

1. Maps

1.1. Curves

parametric curves

vector-valued functions of a real variable, especially when $n \geq 2$.

1.1.1 Motion

component functions
 $\gamma(t) = (\gamma_1(t), \dots, \gamma_n(t))$

unit tangent vector,
 $T(t) = \frac{\gamma'(t)}{\|\gamma'(t)\|}$.

1.1.2 Frenet frame in three dimensions

(principal) unit normal
 $N(t) = \frac{T'(t)}{\|T'(t)\|}$.

1.1.3 Geometry of curves

The trace of a parametric curve $\gamma: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is the image of γ , that is, $\gamma(I)$.

Definition 1.1.14 Let $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a set. We say C is a curve in \mathbb{R}^n if C is the trace of a continuous¹ parametric curve $\gamma: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$.

1.2. Real-valued functions

1.2.1 Scalar fields and densities

Definition 1.2.11 Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. The graph of a function $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the set in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} given by $\{(x, f(x)) : x \in A\}$.

1.2.2 Graphs, level sets, and slices

Definition 1.2.14 Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real-valued function. The level set of f at k is the set $\{x \in A : f(x) = k\}$. This is also called the k -level set.

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A level set in \mathbb{R}^2 is also called a contour.

1.3. Vector fields

Definition 1.3.1 A (n-dimensional) vector field is a function F with domain and codomain both in \mathbb{R}^n .

F is a vector field in \mathbb{R}^n .
 $F(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a vector at the point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Notation

$F(x, y, z) = (x^2, yx, -z)$,

$F(x, y, z) = \langle x^2, yx, -z \rangle$,

$F = [x^2, yx, -z]$,

$F = x^2\hat{i} + yx\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$.

1.4. Coordinate transformations

coordinate transformation

1.4.1 Polar coordinates

Formally, define the polar coordinate transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by $T(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$.

Lemma 1.4.10 The polar coordinate transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $T(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$ maps the subset $\{(r, \theta) : r \in \mathbb{R}, \theta \in \mathbb{R}\}$ bijectively to the subset $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$.

1.4.2 Cylindrical coordinates

Define the cylindrical coordinate transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by $T(r, \theta, z) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z)$.

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1.4.3 Spherical coordinates

Define the spherical coordinate transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by $T(\rho, \theta, \phi) = (\rho \cos \theta \sin \phi, \rho \sin \theta \sin \phi, \rho \cos \phi)$.

Lemma 1.4.20 The spherical coordinate transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ defined by $T(\rho, \theta, \phi) = (\rho \cos \theta \sin \phi, \rho \sin \theta \sin \phi, \rho \cos \phi)$ maps the subset $\{(\rho, \theta, \phi) : \rho \in \mathbb{R}, \theta \in \mathbb{R}, \phi \in [0, \pi]\}$ bijectively to the subset $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{(0, 0, 0)\}$.

1.5. Surfaces

1.5.1 Parametric surfaces

parametric surfaces.
 $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
when $n < m$.

The unit sphere is the sphere of radius 1 centered at the origin.

Definition 1.5.3 Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \geq 1$. Let $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a set. Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a set and let $g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a continuous map. If $g(I) \subseteq C$ and $g(I) \cap S \neq \emptyset$, then the point $g(I) \cap S$ is a parametric surface in \mathbb{R}^n .

1.5.2 Explicit surfaces

Definition 1.5.7 Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a set. Let $f: C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a continuous map. If $f(C) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ is a graph of f , then the set $f(C)$ is called an explicit surface in \mathbb{R}^m .

Definition 1.5.8 A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is an explicit surface if S is a graph of a continuous function.

1.5.3 Implicit surfaces

Definition 1.5.14 A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is an implicit surface if there exists a continuous $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $S = f^{-1}(0)$ and a continuous function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $S = f^{-1}(0)$.

Remark 1.5.14 "Rounding variables" can be formally expressed as $f(x) = 0$ for a basic transformation $f(x) = x^2 - a$ when f has $x^2 + a^2 \geq 0$ for all x and $a \geq 0$.

Remark 1.5.15 The mapping T is not the inverse function of f when graphed above. In fact, it is not a function at all, it is an operation on sets. The preimage of a set C under a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is the set $f^{-1}(C) = \{x \in A : f(x) \in C\}$.
If the set $C = \{0\}$ is a singleton, then the condition $f(x) \in C$ becomes $f(x) = 0$. It is important to note that $f^{-1}(\{0\})$ denotes the preimage of $\{0\}$ with respect to f is the inverse function of f .

1.6. Projections

Example 1.6.3 For $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, the map $\pi_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $\pi_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_i$ is the i th coordinate map. These are convenient for proofs when

Remark 1.6.4 The disk D^2 is often used for projections. Since n is used for other reasons, this is not a choice of notation. When we present it above, we provide the correct label for notation consistency.