, we we'll be within $\frac{1}{100}$ th of the limit.
- Recursive sequence - Each term is defined by previous term $a_{n+1} = g(a_n)$. If the sequence converges, for large n this means $a_n = g(a_n)$ so limit $L = g(L)$. You can use this to find the limit of a recursive sequence by setting a_{n+1} and a_n to L . Great for fixed point iteration.

Radius of Convergence. Simply use the ratio test on a power series and find the values for x in which the series is in between -1 and 1. E.g. You might get $|x| < 1$ from the ratio test. This means the radius of convergence is $-1 < x < 1$. To find the interval of convergence plug in the upper and lower bounds for x and see whether they converge or diverge.