

# Elementary Differential Geometry

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## 1 Calculus on Euclidean Space

**Definition 1.1.** The *Euclidean 3-space*, denoted  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , is the set of ordered triples of the form  $p = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$ , where  $p_i \in \mathbb{R}$ . An element of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is called a *point*.

Let  $p = (p_1, p_2, p_3), q = (q_1, q_2, q_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Define the addition to be  $p + q = (p_i + q_i)$  and define the scalar multiplication to be  $ap = (ap_i)$ . The additive identity  $0 = (0, 0, 0)$  is called the *origin* of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . It is trivial that  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $x, y$ , and  $z$  be real-valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that for all  $p = (p_1, p_2, p_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $x(p) = p_1$ ,  $y(p) = p_2$ , and  $z(p) = p_3$ . We call  $x, y$ , and  $z$  the *natural coordinate functions* of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Let  $x, y$ , and  $z$  be the natural coordinate functions, rewrite  $x = x_1$ ,  $y = x_2$ , and  $z = x_3$ . Then we have  $p = (p_i) = (x_i(p))$ .

**Definition 1.3.** A real-valued function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is *differentiable* if all partial derivatives exist and continuous.

Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , we define the norm to be  $\|x\| = \sqrt{\sum x_i^2}$ .

**Definition 1.4.** A subset  $O \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is *open* if for all  $p \in O$ , there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \|x - p\| < \varepsilon\} \subset O$ .

Let  $f : O \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined on an open set. The differentiability of  $f$  at  $p$  can be determined entirely from values of  $f$  on  $O$ . This means that differentiation is a local operation. We will discuss this later.

**Definition 1.5.** A *tangent vector*  $v_p$  is an ordered pair  $v_p = (v, p)$ , where  $v, p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Here  $v$  is called the *vector part* and  $p$  is called its *point of application*. Two tangent vectors are said to be *parallel* if they have the same vector part and different points of application.

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . The *tangent space* at  $p$ , denoted  $T_p(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , is the set of all tangent vectors that have  $p$  as point of application.

Fix a tangent space  $T_p(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and let  $T_p(\mathbb{R}^3)$  adapt the operations from  $\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3$ . We have a natural linear map  $f : T_p(\mathbb{R}^3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $v_p \rightarrow v$  and it is trivially an isomorphism.

**Definition 1.7.** A *vector field*  $V$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a function  $V : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that for all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $V(p) \in T_p(\mathbb{R}^3)$ .

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector field. Let  $f$  be a real-valued function. For all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , define  $V + W$  by  $(V + W)(p) = V(p) + W(p)$  and  $(fV)(p) = f(p)V(p)$ .

**Definition 1.8.** Let  $U_1, U_2$ , and  $U_3$  be vector fields on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $U_1(p) = (1, 0, 0)_p$ ,  $U_2(p) = (0, 1, 0)_p$ , and  $U_3(p) = (0, 0, 1)_p$  for all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . We call  $(U_1, U_2, U_3)$  the *natural frame field* on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Proposition.** Let  $V$  be a vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . There are three uniquely determined real-valued functions  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ , and  $v_3$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $V = v_1U_1 + v_2U_2 + v_3U_3$ .

*Proof.* For all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $V(p) = (v_1(p), v_2(p), v_3(p))_p = v_1(p)(1, 0, 0)_p + v_2(p)(0, 1, 0)_p + v_3(p)(0, 0, 1)_p = v_1(p)U_1(p) + v_2(p)U_2(p) + v_3(p)U_3(p)$ , hence  $V = \sum v_i U_i$ .  $\square$

The functions  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ , and  $v_3$  are called the *Euclidean coordinate functions* on  $V$ .

**Definition 1.9.** A vector field  $V$  is *differentiable* if its Euclidean coordinate functions are differentiable.

**Definition 1.10.** Let  $f$  be a differentiable real-valued function on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $v_p$  be a tangent vector on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . The *directional derivative* of  $f$  with respect to  $v_p$ , denoted  $v_p[f]$ , is defined to be  $(d/dt)f(p + tv)$  at  $t = 0$ .

**Remark.** We will not write the restriction every time for convenience.

**Proposition.** Let  $v_p = (v_1, v_2, v_3)_p$  be a tangent vector, then  $v_p[f] = \sum v_i(\partial f/\partial x_i)(p)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $p = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$ . Then  $v_p[f] = (d/dt)f(p + tv)|_{t=0} = \sum (\partial f/\partial z)(p) \cdot (d/dt)(p_i + tv_i) = \sum (\partial f/\partial x_i)(p)v_i$ .  $\square$

**Example.** Consider  $f = x^2yz$  with  $p = (1, 1, 0)$  and  $v = (1, 0, -3)$ . By the definition,  $p + tv = (1 + t, 1, -3t)$ , so  $v_p[f] = (d/dt)(-3t^3 - 6t^2 - 3t) = -3$ . Since  $(\partial f/\partial x) = 2xyz$ ,  $(\partial f/\partial y) = x^2z$ , and  $(\partial f/\partial z) = x^2y$ , we have  $(\partial f/\partial x)(p) = (\partial f/\partial y)(p) = 0$  and  $(\partial f/\partial z)(p) = 1$ , so  $v_p[f] = -3$ .

**Proposition.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $v_p$  and  $w_p$  be tangent vectors. For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , the following properties hold.

1.  $(av_p + bw_p)[f] = av_p[f] + bw_p[f]$ .
2.  $v_p[af + bg] = av_p[f] + bv_p[g]$ .
3.  $v_p[fg] = v_p[f]g(p) + f(p)v_p[g]$ .

*Proof.* (i) We have  $(av_p + bw_p)[f] = \sum (av_i + bw_i)(\partial f/\partial x_i)(p) = \sum av_i(\partial f/\partial x_i)(p) + \sum bw_i(\partial f/\partial x_i)(p) = av_p[f] + bw_p[f]$ . (ii) We have  $v_p[af + bg] = \sum v_i(\partial(af + bg)/\partial x_i)(p) = \sum v_i(\partial(af)/\partial x_i)(p) + \sum v_i(\partial(bg)/\partial x_i)(p) = av_p[f] + bv_p[g]$ . (iii) We have  $v_p[fg] = \sum v_i(\partial(fg)/\partial x_i)(p) = \sum v_i(\partial f/\partial x_i)(p)g(p) + f(p)\sum v_i(\partial g/\partial x_i)(p) = v_p[f]g(p) + f(p)v_p[g]$ .  $\square$

Let  $V$  be a vector field, we define  $V[f]$  at  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$  to be  $V(p)[f]$ . By the convention,  $U_i(p)[f] = (\partial f/\partial x_i)(p)$ .

**Proposition.** Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector fields. Let  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$  be real-valued functions. For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , the following properties hold.

1.  $(fV + gW)[h] = fV[h] + gW[h]$ .
2.  $V[af + bg] = aV[f] + bV[g]$ .
3.  $V[f]g = V[f]g + fV[g]$ .

*Proof.* (i) For all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $(fV + gW)(p)[h] = (f(p)V(p) + g(p)W(p))[h] = fV[h] + gW[h]$ . (ii) For all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $V(p)[af + bg] = aV(p)[f] + bV(p)[g]$ . (iii) For all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $V(p)[f]g(p) + f(p)V(p)[g] = V[f](p)g(p) + f(p)V[g](p) = (V[f]g + fV[g])(p)$ .  $\square$

**Example.** Let  $V = xU_1 - y^2U_3$  and let  $f = x^2y + z^3$ . Then  $V[f] = xU_1[x^2y] + xU_1[z^3] - y^2U_3[x^2y] - y^2U_3[z^3] = 2x^2y - 3y^2z^2$ .

Let  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an open interval. Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a function. We can rewrite  $\alpha(t)$  as  $(\alpha_1(t), \alpha_2(t), \alpha_3(t))$ , where  $\alpha_i : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . We say  $\alpha$  is *differentiable* if  $\alpha_i$  are differentiable.

**Definition 1.11.** A *curve* in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a differentiable function  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  is an open interval.

**Example.** Here are some examples of curves.

1. A curve  $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $\alpha(t) = p + tq$ , where  $\alpha(0) = p$  and  $q \neq 0$ , is called a *straight line*.

2. The curve  $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $\alpha(t) = (a \cos t, a \sin t, bt)$ .
3. The curve  $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $\alpha(t) = (1 + \cos t, \sin t, 2 \sin(t/2))$ .
4. The curve  $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $\alpha(t) = (e^t, e^{-t}, \sqrt{2}t)$ .
5. The curve  $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $\alpha(t) = (3t - t^3, 3t^2, 3t + t^3)$ .

**Definition 1.12.** Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a curve with  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$ . For all  $t \in I$ , the *velocity vector* of  $\alpha$  at  $t$  is the tangent vector  $\alpha'(t) = ((d\alpha_1/dt)(t), (d\alpha_2/dt)(t), (d\alpha_3/dt)(t))_{\alpha(t)}$  at the point  $\alpha(t) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . The curve  $\alpha$  is said to be *regular* if  $\alpha_i \neq 0$  for all  $i$ .

Consider the velocity vector  $\alpha'(t)$ , we can rewrite it by the natural frame fields, so  $\alpha'(t) = \sum (d\alpha_i/dt)(t) U_i(\alpha(t))$ .

**Definition 1.13.** Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a curve and let  $h : J \rightarrow I$  be differentiable, where  $J$  is an open interval of  $\mathbb{R}$ . The *reparametrization* of  $\alpha$  by  $h$  is the composition  $\alpha \circ h : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ .

The composition of differentiable functions is differentiable, so any reparametrization is differentiable, which means it is a curve.

**Proposition.** Let  $\beta$  be the reparametrization of  $\alpha$  by  $h$ , then  $\beta'(s) = (dh/ds)(s) \alpha'(h(s))$ .

*Proof.* Rewrite  $\beta(s) = \alpha(h(s))$ , then we have  $\beta'(s) = (d(\alpha_i h_i)/ds)(s)_{\alpha(h(s))} = (d\alpha_i/ds)(h(s)) \cdot (dh/ds)(s)_{\alpha(h(s))} = (dh/ds)(s) \alpha'(h(s))$ .  $\square$

**Proposition.** Let  $\alpha$  be a curve and let  $f$  be a differentiable function on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $\alpha'(t)[f] = (d(f\alpha)/dt)(t)$ .

*Proof.* We have  $\alpha'(t)[f] = \sum (d\alpha_i/dt)(t) \cdot (\partial f/\partial x_i)(\alpha(t)) = (d(f\alpha)/dt)(t)$  by the chain rule.  $\square$

Now we show a general idea of parametrizations. The proofs will be included in other sections when we have enough tools. Assume every result is correct for now.

**Definition 1.14.** A *1-form*  $\varphi$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a function  $\varphi : \coprod_{p \in \mathbb{R}^3} T_p(\mathbb{R}^3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $v, w \in T_p(\mathbb{R}^3)$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\varphi(av + bw) = a\varphi(v) + b\varphi(w)$ .

Given a 1-form  $\varphi$ , for any point  $p$ , denote the restriction  $\varphi|_{T_p(\mathbb{R}^3)} : T_p(\mathbb{R}^3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\varphi_p$ , then  $\varphi_p$  is linear. Let  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  be 1-forms. Define the addition and scalar multiplication by  $(\varphi + \psi)(v) = \varphi(v) + \psi(v)$  and  $(f\varphi)(v_p) = f(p)\varphi(v_p)$ . Given any 1-form  $\varphi$  and point  $p$ ,  $\varphi_p$  is a linear functional in  $T_p^*(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , the dual space of  $T_p(\mathbb{R}^3)$ .

**Definition 1.15.** Let  $\varphi$  be a 1-form and let  $V$  be a vector field. For all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , define  $\varphi(V)(p) = \varphi_p(V(p))$ . We say  $\varphi$  is *differentiable* if for every differentiable vector field  $V$ , the function  $\varphi(V)$  is differentiable.

Now let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector fields, we have  $\varphi(fV + gW)(p) = \varphi((fV + gW)(p)) = \varphi(fV(p) + gW(p)) = (f\varphi(V) + g\varphi(W))(p)$ . Similarly,  $(f\varphi + g\psi)(V) = f\varphi(V) + g\psi(V)$ .

**Definition 1.16.** If  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable. The *differential* of  $f$ , denoted  $df$ , is the function  $df(v_p) = v_p[f]$  for all tangent vectors  $v_p$ .

Let  $v_p, w_p \in T_p(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $df(av_p + bw_p) = (av_p + bw_p)[f] = av_p[f] + bw_p[f] = a df(v_p) + b df(w_p)$ . Hence  $df$  is a 1-form.

**Example.** Consider the natural coordinate functions  $x_i$ . We have  $dx_i(v_p) = v_p[x_i] = \sum v_i(\partial x_i/\partial x_j)(p) = v_i$ .

**Proposition.** If  $\varphi$  is a 1-form on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $\varphi = \sum f_i dx_i$ , where  $f_i = \varphi(U_i)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v_p \in T_p(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , then  $\varphi(v_p) = \varphi(\sum v_i U_i(p)) = \sum v_i \varphi(U_i(p)) = \sum v_i f_i(p) = \sum f_i(p) dx_i(v_p) = (\sum f_i dx_i)(v_p)$ , hence  $\varphi = \sum f_i dx_i$ .  $\square$

The functions  $f_1, f_2$ , and  $f_3$  are called the *Euclidean coordinate functions* of the 1-form  $\varphi$ .

**Proposition.** Let  $f$  be a differentiable function on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $df = \sum(\partial f/\partial x_i)dx_i$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v_p \in T_p(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , then  $df(v_p) = v_p[f] = \sum v_i(\partial f/\partial x_i)(p) = \sum(\partial f/\partial x_i)(p)dx_i(v_p) = (\sum(\partial f/\partial x_i)dx_i)(v_p)$ , hence  $df = \sum(\partial f/\partial x_i)dx_i$ .  $\square$

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be differentiable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $d(f+g) = \sum(\partial(f+g)/\partial x_i)dx_i = \sum(\partial f/\partial x_i)dx_i + \sum(\partial g/\partial x_i)dx_i = df + dg$ . Now we denote the multiplication to be  $fg$ .

**Proposition.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be differentiable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $d(fg) = gdf + f dg$ .

*Proof.* We have  $d(fg) = \sum(\partial(fg)/\partial x_i)dx_i = \sum((\partial f/\partial x_i)g + (\partial g/\partial x_i)f)dx_i = gdf + f dg$ .  $\square$

**Proposition.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable, then  $d(h(f)) = (dh(f)/dx)df$ .

*Proof.* We have  $d(h(f)) = \sum(\partial h(f)/\partial x_i)dx_i$ , by the chain rule,  $(\partial h(f)/\partial x_i)dx_i = \sum(dh(f))$   $\square$

**Example.** Consider the function  $f = (x^2 - 1)y + (y^2 + 2)z$ .

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## Exercises and Proofs

**Exercise 1.1.1.** Let  $f = x^2y$  and  $g = y \sin z$  be functions on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Express the following functions in terms of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ :  $fg^2$ ,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}g + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}f$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2(fg)}{\partial y \partial z}$ , and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\sin f)$ .

*Proof.* (i) We have  $fg^2 = x^2yy^2\sin^2z = x^2y^3\sin^2z$ . (ii) We have  $\partial f/\partial x = 2xy$  and  $\partial g/\partial y = \sin z$ , then  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}g + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}f = 2xy^2\sin z + x^2y\sin z$ . (iii) We have  $fg = x^2y^2\sin z$ , then  $\frac{\partial^2(fg)}{\partial y \partial z} = 2x^2y\cos z$ . (iv) We have  $\sin f = \sin(x^2y)$ , then  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\sin f) = x^2\cos(x^2y)$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 1.1.3.** Express  $\partial f/\partial x$  in terms of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  for the following functions.

1.  $f = x \sin(xy) + y \cos(xz)$ ;
2.  $f = \sin g$ ,  $g = e^h$ , and  $h = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ .

*Proof.* (i) We have  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial(x \sin(xy))}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(y \cos(xz))}{\partial x} = \sin(xy) + xy \cos(xy) - yz \sin(xz)$ . (ii) We have  $f = \sin(e^{x^2+y^2+z^2})$ , then  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x \cos(e^{x^2+y^2+z^2})e^{x^2+y^2+z^2}$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 1.2.1.** Let  $v = (-2, 1, -1)$  and  $w = (0, 1, 3)$ . At an arbitrary point  $p$ , express the tangent vector  $3v_p - 2w_p$  as a linear combination of  $U_1(p)$ ,  $U_2(p)$ , and  $U_3(p)$ .

*Proof.* We have  $3v_p - 2w_p = (-6, 1, -9)_p = -6U_1(p) + U_2(p) - 9U_3(p)$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 1.2.3.** Let  $p = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$ . In each case, express the given vector field  $V$  in the standard form  $\sum v_i U_i$ .

1.  $2z^2U_1 = 7V + xyU_3$ .
2.  $V(p) = (p_1, p_3 - p_1, 0)_p$  for all  $p$ .
3.  $V = 2(xU_1 + yU_2) - x(U_1 - y^2U_3)$ .
4. For all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $V(p)$  is the vector from  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  to  $(1 + p_1, p_2p_3, p_2)$ .
5. For all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $V(p)$  is the vector from  $p$  to 0.

*Proof.* (i) We have  $V = (2z^2U_1 - xyU_3)/7$ . For all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $V(p) = ((2z^2, 0, 0) - (0, 0, xy))/7 = (2z^2/7, 0, -xy/7)$ , so  $(v_i) = (2z^2/7, 0, -xy/7)$ . (ii) Here  $V(p) = xU_1 + (z - x)U_2 + 0U_3$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 1.2.5.** Let  $V_1 = U_1 - xU_3$ ,  $V_2 = U_2$ , and  $V_3 = xU_1 + U_3$ . Prove that the vectors  $V_1(p)$ ,  $V_2(p)$ ,  $V_3(p)$  are linearly independent at each  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Express the vector field  $xU_1 + yU_2 + zU_3$  as a linear combination of  $V_i$ .

*Proof.* For all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , we have  $V_1(p) = U_1(p) - xU_3(p) = (1, 0, -x)$ . Similarly,  $V_2(p) = (0, 1, 0)$  and  $V_3 = (x, 0, 1)$ . Consider  $aV_1(p) + bV_2(p) + cV_3(p) = 0$ , where  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Solve for  $(a, b, c)$ , then  $c(x^2 + 1) = 0$ , so  $c = 0$ . Now  $(a, b, c) = (0, 0, 0)$ , hence  $V_i(p)$  are linearly independent. For all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $aV_1(p) + bV_2(p) + cV_3(p) = (a + cx, b, c - a)$  and  $xU_1(p) + yU_2(p) + zU_3(p) = (x, y, z)$ . Solve  $(a + cx, b, c - a) = (x, y, z)$ , then  $(a, b, c) = ((x - zx)/(1 + x^2), y, (x^2 + z)/(1 + x^2))$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 1.3.1.** Let  $v_p$  be the tangent vector with  $v = (2, -1, 3)$  and  $p = (2, 0, -1)$ . Use the definition to compute the directional derivative for the following functions.

1.  $f = y^2z$ .
2.  $f = x^7$ .
3.  $f = e^x \cos y$ .

*Proof.* We have  $p + tv = (2 + 2t, -t, 3t - 1)$ . (i) Now  $f(p + tv) = 3t^3 - t^2$ , then  $v_p[f] = 9t^2 - 2t = 0$ . (ii) Now  $f(p + tv) = (2 + 2t)^7$ , then  $v_p[f] = 7(2 + 2t)^6 \cdot 2 = 14(2 + 2t)^6 = 7 \cdot 2^7$ . (iii) Now  $f(p + tv) = e^{2+2t} \cos(-t)$ , then  $v_p[f] = e^{2+2t} \sin(-t) + 2e^{2+2t} \cos(-t) = 2e^2$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 1.3.3.** Let  $V = y^2U_1 - xU_3$ . Let  $f = xy$  and let  $g = z^3$ . Compute the following functions.

1.  $V[f]$ .

2.  $V[g]$ .
3.  $V[fg]$ .
4.  $fV[g] - gV[f]$ .
5.  $V[f^2 + g^2]$ .
6.  $V[V[f]]$ .

*Proof.* (i) We have  $V[f] = y^2U_1[xy] - xU_3[xy] = y^3$ . (ii) We have  $V[g] = y^2U_1[z^3] - xU_3[z^3] = -3xz^2$ . (iii) We have  $V[fg] = V[f]g + fV[g] = y^3z^3 - 3x^2yz^2$ . (iv) We have  $fV[g] - gV[f] = -3x^2yz^2 - y^3z^3$ . (v) We have  $V[f^2 + g^2] = V[f^2] + V[g^2] = V[f]f + fV[f] + V[g]g + gV[g] = 2xy^4 - 6xz^5$ . (vi) We have  $V[V[f]] = V[y^3] = y^2U_1[y^3] - xU_3[y^3] = 0$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 1.3.5.** If  $V[f] = W[f]$  for all  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , prove that  $V = W$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V = \sum a_i U_i$  and let  $W = \sum b_i U_i$ . Since  $V[f] = W[f]$ ,  $(V - W)[f] = \sum (a_i - b_i) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = 0$ . Pick  $f = x$ , then  $a_1 = b_1$ . Similarly, if we pick  $f = y$  and  $f = z$ , we have  $a_2 = b_2$  and  $a_3 = b_3$ . Hence  $V = W$ .  $\square$

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