

# Calculus III

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# Chapter 12

## Vectors and the Geometry of Space

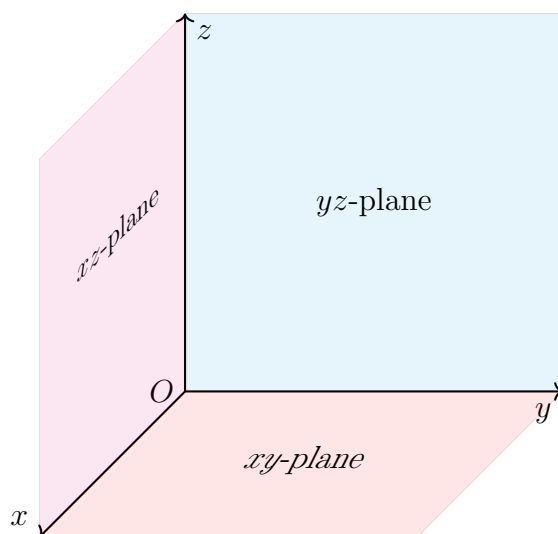
### 12.1 Three-Dimensional Coordinate Systems

Any point in a plane can be represented as an ordered pair of real numbers. Because this uses two numbers, a plane is called two-dimensional. To locate a point in space, a triplet of real-numbers is required.

#### 3D Space

Before points can be represented in 3D space, a fixed point  $O$  (the origin) and three perpendicular lines that pass through it, called the **coordinate axes**. These axes are labeled the  $x$ -,  $y$ -, and  $z$ -axes. In general, the former two are horizontal while the third is vertical. The direction of the  $z$ -axis is determined by the **right-hand rule**. Curling the fingers of the right hand from the positive  $x$ -axis to the positive  $y$ -axis, the thumb will point in the direction of the positive  $z$ -axis.

The three coordinate axes determine the three **coordinate planes**.



Three planes divided space into eight **octants**. Illustrated above are the positive  $xz$ -,  $yz$ -, and  $xy$ -planes, constituting the **first octant**.

A point's **coordinates** are an ordered triple of real numbers. A point's **projection** onto a plane is the point with two of the same coordinates, the third becoming 0.

Plane	$xy$	$yz$	$xz$
$(a, b, c)$	$(a, b, 0)$	$(0, b, c)$	$(a, 0, c)$

The set of all ordered triples is the cartesian product of three sets of all real numbers, denoted appropriately by  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and defined as

$$\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

A one-to-one correspondence between points in space and ordered triples in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a **three-dimensional coordinate system**. It should be noted that the first octant can be described as the set of points for which all coordinates are positive.

## Distances and Spheres

**Distance Formula in Three Dimensions** The distance  $|P_1P_2|$  between points  $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  is

$$|P_1P_2| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

**Equation of a Sphere** The equation of a sphere with center  $(h, k, l)$  and radius  $r$  is

$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 + (z - l)^2 = r^2$$

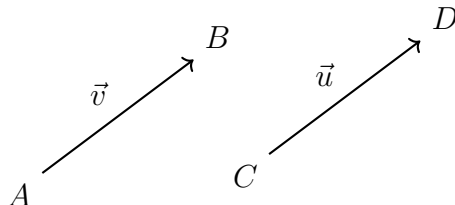
## 12.2 Vectors

The term **vector** is used to indicate a quantity with both magnitude and direction.

### Geometric Description of Vectors

A vector is often represented by an arrow, the length of which represents its magnitude. A vector is denoted by a letter in boldface ( $\mathbf{v}$ ) or with an arrow above a letter ( $\vec{v}$ ).

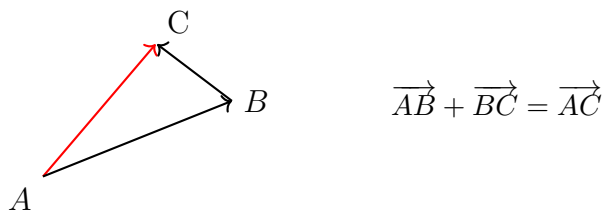
A **displacement vector** is a vector representing how something is displaced from its **initial point** (tail) to its **terminal point** (tip).



In the above figure, vector  $\vec{v}$  has initial point  $A$  and terminal point  $B$ . This can be indicated by writing  $\vec{v} = \overrightarrow{AB}$ . If  $AB = CD$  and the angles relative to the same axis are equal, then the  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{u}$  are **equivalent** (or **equal**).

The only vector without a direction is the **zero vector**, denoted by  $\vec{0}$ , which has length 0.

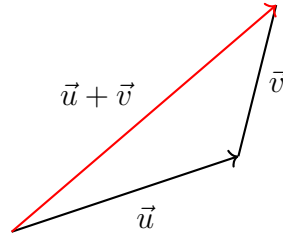
The sum of two vectors can be denoted with the initial point of the first and the terminal point of the second.



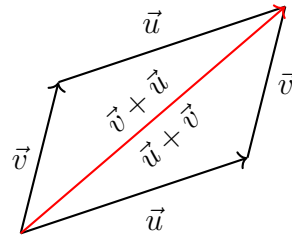
To add vectors, the one's tail can be moved to the other's tip and the resultant terminal point found.

**Definition of Vector Addition** The sum of two vectors position such that the initial point of one is the terminal point of the other is the vector from the initial point of the first to the terminal point of the second.

The definition of vector addition is sometimes referred to as the **Triangle Law**.



Doing the opposite addition results in the same resultant vector. This is made visible by the **Parallelogram Law**.

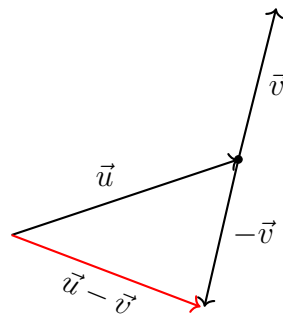


A **scalar** is a number that is not a vector.

**Definition of Scalar Multiplication** The **scalar multiple**  $c\vec{v}$  of a scalar  $c$  and a vector  $\vec{v}$  is a vector of length  $|c||\vec{v}|$  and whose direction is the same as  $\vec{v}$  if  $c > 0$  and in the opposite direction if  $c < 0$ . If  $c = 0$  or  $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ , then  $c\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ .

The **negative** of a vector  $\vec{v}$ , denoted by  $-\vec{v}$ , is the scalar multiple of the  $\vec{v}$  and  $-1$ .

The **difference**  $\vec{u} - \vec{v}$  is the sum of  $\vec{u}$  and  $-\vec{v}$ .



## Components of a Vector

A vector can be treated algebraically using **components**, which are the difference between the initial and terminal points in a dimension. The components of a vector  $\vec{u}$  in 2 dimension and a vector  $\vec{v}$  in 3 can be denoted as such:

$$\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$

Geometric vectors can be thought of as **representation** of algebraic vectors.

The representation of a vector with initial and terminal points is

$$\langle \Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z \rangle$$

The **magnitude/length** of a vector, denoted  $|\vec{v}|$  or  $||\vec{v}||$  for a vector  $\vec{v}$ , is the length of any of its representations. This can be computed in  $n$  dimensions using the distance formula:

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2}$$

Vectors can be added or subtracted algebraically by performing the desired operation their corresponding components.

$$\vec{u} \pm \vec{v} = \langle u_1 \pm v_1, u_2 \pm v_2, \dots, u_n \pm v_n \rangle$$

The scalar multiple of a vector can be found by multiplying each of its components by the scalar.

$$c\vec{v} = \langle cv_1, cv_2, \dots, cv_n \rangle$$

The set of all  $n$ -dimensional vectors is denoted by  $V_n$ . An  $n$ -dimensional vector is an  $n$ -tuple of real numbers, which are the vector's components.

**Properties of Vectors** If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are vectors in  $V_n$  and  $c$  and  $d$  are scalars, then

$$\begin{array}{ll} \vec{a} + \vec{b} = \vec{b} + \vec{a} & \vec{a} + (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) + \vec{c} \\ \vec{a} + \vec{0} = \vec{a} & \vec{a} + (-\vec{a}) = \vec{0} \\ c(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = c\vec{a} + c\vec{b} & (c + d)\vec{a} = c\vec{a} + d\vec{a} \\ (cd)\vec{a} = c(d\vec{a}) & 1\vec{a} = \vec{a} \end{array}$$

A vector can be denoted in **unit-vector notation** as the sum of scalar multiples of **standard basis vectors** defined as such:

$$\hat{i} := \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle \quad \hat{j} := \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \quad \hat{k} := \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

A vector can therefore be rewritten using its components as such:

$$\vec{v} = \langle v_x, v_y, v_z \rangle = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} + v_z \hat{k}$$

A **unit vector** is a vector of length 1. The standard basis vectors are unit vectors in the directions of the axes. A unit vector  $\vec{u}$  in the same direction as a vector  $\vec{v}$  is

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

The angle  $\theta$  between a two-dimensional vector  $\vec{v}$  and the positive  $x$ -axis can be calculated using inverse tangent:

$$\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{v_y}{v_x}\right)$$

This can be used to find the components of a vector of a given magnitude  $r$  and direction  $\theta$ .

## 12.3 The Dot Product

**Definition of the Dot Product** The dot product of two vectors in  $V_n$  is the sum of the products of their corresponding components.

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i$$

The dot product of two vectors is a real number. As such, the dot product is sometimes referred to as the **scalar/inner product**.

**Properties of the Dot Product** If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are vectors in  $V_n$  and  $c$  is a scalar, then

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} &= |\vec{a}|^2 & \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} \\ \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) &= \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} & (c\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b} &= c(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = \vec{a} \cdot (c\vec{b}) \\ \vec{0} \cdot \vec{a} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

If  $\theta$  is the angle between vectors,  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ , then

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = |\vec{u}||\vec{v}| \cos \theta$$

Rewritten for  $\theta$ , it can be said that

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}||\vec{v}|}$$

Two vectors are **orthogonal** (perpendicular) if and only if their dot product is 0.

$$\vec{u} \perp \vec{v} \iff \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

Two vectors are **parallel** if their dot product is equal to the the product of their magnitudes or its negation, as  $\theta$  is 0 or  $\pi$ .

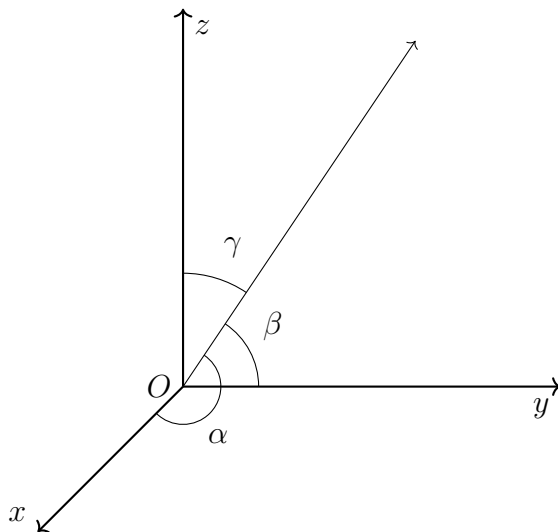
$$\vec{u} \parallel \vec{v} \iff \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \pm |\vec{u}||\vec{v}|$$

Two vectors point in opposite directions if their dot product is equal to the negative of the product of their magnitudes, as  $\theta$  is  $\pi$ .

$$\frac{\vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|} = -\frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} \iff \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = -|\vec{u}||\vec{v}|$$

## Direction Angles and Direction Cosines

The **direction angles** of a nonzero vector are  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$ . These are the angles made with the positive  $x$ -,  $y$ -, and  $z$ -axes respectively.





The cosines of these direction angles are called the **direction cosines**. These direction cosines can be derived using the dot products of the vector and the standard basis vectors.

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \hat{i}}{|\vec{v}| |\hat{i}|} = \frac{v_x}{|\vec{v}|} \quad \cos \beta = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \hat{j}}{|\vec{v}| |\hat{j}|} = \frac{v_y}{|\vec{v}|} \quad \cos \gamma = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \hat{k}}{|\vec{v}| |\hat{k}|} = \frac{v_z}{|\vec{v}|}$$

Squaring both sides and adding, the sum of the direction cosines can be shown to be equal to 1.

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = \frac{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2}{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2} = 1$$

Rewriting for the components, it can be seen that the direction cosines are the components of the unit vector in the direction of the vector.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} &= \langle v_x, v_y, v_z \rangle = \langle |\vec{v}| \cos \alpha, |\vec{v}| \cos \beta, |\vec{v}| \cos \gamma \rangle = |\vec{v}| \langle \cos \alpha, \cos \beta, \cos \gamma \rangle \\ \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} &= \langle \cos \alpha, \cos \beta, \cos \gamma \rangle \end{aligned}$$

## Projections

The **scalar projection** of a vector  $\vec{u}$  onto a vector  $\vec{v}$  is (the **component of  $\vec{u}$  along  $\vec{v}$** ) is the component of  $\vec{u}$  in the direction of  $\vec{v}$ . This is denoted and found as

$$\text{comp}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} = |\vec{u}| \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|}$$

The **vector projection** of this is simply equal to this scalar multiplied by a unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{v}$ .

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|^2} \vec{v}$$

The **orthogonal projection** of this is the the projection of  $\vec{u}$  onto the vector perpendicular to  $\vec{v}$ , denoted and found as

$$\text{orth}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} = \vec{u} - \text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u}$$

The reason for this equation is that the projection and orthogonal projection of  $\vec{u}$  onto  $\vec{v}$  must logically sum to  $\vec{u}$ .

## 12.4 The Cross Product

### The Cross Product of Two Vectors

A **determinant of order 2** is defined as the difference between the products of the diagonal terms and is denoted as such:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

A **determinant of order 3** can be defined in terms of second-order determinants.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} &= a_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & b_3 \\ c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - a_2 \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + a_3 \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_2 \\ c_1 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a_1 b_2 c_3 - a_1 b_3 c_2 - a_2 b_1 c_3 + a_2 b_3 c_2 + a_3 b_1 c_2 - a_3 b_2 c_1 \end{aligned}$$

**Definition of the Cross Product** The **cross product** of two three-dimensional vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} = \langle u_2v_3 - u_3v_2, u_3v_1 - u_1v_3, u_1v_2 - u_2v_1 \rangle$$

The cross product of two vectors is orthogonal to both.

The magnitude of the cross product of two vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  with angle  $\theta$  between them is  $|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}|$ .

$$|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = |\vec{u}||\vec{v}| \sin \theta$$

Two vectors are parallel if and only if their cross product is equal to zero.

$$\vec{u} \parallel \vec{v} \iff \vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

The cross products of the standard basis vectors are as follows:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k} & \hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \hat{i} & \hat{k} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j} \\ \hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k} & \hat{k} \times \hat{j} = -\hat{i} & \hat{i} \times \hat{k} = -\hat{j} \end{array}$$

**Properties of the Cross Product** If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are vectors and  $c$  is a scalar, then

$$\begin{array}{ll} \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = -\vec{b} \times \vec{a} & (c\vec{a}) \times \vec{b} = c(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \vec{a} \times (c\vec{b}) \\ \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c} & (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \vec{a} \times \vec{c} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} \\ \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} & \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c} \end{array}$$

## Triple Products

The **scalar triple product** of vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  is

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

The volume of a parallelepiped determined by vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  is the magnitude of their scalar triple product.

$$V = |\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|$$

The **vector triple product** of vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  is

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

## 12.5 Equations of Lines and Planes

### Lines

A line in three dimensional space is defined by a known point and a direction. The direction can be described by a vector parallel to the line. A **vector equation** of a line has a **parameter** of some scalar which is multiplied by the parallel vector. The result is then added to the initial point.

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v}$$

Rewritten in component form, this provides the **parametric equations** of the line.

The parametric equations of a line that passes through the point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and is parallel to the direction vector  $\vec{v}$  are

$$x = x_0 + v_x t \qquad y = y_0 + v_y t \qquad z = z_0 + v_z t$$

If a vector is used to describe a line's direction, its components are called the line's **direction numbers**. As any parallel vector can be used, any set of numbers proportional to a given set of direction numbers can also be used as a set of direction numbers for the line.

A line can also be described by eliminating the parameter, solving each component's equation for the parameter.

$$t = \frac{x - x_0}{v_x} = \frac{y - y_0}{v_y} = \frac{z - z_0}{v_z}$$

These equations are the **symmetric equations** of the line. It should be noted that the denominators are direction numbers. If one of the direction number is 0, the symmetric equations can still be found, simply equating the variable whose corresponding number is 0 to its known value. If  $v_x$  is 0,

$$x = x_0 \qquad \frac{y - y_0}{v_y} = \frac{z - z_0}{v_z}$$

The line segment from  $\vec{r}_0$  to  $\vec{r}_1$  is given by the vector equation

$$\vec{r}(t) = (1 - t)\vec{r}_0 + t\vec{r}_1 \mid 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

## Planes

While a line in space is determined by a point and its direction, a plane is more difficult to define. A single vector parallel to the plane is not able to properly convey its "direction", but one perpendicular to it does not completely specify it either. A plane is instead determined by a point in the plane and a vector  $\vec{n}$ , called the **normal vector**, that is orthogonal to the plane.

For a point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  determining the plane with position vector  $\vec{r}_0$ , an arbitrary point  $P(x, y, z)$  on the plane with position vector  $\vec{r}$ , and a normal vector  $\vec{n}$ , the vector  $\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0$  is represented by  $\overrightarrow{P_0P}$ . As  $\vec{n}$  is orthogonal to every vector in the plane, it is also perpendicular to  $\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0$ , so

$$\vec{n} \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) = 0 \implies \vec{n} \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{r}_0$$

These equations are both **vector equations of the plane**.

A scalar equation for the plane can be derived by rewriting the vectors in terms of their components and evaluating the cross product.

A **scalar equation of the plane** through the point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  with normal vector  $\vec{n}$  is

$$n_x(x - x_0) + n_y(y - y_0) + n_z(z - z_0) = 0$$

This can be rewritten as a **linear equation** in  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  by expanding.

$$n_x x + n_y y + n_z z + d = 0 \mid d = -(n_x x_0 + n_y y_0 + n_z z_0)$$

Two planes are **parallel** if their normal vectors are parallel.

## Distances

The distance from a point  $P(x, y, z)$  to a plane  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$  is equal to the absolute value of the scalar projection of the vector  $\vec{b}$  from an arbitrary point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  in the plane to  $P$  and the plane's normal vector.

$$D = |\text{comp}_{\vec{n}} \vec{b}|$$

Expanding,

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \frac{|\vec{n} \cdot \vec{b}|}{|\vec{n}|} = \frac{|b_x n_x + b_y n_y + b_z n_z|}{\sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2}} = \frac{|n_x(x - x_0) + n_y(y - y_0) + n_z(z - z_0)|}{\sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2}} \\ &= \frac{|(n_x x + n_y y + n_z z) - (n_x x_0 + n_y y_0 + n_z z_0)|}{\sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2}} \end{aligned}$$

As  $P_0$  lies in the plane, it satisfies the equation of the plane, allowing this to be further rewritten.

The distance  $D$  from a point  $P(x, y, z)$  to a plane  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$  is

$$D = \frac{|ax + by + cz + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

# Chapter 13

## Vector Functions

### 13.1 Vector Functions and Space Curves

#### Vector-Valued Functions

A function is a rule that assigns each element in its domain to an element in its range. A **vector(-valued) function** is one with a domain of real numbers and a range of vectors.

A three-dimensional vector function can be written in terms of the sum of real valued functions corresponding to each component, called its **component functions**. If the components of  $\vec{r}$  are real-valued functions  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$ , it can be written that

$$\vec{r} = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle = f(t)\hat{i} + g(t)\hat{j} + h(t)\hat{k}$$

#### Limits and Continuity

The **limit** of a vector function is defined by the limits of its component functions.

If  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$ , then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow c} \vec{r}(t) = \left\langle \lim_{t \rightarrow c} f(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow c} g(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow c} h(t) \right\rangle$$

so long as the limits of the component functions exist.

A vector function  $\vec{r}$  is **continuous** at  $c$  if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow c} \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}(c)$$

By extension, its component functions must also be continuous at  $c$ .

#### Space Curves

A **space curve** is a set  $C$  of all points  $(x, y, z)$  in space where  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are determined by continuous real-valued functions on an interval  $I$ . These functions' equations are the **parametric equations of  $C$** , and  $t$  is its **parameter**.

The collision of two space curves (being equal at the same parameter value) can be determined by equating each corresponding component and seeing if there are any values of the component for which all three equations are satisfied.

The intersection of two space curves can be determined by writing the equations in terms of different parameters, creating a system of equations equating each corresponding component and solving for one of the parameters to plug back into its corresponding vector equation to find the point.

## 13.2 Derivatives and Integrals of Vector Functions

### Derivatives

The derivative  $\vec{r}'$  of a vector function  $\vec{r}$  is defined by the limit of the difference quotient (if it exists), just like the derivative of a real-valued function.

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{r}'(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\vec{r}(t+h) - \vec{r}(t)}{h} \right]$$

$\vec{r}'(t)$  is the **tangent vector** to the curve defined by  $\vec{r}$  at  $t$ , provided  $\vec{r}'(t)$  exists and is not  $\vec{0}$ . The **tangent line** to  $C$  at  $\vec{r}(t)$  is the line through  $\vec{r}(t)$  parallel to  $\vec{r}'(t)$ .

The derivative of a vector function can be found as that of each of its components.

If  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$  where each component function is differentiable,

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle f'(t), g'(t), h'(t) \rangle$$

A unit vector in the direction of the tangent vector is the **unit tangent vector**  $\vec{T}$ , defined by

$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$$

The **second derivative** of a vector function  $\vec{r}$  is the derivative of  $\vec{r}'$ .

### Differentiation Rules

If  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are differentiable vector functions,  $c$  is a scalar, and  $f$  is a real-valued function,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}[\vec{u}(t) + \vec{v}(t)] &= \vec{u}'(t) + \vec{v}'(t) & \frac{d}{dt}[c\vec{u}(t)] &= c\vec{u}'(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt}[\vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t)] &= \vec{u}'(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t) + \vec{v}(t) \cdot \vec{u}'(t) & \frac{d}{dt}[\vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}(t)] &= \vec{u}'(t) \times \vec{v}(t) + \vec{v}'(t) \times \vec{u}(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt}[f(t)\vec{u}(t)] &= f'(t)\vec{u}(t) + f(t)\vec{u}'(t) & \frac{d}{dt}[\vec{u}(f(t))] &= f'(t)\vec{u}'(f(t)) \end{aligned}$$

### Integrals

The **definite integral** of a continuous vector function can be defined similarly to that of a continuous real-valued function.

$$\int_a^b \vec{r}(t) dt = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{r}(t_i^*) \Delta t$$

This definition can be rewritten in terms of components.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \vec{r}(t) dt &= \left\langle \int_a^b f(t) dt, \int_a^b g(t) dt, \int_a^b h(t) dt \right\rangle \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i^*) \Delta t, \sum_{i=1}^n g(t_i^*) \Delta t, \sum_{i=1}^n h(t_i^*) \Delta t \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

The fundamental theorem of calculus can be extended to vector functions.

$$\int_a^b \vec{r}(t) dt = \left[ \vec{R}(t) \right]_a^b = \vec{R}(b) - \vec{R}(a)$$

The constant of integration for the indefinite integral of a vector function is itself a vector  $\vec{C}$ .

$$\int \vec{r}(t) dt = \vec{R}(t) + \vec{C}$$

## 13.3 Arc Length and Curvature

### Arc Length

The arc length of a vector function is simply the integral of its derivative's magnitude.

$$L = \int_a^b |\vec{r}'(t)| dt = \int_a^b \left[ \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} \right] dt$$

A single curve can be represented by multiple vector functions, each of which is a **parametrization** of the original curve. Regardless of which parametrization is used, the arc length will be the same (so long as parameters are converted between), as arc length is a geometric property, making it independent of the parametrization used.

### The Arc Length Function

For a curve  $C$  given by a continuous vector function  $\vec{r}$  parametrized using  $t \in [a, b]$ , the **arc length function** is defined as

$$s(t) = \int_a^t |\vec{r}'(u)| du$$

Differentiating both sides (applying the fundamental theorem of calculus for the right side), it can be seen that

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = |\vec{r}'(t)|$$

This **Parametrization of a curve with respect to arc length** can be used to analyze the curve, as arc length is not dependent on a particular coordinate system of parametrization, instead being an inherent geometric property of the curve's.

### Curvature

A parametrization is called **smooth** on an interval if its derivative is continuous and not equal to  $\vec{0}$  at any point in the interval.

The curvature of a curve  $C$  at a given point is a measure of how quickly it is changing direction. More specifically, it is the magnitude of the rate of change of the unit tangent vector with respect to arc length. (Arc length is used due to its parametrization-independence.)

The **curvature** of a curve is

$$\kappa = \left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right|$$

The curvature can be more easily computed by expressing it in terms of parameter  $t$  instead of  $s$ . Using chain rule,

$$\frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt} \implies \kappa = \left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right| = \left| \frac{d\vec{T}/dt}{ds/dt} \right|$$

Rewriting by differentiating the formula for arc length,

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{|\vec{T}'(t)|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$$

It may sometimes be more convenient to re-express curvature as

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|^3}$$

## The Normal and Binormal Vectors

As the magnitude of the unit tangent vector is always 1 (by definition), the dot product of it and its derivative is 0 (as this is true of any vector function of constant magnitude). The **(principle) unit normal vector**  $\vec{N}$  is the unit vector of the derivative of the unit tangent vector.

$$\vec{N}(t) = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{|\vec{T}'(t)|}$$

This vector can be thought of as indicating the direction that a curve is turning at a point. The **binormal vector**  $\vec{B}$  is the cross product of the unit tangent and normal vectors.

$$\vec{B}(t) = \vec{T}(t) \times \vec{N}(t)$$

The plane determined by the normal and binormal vectors at point  $P$  on curve  $C$  is the **normal plane**. It consists of all lines that are orthogonal to the tangent vector.

The plane determined by the tangent and normal vectors is the **osculating plane**.

The **circle of curvature** or **osculating circle** at point  $P$  is the circle in the osculating plane with radius  $1/\kappa$  whose edge contains  $P$ . The center of this circle is the **center of curvature**.

## Torsion

The curvature at a point indicates how tightly a curve “bends”. As the tangent vector is orthogonal to the normal plane,  $d\vec{T}/ds$  shows how the normal plane changes moving along the curve. As the binormal vector is orthogonal to the osculating plane,  $d\vec{B}/ds$  shows how the osculating plane changes.

As  $d\vec{B}/ds$  is parallel to the normal vector, there is a scalar  $\tau$  such that

$$\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} = -\tau\vec{N}$$

Taking the dot product with  $\vec{N}$  on both sides,

$$\tau(t) = -\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} \cdot \vec{N}$$

Torsion is easier to compute using parameter  $t$ , so using chain rule,

$$\tau(t) = -\frac{\vec{B}(t) \cdot \vec{N}(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$$

Torsion can also be computed as

$$\tau(t) = \frac{(\vec{r}''(t) \times \vec{r}'''(t)) \cdot \vec{r}''(t)}{|\vec{r}''(t) \times \vec{r}'''(t)|^2}$$

## 13.4 Motion in Space: Velocity and Acceleration

### Velocity, Speed, and Acceleration

**Velocity** is the derivative of position with respect to time.

$$\vec{v}(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$



**Speed** is the magnitude of velocity. It can also be found as the derivative of arc length (distance traveled) with respect to time.

$$|\vec{v}(t)| = \frac{ds}{dt}$$

**Acceleration** is the derivative of velocity.

$$\vec{a}(t) = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$$

**Newton's Second Law of Motion** states that for a force  $\vec{F}$  acting on an object of mass  $m$  that produces an acceleration  $\vec{a}$ ,

$$\vec{F}(t) = m\vec{a}(t)$$

## Projectile Motion

The magnitude of acceleration due to gravity is

$$g \approx 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

## Tangential and Normal Components of Acceleration

The tangential and normal components of acceleration can be found as

$$a_T = \frac{d|\vec{v}|}{dt} \qquad a_N = \kappa|\vec{v}|^2$$

## Kepler's Laws of Planetary Motion

Kepler's laws are as follows:

1. A planet orbits in an elliptical orbit with the sun as one of its foci.
2. The line joining the sun to a planet sweeps out equal areas in equal times.
3. The square of the period of revolution is proportional to the cube of the semimajor axis of the orbit.

Newton's law of gravitation states that

$$\vec{F}_g = -\frac{GMm}{r^3}\vec{r} = -\frac{GMm}{r^2}\vec{u}$$

# Chapter 14

## Partial Derivatives

### 14.1 Functions of Several Variables

#### Functions of Two Variables

A **function of two variables** is a rule that assigns to each ordered pair of real numbers in its domain to a real number in its range.

For a function  $z = f(x, y)$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  are the **independent variables** and  $z$  is the **dependent variable**. A function of two variables is a function with its domain as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and its range is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

#### Graphs

The **graph** of two-variable function  $f$  is the set of all points  $(x, y, z)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $z = f(x, y)$  and  $(x, y)$  is in a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

#### Level Curves and Contour Maps

The **level curves** of a function  $F$  of two variables are the curves with equations  $f(x, y) = k$  where  $k$  is a constant within the range of  $f$ .

A collection of level curves is a **contour map**.

### 14.2 Limits and Continuity

#### Limits of Functions of Two Variables

The notation

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = L$$

is used to denote that the values of  $f(x, y)$  approaches  $L$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$  and  $y$  approaches  $b$ .

For a function of two variables  $f$ , the **limit of  $f(x, y)$  as  $(x, y)$  approaches  $a, b$**  is denoted as

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y)$$

This is equal to  $L$  if, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a corresponding number  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$(x, y) \in D \wedge 0 < \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2} < \delta \implies |f(x, y) - L| < \varepsilon$$

## Showing that a Limit Does Not Exist

The limit does not exist at  $(a, b)$  if  $f$  approaches two different values when approaching from different paths.

## Properties of Limits

The following are true of limits:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} cf(x) = c \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \times g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}$$

A **polynomial** function is a sum of terms in the form  $cx^m y^n$  where  $c$  is a constant and  $m$  and  $n$  are nonnegative integers. A **rational function** is a ratio of two polynomials.

## Continuity

A function  $f(x, y)$  is **continuous** at  $(a, b)$  if

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = f(a, b)$$

It is continuous on an interval if this it is continuous at every point within.

Polynomials and rational functions are continuous on their entire domains.

## Functions of Three or More Variables

Everything thus far can be extended to functions of more than two variables.

## 14.3 Partial Derivatives

### Partial Derivatives of Functions of Two Variables

A **partial derivative** of a two-variable function assumes treats all but the variable being differentiated with respect to as constants. It is the instantaneous rate of change in the direction of the variable.

The partial derivatives of a function  $f$  are the functions  $f_x$  and  $f_y$ , defined as

$$f_x(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h} \right] \quad f_y(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y)}{h} \right]$$

The partial derivative of a function  $z = f(x, y)$  with respect to variable  $x$  can be denoted

$$f_x(x, y) = f_x = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = f_1 = D_1 f = D_x f$$

When evaluating a partial derivative with respect to one variable, all other dependent variables can be regarded as constant.

## Interpretations of Partial Derivatives

The partial derivative of  $f(x, y)$  with respect to  $x$  is the slope of the tangent line parallel to the  $x$ -axis while that with respect to  $y$  is the slope of the tangent line parallel to the  $y$ -axis.

## Higher Derivatives

The partial derivatives of a function of two variables  $f$  are themselves functions of two variables which can be differentiated. These are the **second partial derivatives** of  $f$ . If  $z = f(x, y)$ , two of these can be denoted

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} (f_x)_x & f_{xx} & f_{11} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \\ (f_x)_y & f_{xy} & f_{12} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} & \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \end{array}$$

Using Clairaut's theorem, it can be shown that  $f_{xyy} = f_{yxy} = f_{yyx}$  if all are continuous.

## 14.4 Tangent Planes and Linear Approximations

### Tangent Planes

**Equation of a Tangent Plane** If function  $f$  has continuous partial derivatives, an equation to the tangent plane to the surface  $z = f(x, y)$  at  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is

$$z - z_0 = f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

### Linear Approximations

The **linearization**  $L$  of  $f$  at  $(a, b)$  is its tangent plane, which can be used to approximate  $f(x, y)$  at points close to  $(a, b)$ .

$$L(x, y) = f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

If  $z = f(x, y)$ ,  $f$  can be said to be **differentiable** if  $\Delta z$  can be expressed as

$$\Delta z = f_x(a, b)\Delta x + f_y(a, b)\Delta y + \varepsilon_1\Delta x + \varepsilon_2\Delta y$$

where  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\varepsilon_2$  are functions of  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$  that approach 0 as  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$  approaches  $(0, 0)$ .

## Differentials

For a differentiable function of a single variable  $y = f(x)$ , the differential  $dy$  is defined to be an independent variable. The differential of  $y$  is then defined as

$$dy = f'(x)dx$$

$\Delta y$  is the change in the curve  $f(x)$  while  $dy$  is the change in the tangent line for a change in  $x$   $dx = \Delta x$ . For a differentiable function of two variables  $z = f(x, y)$ , the **differentials**  $dx$  and  $dy$  are defined to be independent variables. The **(total) differential**  $dz$  is defined by

$$dz = f_x(x, y)dx + f_y(x, y)dy = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}dy$$

## 14.5 The Chain Rule

The chain rule for functions of a single variable provides a rule for differentiating a composite function; if  $y = f(u)$  and  $u = g(x)$ ,  $y$  is an indirectly differentiable function of  $x$  with derivative

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$$

### The Chain Rule: Case 1

For a function of more than 1 variable, there are multiple versions of the chain rule. The first version deals with the case where  $z = f(x, y)$  and both  $x$  and  $y$  are functions of variable  $t$ , making  $z$  an indirect function of  $t$ .

If  $z = f(x, y)$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are functions of  $t$ , then  $z$  is a differentiable function of  $t$  such that

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

### The Chain Rule: Case 2

If  $z = f(x, y)$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are functions of  $t$  and  $u$ ,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \qquad \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$$

In this case,  $t$  and  $u$  are **independent variables**,  $x$  and  $y$  are **intermediate variables**, and  $z$  is the **dependent variable**.

### The Chain Rule: General Version

If  $u$  is a differentiable function of  $n$  variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , each of which is a differentiable function of  $m$  variables  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m$ ,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial t_i}$$

for each  $i$  in  $1, 2, \dots, m$ .

### Implicit Differentiation

Suppose that an equation of the form  $F(x, y) = 0$  defines  $y$  implicitly as a function of  $x$ . If  $F$  is differentiable, Case 1 of the Chain Rule can be applied to differentiate both sides of the equation.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= F(x, y) \\ 0 &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

As  $dx/dx$  is equal to 1,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y}$$

The **Implicit Function Theorem** states that if  $F$  is defined on a disk containing  $(a, b)$  where  $F(a, b) = 0$ ,  $F_y(a, b) \neq 0$ , and  $F_x$  and  $F_y$  are continuous on the disk, then the equation  $F(x, y) = 0$  defines  $y$  as a function of  $x$  near the point  $(a, b)$ .

## 14.6 Directional Derivatives and the Gradient Vector

### Directional Derivatives

The partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  represent the rates of change in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions. To find the rate of change in the direction of an arbitrary unit vector  $\vec{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$ , the slope of the line tangent to the curve  $C$  formed by the intersection of the surface  $S$  formed by the equation  $z = f(x, y)$  and the vertical plane that passes through the point of differentiation  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  in the direction of  $\vec{u}$  can be evaluated.

If  $Q(x, y, z)$  is another point on  $C$  and  $P'$  and  $Q'$  are the projections of  $P$  and  $Q$  onto the  $xy$ -plane, the vector  $\overrightarrow{P'Q'}$  is parallel to  $\vec{u}$ , so

$$\overrightarrow{P'Q'} = h\vec{u}$$

for some scalar  $h$ . From this, it can be seen that

$$\begin{aligned} x - x_0 &= ha & y - y_0 &= hb \\ x &= x_0 + ha & y &= y_0 + hb \end{aligned}$$

Applying the difference quotient using  $z$ ,

$$\frac{\Delta z}{h} = \frac{f(x_0 + ha, y_0 + hb) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

Taking the limit as  $h$  approaches 0 provides the slope of the tangent line in the direction of  $\vec{u}$ .

The **directional derivative** of  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  in the direction of unit vector  $\vec{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$  is

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x_0 + ha, y_0 + hb) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h} \right]$$

The directional derivative can be computed without using limits as well.

If  $f$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$ , then  $f$  has a directional derivative in the direction of any unit vector  $\vec{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$  and

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x, y) = f_x(x, y)a + f_y(x, y)b$$

### The Gradient Vector

The equation for the directional derivative of a differentiable function can be written as the dot product

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x, y) = \langle f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y) \rangle \cdot \vec{u}$$

The first vector in this dot product is called the **gradient** of  $f$ .

If  $f$  is a function of two variables  $x$  and  $y$ , the **gradient** of  $f$  is the vector function  $\nabla f$  defined by

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \langle f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y) \rangle = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j}$$

Rewriting the equation for the directional derivative using the gradient vector,

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y) \cdot \vec{u}$$

## Functions of Three Variables

The **directional derivative** of  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  in the direction of unit vector  $\vec{u} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$  is

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x_0 + ha, y_0 + hb, z_0 + hc) - f(x_0, y_0, z_0)}{h} \right]$$

This can be rewritten using vectors, defining  $\vec{r}_0$  to be  $\langle x_0, y_0 \rangle$  if  $n = 2$  and  $\langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$  if  $n = 3$ .

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(\vec{r}_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(\vec{r}_0 + h\vec{u}) - f(\vec{r}_0)}{h} \right]$$

The **gradient vector** is

$$\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

Rewriting the directional derivative using the gradient vector,

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x, y, z) = \nabla f(x, y, z) \cdot \vec{u}$$

## Maximizing the Directional Derivative

The way that the directional derivative is defined, it is clear that its maximum magnitude is simply that of gradient.

$$\max\{D_{\vec{u}}f(\vec{r})\} = |\nabla f(\vec{r})|$$

As the dot product is maximized for parallel vectors, this must occur when  $\vec{u}$  is in the same direction as the gradient.

## Tangent Planes to Level Surfaces

Suppose the surface  $S$  has equation  $F(x, y, z) = k$  (making it a level surface of a function  $F$  for all 3 variables). Let point  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  be a point on  $S$  and  $C$  be a curve on  $S$  that passes through  $P$ .  $C$  is described by a continuous vector function  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$ . Let  $\vec{r}(t_0) = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$ . As  $P$  is on  $C$ , it must satisfy the equation of  $S$ .

$$F(x(t), y(t), z(t)) = k$$

Using the chain rule to differentiate,

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} = 0$$

This can be rewritten as

$$\nabla F \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$$

Plugging in the values for  $P$ ,

$$\nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0) \cdot \vec{r}'(t_0) = 0$$

This means that the gradient vector at  $P$  is perpendicular to the tangent vector to any curve on  $S$  that passes through  $P$ . If  $\nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0) \neq \vec{0}$ , the **tangent plane to the level surface**  $F(x, y, z) = k$  at  $P$  can be defined as  $F(x, y, z) = k$  at  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  as the plane passing through  $P$  with normal vector  $\nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ . As an equation,

$$F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0$$

The **normal line** to  $S$  at  $P$  is that passing through  $P$  perpendicular to the tangent plane. This is given by the gradient vector, making its symmetric equations

$$\frac{x - x_0}{F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{y - y_0}{F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{z - z_0}{F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)}$$

## Significance of the Gradient Vector

**Properties of the Gradient Vector** Let  $f$  be a differentiable function of 2 or 3 variables and that  $\nabla f \neq \vec{0}$ .

1. The directional derivative of  $f$  at  $\vec{r}$  in the direction of unit vector  $\vec{u}$  is given by

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(\vec{r}) = \nabla f(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{u}$$

2.  $\nabla f(\vec{r})$  is in the direction of the maximum rate of increase at  $\vec{r}$ . This maximum rate of change is  $|\nabla f(\vec{r})|$
3.  $\nabla f(\vec{r})$  is perpendicular to the level curve/surface of  $f$  through  $\vec{r}$ .

## 14.7 Maximum and Minimum Values

### Maximum and Minimum Local Values