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12 Vectors and the Geometry of Space

12.1 Three-Dimensional Coordinate Systems

3D Space

Definition 0.0.1: Three Dimensional Rectangular Coordinate System

The cartesian product $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is the set of all real numbers and is denoted by \mathbb{R}^3



Surfaces and Solids

Note:-

In three-dimensional analytic, an equation in x, y and, z represents a surface in \mathbb{R}^3



Distance and Spheres

Definition 0.0.2: Distance Formula in Three Dimensions

The distance $|P_1P_2|$ between the points $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is

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



12.2 Vectors

Definition 0.0.3: Vectors

A *vector* indicates a quantity that has both magnitude and direction



Geometric Description of Vectors

Definition 0.0.4: Vector Addition

For vectors **Vector Addition** means the sum of two vectors $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is the vector from the initial point of \mathbf{u} to the terminal point of \mathbf{v} , with \mathbf{v} placed so its tail starts at the tip of \mathbf{u} .



Definition 0.0.5: Triangle Law

For vectors that **Triangle Law** refers to the sum of two vectors representing the third side of a triangle by placing the second vector's tail at the first vector's tip.



Definition 0.0.6: Parallelogram Law

For vectors **Parallelogram Law** refers to the sum of two vectors is representing the diagonal of a parallelogram formed when both vectors originate from the same point.



Definition 0.0.7: Scalar Multiplication

For vectors **Scalar Multiplication** means that if c is a scalar and \mathbf{v} is a vector, the scalar multiple $c\mathbf{v}$ is a vector whose length is $|c|$ times the length of \mathbf{v} . Its direction matches \mathbf{v} if $c > 0$, is opposite to \mathbf{v} if $c < 0$, and is $\mathbf{0}$ if $c = 0$ or $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.



Components of Vectors

Definition 0.0.8: Vector Representation

Given points $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$, the vector \mathbf{a} representing the directed segment \overrightarrow{AB} is

$$\mathbf{a} = \langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1 \rangle.$$



Definition 0.0.9: Magnitude of a Vector

The length of a vector \mathbf{a} is

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2} \quad (2D), \quad |\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} \quad (3D).$$



Note:-

Vector Addition: Add corresponding components:

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \langle a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2 \rangle \quad (2D), \quad \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \langle a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, a_3 + b_3 \rangle \quad (3D).$$

Vector Subtraction: Subtract corresponding components:

$$\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \langle a_1 - b_1, a_2 - b_2 \rangle \quad (2D), \quad \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \langle a_1 - b_1, a_2 - b_2, a_3 - b_3 \rangle \quad (3D).$$

Scalar Multiplication: Multiply each component by the scalar:

$$c\mathbf{a} = \langle ca_1, ca_2 \rangle \quad (2D), \quad c\mathbf{a} = \langle ca_1, ca_2, ca_3 \rangle \quad (3D).$$



Definition 0.0.10: Unit Vector

A vector whose magnitude is 1



12.3 The Dot Product

Dot Product of Two Vectors

Definition 0.0.11: Dot Product

The *dot product* of two vectors $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$ is a scalar given by:

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3.$$



Theorem 0.0.1 Angle Between Vectors

The dot product of two vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} relates their magnitudes and the cosine of the angle θ between them:

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta.$$

This formula shows how the dot product measures both the lengths of the vectors and their alignment in space.

Corollary 0.0.1 Angle Between Vectors

If θ is the angle between the nonzero vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , then

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|}$$

Note:-

Two vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are orthogonal if and only if $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$



Direction Angles and Direction Cosines

Definition 0.0.12: Direction Cosines

The direction angles (α, β, γ) of a nonzero vector \mathbf{a} are the angles it makes with the positive x -, y -, and z -axes, respectively. The cosines of these angles $(\cos \alpha, \cos \beta, \cos \gamma)$ are called the direction cosines, and they satisfy:

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1.$$



Note:-

The vector \mathbf{a} can be expressed in terms of its magnitude and direction cosines as:

$$\mathbf{a} = |\mathbf{a}| \langle \cos \alpha, \cos \beta, \cos \gamma \rangle,$$

and the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{a} is:

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{a}|} \mathbf{a} = \langle \cos \alpha, \cos \beta, \cos \gamma \rangle.$$



Projections

Definition 0.0.13: Projections

The **scalar projection** of \mathbf{b} onto \mathbf{a} , denoted $\text{comp}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{b}$, represents the magnitude of \mathbf{b} in the direction of \mathbf{a} . It is the length of the "shadow" of \mathbf{b} onto \mathbf{a} and is given by:

$$\text{comp}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|}.$$

The **Vector Projection**: The vector projection of \mathbf{b} onto \mathbf{a} , denoted $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{b}$, represents the vector component of \mathbf{b} in the direction of \mathbf{a} . It is the scaled vector of \mathbf{a} that aligns with the projection, given by:

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|^2} \mathbf{a}.$$



12.4 The Cross Product

The Cross Product of Two Vectors

Definition 0.0.14: Cross Product

The **cross product** of two vectors $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ and $\vec{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$ is a vector $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ defined as:

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \langle a_2b_3 - a_3b_2, a_3b_1 - a_1b_3, a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \rangle$$

The cross product is a vector:

- **Perpendicular** to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} .
- **Magnitude** equal to $\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \sin \theta$, where θ is the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} .
- **Direction** determined by the right-hand rule.



Properties of the Cross Product

Theorem 0.0.2 Resulting Vector

The vector $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ is orthogonal to both \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b}

Theorem 0.0.3 Geometric Description of the Length of the Cross Product

If θ is the angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} (so $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$), then the length of the cross product $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ is given by

$$|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta$$

Corollary 0.0.2 Parallelity using Cross Product

Two nonzero vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are parallel if and only if

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$$

Note:-

The length of the cross product $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ is equal to the area of the parallelogram determined by \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b}



Triple Products


Definition 0.0.15: Triple Product

The **scalar triple product** of three vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , and \mathbf{c} is given by:

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}),$$

which can also be expressed as the determinant of the matrix formed by placing the vectors as rows (or columns):

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

- The magnitude of the scalar triple product, $|\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})|$, represents the **volume** of the parallelepiped formed by the vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , and \mathbf{c} .
- If $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = 0$, then the vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , and \mathbf{c} are **coplanar**, meaning they lie in the same plane. 

12.5 Equations of Lines and Planes

Lines

Definition 0.0.16: Line in 3D Space

A line in three-dimensional space is defined by:


- A point $\mathbf{r}_0 = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$,
- A direction vector $\mathbf{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$.

Its vector equation is:

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

where t is a scalar parameter.

In parametric form, the equation becomes:

$$x = x_0 + ta, \quad y = y_0 + tb, \quad z = z_0 + tc.$$


Planes

Definition 0.0.17: Plane in 3D Space

A plane in three-dimensional space is defined by:

- A point $\mathbf{r}_0 = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$ on the plane,
- A normal vector $\mathbf{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$, orthogonal to the plane.

The vector equation of the plane is:

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

where $\mathbf{r} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$ is the position vector of any point on the plane.

The scalar equation of the plane is:

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

where (x_0, y_0, z_0) is a point on the plane, and $\mathbf{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ is the normal vector. 

Note:-

Two planes are parallel if their normal vectors are parallel

If two planes are not parallel, then they intersect in a straight line and the angle between the two planes is defined as the acute angle between their normal vectors



Distances

Definition 0.0.18: Distances

The distance D from a point $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ to a plane given by the equation $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ is:

$$D = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}.$$

Explanation

- (x_1, y_1, z_1) are the coordinates of the point P_1 ,
- a, b, c , and d are the constants defining the plane equation,
- $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$ represents the magnitude of the normal vector $\mathbf{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$.



13 Vector Functions

13.1 Vector Functions and Space Curves

Vector-Valued Functions

Definition 0.0.19: Vector-Valued Functions

A **vector-valued function** is a function whose domain is a set of real numbers and whose range is a set of vectors. In three dimensions, a vector-valued function $\mathbf{r}(t)$ can be expressed as:

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

where $f(t)$, $g(t)$, and $h(t)$ are the component functions of $\mathbf{r}(t)$, and t is the independent variable.



Space Curves

Definition 0.0.20: Space Curves

A **space curve** is the set of all points $C(x, y, z)$ in space traced by a continuous vector-valued function $\mathbf{r}(t)$, where:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle,$$

and t varies over an interval I .

The parametric equations of the space curve are:

$$x = f(t), \quad y = g(t), \quad z = h(t).$$

A space curve represents the path of a moving particle whose position at time t is given by $(f(t), g(t), h(t))$.



13.2 Derivatives and Integrals of Line Functions

Derivatives

Definition 0.0.21: Derivative of a Vector Function

The derivative of a vector function $\mathbf{r}(t)$, denoted as $\mathbf{r}'(t)$, is defined as:

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbf{r}(t+h) - \mathbf{r}(t)}{h},$$

provided the limit exists.

- $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ represents the **tangent vector** to the curve defined by $\mathbf{r}(t)$ at a point.
- The tangent line to the curve at this point is parallel to $\mathbf{r}'(t)$.



Theorem 0.0.4 Derivatives

If $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k}$, where f , g , and h are differentiable functions, then:

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle f'(t), g'(t), h'(t) \rangle = f'(t)\mathbf{i} + g'(t)\mathbf{j} + h'(t)\mathbf{k}.$$

Theorem 0.0.5 Orthogonality from derivative

If $|\mathbf{r}(t)| = c$ (a constant), then $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ is orthogonal to $\mathbf{r}(t)$ for all t .

Integrals

Definition 0.0.22: Definite Integral

The **definite integral** of a continuous vector function $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$ over the interval $[a, b]$ is defined as:

$$\int_a^b \mathbf{r}(t) dt = \left(\int_a^b f(t) dt \right) \mathbf{i} + \left(\int_a^b g(t) dt \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\int_a^b h(t) dt \right) \mathbf{k}.$$

Conceptually, the integral computes the accumulation of the vector values of $\mathbf{r}(t)$ over the interval, integrating each component function $f(t)$, $g(t)$, and $h(t)$ independently.

The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus for vector functions states:

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

where $\mathbf{R}(t)$ is an antiderivative of $\mathbf{r}(t)$, satisfying $\mathbf{R}'(t) = \mathbf{r}(t)$.



13.3 Arc Length and Curvature

Arc Length

Definition 0.0.23: Arc Length

The **arc length** L of a curve defined by a vector function $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$ over the interval $[a, b]$ is:

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt,$$

or equivalently:

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{[f'(t)]^2 + [g'(t)]^2 + [h'(t)]^2} dt.$$

In compact form, the arc length can be written using the magnitude of the derivative:

$$L = \int_a^b |\mathbf{r}'(t)| dt,$$

where $|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{[f'(t)]^2 + [g'(t)]^2 + [h'(t)]^2}$ represents the speed of the particle moving along the curve.



The Arc Length Function

Definition 0.0.24: Arc Length Function

The **arc length function** $s(t)$ measures the length of the curve from the starting point to a point on the curve corresponding to parameter t . For a curve defined by a vector function $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$, the arc length function is given by:

$$s(t) = \int_a^t |\mathbf{r}'(u)| \, du = \int_a^t \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{du}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{du}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{du}\right)^2} \, du,$$

where $|\mathbf{r}'(u)|$ represents the magnitude of the derivative of $\mathbf{r}(u)$.

Differentiating $s(t)$ with respect to t yields:

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

This formula connects the arc length function to the speed of motion along the curve.



Curvature

Definition 0.0.25: Curvature

The **curvature** κ of a curve at a given point measures how quickly the direction of the curve changes at that point. It is defined as the magnitude of the rate of change of the unit tangent vector $\mathbf{T}(t)$ with respect to the arc length s :

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

where the unit tangent vector is given by:

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

Using the chain rule, curvature can be expressed in terms of the parameter t :

$$\kappa = \frac{\left| \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{dt} \right|}{\left| \frac{ds}{dt} \right|}.$$

Since $\frac{ds}{dt} = |\mathbf{r}'(t)|$, the curvature formula becomes:

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



Theorem 0.0.6 Curvature

The curvature of the curve given by the vector function \mathbf{r} is

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

The Normal and Binormal Vectors

Definition 0.0.26: The Normal Vectors

For a smooth space curve $\mathbf{r}(t)$, the **unit normal vector** $\mathbf{N}(t)$ and the **binormal vector** $\mathbf{B}(t)$ are defined as follows:

The unit normal vector $\mathbf{N}(t)$ is the normalized derivative of the unit tangent vector $\mathbf{T}(t)$:

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

where the unit tangent vector is given by:

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

The vector $\mathbf{N}(t)$ indicates the direction in which the curve is turning.



Definition 0.0.27: Binormal Vectors

For a smooth space curve $\mathbf{r}(t)$, the **unit normal vector** $\mathbf{N}(t)$ and the **binormal vector** $\mathbf{B}(t)$ are defined as follows:

The binormal vector $\mathbf{B}(t)$ is the cross product of the tangent vector $\mathbf{T}(t)$ and the normal vector $\mathbf{N}(t)$:

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

The binormal vector $\mathbf{B}(t)$ is orthogonal to both $\mathbf{T}(t)$ and $\mathbf{N}(t)$ and is also a unit vector.



Planes

Definition 0.0.28: Normal Plane

The **normal plane** of a curve C at a point P is the plane determined by the normal vector $\mathbf{N}(t)$ and the binormal vector $\mathbf{B}(t)$. It is orthogonal to the tangent vector $\mathbf{T}(t)$ and consists of all lines passing through P that are orthogonal to $\mathbf{T}(t)$.



Definition 0.0.29: Osculating Planes

The **osculating plane** of a curve C at a point P is the plane determined by the tangent vector $\mathbf{T}(t)$ and the normal vector $\mathbf{N}(t)$. It is the plane that comes closest to containing the part of the curve near P .



Definition 0.0.30: Circle of Curvature

The **circle of curvature**, or **osculating circle**, of C at P is the circle that lies in the osculating plane, passes through P , and has a radius of $\frac{1}{\kappa}$, where κ is the curvature of the curve at P . The center of the circle is located a distance of $\frac{1}{\kappa}$ along the direction of the normal vector $\mathbf{N}(t)$. The circle of curvature best describes how the curve C behaves near P , sharing the same tangent, normal, and curvature at P .



13.4 Motion in Space: Velocity and Acceleration

Velocity, Speed and Acceleration

Definition 0.0.31: Velocity and Speed

The **velocity vector** $\mathbf{v}(t)$ of a particle moving through space is defined as the derivative of its position vector $\mathbf{r}(t)$ with respect to time:

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbf{r}(t+h) - \mathbf{r}(t)}{h} = \mathbf{r}'(t).$$

It represents the direction and rate of change of the particle's position and points along the tangent to the particle's path.

The **speed** of the particle at time t is the magnitude of the velocity vector:

$$|\mathbf{v}(t)| = |\mathbf{r}'(t)| = \frac{ds}{dt}.$$

It represents the rate of change of distance with respect to time.



Definition 0.0.32: Acceleration Vector

The **acceleration vector** $\mathbf{a}(t)$ is defined as the derivative of the velocity vector $\mathbf{v}(t)$ with respect to time:

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{v}'(t) = \mathbf{r}''(t).$$

It represents the rate of change of the velocity of the particle.



14 Partial Derivatives

14.1 Functions of Several Variables

Functions of Two Variables

Definition 0.0.33: Functions of Two Variables

A function f of two variables is a rule that assigns to each ordered pair of real numbers (x, y) in a set D a unique real number denoted by $f(x, y)$. The set D is the *domain* of f and its *range* is the set of values that f takes on, that is, $\{f(x, y) \mid (x, y) \in D\}$.



Graphs of Two Variables

Definition 0.0.34: Graph of a Function of Two Variables

Definition If f is a function of two variables with domain D , then the *graph* of 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 D .



Level Curves and Contour Maps

Definition 0.0.35: 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 (in the range of f).



Functions of Three or More Variables

Definition 0.0.36: Functions of Three Variables

A **function of three variables**, f , is a rule that assigns to each ordered triple (x, y, z) in a domain $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ a unique real number denoted by $f(x, y, z)$.



14.3 Partial Derivatives

Partial Derivatives of Functions of Two Variables

Definition 0.0.37: Partial Derivatives

Definition Partial Derivative with respect to x

$$f_x(a, b) = g'(a) \quad \text{where} \quad g(x) = f(x, b)$$

Definition Partial Derivative with respect to y

$$f_y(a, b) = h'(a) \quad \text{where} \quad h(x) = f(a, y)$$



Note:-

If $z = f(x, y)$, we write

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

$$f_y(x, y) = f_y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = f_2 = D_2 f = D_y f$$



Note:-

Rule for Finding Partial Derivatives of $z = f(x, y)$

1. To find f_x , regard y as a constant and differentiate $f(x, y)$ with respect to x .
2. To find f_y , regard x as a constant and differentiate $f(x, y)$ with respect to y .



Interpretation of Partial Derivatives

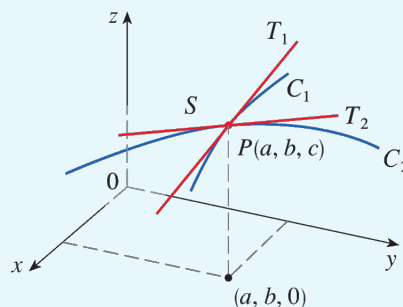
Definition 0.0.38: interpretation of Partial Derivatives

To understand partial derivatives geometrically, think of the equation $z = f(x, y)$ as representing a surface S (the graph of f). If $f(a, b) = c$, then the point $P(a, b, c)$ lies on this surface.

By fixing $y = b$, we focus on the curve C_1 where the vertical plane $y = b$ intersects S . Similarly, fixing $x = a$ gives us the curve C_2 , which is where the vertical plane $x = a$ intersects S . Both curves C_1 and C_2 pass through the point P .

The curve C_1 is the graph of the function $g(x) = f(x, b)$, and the slope of its tangent at P is $f_x(a, b)$. The curve C_2 is the graph of $G(y) = f(a, y)$, and the slope of its tangent at P is $f_y(a, b)$.

Thus, the partial derivatives $f_x(a, b)$ and $f_y(a, b)$ represent the slopes of the tangent lines at P along these curves.



14.5 The Chain Rule

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16 Vector Calculus

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16.5 Curl and Divergence

Curl

Definition 0.0.39: Curl

The **curl** of a vector field \mathbf{F} in \mathbb{R}^3 , where $\mathbf{F} = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$, is a vector field that measures the rotational tendency or circulation of \mathbf{F} at a point. Mathematically, it is given by:

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F}$$

This can be computed using the cross product of the del operator ($\nabla = \mathbf{i}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j}\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$) and the vector field \mathbf{F} . The result is:

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & R \end{vmatrix}$$

Explicitly, the components are:

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{k}$$

This definition captures the curl as the formal representation of the infinitesimal rotation of \mathbf{F} in three-dimensional space. 


Note:-

The curl of the gradient of a scalar function f with continuous second-order partial derivatives is always zero:

$$\text{curl}(\nabla f) = 0$$



Note:-

If a vector field \mathbf{F} is defined on all of \mathbb{R}^3 , has continuous partial derivatives, and satisfies $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = 0$, then \mathbf{F} is a conservative vector field. 

Note:-

The term **curl** is associated with rotations in a vector field. Specifically:

1. **Curl and Rotation:** The curl vector indicates the axis and direction of rotation of nearby particles, following the right-hand rule. The magnitude of the curl measures the speed of this rotation.
2. **Irrotational Flow:** If $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = 0$ at a point P , the vector field is called **irrotational** at P . Here, particles move with the flow but do not rotate about their own axis.
3. **Rotational Flow:** If $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} \neq 0$, the particles rotate about their axis. The direction of the curl vector points along the axis of rotation.
4. **Illustration with Fluid Flow:**
 - In a fluid velocity field, a paddle wheel at a point P_1 where $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} \neq 0$ would rotate about its axis, indicating rotational flow.
 - At a point P_2 where $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = 0$, the paddle wheel moves with the flow but does not rotate, indicating irrotational flow.

Definition 0.0.40: Divergence

The **divergence** of a vector field \mathbf{F} in \mathbb{R}^3 , where $\mathbf{F} = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$, is a scalar function that measures the rate at which the vector field spreads out (or converges) at a given point. It is defined as:

$$\text{div } \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z}$$

Alternatively, using the del operator ($\nabla = \mathbf{i}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j}\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$), the divergence can be expressed as the dot product of ∇ and \mathbf{F} :

$$\text{div } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}$$

Key Property

For a vector field \mathbf{F} in \mathbb{R}^3 with continuous second-order partial derivatives, the divergence of the curl of \mathbf{F} is always zero:

$$\text{div}(\text{curl } \mathbf{F}) = 0$$

This captures the idea that the curl of a vector field does not "spread out" or "converge" in space.

Note:-

1. **Divergence in Fluid Flow:**
 - If $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z)$ represents the velocity of a fluid or gas, $\text{div } \mathbf{F}(x, y, z)$ measures the net rate of change of the mass of fluid (or gas) flowing from the point (x, y, z) per unit volume.
 - It indicates the tendency of the fluid to spread out (diverge) from a point.
2. **Incompressible Flow:**
 - If $\text{div } \mathbf{F} = 0$, the fluid is said to be **incompressible**, meaning there is no net outflow or inflow at that point.
3. **Illustration:**
 - **Case 1 ($\text{div } \mathbf{F} \neq 0$):**
 - At a point P_1 , if $\text{div } \mathbf{F} < 0$, the flow is inward (net inflow).
 - At a point P_2 , if $\text{div } \mathbf{F} > 0$, the flow is outward (net outflow).
 - **Case 2 ($\text{div } \mathbf{F} = 0$):**
 - The flow is balanced (no net divergence or convergence).

Vector Forms of Green's Theorem

Definition 0.0.41: Vector Forms of Green's Theorem

Green's Theorem relates a line integral around a simple closed curve C to a double integral over the plane region D enclosed by C . It provides two key vector forms:

1. Curl Form (Tangential Component):

The line integral of the tangential component of \mathbf{F} along C is equal to the double integral of the vertical component of $\text{curl } \mathbf{F}$ over D :

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} ds = \iint_D (\text{curl } \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{k} dA$$

where

$$(\text{curl } \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{k} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}.$$

2. Divergence Form (Normal Component):

The line integral of the normal component of \mathbf{F} along C is equal to the double integral of the divergence of \mathbf{F} over D :

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds = \iint_D \text{div } \mathbf{F} dA$$

where

$$\text{div } \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y}.$$

Geometric Interpretation:

- The curl form expresses the relationship between the circulation of \mathbf{F} along the boundary C and the "rotational tendency" of \mathbf{F} over the region D .
- The divergence form relates the flux of \mathbf{F} across C to the net outflow (or inflow) of \mathbf{F} over D .

These two forms of Green's Theorem are fundamental in understanding the relationship between local properties of vector fields and their global integrals.



16.6 Parametric Surfaces and Their Areas

Parametric Surfaces

Definition 0.0.42: Parametric Surface

A *parametric surface* is a surface in three-dimensional space \mathbb{R}^3 defined by a vector-valued function $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$, which depends on two parameters u and v . The function is expressed as:

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = x(u, v)\mathbf{i} + y(u, v)\mathbf{j} + z(u, v)\mathbf{k},$$

where $x(u, v)$, $y(u, v)$, and $z(u, v)$ are the component functions of \mathbf{r} , representing the x -, y -, and z -coordinates of the surface, respectively. These functions are defined over a region D in the uv -plane. The set of all points $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ that satisfy:

$$x = x(u, v), \quad y = y(u, v), \quad z = z(u, v),$$

as (u, v) varies over D , forms the parametric surface S .



Parametric Equations

Definition 0.0.43: Parametric Equations

For a parametric surface the *parametric equations* are equations that describe the coordinates (x, y, z) of points on the surface as functions of two independent parameters u and v . For a parametric surface S , these equations are given by:

$$x = x(u, v), \quad y = y(u, v), \quad z = z(u, v),$$

where $x(u, v)$, $y(u, v)$, and $z(u, v)$ are the component functions of a vector-valued function $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$. These equations define the spatial coordinates of the surface for every pair of parameters (u, v) in a specified domain D in the uv -plane.



Grid Curves

Definition 0.0.44: Grid Curves

On a parametric surface s *grid curves* are families of curves defined by the vector function $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$. They are obtained by fixing one parameter and varying the other:

1. **Curves with $u = u_0$:** When u is held constant, the parametric surface reduces to a curve:

$$\mathbf{r}(u_0, v) = \langle x(u_0, v), y(u_0, v), z(u_0, v) \rangle,$$

which traces a curve C_1 on the surface as v varies.

2. **Curves with $v = v_0$:** When v is held constant, the parametric surface reduces to a curve:

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v_0) = \langle x(u, v_0), y(u, v_0), z(u, v_0) \rangle,$$

which traces a curve C_2 on the surface as u varies.

These two families of curves correspond to horizontal and vertical lines in the uv -plane and form a grid-like structure when plotted on the surface.



Spherical Coordinates

Surfaces of Revolution

Definition 0.0.45: Surfaces of Revolution

A **surface of revolution** is generated by rotating a curve C , defined parametrically or as a function, about a fixed axis in three-dimensional space. The parametric equations of the surface can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= u, \\ y &= r(u) \cos \theta, \\ z &= r(u) \sin \theta, \end{aligned}$$

where:

- u is a parameter describing the curve C ,
- $r(u)$ is the radial distance of the curve from the axis of rotation,
- $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ is the angle of rotation.

The domain of the parameters u and θ depends on the curve and the extent of rotation.



Tangent Planes

Definition 0.0.46: Tangent Planes

The **tangent plane** to a parametric surface S at a point $P_0(u_0, v_0)$ is the plane that best approximates S near P_0 .

If S is defined by a vector-valued function:

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = x(u, v)\mathbf{i} + y(u, v)\mathbf{j} + z(u, v)\mathbf{k},$$

then the tangent plane at P_0 is determined by the two tangent vectors at P_0 :

$$\mathbf{r}_u = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u}\mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}\mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}\mathbf{k},$$

$$\mathbf{r}_v = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}\mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}\mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}\mathbf{k}.$$


The tangent plane at P_0 is spanned by \mathbf{r}_u and \mathbf{r}_v . A normal vector to the plane is given by:

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v.$$

The equation of the tangent plane can be expressed in the point-normal form:

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}(u_0, v_0)) = 0,$$

where $\mathbf{r}(u_0, v_0)$ is the position vector of P_0 .

For the tangent plane to exist, the cross product $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$ must be nonzero, ensuring that S is smooth at P_0 . 

Surface Area for a Parametric Surface

Definition 0.0.47: Surface Area for a Parametric Surface

The **surface area** of a smooth parametric surface S , defined by the vector-valued function:


$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = x(u, v)\mathbf{i} + y(u, v)\mathbf{j} + z(u, v)\mathbf{k}, \quad (u, v) \in D,$$

where D is the parameter domain, is given by the integral:

$$A(S) = \iint_D |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| \, dA,$$

where:

$$\mathbf{r}_u = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u}\mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}\mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}\mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{r}_v = \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}\mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}\mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}\mathbf{k}.$$

The cross product $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$ represents a vector orthogonal to the tangent plane at each point on the surface, and its magnitude $|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v|$ gives the infinitesimal area of a parallelogram spanned by the tangent vectors \mathbf{r}_u and \mathbf{r}_v . Integrating this quantity over the parameter domain D yields the total surface area of S . 

Surface Area of the Graph of a Function

Definition 0.0.48: Surface Area of the Graph of a Function

The **surface area** of the graph of a function $z = f(x, y)$, where $f(x, y)$ has continuous partial derivatives, over a region D in the xy -plane is given by:

$$A(S) = \iint_D \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2} dA.$$

Explanation

- The parametric representation of the surface is:

$$\mathbf{r}(x, y) = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + f(x, y)\mathbf{k}.$$

- The tangent vectors are:

$$\mathbf{r}_x = \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{r}_y = \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\mathbf{k}.$$

- The magnitude of the cross product of the tangent vectors is:

$$|\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y| = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2}.$$

Integrating this quantity over the region D in the xy -plane gives the total surface area of the graph of $f(x, y)$.



16.7 Surface Integral

Parametric Surfaces

Definition 0.0.49: Surface Integral for Parametric Surfaces

The **surface integral** of a scalar function $f(x, y, z)$ over a parametric surface S , defined by the vector equation:

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = x(u, v)\mathbf{i} + y(u, v)\mathbf{j} + z(u, v)\mathbf{k}, \quad (u, v) \in D,$$

is given by:

$$\iint_S f(x, y, z) dS = \iint_D f(\mathbf{r}(u, v)) |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| dA.$$

Explanation

- The parameter domain D is divided into subrectangles with dimensions Δu and Δv , and each corresponding surface patch is approximated as a parallelogram in the tangent plane.
- The area of a surface patch is approximated as:

$$\Delta S_{ij} \approx |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| \Delta u \Delta v.$$

- The surface integral is defined as the limit of a Riemann sum:

$$\iint_S f(x, y, z) dS = \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(P_{ij}^*) \Delta S_{ij}.$$

Key Components

- \mathbf{r}_u and \mathbf{r}_v are the partial derivatives of $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$ with respect to u and v , respectively:

$$\mathbf{r}_u = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u}, \quad \mathbf{r}_v = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial v}.$$

- $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$ gives a vector normal to the surface at each point, and $|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v|$ represents the infinitesimal surface area element.

This integral evaluates the contribution of $f(x, y, z)$ across the entire surface S .



Graphs of Functions

Definition 0.0.50: Surface Integrals for Graphs of Functions

The **surface integral** of a scalar function $f(x, y, z)$ over the graph of a function $z = g(x, y)$, where $g(x, y)$ has continuous partial derivatives, is given by:

$$\iint_S f(x, y, z) dS = \iint_D f(x, y, g(x, y)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial y}\right)^2 + 1} dA.$$

Explanation

- The graph of the function $z = g(x, y)$ can be regarded as a parametric surface with:

$$x = x, \quad y = y, \quad z = g(x, y).$$

- The tangent vectors to this surface are:

$$\mathbf{r}_x = \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{r}_y = \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \mathbf{k}.$$

- The cross product of the tangent vectors is:

$$\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y = -\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \mathbf{j} - \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}.$$

- The magnitude of the cross product is:

$$|\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial y}\right)^2 + 1}.$$

By integrating this quantity over the region D in the xy -plane, we account for the contributions of $f(x, y, z)$ over the entire surface S .



Oriented Surfaces

Definition 0.0.51: Oriented Surfaces

An **oriented surface** is an orientable (two-sided) surface S where it is possible to define a continuous, unit normal vector \mathbf{n} at every point (x, y, z) on the surface, except possibly at boundary points.

Key Properties

- **Two Possible Orientations:** For any orientable surface, there are two choices for the unit normal vector:
 - \mathbf{n}_1 , the chosen unit normal vector.
 - $\mathbf{n}_2 = -\mathbf{n}_1$, the opposite orientation.
- A surface is called **orientable** if it is possible to assign \mathbf{n} continuously over the entire surface S .
- A classic example of a non-orientable surface is the Möbius strip, which has only one side and no consistent orientation.

Explanation

An oriented surface requires the existence of a consistent way to assign a "positive" or "negative" side across all points on the surface. The orientation is provided by the chosen direction of the normal vector \mathbf{n} , which varies smoothly across the surface.



Surface Integrals of Vector Fields; Flux

Definition 0.0.52: Flux

The **surface integral of a vector field** (also called the **flux**) over an oriented surface S with a unit normal vector \mathbf{n} is defined as:

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS,$$

where:

- \mathbf{F} is a continuous vector field defined on S ,
- \mathbf{n} is the unit normal vector to S ,
- dS represents the infinitesimal surface area element.

Special Case: Surface Defined by $z = g(x, y)$

If the surface S is defined by the graph $z = g(x, y)$, and $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$, the surface integral can be expressed as:

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_D \left(-P \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - Q \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + R \right) dA,$$

where D is the projection of the surface onto the xy -plane.

This formula assumes the upward orientation of S . For a downward orientation, the integral is multiplied by -1 .

Parametric Form

If the surface S is parameterized by $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$, with tangent vectors:

$$\mathbf{r}_u = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u}, \quad \mathbf{r}_v = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial v},$$

then the flux integral can be written as:

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_D \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(u, v)) \cdot (\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v) \, dA,$$

where D is the parameter domain.

Physical Interpretation

The flux integral measures the total flow of the vector field \mathbf{F} across the surface S , representing quantities like mass flow rate, electric flux, or fluid flow through S .



16.8 Stokes' Theorem

Definition 0.0.53: Stokes' Theorem

Stokes' Theorem relates the surface integral of the curl of a vector field over an oriented surface S to the line integral of the vector field along the boundary curve C of S . Mathematically, it is expressed as:

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r},$$


where:

- S is a piecewise-smooth, oriented surface with unit normal vector \mathbf{n} ,
- C is the positively oriented, closed boundary curve of S ,
- \mathbf{F} is a vector field with continuous partial derivatives,
- $\nabla \times \mathbf{F}$ is the curl of \mathbf{F} ,
- $d\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{n} dS$ is the oriented surface element,
- $d\mathbf{r}$ is the infinitesimal vector along C .

Key Notes

- **Positive Orientation:** The orientation of C is determined by the right-hand rule: when you walk along C with your head pointing in the direction of \mathbf{n} , the surface S remains on your left.
- **Special Case:** If S lies flat in the xy -plane and $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{k}$, Stokes' Theorem reduces to Green's Theorem:


$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_D (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{k} dA.$$

Stokes' Theorem provides a fundamental relationship between the circulation of \mathbf{F} along C and the total rotational effects (curl) of \mathbf{F} over the surface S . 

Note:-

Stokes' Theorem allows us to compute a surface integral simply by knowing the values of \mathbf{F} on the boundary curve C . This means that if we have another oriented surface with the same boundary curve C , then we get exactly the same value for the surface integral. In general, if S_1 and S_2 are oriented surfaces with the same oriented boundary curve C and both satisfy the hypotheses of Stokes' Theorem, then:

$$\int_{S_1} (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{S_2} (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

This fact is useful when it is difficult to integrate over one surface but easy to integrate over the other. 

16.9 The Divergence Theorem