



MATHEMATICAL FORMULAE HANDBOOK

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Physical Constants with their Symbols and Values in Standard Unit

speed of light in a vacuum	c	$2.997\,924\,58 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ (by definition)
permeability of a vacuum	μ_0	$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$ (by definition)
permittivity of a vacuum	ϵ_0	$1/\mu_0 c^2 = 8.854\,187\,817 \dots \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$
elementary charge	e	$1.602\,177\,33(49) \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Planck constant	h	$6.626\,075\,5(40) \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
$h/2\pi$	\hbar	$1.054\,572\,66(63) \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Avogadro constant	N_A	$6.022\,136\,7(36) \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
unified atomic mass constant	m_u	$1.660\,540\,2(10) \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
mass of electron	m_e	$9.109\,389\,7(54) \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
mass of proton	m_p	$1.672\,623\,1(10) \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Bohr magneton $eh/4\pi m_e$	μ_B	$9.274\,015\,4(31) \times 10^{-24} \text{ J T}^{-1}$
molar gas constant	R	$8.314\,510(70) \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	k_B	$1.380\,658(12) \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
Stefan–Boltzmann constant	σ	$5.670\,51(19) \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$
gravitational constant	G	$6.672\,59(85) \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
<i>Other data</i>		
acceleration of free fall	g	$9.806\,65 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ (standard value at sea level)

1. Series

Arithmetic and Geometric progressions

$$\text{A.P. } S_n = a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \cdots + [a + (n - 1)d] = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n - 1)d]$$

$$\text{G.P. } S_n = a + ar + ar^2 + \cdots + ar^{n-1} = a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}, \quad \left(S_\infty = \frac{a}{1 - r} \text{ for } |r| < 1 \right)$$

(These results also hold for complex series.)

Convergence of series: the ratio test

$$S_n = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \cdots + u_n \text{ converges as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| < 1$$

Convergence of series: the comparison test

If each term in a series of positive terms is less than the corresponding term in a series known to be convergent, then the given series is also convergent.

Binomial expansion

$$(1 + x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \cdots$$

If n is a positive integer the series terminates and is valid for all x : the term in x^r is ${}^nC_r x^r$ or $\binom{n}{r}$ where ${}^nC_r \equiv \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$ is the number of different ways in which an unordered sample of r objects can be selected from a set of n objects without replacement. When n is not a positive integer, the series does not terminate: the infinite series is convergent for $|x| < 1$.

Taylor and Maclaurin Series

If $y(x)$ is well-behaved in the vicinity of $x = a$ then it has a Taylor series,

$$y(x) = y(a + u) = y(a) + u \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{u^2}{2!} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{u^3}{3!} \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + \cdots$$

where $u = x - a$ and the differential coefficients are evaluated at $x = a$. A Maclaurin series is a Taylor series with $a = 0$,

$$y(x) = y(0) + x \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x^2}{2!} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + \cdots$$

Power series with real variables

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \cdots \quad \text{valid for all } x$$

$$\ln(1 + x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \cdots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^n}{n} + \cdots \quad \text{valid for } -1 < x \leq 1$$

$$\cos x = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \cdots \quad \text{valid for all values of } x$$

$$\sin x = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \cdots \quad \text{valid for all values of } x$$

$$\tan x = x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{15}x^5 + \cdots \quad \text{valid for } -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \cdots \quad \text{valid for } -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\sin^{-1} x = x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2.4} \frac{x^5}{5} + \cdots \quad \text{valid for } -1 < x < 1$$

Integer series

$$\sum_1^N n = 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + N = \frac{N(N+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_1^N n^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \cdots + N^2 = \frac{N(N+1)(2N+1)}{6}$$

$$\sum_1^N n^3 = 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \cdots + N^3 = [1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + N]^2 = \frac{N^2(N+1)^2}{4}$$

$$\sum_1^\infty \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \cdots = \ln 2$$

[see expansion of $\ln(1+x)$]

$$\sum_1^\infty \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2n-1} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \cdots = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

[see expansion of $\tan^{-1} x$]

$$\sum_1^\infty \frac{1}{n^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \cdots = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

$$\sum_1^N n(n+1)(n+2) = 1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + \cdots + N(N+1)(N+2) = \frac{N(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)}{4}$$

This last result is a special case of the more general formula,

$$\sum_1^N n(n+1)(n+2) \cdots (n+r) = \frac{N(N+1)(N+2) \cdots (N+r)(N+r+1)}{r+2}.$$

Plane wave expansion

$$\exp(ikz) = \exp(ikr \cos \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) i^l j_l(kr) P_l(\cos \theta),$$

where $P_l(\cos \theta)$ are Legendre polynomials (see section 11) and $j_l(kr)$ are spherical Bessel functions, defined by

$$j_l(\rho) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\rho}} J_{l+1/2}(\rho), \quad \text{with } J_l(x) \text{ the Bessel function of order } l \text{ (see section 11).}$$

2. Vector Algebra

If i, j, k are orthonormal vectors and $A = A_x i + A_y j + A_z k$ then $|A|^2 = A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2$. [Orthonormal vectors \equiv orthogonal unit vectors.]

Scalar product

$$A \cdot B = |A| |B| \cos \theta$$

where θ is the angle between the vectors

$$= A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z = [A_x A_y A_z] \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ B_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Scalar multiplication is commutative: $A \cdot B = B \cdot A$.

Equation of a line

A point $r \equiv (x, y, z)$ lies on a line passing through a point a and parallel to vector b if

$$r = a + \lambda b$$

with λ a real number.

Equation of a plane

A point $\mathbf{r} \equiv (x, y, z)$ is on a plane if either

(a) $\mathbf{r} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{d}} = |\mathbf{d}|$, where \mathbf{d} is the normal from the origin to the plane, or

(b) $\frac{x}{X} + \frac{y}{Y} + \frac{z}{Z} = 1$ where X, Y, Z are the intercepts on the axes.

Vector product

$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = n |\mathbf{A}| |\mathbf{B}| \sin \theta$, where θ is the angle between the vectors and \mathbf{n} is a unit vector normal to the plane containing \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} in the direction for which $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{n}$ form a right-handed set of axes.

$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$ in determinant form

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$ in matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -A_z & A_y \\ A_z & 0 & -A_x \\ -A_y & A_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ B_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Vector multiplication is not commutative: $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = -\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A}$.

Scalar triple product

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C} = \begin{vmatrix} A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \\ C_x & C_y & C_z \end{vmatrix} = -\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{B}, \quad \text{etc.}$$

Vector triple product

$$\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C})\mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})\mathbf{C}, \quad (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C})\mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C})\mathbf{A}$$

Non-orthogonal basis

$$\mathbf{A} = A_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + A_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + A_3 \mathbf{e}_3$$

$$A_1 = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}' \cdot \mathbf{A} \quad \text{where} \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon}' = \frac{\mathbf{e}_2 \times \mathbf{e}_3}{\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{e}_2 \times \mathbf{e}_3)}$$

Similarly for A_2 and A_3 .

Summation convention

$$\mathbf{a} = a_i \mathbf{e}_i$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_i b_i$$

$$(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})_i = \varepsilon_{ijk} a_j b_k$$

$$\varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{klm} = \delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}$$

implies summation over $i = 1 \dots 3$

where $\varepsilon_{123} = 1$; $\varepsilon_{ijk} = -\varepsilon_{ikj}$

3. Matrix Algebra

Unit matrices

The unit matrix I of order n is a square matrix with all diagonal elements equal to one and all off-diagonal elements zero, i.e., $(I)_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$. If A is a square matrix of order n , then $AI = IA = A$. Also $I = I^{-1}$.

I is sometimes written as I_n if the order needs to be stated explicitly.

Products

If A is a $(n \times l)$ matrix and B is a $(l \times m)$ then the product AB is defined by

$$(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^l A_{ik}B_{kj}$$

In general $AB \neq BA$.

Transpose matrices

If A is a matrix, then transpose matrix A^T is such that $(A^T)_{ij} = (A)_{ji}$.

Inverse matrices

If A is a square matrix with non-zero determinant, then its inverse A^{-1} is such that $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$.

$$(A^{-1})_{ij} = \frac{\text{transpose of cofactor of } A_{ij}}{|A|}$$

where the cofactor of A_{ij} is $(-1)^{i+j}$ times the determinant of the matrix A with the j -th row and i -th column deleted.

Determinants

If A is a square matrix then the determinant of A , $|A|$ ($\equiv \det A$) is defined by

$$|A| = \sum_{i,j,k,\dots} \epsilon_{ijk\dots} A_{1i}A_{2j}A_{3k}\dots$$

where the number of the suffixes is equal to the order of the matrix.

2×2 matrices

If $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ then,

$$|A| = ad - bc \quad A^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

Product rules

$$(AB\dots N)^T = N^T \dots B^T A^T$$

$$(AB\dots N)^{-1} = N^{-1} \dots B^{-1} A^{-1}$$

(if individual inverses exist)

$$|AB\dots N| = |A| |B| \dots |N|$$

(if individual matrices are square)

Orthogonal matrices

An orthogonal matrix Q is a square matrix whose columns q_i form a set of orthonormal vectors. For any orthogonal matrix Q ,

$$Q^{-1} = Q^T, \quad |Q| = \pm 1, \quad Q^T \text{ is also orthogonal.}$$

Solving sets of linear simultaneous equations

If A is square then $Ax = b$ has a unique solution $x = A^{-1}b$ if A^{-1} exists, i.e., if $|A| \neq 0$.

If A is square then $Ax = 0$ has a non-trivial solution if and only if $|A| = 0$.

An over-constrained set of equations $Ax = b$ is one in which A has m rows and n columns, where m (the number of equations) is greater than n (the number of variables). The best solution x (in the sense that it minimizes the error $|Ax - b|$) is the solution of the n equations $A^T Ax = A^T b$. If the columns of A are orthonormal vectors then $x = A^T b$.

Hermitian matrices

The Hermitian conjugate of A is $A^\dagger = (A^*)^T$, where A^* is a matrix each of whose components is the complex conjugate of the corresponding components of A . If $A = A^\dagger$ then A is called a Hermitian matrix.

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

The n eigenvalues λ_i and eigenvectors u_i of an $n \times n$ matrix A are the solutions of the equation $Au = \lambda u$. The eigenvalues are the zeros of the polynomial of degree n , $P_n(\lambda) = |A - \lambda I|$. If A is Hermitian then the eigenvalues λ_i are real and the eigenvectors u_i are mutually orthogonal. $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ is called the characteristic equation of the matrix A .

$$\text{Tr } A = \sum_i \lambda_i, \quad \text{also } |A| = \prod_i \lambda_i.$$

If S is a symmetric matrix, Λ is the diagonal matrix whose diagonal elements are the eigenvalues of S , and U is the matrix whose columns are the normalized eigenvectors of A , then

$$U^T S U = \Lambda \quad \text{and} \quad S = U \Lambda U^T.$$

If x is an approximation to an eigenvector of A then $x^T A x / (x^T x)$ (Rayleigh's quotient) is an approximation to the corresponding eigenvalue.

Commutators

$$\begin{aligned} [A, B] &\equiv AB - BA \\ [A, B] &= -[B, A] \\ [A, B]^\dagger &= [B^\dagger, A^\dagger] \\ [A + B, C] &= [A, C] + [B, C] \\ [AB, C] &= A[B, C] + [A, C]B \\ [A, [B, C]] + [B, [C, A]] + [C, [A, B]] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hermitian algebra

$$b^\dagger = (b_1^*, b_2^*, \dots)$$

	Matrix form	Operator form	Bra-ket form
Hermiticity	$b^* \cdot A \cdot c = (A \cdot b)^* \cdot c$	$\int \psi^* O \phi = \int (O \psi)^* \phi$	$\langle \psi O \phi \rangle$
Eigenvalues, λ real	$A u_i = \lambda_{(i)} u_i$	$O \psi_i = \lambda_{(i)} \psi_i$	$O i\rangle = \lambda_i i\rangle$
Orthogonality	$u_i \cdot u_j = 0$	$\int \psi_i^* \psi_j = 0$	$\langle i j \rangle = 0 \quad (i \neq j)$
Completeness	$b = \sum_i u_i (u_i \cdot b)$	$\phi = \sum_i \psi_i \left(\int \psi_i^* \phi \right)$	$\phi = \sum_i i\rangle \langle i \phi \rangle$

Rayleigh-Ritz

Lowest eigenvalue	$\lambda_0 \leq \frac{b^* \cdot A \cdot b}{b^* \cdot b}$	$\lambda_0 \leq \frac{\int \psi^* O \psi}{\int \psi^* \psi}$	$\frac{\langle \psi O \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi \psi \rangle}$
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Pauli spin matrices

$$\sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_x \sigma_y = i\sigma_z, \quad \sigma_y \sigma_z = i\sigma_x, \quad \sigma_z \sigma_x = i\sigma_y, \quad \sigma_x \sigma_x = \sigma_y \sigma_y = \sigma_z \sigma_z = I$$

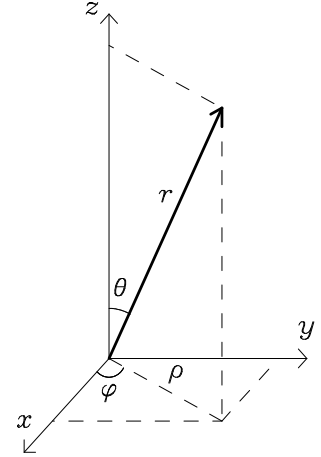
4. Vector Calculus

Notation

ϕ is a scalar function of a set of position coordinates. In Cartesian coordinates $\phi = \phi(x, y, z)$; in cylindrical polar coordinates $\phi = \phi(\rho, \varphi, z)$; in spherical polar coordinates $\phi = \phi(r, \theta, \varphi)$; in cases with radial symmetry $\phi = \phi(r)$. A is a vector function whose components are scalar functions of the position coordinates: in Cartesian coordinates $A = iA_x + jA_y + kA_z$, where A_x, A_y, A_z are independent functions of x, y, z .

$$\text{In Cartesian coordinates } \nabla \text{ ('del')} \equiv i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{grad } \phi = \nabla \phi, \quad \text{div } A = \nabla \cdot A, \quad \text{curl } A = \nabla \times A$$



Identities

$$\text{grad}(\phi_1 + \phi_2) \equiv \text{grad } \phi_1 + \text{grad } \phi_2 \quad \text{div}(A_1 + A_2) \equiv \text{div } A_1 + \text{div } A_2$$

$$\text{grad}(\phi_1 \phi_2) \equiv \phi_1 \text{grad } \phi_2 + \phi_2 \text{grad } \phi_1$$

$$\text{curl}(A_1 + A_2) \equiv \text{curl } A_1 + \text{curl } A_2$$

$$\text{div}(\phi A) \equiv \phi \text{div } A + (\text{grad } \phi) \cdot A, \quad \text{curl}(\phi A) \equiv \phi \text{curl } A + (\text{grad } \phi) \times A$$

$$\text{div}(A_1 \times A_2) \equiv A_2 \cdot \text{curl } A_1 - A_1 \cdot \text{curl } A_2$$

$$\text{curl}(A_1 \times A_2) \equiv A_1 \text{div } A_2 - A_2 \text{div } A_1 + (A_2 \cdot \text{grad})A_1 - (A_1 \cdot \text{grad})A_2$$

$$\text{div}(\text{curl } A) \equiv 0, \quad \text{curl}(\text{grad } \phi) \equiv 0$$

$$\text{curl}(\text{curl } A) \equiv \text{grad}(\text{div } A) - \text{div}(\text{grad } A) \equiv \text{grad}(\text{div } A) - \nabla^2 A$$

$$\text{grad}(A_1 \cdot A_2) \equiv A_1 \times (\text{curl } A_2) + (A_1 \cdot \text{grad})A_2 + A_2 \times (\text{curl } A_1) + (A_2 \cdot \text{grad})A_1$$

Grad, Div, Curl and the Laplacian

	Cartesian Coordinates	Cylindrical Coordinates	Spherical Coordinates
Conversion to Cartesian Coordinates		$x = \rho \cos \varphi \quad y = \rho \sin \varphi \quad z = z$	$x = r \cos \varphi \sin \theta \quad y = r \sin \varphi \sin \theta \quad z = r \cos \theta$
Vector A	$A_x \mathbf{i} + A_y \mathbf{j} + A_z \mathbf{k}$	$A_\rho \hat{\rho} + A_\varphi \hat{\varphi} + A_z \hat{z}$	$A_r \hat{r} + A_\theta \hat{\theta} + A_\varphi \hat{\varphi}$
Gradient $\nabla \phi$	$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \mathbf{k}$	$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \rho} \hat{\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \varphi} \hat{\varphi} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \hat{z}$	$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \varphi} \hat{\varphi}$
Divergence $\nabla \cdot A$	$\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$	$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial(\rho A_\rho)}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial A_\varphi}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$	$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial(r^2 A_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\theta \sin \theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\varphi}{\partial \varphi}$
Curl $\nabla \times A$	$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{\rho} \hat{\rho} & \hat{\varphi} & \frac{1}{\rho} \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_\rho & \rho A_\varphi & A_z \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \hat{r} & \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \hat{\theta} & \frac{1}{r} \hat{\varphi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \\ A_r & r A_\theta & r A_\varphi \sin \theta \end{vmatrix}$
Laplacian $\nabla^2 \phi$	$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$	$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \varphi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$	$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \varphi^2}$

Transformation of integrals

L = the distance along some curve 'C' in space and is measured from some fixed point.

S = a surface area

τ = a volume contained by a specified surface

$\hat{\mathbf{t}}$ = the unit tangent to C at the point P

$\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ = the unit outward pointing normal

A = some vector function

$d\mathbf{L}$ = the vector element of curve ($= \hat{\mathbf{t}} dL$)

$d\mathbf{S}$ = the vector element of surface ($= \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS$)

Then $\int_C \mathbf{A} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{t}} dL = \int_C \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{L}$

and when $A = \nabla \phi$

$$\int_C (\nabla \phi) \cdot d\mathbf{L} = \int_C d\phi$$

Gauss's Theorem (Divergence Theorem)

When S defines a closed region having a volume τ

$$\int_\tau (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) d\tau = \int_S (\mathbf{A} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}) dS = \int_S \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

also

$$\int_\tau (\nabla \phi) d\tau = \int_S \phi dS$$

$$\int_\tau (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) d\tau = \int_S (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{A}) dS$$

Stokes's Theorem

When C is closed and bounds the open surface S ,

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_C \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{L}$$

also

$$\int_S (\hat{n} \times \nabla \phi) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_C \phi \cdot d\mathbf{L}$$

Green's Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S \psi \nabla \phi \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \int_\tau \nabla \cdot (\psi \nabla \phi) \, d\tau \\ &= \int_\tau [\psi \nabla^2 \phi + (\nabla \psi) \cdot (\nabla \phi)] \, d\tau \end{aligned}$$

Green's Second Theorem

$$\int_\tau (\psi \nabla^2 \phi - \phi \nabla^2 \psi) \, d\tau = \int_S [\psi (\nabla \phi) - \phi (\nabla \psi)] \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

5. Complex Variables

Complex numbers

The complex number $z = x + iy = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = r e^{i(\theta + 2n\pi)}$, where $i^2 = -1$ and n is an arbitrary integer. The real quantity r is the modulus of z and the angle θ is the argument of z . The complex conjugate of z is $z^* = x - iy = r(\cos \theta - i \sin \theta) = r e^{-i\theta}$; $zz^* = |z|^2 = x^2 + y^2$

De Moivre's theorem

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = e^{in\theta} = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$$

Power series for complex variables.

$$e^z = 1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{z^n}{n!} + \cdots \quad \text{convergent for all finite } z$$

$$\sin z = z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} - \cdots \quad \text{convergent for all finite } z$$

$$\cos z = 1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \cdots \quad \text{convergent for all finite } z$$

$$\ln(1 + z) = z - \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{3} - \cdots \quad \text{principal value of } \ln(1 + z)$$

This last series converges both on and within the circle $|z| = 1$ except at the point $z = -1$.

$$\tan^{-1} z = z - \frac{z^3}{3} + \frac{z^5}{5} - \cdots$$

This last series converges both on and within the circle $|z| = 1$ except at the points $z = \pm i$.

$$(1 + z)^n = 1 + nz + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} z^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} z^3 + \cdots$$

This last series converges both on and within the circle $|z| = 1$ except at the point $z = -1$.

6. Trigonometric Formulae

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A &= 1 & \sec^2 A - \tan^2 A &= 1 & \operatorname{cosec}^2 A - \cot^2 A &= 1 \\ \sin 2A &= 2 \sin A \cos A & \cos 2A &= \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A & \tan 2A &= \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B \quad \cos A \cos B = \frac{\cos(A + B) + \cos(A - B)}{2}$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B \quad \sin A \sin B = \frac{\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B)}{2}$$

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B} \quad \sin A \cos B = \frac{\sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B)}{2}$$

$$\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \frac{A + B}{2} \cos \frac{A - B}{2} \quad \cos^2 A = \frac{1 + \cos 2A}{2}$$

$$\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos \frac{A + B}{2} \sin \frac{A - B}{2} \quad \sin^2 A = \frac{1 - \cos 2A}{2}$$

$$\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos \frac{A + B}{2} \cos \frac{A - B}{2} \quad \cos^3 A = \frac{3 \cos A + \cos 3A}{4}$$

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \frac{A + B}{2} \sin \frac{A - B}{2} \quad \sin^3 A = \frac{3 \sin A - \sin 3A}{4}$$

Relations between sides and angles of any plane triangle

In a plane triangle with angles A, B , and C and sides opposite a, b , and c respectively,

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} = \text{diameter of circumscribed circle.}$$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$a = b \cos C + c \cos B$$

$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

$$\tan \frac{A - B}{2} = \frac{a - b}{a + b} \cot \frac{C}{2}$$

$$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C = \frac{1}{2}bc \sin A = \frac{1}{2}ca \sin B = \sqrt{s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)}, \quad \text{where } s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c)$$

Relations between sides and angles of any spherical triangle

In a spherical triangle with angles A, B , and C and sides opposite a, b , and c respectively,

$$\frac{\sin a}{\sin A} = \frac{\sin b}{\sin B} = \frac{\sin c}{\sin C}$$

$$\cos a = \cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c \cos A$$

$$\cos A = -\cos B \cos C + \sin B \sin C \cos a$$

7. Hyperbolic Functions

$$\cosh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}) = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

valid for all x

$$\sinh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x}) = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$$

valid for all x

$$\cosh ix = \cos x$$

$$\sinh ix = i \sin x$$

$$\tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x}$$

$$\coth x = \frac{\cosh x}{\sinh x}$$

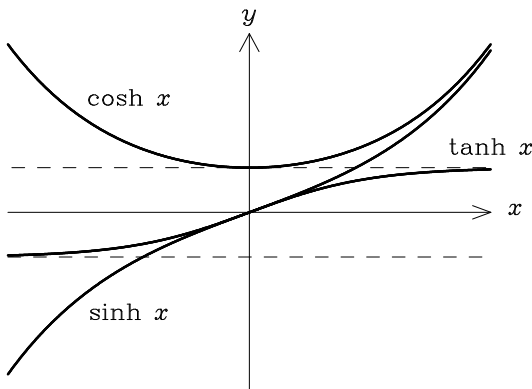
$$\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1$$

$$\cos ix = \cosh x$$

$$\sin ix = i \sinh x$$

$$\operatorname{sech} x = \frac{1}{\cosh x}$$

$$\operatorname{cosech} x = \frac{1}{\sinh x}$$



For large positive x :

$$\cosh x \approx \sinh x \rightarrow \frac{e^x}{2}$$

$$\tanh x \rightarrow 1$$

For large negative x :

$$\cosh x \approx -\sinh x \rightarrow \frac{e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\tanh x \rightarrow -1$$

Relations of the functions

$$\sinh x = -\sinh(-x)$$

$$\cosh x = \cosh(-x)$$

$$\tanh x = -\tanh(-x)$$

$$\sinh x = \frac{2 \tanh(x/2)}{1 - \tanh^2(x/2)} = \frac{\tanh x}{\sqrt{1 - \tanh^2 x}}$$

$$\tanh x = \sqrt{1 - \operatorname{sech}^2 x}$$

$$\coth x = \sqrt{\operatorname{cosech}^2 x + 1}$$

$$\sinh(x/2) = \sqrt{\frac{\cosh x - 1}{2}}$$

$$\tanh(x/2) = \frac{\cosh x - 1}{\sinh x} = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x + 1}$$

$$\sinh(2x) = 2 \sinh x \cosh x$$

$$\cosh(2x) = \cosh^2 x + \sinh^2 x = 2 \cosh^2 x - 1 = 1 + 2 \sinh^2 x$$

$$\sinh(3x) = 3 \sinh x + 4 \sinh^3 x$$

$$\tanh(3x) = \frac{3 \tanh x + \tanh^3 x}{1 + 3 \tanh^2 x}$$

$$\operatorname{sech} x = \operatorname{sech}(-x)$$

$$\operatorname{cosech} x = -\operatorname{cosech}(-x)$$

$$\coth x = -\coth(-x)$$

$$\cosh x = \frac{1 + \tanh^2(x/2)}{1 - \tanh^2(x/2)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \tanh^2 x}}$$

$$\operatorname{sech} x = \sqrt{1 - \tanh^2 x}$$

$$\operatorname{cosech} x = \sqrt{\coth^2 x - 1}$$

$$\cosh(x/2) = \sqrt{\frac{\cosh x + 1}{2}}$$

$$\tanh(2x) = \frac{2 \tanh x}{1 + \tanh^2 x}$$

$$\cosh 3x = 4 \cosh^3 x - 3 \cosh x$$

$$\sinh(x \pm y) = \sinh x \cosh y \pm \cosh x \sinh y$$

$$\cosh(x \pm y) = \cosh x \cosh y \pm \sinh x \sinh y$$

$$\tanh(x \pm y) = \frac{\tanh x \pm \tanh y}{1 \pm \tanh x \tanh y}$$

$$\sinh x + \sinh y = 2 \sinh \frac{1}{2}(x+y) \cosh \frac{1}{2}(x-y) \quad \cosh x + \cosh y = 2 \cosh \frac{1}{2}(x+y) \cosh \frac{1}{2}(x-y)$$

$$\sinh x - \sinh y = 2 \cosh \frac{1}{2}(x+y) \sinh \frac{1}{2}(x-y) \quad \cosh x - \cosh y = 2 \sinh \frac{1}{2}(x+y) \sinh \frac{1}{2}(x-y)$$

$$\sinh x \pm \cosh x = \frac{1 \pm \tanh(x/2)}{1 \mp \tanh(x/2)} = e^{\pm x}$$

$$\tanh x \pm \tanh y = \frac{\sinh(x \pm y)}{\cosh x \cosh y}$$

$$\coth x \pm \coth y = \pm \frac{\sinh(x \pm y)}{\sinh x \sinh y}$$

Inverse functions

$$\sinh^{-1} \frac{x}{a} = \ln \left(\frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}{a} \right) \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\cosh^{-1} \frac{x}{a} = \ln \left(\frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{a} \right) \quad \text{for } x \geq a$$

$$\tanh^{-1} \frac{x}{a} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right) \quad \text{for } x^2 < a^2$$

$$\coth^{-1} \frac{x}{a} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{x+a}{x-a} \right) \quad \text{for } x^2 > a^2$$

$$\operatorname{sech}^{-1} \frac{x}{a} = \ln \left(\frac{a}{x} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{x^2} - 1} \right) \quad \text{for } 0 < x \leq a$$

$$\operatorname{cosech}^{-1} \frac{x}{a} = \ln \left(\frac{a}{x} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{x^2} + 1} \right) \quad \text{for } x \neq 0$$

8. Limits

$$n^c x^n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ if } |x| < 1 \text{ (any fixed } c)$$

$$x^n/n! \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ (any fixed } x)$$

$$(1 + x/n)^n \rightarrow e^x \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad x \ln x \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{If } f(a) = g(a) = 0 \text{ then } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f'(a)}{g'(a)} \quad (\text{l'Hôpital's rule})$$

9. Differentiation

$$(uv)' = u'v + uv', \quad \left(\frac{u}{v}\right)' = \frac{u'v - uv'}{v^2}$$

$$(uv)^{(n)} = u^{(n)}v + nu^{(n-1)}v^{(1)} + \dots + {}^nC_r u^{(n-r)}v^{(r)} + \dots + uv^{(n)}$$

Leibniz Theorem

$$\text{where } {}^nC_r \equiv \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sinh x) = \cosh x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cosh x) = \sinh x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tanh x) = \operatorname{sech}^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{sech} x) = -\operatorname{sech} x \tanh x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\coth x) = -\operatorname{cosech}^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosec} x) = -\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosech} x) = -\operatorname{cosech} x \coth x$$

10. Integration

Standard forms

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + c$$

for $n \neq -1$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x + c$$

$$\int \ln x dx = x(\ln x - 1) + c$$

$$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + c$$

$$\int x e^{ax} dx = e^{ax} \left(\frac{x}{a} - \frac{1}{a^2} \right) + c$$

$$\int x \ln x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \left(\ln x - \frac{1}{2} \right) + c$$

$$\int \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + c$$

$$\int \frac{1}{a^2 - x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tanh^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + c = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right) + c$$

for $x^2 < a^2$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - a^2} dx = -\frac{1}{a} \coth^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + c = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \left(\frac{x-a}{x+a} \right) + c$$

for $x^2 > a^2$

$$\int \frac{x}{(x^2 \pm a^2)^n} dx = \frac{-1}{2(n-1)} \frac{1}{(x^2 \pm a^2)^{n-1}} + c$$

for $n \neq 1$

$$\int \frac{x}{x^2 \pm a^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 \pm a^2) + c$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + c$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 \pm a^2}} dx = \ln \left(x + \sqrt{x^2 \pm a^2} \right) + c$$

$$\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 \pm a^2}} dx = \sqrt{x^2 \pm a^2} + c$$

$$\int \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[x\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + a^2 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) \right] + c$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+x)x^p} dx = \pi \operatorname{cosec} p\pi \quad \text{for } p < 1$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \cos(x^2) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \sin(x^2) dx = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-x^2/2\sigma^2) dx = \sigma\sqrt{2\pi}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n \exp(-x^2/2\sigma^2) dx = \begin{cases} 1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots (n-1) \sigma^{n+1} \sqrt{2\pi} & \text{for } n \geq 2 \text{ and even} \\ 0 & \text{for } n \geq 1 \text{ and odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + c$$

$$\int \sinh x dx = \cosh x + c$$

$$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + c$$

$$\int \cosh x dx = \sinh x + c$$

$$\int \tan x dx = -\ln(\cos x) + c$$

$$\int \tanh x dx = \ln(\cosh x) + c$$

$$\int \operatorname{cosec} x dx = \ln(\operatorname{cosec} x - \cot x) + c$$

$$\int \operatorname{cosech} x dx = \ln[\tanh(x/2)] + c$$

$$\int \sec x dx = \ln(\sec x + \tan x) + c$$

$$\int \operatorname{sech} x dx = 2 \tan^{-1}(e^x) + c$$

$$\int \cot x dx = \ln(\sin x) + c$$

$$\int \coth x dx = \ln(\sinh x) + c$$

$$\int \sin mx \sin nx dx = \frac{\sin(m-n)x}{2(m-n)} - \frac{\sin(m+n)x}{2(m+n)} + c \quad \text{if } m^2 \neq n^2$$

$$\int \cos mx \cos nx dx = \frac{\sin(m-n)x}{2(m-n)} + \frac{\sin(m+n)x}{2(m+n)} + c \quad \text{if } m^2 \neq n^2$$

Standard substitutions

If the integrand is a function of: substitute:

$$(a^2 - x^2) \text{ or } \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} \quad x = a \sin \theta \text{ or } x = a \cos \theta$$

$$(x^2 + a^2) \text{ or } \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} \quad x = a \tan \theta \text{ or } x = a \sinh \theta$$

$$(x^2 - a^2) \text{ or } \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} \quad x = a \sec \theta \text{ or } x = a \cosh \theta$$

If the integrand is a rational function of $\sin x$ or $\cos x$ or both, substitute $t = \tan(x/2)$ and use the results:

$$\sin x = \frac{2t}{1+t^2} \quad \cos x = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2} \quad dx = \frac{2 dt}{1+t^2}.$$

If the integrand is of the form: substitute:

$$\int \frac{dx}{(ax+b)\sqrt{px+q}} \quad px+q = u^2$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{(ax+b)\sqrt{px^2+qx+r}} \quad ax+b = \frac{1}{u}.$$

Integration by parts

$$\int_a^b u \, dv = uv \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b v \, du$$

Differentiation of an integral

If $f(x, \alpha)$ is a function of x containing a parameter α and the limits of integration a and b are functions of α then

$$\frac{d}{d\alpha} \int_{a(\alpha)}^{b(\alpha)} f(x, \alpha) \, dx = f(b, \alpha) \frac{db}{d\alpha} - f(a, \alpha) \frac{da}{d\alpha} + \int_{a(\alpha)}^{b(\alpha)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} f(x, \alpha) \, dx.$$

Special case,

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(y) \, dy = f(x).$$

Dirac δ -function'

$$\delta(t - \tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp[i\omega(t - \tau)] \, d\omega.$$

If $f(t)$ is an arbitrary function of t then $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - \tau) f(t) \, dt = f(\tau)$.

$\delta(t) = 0$ if $t \neq 0$, also $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) \, dt = 1$

Reduction formulae

Factorials

$$n! = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots 1, \quad 0! = 1.$$

Stirling's formula for large n : $\ln(n!) \approx n \ln n - n$.

For any $p > -1$, $\int_0^{\infty} x^p e^{-x} \, dx = p \int_0^{\infty} x^{p-1} e^{-x} \, dx = p!$. $(-1/2)! = \sqrt{\pi}$, $(1/2)! = \sqrt{\pi}/2$, etc.

For any $p, q > -1$, $\int_0^1 x^p (1-x)^q \, dx = \frac{p!q!}{(p+q+1)!}$.

Trigonometrical

If m, n are integers,

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^m \theta \cos^n \theta \, d\theta = \frac{m-1}{m+n} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{m-2} \theta \cos^n \theta \, d\theta = \frac{n-1}{m+n} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^m \theta \cos^{n-2} \theta \, d\theta$$

and can therefore be reduced eventually to one of the following integrals

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta \cos \theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta \, d\theta = 1, \quad \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta \, d\theta = 1, \quad \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Other

If $I_n = \int_0^{\infty} x^n \exp(-\alpha x^2) \, dx$ then $I_n = \frac{(n-1)}{2\alpha} I_{n-2}$, $I_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$, $I_1 = \frac{1}{2\alpha}$.

11. Differential Equations

Diffusion (conduction) equation

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \kappa \nabla^2 \psi$$

Wave equation

$$\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$$

Legendre's equation

$$(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + l(l+1)y = 0,$$

solutions of which are Legendre polynomials $P_l(x)$, where $P_l(x) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^l (x^2 - 1)^l$, *Rodrigues' formula* so $P_0(x) = 1$, $P_1(x) = x$, $P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$ etc.

Recursion relation

$$P_l(x) = \frac{1}{l} [(2l-1)xP_{l-1}(x) - (l-1)P_{l-2}(x)]$$

Orthogonality

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_l(x) P_{l'}(x) dx = \frac{2}{2l+1} \delta_{ll'}$$

Bessel's equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2 - m^2)y = 0,$$

solutions of which are Bessel functions $J_m(x)$ of order m .

Series form of Bessel functions of the first kind

$$J_m(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (x/2)^{m+2k}}{k!(m+k)!} \quad (\text{integer } m).$$

The same general form holds for non-integer $m > 0$.

Laplace's equation

$$\nabla^2 u = 0$$

If expressed in two-dimensional polar coordinates (see section 4), a solution is

$$u(\rho, \varphi) = [A\rho^n + B\rho^{-n}] [C \exp(in\varphi) + D \exp(-in\varphi)]$$

where A, B, C, D are constants and n is a real integer.

If expressed in three-dimensional polar coordinates (see section 4) a solution is

$$u(r, \theta, \varphi) = [Ar^l + Br^{-(l+1)}] P_l^m [C \sin m\varphi + D \cos m\varphi]$$

where l and m are integers with $l \geq |m| \geq 0$; A, B, C, D are constants;

$$P_l^m(\cos \theta) = \sin^{|m|} \theta \left[\frac{d}{d(\cos \theta)} \right]^{|m|} P_l(\cos \theta)$$

is the associated Legendre polynomial.

$$P_l^0(1) = 1.$$

If expressed in cylindrical polar coordinates (see section 4), a solution is

$$u(\rho, \varphi, z) = J_m(n\rho) [A \cos m\varphi + B \sin m\varphi] [C \exp(nz) + D \exp(-nz)]$$

where m and n are integers; A, B, C, D are constants.

Spherical harmonics

The normalized solutions $Y_l^m(\theta, \varphi)$ of the equation

$$\left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} \right] Y_l^m + l(l+1) Y_l^m = 0$$

are called spherical harmonics, and have values given by

$$Y_l^m(\theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-|m|)!}{(l+|m|)!}} P_l^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\varphi} \times \begin{cases} (-1)^m & \text{for } m \geq 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } m < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{i.e., } Y_0^0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}}, \quad Y_1^0 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta, \quad Y_1^{\pm 1} = \mp \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\varphi}, \text{ etc.}$$

Orthogonality

$$\int_{4\pi} Y_l^{*m} Y_{l'}^{m'} d\Omega = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

12. Calculus of Variations

The condition for $I = \int_a^b F(y, y', x) dx$ to have a stationary value is $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right)$, where $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$. This is the Euler-Lagrange equation.

13. Functions of Several Variables

If $\phi = f(x, y, z, \dots)$ then $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$ implies differentiation with respect to x keeping y, z, \dots constant.

$$d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}dy + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}dz + \dots \quad \text{and} \quad \delta\phi \approx \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\delta x + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\delta y + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}\delta z + \dots$$

where x, y, z, \dots are independent variables. $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$ is also written as $\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)_{y, \dots}$ or $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\bigg|_{y, \dots}$ when the variables kept constant need to be stated explicitly.

If ϕ is a well-behaved function then $\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y \partial x}$ etc.

If $\phi = f(x, y)$,

$$\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)_y = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi}\right)_y}, \quad \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}\right)_\phi \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi}\right)_x = -1.$$

Taylor series for two variables

If $\phi(x, y)$ is well-behaved in the vicinity of $x = a, y = b$ then it has a Taylor series

$$\phi(x, y) = \phi(a + u, b + v) = \phi(a, b) + u \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2!} \left(u^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + 2uv \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} + v^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \right) + \dots$$

where $x = a + u, y = b + v$ and the differential coefficients are evaluated at $x = a, y = b$

Stationary points

A function $\phi = f(x, y)$ has a stationary point when $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 0$. Unless $\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} = 0$, the following conditions determine whether it is a minimum, a maximum or a saddle point.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Minimum: } \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} > 0, \text{ or } \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} > 0, \\ \text{Maximum: } \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} < 0, \text{ or } \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} < 0, \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} > \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} \right)^2$$

$$\text{Saddle point: } \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} < \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} \right)^2$$

If $\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} = 0$ the character of the turning point is determined by the next higher derivative.

Changing variables: the chain rule

If $\phi = f(x, y, \dots)$ and the variables x, y, \dots are functions of independent variables u, v, \dots then

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \dots$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} + \dots$$

etc.

Changing variables in surface and volume integrals – Jacobians

If an area A in the x, y plane maps into an area A' in the u, v plane then

$$\int_A f(x, y) \, dx \, dy = \int_{A'} f(u, v) J \, du \, dv \quad \text{where} \quad J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}$$

The Jacobian J is also written as $\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)}$. The corresponding formula for volume integrals is

$$\int_V f(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz = \int_{V'} f(u, v, w) J \, du \, dv \, dw \quad \text{where now} \quad J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} \end{vmatrix}$$

14. Fourier Series and Transforms

Fourier series

If $y(x)$ is a function defined in the range $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ then

$$y(x) \approx c_0 + \sum_{m=1}^M c_m \cos mx + \sum_{m=1}^{M'} s_m \sin mx$$

where the coefficients are

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} y(x) \, dx$$

$$c_m = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} y(x) \cos mx \, dx$$

$$(m = 1, \dots, M)$$

$$s_m = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} y(x) \sin mx \, dx$$

$$(m = 1, \dots, M')$$

with convergence to $y(x)$ as $M, M' \rightarrow \infty$ for all points where $y(x)$ is continuous.

Fourier series for other ranges

Variable t , range $0 \leq t \leq T$, (i.e., a periodic function of time with period T , frequency $\omega = 2\pi/T$).

$$y(t) \approx c_0 + \sum c_m \cos m\omega t + \sum s_m \sin m\omega t$$

where

$$c_0 = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \int_0^T y(t) \, dt, \quad c_m = \frac{\omega}{\pi} \int_0^T y(t) \cos m\omega t \, dt, \quad s_m = \frac{\omega}{\pi} \int_0^T y(t) \sin m\omega t \, dt.$$

Variable x , range $0 \leq x \leq L$,

$$y(x) \approx c_0 + \sum c_m \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{L} + \sum s_m \sin \frac{2m\pi x}{L}$$

where

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L y(x) \, dx, \quad c_m = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L y(x) \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{L} \, dx, \quad s_m = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L y(x) \sin \frac{2m\pi x}{L} \, dx.$$

Fourier series for odd and even functions

If $y(x)$ is an *odd* (anti-symmetric) function [i.e., $y(-x) = -y(x)$] defined in the range $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$, then only sines are required in the Fourier series and $s_m = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi y(x) \sin mx \, dx$. If, in addition, $y(x)$ is symmetric about $x = \pi/2$, then the coefficients s_m are given by $s_m = 0$ (for m even), $s_m = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} y(x) \sin mx \, dx$ (for m odd). If $y(x)$ is an *even* (symmetric) function [i.e., $y(-x) = y(x)$] defined in the range $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$, then only constant and cosine terms are required in the Fourier series and $c_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi y(x) \, dx$, $c_m = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi y(x) \cos mx \, dx$. If, in addition, $y(x)$ is anti-symmetric about $x = \pi/2$, then $c_0 = 0$ and the coefficients c_m are given by $c_m = 0$ (for m even), $c_m = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} y(x) \cos mx \, dx$ (for m odd).

[These results also apply to Fourier series with more general ranges provided appropriate changes are made to the limits of integration.]

Complex form of Fourier series

If $y(x)$ is a function defined in the range $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ then

$$y(x) \approx \sum_{-M}^M C_m e^{imx}, \quad C_m = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} y(x) e^{-imx} \, dx$$

with m taking all integer values in the range $\pm M$. This approximation converges to $y(x)$ as $M \rightarrow \infty$ under the same conditions as the real form.

For other ranges the formulae are:

Variable t , range $0 \leq t \leq T$, frequency $\omega = 2\pi/T$,

$$y(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_m e^{im\omega t}, \quad C_m = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \int_0^T y(t) e^{-im\omega t} \, dt.$$

Variable x' , range $0 \leq x' \leq L$,

$$y(x') = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_m e^{i2m\pi x'/L}, \quad C_m = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L y(x') e^{-i2m\pi x'/L} \, dx'.$$

Discrete Fourier series

If $y(x)$ is a function defined in the range $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ which is sampled in the $2N$ equally spaced points $x_n = nx/N$ [$n = -(N-1) \dots N$], then

$$y(x_n) = c_0 + c_1 \cos x_n + c_2 \cos 2x_n + \dots + c_{N-1} \cos(N-1)x_n + c_N \cos Nx_n \\ + s_1 \sin x_n + s_2 \sin 2x_n + \dots + s_{N-1} \sin(N-1)x_n + s_N \sin Nx_n$$

where the coefficients are

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{2N} \sum y(x_n)$$

$$c_m = \frac{1}{N} \sum y(x_n) \cos mx_n \quad (m = 1, \dots, N-1)$$

$$c_N = \frac{1}{2N} \sum y(x_n) \cos Nx_n$$

$$s_m = \frac{1}{N} \sum y(x_n) \sin mx_n \quad (m = 1, \dots, N-1)$$

$$s_N = \frac{1}{2N} \sum y(x_n) \sin Nx_n$$

each summation being over the $2N$ sampling points x_n .

Fourier transforms

If $y(x)$ is a function defined in the range $-\infty \leq x \leq \infty$ then the Fourier transform $\hat{y}(\omega)$ is defined by the equations

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{y}(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega, \quad \hat{y}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt.$$

If ω is replaced by $2\pi f$, where f is the frequency, this relationship becomes

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{y}(f) e^{i2\pi f t} df, \quad \hat{y}(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t) e^{-i2\pi f t} dt.$$

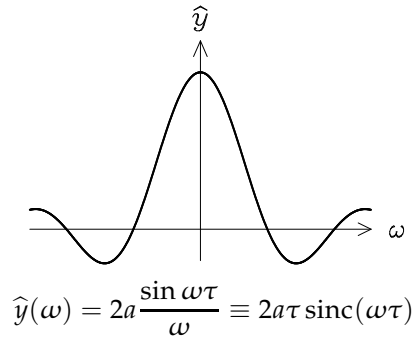
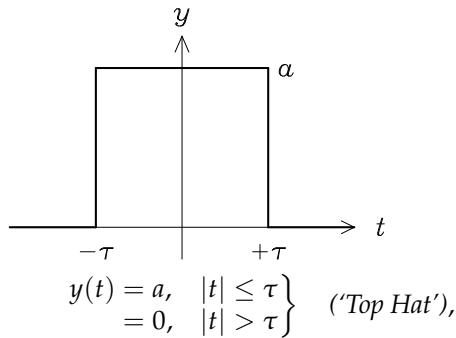
If $y(t)$ is symmetric about $t = 0$ then

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \hat{y}(\omega) \cos \omega t d\omega, \quad \hat{y}(\omega) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} y(t) \cos \omega t dt.$$

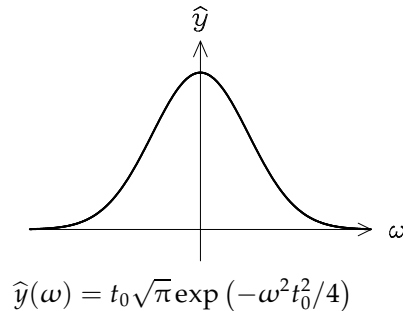
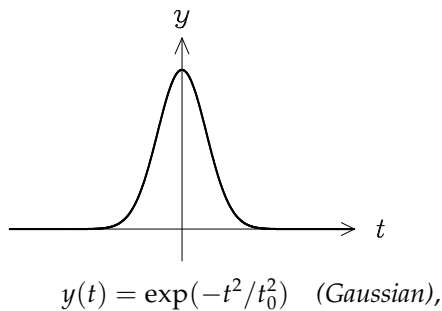
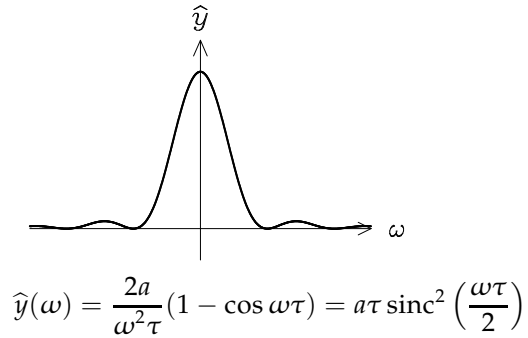
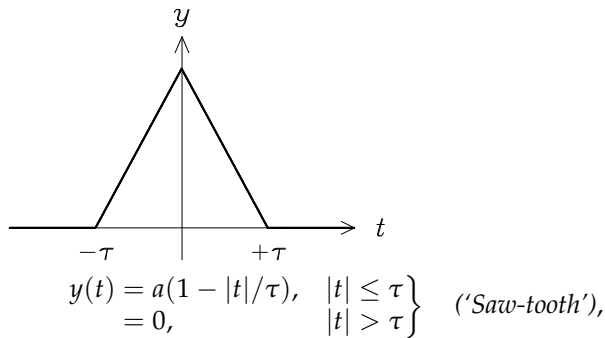
If $y(t)$ is anti-symmetric about $t = 0$ then

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \hat{y}(\omega) \sin \omega t d\omega, \quad \hat{y}(\omega) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} y(t) \sin \omega t dt.$$

Specific cases



where $\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$



$$y(t) = f(t) e^{i\omega_0 t} \quad (\text{modulated function}),$$

$$\hat{y}(\omega) = \hat{f}(\omega - \omega_0)$$

$$y(t) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - m\tau) \quad (\text{sampling function})$$

$$\hat{y}(\omega) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - 2\pi n/\tau)$$

Convolution theorem

If $z(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) y(t - \tau) d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t - \tau) y(\tau) d\tau \equiv x(t) * y(t)$ then $\widehat{z}(\omega) = \widehat{x}(\omega) \widehat{y}(\omega)$.

Conversely, $\widehat{x\widehat{y}} = \widehat{x} * \widehat{y}$.

Parseval's theorem

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^*(t) y(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{y}^*(\omega) \widehat{y}(\omega) d\omega$$

(if \widehat{y} is normalised as on page 21)

Fourier transforms in two dimensions

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{V}(\mathbf{k}) &= \int V(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d^2\mathbf{r} \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} 2\pi r V(r) J_0(kr) dr \quad \text{if azimuthally symmetric} \end{aligned}$$

Fourier transforms in three dimensions

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{V}(\mathbf{k}) &= \int V(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d^3\mathbf{r} \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{k} \int_0^{\infty} V(r) r \sin kr dr \quad \text{if spherically symmetric} \\ V(r) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \widehat{V}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d^3\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

Examples

$V(\mathbf{r})$	$\widehat{V}(\mathbf{k})$
$\frac{1}{4\pi r}$	$\frac{1}{k^2}$
$\frac{e^{-\lambda r}}{4\pi r}$	$\frac{1}{k^2 + \lambda^2}$
$\nabla V(\mathbf{r})$	$i\mathbf{k} \widehat{V}(\mathbf{k})$
$\nabla^2 V(\mathbf{r})$	$-k^2 \widehat{V}(\mathbf{k})$

15. Laplace Transforms

If $y(t)$ is a function defined for $t \geq 0$, the Laplace transform $\overline{y}(s)$ is defined by the equation

$$\overline{y}(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} y(t) \, dt$$

Function $y(t)$ ($t > 0$)	Transform $\overline{y}(s)$	
$\delta(t)$	1	Delta function
$\theta(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$	Unit step function
t^n	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	
$t^{1/2}$	$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s^3}}$	
$t^{-1/2}$	$\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}}$	
e^{-at}	$\frac{1}{(s+a)}$	
$\sin \omega t$	$\frac{\omega}{(s^2 + \omega^2)}$	
$\cos \omega t$	$\frac{s}{(s^2 + \omega^2)}$	
$\sinh \omega t$	$\frac{\omega}{(s^2 - \omega^2)}$	
$\cosh \omega t$	$\frac{s}{(s^2 - \omega^2)}$	
$e^{-at} y(t)$	$\overline{y}(s+a)$	
$y(t-\tau) \theta(t-\tau)$	$e^{-s\tau} \overline{y}(s)$	
$ty(t)$	$-\frac{d\overline{y}}{ds}$	
$\frac{dy}{dt}$	$s\overline{y}(s) - y(0)$	
$\frac{d^n y}{dt^n}$	$s^n \overline{y}(s) - s^{n-1} y(0) - s^{n-2} \left[\frac{dy}{dt} \right]_0 - \dots - \left[\frac{d^{n-1} y}{dt^{n-1}} \right]_0$	
$\int_0^t y(\tau) \, d\tau$	$\frac{\overline{y}(s)}{s}$	
$\left. \begin{aligned} &\int_0^t x(\tau) y(t-\tau) \, d\tau \\ &\int_0^t x(t-\tau) y(\tau) \, d\tau \end{aligned} \right\}$	$\overline{x}(s) \overline{y}(s)$	Convolution theorem

[Note that if $y(t) = 0$ for $t < 0$ then the Fourier transform of $y(t)$ is $\widehat{y}(\omega) = \overline{y}(i\omega)$.]

16. Numerical Analysis

Finding the zeros of equations

If the equation is $y = f(x)$ and x_n is an approximation to the root then either

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}. \quad (\text{Newton})$$

$$\text{or, } x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{f(x_n) - f(x_{n-1})} f(x_n) \quad (\text{Linear interpolation})$$

are, in general, better approximations.

Numerical integration of differential equations

If $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ then

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(x_n, y_n) \quad \text{where } h = x_{n+1} - x_n \quad (\text{Euler method})$$

$$\text{Putting } y_{n+1}^* = y_n + hf(x_n, y_n) \quad (\text{improved Euler method})$$

$$\text{then } y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h[f(x_n, y_n) + f(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}^*)]}{2}$$

Central difference notation

If $y(x)$ is tabulated at equal intervals of x , where h is the interval, then $\delta y_{n+1/2} = y_{n+1} - y_n$ and

$$\delta^2 y_n = \delta y_{n+1/2} - \delta y_{n-1/2}$$

Approximating to derivatives

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_n \approx \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h} \approx \frac{y_n - y_{n-1}}{h} \approx \frac{\delta y_{n+1/2} + \delta y_{n-1/2}}{2h} \quad \text{where } h = x_{n+1} - x_n$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_n \approx \frac{y_{n+1} - 2y_n + y_{n-1}}{h^2} = \frac{\delta^2 y_n}{h^2}$$

Interpolation: Everett's formula

$$y(x) = y(x_0 + \theta h) \approx \bar{\theta} y_0 + \theta y_1 + \frac{1}{3!} \bar{\theta}(\bar{\theta}^2 - 1) \delta^2 y_0 + \frac{1}{3!} \theta(\theta^2 - 1) \delta^2 y_1 + \dots$$

where θ is the fraction of the interval $h (= x_{n+1} - x_n)$ between the sampling points and $\bar{\theta} = 1 - \theta$. The first two terms represent linear interpolation.

Numerical evaluation of definite integrals

Trapezoidal rule

The interval of integration is divided into n equal sub-intervals, each of width h ; then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx h \left[c \frac{1}{2} f(a) + f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_j) + \dots + \frac{1}{2} f(b) \right]$$

$$\text{where } h = (b - a)/n \text{ and } x_j = a + jh.$$

Simpson's rule

The interval of integration is divided into an even number (say $2n$) of equal sub-intervals, each of width $h = (b - a)/2n$; then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{3} [f(a) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + \dots + 2f(x_{2n-2}) + 4f(x_{2n-1}) + f(b)]$$

These have the general form $\int_{-1}^1 y(x) dx \approx \sum_1^n c_i y(x_i)$

For $n = 2$: $x_i = \pm 0.5773$; $c_i = 1, 1$ (exact for any cubic).

For $n = 3$: $x_i = -0.7746, 0.0, 0.7746$; $c_i = 0.555, 0.888, 0.555$ (exact for any quintic).

17. Treatment of Random Errors

Sample mean $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n}(x_1 + x_2 + \dots x_n)$

Residual: $d = x - \bar{x}$

Standard deviation of sample: $s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(d_1^2 + d_2^2 + \dots d_n^2)^{1/2}$

Standard deviation of distribution: $\sigma \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}}(d_1^2 + d_2^2 + \dots d_n^2)^{1/2}$

Standard deviation of mean: $\sigma_m = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}}(d_1^2 + d_2^2 + \dots d_n^2)^{1/2}$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}} \left[\sum x_i^2 - \frac{1}{n} (\sum x_i)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

Result of n measurements is quoted as $\bar{x} \pm \sigma_m$.

Range method

A quick but crude method of estimating σ is to find the range r of a set of n readings, i.e., the difference between the largest and smallest values, then

$$\sigma \approx \frac{r}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

This is usually adequate for n less than about 12.

Combination of errors

If $Z = Z(A, B, \dots)$ (with A, B , etc. independent) then

$$(\sigma_Z)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial Z}{\partial A} \sigma_A \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial Z}{\partial B} \sigma_B \right)^2 + \dots$$

So if

$$(i) \quad Z = A \pm B \pm C, \quad (\sigma_Z)^2 = (\sigma_A)^2 + (\sigma_B)^2 + (\sigma_C)^2$$

$$(ii) \quad Z = AB \text{ or } A/B, \quad \left(\frac{\sigma_Z}{Z} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sigma_A}{A} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_B}{B} \right)^2$$

$$(iii) \quad Z = A^m, \quad \frac{\sigma_Z}{Z} = m \frac{\sigma_A}{A}$$

$$(iv) \quad Z = \ln A, \quad \sigma_Z = \frac{\sigma_A}{A}$$

$$(v) \quad Z = \exp A, \quad \frac{\sigma_Z}{Z} = \sigma_A$$

18. Statistics

Mean and Variance

A random variable X has a distribution over some subset x of the real numbers. When the distribution of X is discrete, the probability that $X = x_i$ is P_i . When the distribution is continuous, the probability that X lies in an interval δx is $f(x)\delta x$, where $f(x)$ is the probability density function.

$$\text{Mean } \mu = E(X) = \sum P_i x_i \text{ or } \int x f(x) dx.$$

$$\text{Variance } \sigma^2 = V(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2] = \sum P_i (x_i - \mu)^2 \text{ or } \int (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx.$$

Probability distributions

Error function: $\text{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-y^2} dy$

Binomial: $f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$ where $q = (1 - p)$, $\mu = np$, $\sigma^2 = npq$, $p < 1$.

Poisson: $f(x) = \frac{\mu^x}{x!} e^{-\mu}$, and $\sigma^2 = \mu$

Normal: $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right]$

Weighted sums of random variables

If $W = aX + bY$ then $E(W) = aE(X) + bE(Y)$. If X and Y are independent then $V(W) = a^2V(X) + b^2V(Y)$.

Statistics of a data sample x_1, \dots, x_n

$$\text{Sample mean } \bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i$$

$$\text{Sample variance } s^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum x_i^2 \right) - \bar{x}^2 = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2$$

Regression (least squares fitting)

To fit a straight line by least squares to n pairs of points (x_i, y_i) , model the observations by $y_i = \alpha + \beta(x_i - \bar{x}) + \epsilon_i$, where the ϵ_i are independent samples of a random variable with zero mean and variance σ^2 .

$$\text{Sample statistics: } s_x^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2, \quad s_y^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2, \quad s_{xy}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}).$$

$$\text{Estimators: } \hat{\alpha} = \bar{y}, \quad \hat{\beta} = \frac{s_{xy}^2}{s_x^2}; \quad E(Y \text{ at } x) = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}(x - \bar{x}); \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{n}{n-2}(\text{residual variance}),$$

$$\text{where residual variance} = \frac{1}{n} \sum \{y_i - \hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta}(x_i - \bar{x})\}^2 = s_y^2 - \frac{s_{xy}^4}{s_x^2}.$$

$$\text{Estimates for the variances of } \hat{\alpha} \text{ and } \hat{\beta} \text{ are } \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{n} \text{ and } \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{ns_x^2}.$$

$$\text{Correlation coefficient: } \hat{\rho} = r = \frac{s_{xy}^2}{s_x s_y}.$$