Vv255 Applied Calculus III

Recitation II

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Lecture 4: Parametric Equations, Equations of lines and planes

Lecture 5: Vector-valued functions; Derivatives and Integrals

Lecture 6: Arc Length and Curvature

Line in \mathbb{R}^3

▶ Vector equation:

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

Parametric equations:

$$x = x_0 + at$$
 $y = y_0 + bt$ $z = z_0 + ct$

Symmetric equations:

$$\frac{x - x_0}{a} = \frac{y - y_0}{b} = \frac{z - z_0}{c}$$

▶ Line segments from \mathbf{r}_1 to \mathbf{r}_2 is given by:

$$\mathbf{r} = (1 - t)\mathbf{r}_1 + t\mathbf{r}_2 \qquad 0 \le t \le 1$$

Plane in \mathbb{R}^3

Vector equation:

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

Scalar equation:

$$a(x-x_0) + b(y-y_0) + c(z-z_0) = 0$$

► Linear equation:

$$ax + by + cz + d = 0$$
 where $d = -ax_0 - by_0 - cz_0$

▶ Distance *D* from a Point to a Line in Space:

$$D = \frac{\left| \overrightarrow{P_0 P_1} \times \mathbf{v} \right|}{|\mathbf{v}|}$$

▶ Distance *D* from a Point to a Plane:

$$D = \frac{\left| \overrightarrow{P_0 P_1} \cdot \mathbf{n} \right|}{|\mathbf{n}|}$$

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Limit, Continuity, Derivative, Integral

► Limit (A practical way to calculate)

$$\lim_{t \to a} \begin{bmatrix} f(t) \\ g(t) \\ h(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lim_{t \to a} f(t) \\ \lim_{t \to a} g(t) \\ \lim_{t \to a} h(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

► Continuity:

A vector function $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is continuous at a point t = a in its domain if

$$\lim_{t\to a}\mathbf{r}(t)=\mathbf{r}(a)$$

The function is continuous if it is continuous at every point in its domain.

Derivative:

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta \to 0} \frac{\Delta \mathbf{r}}{\Delta t} = \begin{bmatrix} f'(t) \\ g'(t) \\ h'(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Limit, Continuity, Derivative, Integral (cont.)

 $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ is known as the tangent vector.

Differentiation rules for vector-valued function.

Suppose **u** and **v** are differentiable vector functions of t.

1 Addition

$$\frac{d}{dt}[\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}] = \mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{v}'$$

2. Scalar multiplication

$$\frac{d}{dt}[f\mathbf{u}] = f'\mathbf{u} + f\mathbf{u}', \text{ where } f \text{ is a real-valued function of } t.$$

3. Dot product

$$\frac{d}{dt}[\mathbf{u}\cdot\mathbf{v}] = \mathbf{u}'\cdot\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}\cdot\mathbf{v}'$$

4. Cross product

$$\frac{d}{dt}[\mathbf{u}\times\mathbf{v}]=\mathbf{u}'\times\mathbf{v}+\mathbf{u}\times\mathbf{v}'$$

5 Chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left[\mathbf{u}\left(f(t)\right)
ight]=f'(t)\mathbf{u}'(f(t)),\quad \text{where }f\text{ is a real-valued function of }t.$$

Limit, Continuity, Derivative, Integral (cont.)

▶ Indefinite integral

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

Definite integral

$$\int_{a}^{b} \mathbf{r}(t) dt = \begin{bmatrix} \int_{a}^{b} f(t) dt \\ \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt \\ \int_{a}^{b} h(t) dt \end{bmatrix}$$

▶ The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

$$\int_a^b \mathbf{r}(t) dt = \mathbf{R}(t) \Big|_a^b = \mathbf{R}(b) - \mathbf{R}(a)$$

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T, **B**, **N**, and curvature κ

► T: unit tangent vector

$$T = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}/dt}{|d\mathbf{r}/dt|}$$

 $\triangleright \kappa$: curvature

$$\kappa = \left| \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{ds} \right| = \frac{|\mathbf{T}'(t)|}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|} = \frac{|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)|}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|^3} = \frac{|f''(x)|}{(1 + [f'(x)]^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{|x''y' - y''x'|}{((x')^2 + (y')^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

If κ is large, **T** turns sharply, otherwise **T** turns slowly.

▶ N: principal unit normal vector

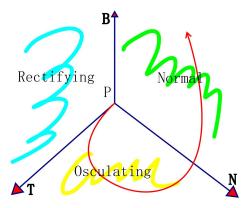
$$\mathbf{N} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{ds} = \frac{d\mathbf{T}/dt}{|d\mathbf{T}/dt|}$$

B: binormal vector

$$B = T \times N$$

T, **B**, **N**, and curvature κ (cont.)

► Three planes:



The curvature can be thought of as the rate at which the normal plane turns as P moves along its path.

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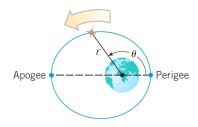
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1. First law (Law of Orbits).

The orbit of a planet is an ellipse with the Sun at one of the two foci.

E.g. Satellite motion around the Earth:



Kepler's Law (cont.)

2. Second law (Law of Areas).

A line segment joining a planet and the Sun sweeps out equal areas during equal intervals of time.

Kepler's Law (cont.)

3. Third law (Law of Periods).

The square of the orbital period of a planet is proportional to the cube of the semi-major axis of its orbit.

$$T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{GM}a^3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad T = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{GM}}a^{\frac{3}{2}}$$