

Honors Calculus III

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- **Multivariable** calculus / **Multivariate** calculus is the extension of calculus in one variable to calculus in more than one variable.
- This extension is done by simply considering a broader class of functions.

Q: What is a function?

Definition

A function f is a rule that assigns to each element in a set \mathcal{A} exactly one element in a set \mathcal{B} , where \mathcal{A} is known as the **domain**, and \mathcal{B} the **codomain**.

- Formally, we use the following notation when we want to emphasise the sets

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{defined by} \quad f(x) = x^2$$

where the **domain** \mathcal{A} and the **codomain** \mathcal{B} are \mathbb{R} , and the **range** of f is \mathbb{R}_0^+ .

- Recall the domain and codomain are often not specified in practice, e.g.

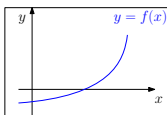
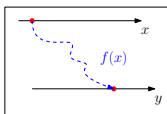
$$g(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

in which case the domain is assumed to be the **natural domain**, that is, the largest set of real numbers such that the **range** is a subset of \mathbb{R} .

Q: What kind of functions did we consider last year ?

1. Explicitly e.g.

$$y = e^x - 3$$

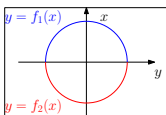
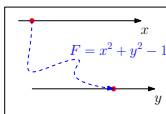


- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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2. Implicitly e.g.

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$



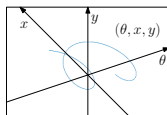
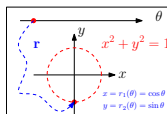
- $f_1: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- $f_2: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

3. Parametrically e.g.

$$x = \cos \theta; \quad y = \sin \theta$$



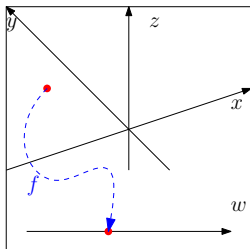
- $r_1: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- $r_2: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

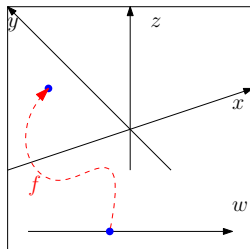
- $\mathbf{r}: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

- In addition to functions like F and \mathbf{r} , we will consider functions where the domain or codomain are \mathbb{R}^3 , that is,

$$f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{or} \quad f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$



4-dimensional plot



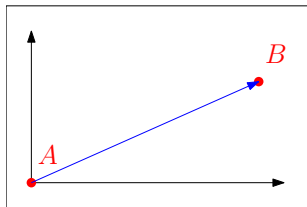
4-dimensional plot

- Towards the end of this course, we will consider functions where the domain and codomain are high-dimensional at the same time, that is,

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \text{or} \quad f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

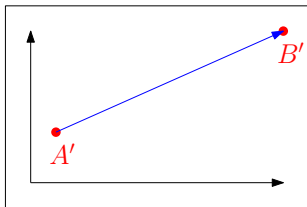
- Recall a **vector** is used to describe a physical quantity that has both **magnitude and direction**.

- Graphically a vector is an arrow from an initial point A to a terminal point B



Two vectors are equal,
if and only if they have the
same **magnitude and direction**,

despite having different initial
points and terminal points



- In typesetting, we denote a vector by a lower case letter in boldface, e.g.

v

- In handwriting, arrows, tildes or straight lines below or above are common.

- We specify vectors by enclosing the components in square brackets, i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

- Recall the following definitions and terminologies for vectors

Definition

- Addition

If $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$ are vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 , then the sum is given by

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition

- Scalar Multiplication

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, which is known as a **scalar**, then the scalar multiple is given by

$$\alpha \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha u_1 \\ \alpha u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Length or magnitude

The magnitude or length of the vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is, denoted by $|\mathbf{v}|$,

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}$$

- Addition, scalar multiplication and the length of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 are defined in a similar fashion, the only difference is that there is a third component. e.g.

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Properties of addition and scalar multiplication

If \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} are vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 or \mathbb{R}^3 and α and β are scalars in \mathbb{R} , then

1. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$

2. $\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$

3. $\alpha(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = \alpha\mathbf{u} + \alpha\mathbf{v}$

4. $(\alpha + \beta)\mathbf{u} = \alpha\mathbf{u} + \beta\mathbf{u}$

5. $(\alpha\beta)\mathbf{u} = \alpha(\beta\mathbf{u})$

6. $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$

7. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$

8. $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$

Definition

Combining the two operations gives a **linear combination** of the given vectors, e.g.

$$\alpha\mathbf{u} + \beta\mathbf{v} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha\mathbf{u} + \beta\mathbf{v} + \gamma\mathbf{w}$$

where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$.

Q: What is the difference between points and vectors?

- A *scalar* is a physical quantity that keeps track of ‘one piece of information’.

e.g. temperature

- A *vector* is a physical quantity that keeps track of ‘two pieces of information’

e.g. displacement

where magnitude and direction are the “two pieces of information”.

Q: What happens when we need to keep track of ‘three pieces of information’?

- A **tensor** is needed, for example, a **stress tensor** has 9 components, it keeps track of the **magnitude**, the **direction** and the **plane** on which it is relevant.
- In its simplest form, a tensor can be represented as a **matrix**.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{xx} & a_{xy} & a_{xz} \\ a_{yx} & a_{yy} & a_{yz} \\ a_{zx} & a_{zy} & a_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

- In general, a **matrix** is a rectangular array of numbers, for example,

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & -0.2 & 16 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} \quad \text{and} \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{B}}$$

of which will denote by **upper-case letters in boldface** in general.

- The numbers in the brackets are called **entries** or **elements** of a matrix,

$$a_{ij}$$

note it has two indices, identifying their location within the matrix.

- The first index identifies the row it is in, while the second index identifies the column, so that together the entry's position is uniquely identified.
- When we say “an $m \times n$ matrix”, we mean a matrix with m **rows** and n **columns**, together $m \times n$ is called the **size** of the matrix.

- The second matrix

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

is a **square matrix**, which means that it has as many rows as columns.

- For a square matrix, entries on the diagonal, that is,

$$a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}$$

is called the **main diagonal** of the square matrix.

- Vectors can be treated as matrices of the size $m \times 1$ or $1 \times n$, e.g.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

which are known as column vectors and row vectors, respectively.

Definition

- Addition

The sum of two matrices $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}]$ and $\mathbf{B} = [b_{ij}]$ of the same size

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]$$

is obtained by adding the corresponding entries of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} together.

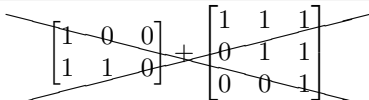
- Scalar Multiplication

The product of any matrix $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}]$ and any scalar α is written as

$$\alpha \mathbf{A} = [\alpha a_{ij}]$$

and is obtained by multiplying each entry of \mathbf{A} by α .

Q: How can we compute ?


$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrices of different sizes cannot be added.

Properties of Matrix addition and scalar multiplication

If \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} are matrices of the same size, and α and β are scalars,

1. $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}$
2. $\mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{C}$
3. $\alpha(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \alpha\mathbf{A} + \alpha\mathbf{B}$
4. $(\alpha + \beta)\mathbf{A} = \alpha\mathbf{A} + \beta\mathbf{A}$
5. $(\alpha\beta)\mathbf{A} = \alpha(\beta\mathbf{A})$
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7. $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{A}$
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- Here $\mathbf{0}$ denote the **zero matrix** of the right size, that is,

$$\mathbf{0} = [a_{ij}] \quad \text{where } a_{ij} = 0 \text{ for all } i \text{ and } j. \quad \text{e.g.}$$

$$[0], \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Note matrix shares all of the 8 properties with its vector counterpart.

Multiplication of a Matrix by a Matrix

The **product** $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB}$ of a matrix $\mathbf{A}_{m \times r} = [a_{ij}]$ and $\mathbf{B}_{p \times n} = [b_{ij}]$ is defined,

if and only if $r = p$,

to be the $m \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{C} = [c_{ij}]$ with entries

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^r a_{ik}b_{kj} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \cdots + a_{ir}b_{rj} \quad \text{for} \quad \begin{cases} i = 1, \dots, m \\ j = 1, \dots, n \end{cases}$$

- For instance,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \\ c_{31} & c_{32} \\ c_{41} & c_{42} \end{bmatrix}$$

- This is done by multiplying rows into columns,

$$c_{21} = a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} + a_{23}b_{31}$$

Properties of matrix multiplication

Suppose **A**, **B** and **C** are matrices of the **right size** for which the indicated sums and products are defined, and α is a scalar, then

$$1. \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC}) = (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C}$$

$$2. \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC}$$

$$3. (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{BA} + \mathbf{CA}$$

$$4. \alpha(\mathbf{AB}) = (\alpha\mathbf{A})\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}(\alpha\mathbf{B})$$

$$5. \mathbf{I}_m\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{I}_n$$

$$1. 2 \times (3 \times 5) = (2 \times 3) \times 5$$

$$2. 2 \times (3 + 5) = 2 \times 3 + 2 \times 5$$

$$3. (3 + 5) \times 2 = 3 \times 2 + 5 \times 2$$

$$4. \alpha \times (2 \times 3) = \alpha 2 \times 3 = 2 \times \alpha 3$$

$$5. 1 \times 2 = 2 = 2 \times 1$$

where \mathbf{I}_k is known as the **identity matrix**, they are square matrices of $k \times k$ with ones on the main diagonal and zeros everywhere else. For example,

$$\mathbf{I}_1 = [1], \quad \mathbf{I}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{I}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \dots \quad \mathbf{I}_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercises

Evaluate the followings, and explain what can be learnt from the computations?

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 100 & 100 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 100 & 100 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Common mistakes regarding matrix multiplication.

- In general, you **cannot** change the order

$$\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$$

- In general, the cancellation laws do **not** hold

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{AC} \quad \not\Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}$$

- In general, you **cannot** conclude that

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{0} \quad \not\Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$$