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If $F = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ and $G = (g_1, \dots, g_n)$ are vector-valued and u a real-valued function of the real variable t , one defines the vector-valued functions $F+G$ and uF componentwise as

$$F+G := (f_1+g_1, \dots, f_n+g_n), \quad uF := (uf_1, \dots, uf_n)$$

and the real valued dot product as

$$F \cdot G := f_1g_1 + \dots + f_ng_n.$$

If $n = 3$, one may define also the vector-valued cross product function as

$$F \times G := \left(\begin{vmatrix} f_2 & f_3 \\ g_2 & g_3 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} f_3 & f_1 \\ g_3 & g_1 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} f_1 & f_2 \\ g_1 & g_2 \end{vmatrix} \right).$$

It's not hard to verify, that if F , G and u are differentiable on an interval, so are also $F+G$, uF and $F \cdot G$, and the formulae

$$(F+G)' = F' + G', \quad (uF)' = u'F + uF', \quad (F \cdot G)' = F' \cdot G + F \cdot G'$$

are valid, in \mathbb{R}^3 additionally

$$(F \times G)' = F' \times G + F \times G'.$$

Likewise one can verify the following theorems.

Theorem 1. If u is continuous in the point t and F in the point $u(t)$, then

$$H = F \circ u := (f_1 \circ u, \dots, f_n \circ u)$$

is continuous in the point t . If u is differentiable in the point t and F in the point $u(t)$, then the composite function H is differentiable in t and the chain rule

$$H'(t) = F'(u(t)) u'(t)$$

is in .

Theorem 2. If F and G are integrable on $[a, b]$, so is also $c_1F + c_2G$, where c_1, c_2 are real constants, and

$$\int_a^b (c_1F + c_2G) dt = c_1 \int_a^b F dt + c_2 \int_a^b G dt.$$

Theorem 3. Suppose that F is continuous on the interval I and $c \in I$. Then the vector-valued function

$$t \mapsto \int_c^t F(\tau) d\tau := G(t) \quad \forall t \in I$$

is differentiable on I and satisfies $G' = F$.

Theorem 4. Suppose that F is continuous on the interval $[a, b]$ and G is an arbitrary function such that $G' = F$ on this interval. Then

$$\int_a^b F(t) dt = G(b) - G(a).$$

Theorem 2 may be generalised to

Theorem 5. If F is integrable on $[a, b]$ and $C = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$ is an arbitrary vector of \mathbb{R}^n , then dot product $C \cdot F$ is integrable on this interval and

$$\int_a^b C \cdot F(t) dt = C \cdot \int_a^b F(t) dt.$$