

# MTHE 280 - Lecture Notes

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# 1 Introduction to Multivariable Functions

A function  $f(x, y)$  is a rule that assigns to every element  $x$  a unique element  $y$ , and is denoted by  $f : x \rightarrow y$ , where  $x$  is the domain of  $f$  and  $y$  is the codomain of  $f$

## Example

$$f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, f(x) = 2x$$

In this case, every value of  $f$  is even and does not take the whole codomain

We introduce the range, a subset of the codomain,  $range(f) \subseteq codomain(f)$

## 1.1 Properties of functions

### One-one/Injective

$$f : X \rightarrow Y \text{ if } x_1, x_2 \in X, f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

### Onto/Surjective

$$f : X \rightarrow Y \text{ is onto if for every } y \in Y, \text{ there exists some } x \in X \text{ such that } f(x) = y$$

In this case,  $codomain = range$

### Bijjective

if  $f : x \rightarrow y$  is both one-one and onto, it is bijective

### Scalar-valued

Consider  $f : x \rightarrow y$  where  $x \subseteq \mathbf{R}$  and  $y \subseteq \mathbf{R}$ ,  $n, m \in \mathbf{N}$

When the codomain is just  $\mathbf{R}$ , the function is called a Scalar-valued function

## Example

$$f : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \text{ where } f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

This returns the length of a 2D vector, which is a scalar

### Vector-valued

A vector-valued function has codomain  $\mathbf{R}^n$  where  $n > 1, n \in \mathbf{N}$

## Example

$$f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2, f(x) = (\cos x, \sin x)$$

## 1.2 Identify domain and codomain

### Examples

$$f(x) = \ln x, \text{ domain} = (0, \infty), \text{ codomain} = \mathbf{R}$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{2-x}, \text{ domain} = (-\infty, 2], \text{ codomain} = (0, \infty)$$

$$f(x, y) = (\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}, \ln(y+1), x^2+y^2)$$

$$1: x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad 2: y > -1$$

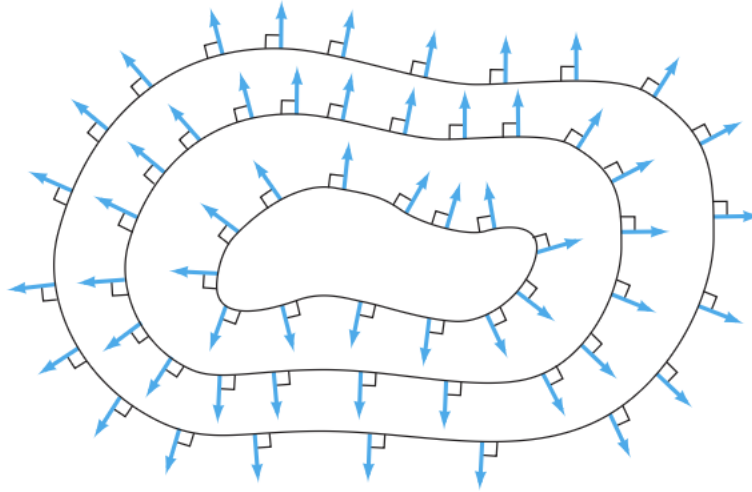
domain:  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1, y > -1\}$

## 2 Level Curves and Contours

### Level Curve

Given a scalar-valued function, the level curve at height  $c$  is the curve in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  s.t.  $f(x, y) = c$

Or, the level curve at height  $c = \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 | f(x, y) = c\}$



**Figure 3.31** A gradient vector field  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$ . Equipotential lines are shown where  $f$  is constant.

### Contour

The contour curve at height  $c$  is the collection of points  $(x, y, z)$  s.t.  $z = f(x, y) = c$

Or,  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{R}^3 | z = f(x, y) = c\}$

The projection of the contour is the level curve

### Section

A section of a surface by a plane is just the intersection of the surface with that plane

### 3 Limits of a function

General form:  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L, \therefore f(x)$  tends to  $L$  as  $x$  tends to  $a$

#### 3.1 L'Hospital's Rule

If we have a case where we are evaluating a limit and we get  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , we can use  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$

Why?: The ratio  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  near  $a$  depends not only on the values of  $f$  and  $g$ , but on how fast they approach 0 or  $\infty$

#### 3.2 Limits in two variables

Let  $f : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y)$

**The Line  $y = mx$  trick**

All paths approaching point (e.g.  $(0,0)$ ) must give the same value

A simple test path is a straight line  $mx$  through the origin, and plug  $f(x,y) \rightarrow f(x,mx)$

**If the result depends on  $m$** , the limit does not exist

**Does Exist Example**

$$\lim_{(x,mx) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + m^4 x^4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1 + m^4 x^2} = 1 \therefore \text{limit exists}$$

**Does Not Exist Example**

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{1}{1 + m^2} = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + m^2 x^2} = \frac{1}{1 + m^2} \therefore \text{limit does not exist}$$

#### 3.3 Epsilon-delta definition of a limit

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  means  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $0 < |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

**Example:** we know that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \sqrt{2x+1} = 3$  by plugging in 4 into the continuous function

To prove this,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $0 < |x - 4| < \delta \Rightarrow |\sqrt{2x+1} - 3| < \varepsilon$

If  $x$  is near 4, of a distance less than  $\delta$ , then the corresponding value of the function is near the limit  $L = 3$ , of a distance  $\varepsilon$

### 3.3.1 General solution process

**Proof:** Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  We want to find  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $0 < ||x - a|| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

Start with  $|f(x) - L|$  and manipulate it to relate it to  $||x - a||$  For instance, show:  $|f(x) - L| \leq c||x - a||$  for some  $c > 0$

Choose  $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{c}$  and show that  $|f(x) - L| < c||x - a|| < c\delta = \varepsilon$

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$

### Triangle Inequality

It says:  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$

### Order Trick

Ex:  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{3xy^2}{x^2+y^2} = 0$ , lim is likely to exist when order is  $\geq 1$ , here it is 1

### Simplify Trick

We can:  $\frac{3|x|y^2}{x^2+y^2} \leq \frac{3|x|y^2}{y^2} = 3|x|$

We can also:  $|x| \leq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

### Linear combination of coordinate differences

$$|a(x - a) + b(y - b)| \leq |a||x - a| + |b||y - b| \leq (|a| + |b|)||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}||.$$

## 3.4 When to use either strategy

We use the epsilon-delta proof to rigorously prove that a limit exists (or equals some value)

We take the limit along lines, parabolas, or curves to test whether a limit exists, or to guess its value. It is useful when you are not sure if the limit exists.

## 3.5 $\varepsilon - \delta$ for vector-valued functions

Let  $F : U(\subseteq \mathbf{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m, \vec{a} \in U$

We write  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} F(\vec{x}) = \vec{L}, \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $||F(\vec{x}) - \vec{L}|| < \varepsilon$  if  $||\vec{x} - \vec{a}|| < \delta$

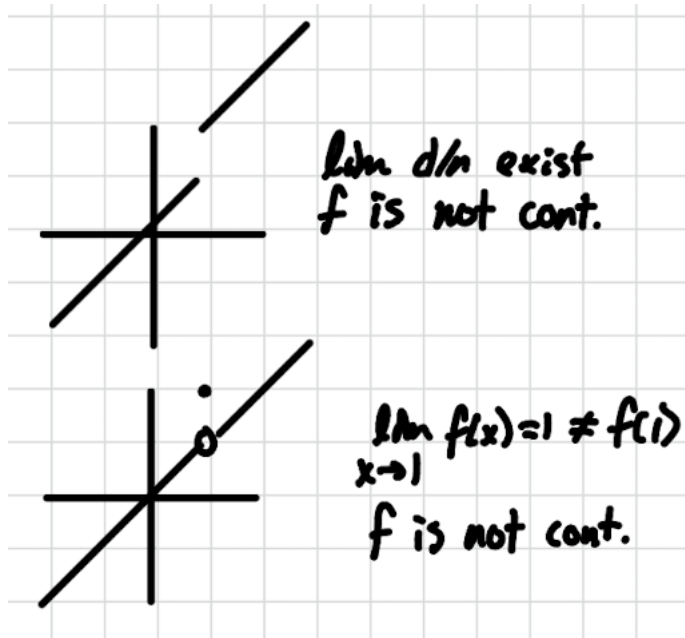
Ex: does  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \left( \frac{3xy^2}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{e^x + \cos y}{x^2+y^2+1} \right)$  exist?

We know that the first component does. For the second component, both the numerator and the denominator are continuous at  $(0,0)$ , thus we can plug in that point and get that the limit approaches 2

## 4 Continuity and its properties

### 4.1 Continuity of single variable functions

Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, a \in A$ .  $f$  is continuous if (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists and (2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$



### 4.2 Continuity of multivariable functions

Let  $f : U(\subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\vec{a} \in U$ .  $f$  is continuous at  $\vec{a}$  if (1)  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} F(\vec{x})$  exists and (2)  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} F(\vec{x}) = F(\vec{a})$

### 4.3 Properties of continuity (scalar- and vector-valued functions)

Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous at  $\vec{a} \in U$

1.  $f + g$  is continuous at  $\vec{a}$
2.  $f * g$  is continuous at  $\vec{a}$
3.  $\frac{f}{g}$  is continuous at  $\vec{a}$  if  $g(\vec{a}) \neq 0$

Further:

1.  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} (f + g)(\vec{x}) = f(\vec{a}) + g(\vec{a})$
2.  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} (f * g)(x) = f(\vec{a})g(\vec{a})$
3.  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} \left( \frac{f}{g} \right) (\vec{x}) = \frac{f(\vec{a})}{g(\vec{a})}$  if  $g(\vec{a}) \neq 0$

**Example:**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3xy^2}{x^2+y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ a, & (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$



**For which values of  $a$  is  $F$  continuous?**

We know that the first component is continuous everywhere, except possibly at  $(0, 0)$

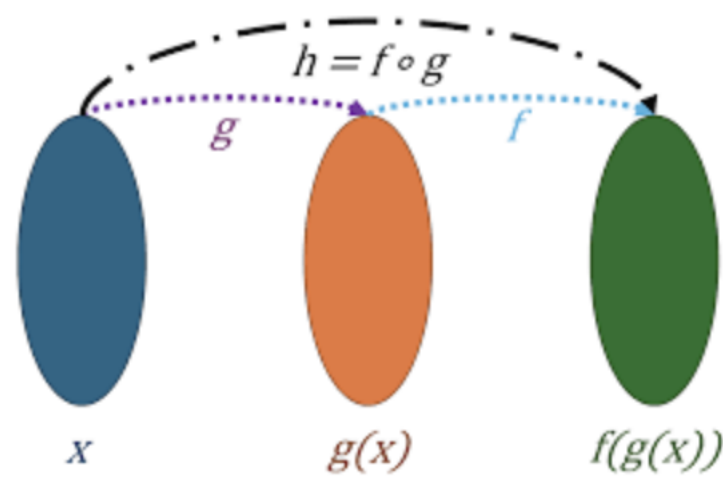
For continuity at  $(0, 0)$ , we need the limit of  $F$  at  $(0, 0) = a$ , which is equivalent to saying that the continuous function  $F(0, 0) = a$

That means we need to compute the first term's limit while approaching  $(0, 0)$ , which is  $= 0$

$\therefore a = 0$

#### 4.4 Composition of two continuous functions

If: 1.  $g$  is continuous at  $x = a$ , and 2.  $f$  is continuous at  $g(a)$ , then  $f \circ g$  is continuous at  $a$ , where  $f(g(x)) \rightarrow f(g(a))$



## 5 Differentiation of multivariable functions

### 5.1 The derivative

$f$  is differentiable at  $c$  if  $\lim_{h \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x+h)-f(c)}{h}$  exists. If the limit exists, then it is denoted by  $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)-f(h)}{h}$ , where  $f'(x)$  captures the rate of change of  $f$  near  $c$

If  $f'(c)$  exists, we can draw a tangent line at  $c$ , and its slope is  $f'(c)$

### 5.2 Notation

An **open ball** in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  with centre at  $\vec{a} \in \mathbf{R}^n$  and radius  $r : B(\vec{a}, r)$ . The ball is open, meaning that the boundary points are not included

**Definition:** A point  $\vec{a}$  is an **interior point** of a set  $A$  if there exists an open ball  $B_\varepsilon(\vec{a})$ , for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ , such that  $B_\varepsilon(\vec{a}) \subseteq A$ . So, the open ball lies entirely inside the set, without touching its complement

**Definition:** A **boundary point** is a point  $\vec{a}$  such that every open ball  $B_\varepsilon(\vec{a})$ , no matter how small  $\varepsilon > 0$  is, intersects the function and its complement (not the function)

Essentially, an open ball is all points strictly inside a certain radius from the centre, not including the edge. The interior points are inside the open ball, and boundary points are on the edge.

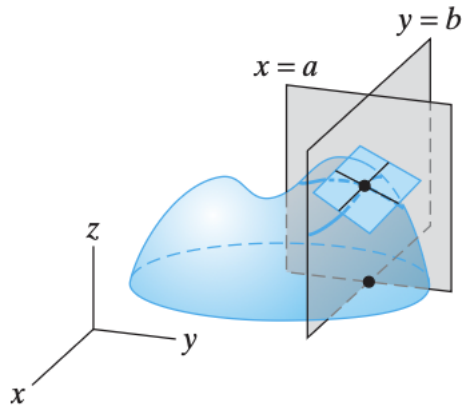
A set  $U \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  is called open if every point of  $U$  is an interior point

### 5.3 Partial Differentiation

$f$  is partially differentiable wrt  $x$  at  $(a, b)$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(a+h, h) - f(a, h)}{h}$  exists. If exists:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a, b)$  or  $f_x(a, b)$

## 6 Partial Differentiation (cont.)

### 6.1 Tangent plane visualized



**Figure 2.51** The **tangent plane** at  $(a, b, f(a, b))$  contains the lines tangent to the curves formed by intersecting the surface  $z = f(x, y)$  by the planes  $x = a$  and  $y = b$ .

### 6.2 Directional derivative

The directional derivative of a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  at a point  $p$  in the direction of a vector  $\vec{v}$  is the rate at which  $f$  changes at  $p$  as you move in the direction of  $\vec{v}$

$$D_{\vec{v}}f(p) = \nabla f(p) \cdot \vec{v}$$

For vector valued functions, we can compute using the Jacobian  $D_{\vec{v}}f(p) = DH(p) \cdot \vec{v}$

**Definition:** The directional derivative of  $f$  at  $\vec{a} = (a, b)$  in the direction of  $\vec{v}$  is given by  $D_{\vec{v}}f(\vec{a}) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{a} + h\vec{v}) - f(\vec{a})}{h}$ , if it exists

**Example:** let  $f(x, y) = x^2y - 3x$ ,  $D_{\vec{v}}f(0, 0) = ?$  where  $\vec{v} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

$$D_{\vec{v}}f(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, 0) + h\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) - f(0, 0)}{h}$$

Simplify, then plug in h

$$= -\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

### 6.3 Multivariable differentiability at $(a, b)$

**Definition:**  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at  $(a, b)$  if  $\exists h(x, y) = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)x + f_y(a, b)y$

1.  $f_x(a, b)$  and  $f_y(a, b)$  exists

2.  $\exists \mathbf{R} f'(a)$  s.t.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - h(x, y)}{|x - a|} = 0$ , where  $h(x, y)$  is the equation of the tangent plane (or line)  $f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)y - b$

**How?**

**Single variable differentiability** is defined by  $f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$

We can rearrange to emphasize linear approximation:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - [f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)]}{x - a} = 0$

This is saying that the function is differentiable at  $a$  if it can be approximated by the linear function  $h(x, y)$  with error smaller than order  $|x - a|$

**Multivariable differentiability** is now as follows  $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (a, b)} \frac{f(x, y) - h(x, y)}{\|(x, y) - (a, b)\|} = 0$

## 7 Gradients, More Derivatives, and the Jacobian

### 7.1 Gradient

The gradient of a scalar function is a vector that collects all the partial derivatives of  $f$  with respect to each variable:

$$\nabla f = (f_{x_1}, f_{x_2}, \dots, f_{x_n})$$

At a specific point, the gradient becomes:

$$\nabla f(\vec{a}) = (f_{x_1}(\vec{a}), \dots, f_{x_n}(\vec{a}))$$

This vector points in the direction of the steepest increase of  $f$  and its magnitude gives the rate of increase

The difference vector:

$$\vec{x} - \vec{a} = (x_1 - a_1, \dots, x_n - a_n)$$

The linear approximation of  $f$  near  $\vec{a}$  can be written as:

$$\nabla f(\vec{a})(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) = f_{x_1}(\vec{a})(x_1 - a_1) + \dots + f_{x_n}(\vec{a})(x_n - a_n)$$

**Example:**

Let  $f(x, y) = xy^2 + e^{xy}$ , find the gradient at  $(0, 0)$

$$f_x = y^2 + ye^{xy}, f_y = 2yx + xe^{xy}$$

$$\nabla f = (f_x, f_y) = (y^2 + ye^{xy}, 2xy + xe^{xy}) \quad \nabla f(0, 0) = (0, 0)$$

**Dot product of two vectors**

If  $\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $\vec{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ , then  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1b_1 + \dots + a_nb_n$

### 7.2 Derivative Matrix

Let  $U \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $f : U \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$

$$f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)$$

Let  $f(x, y) = (x^2, x + y)$

$$f_1(x) = x^2, f_2(x) = x + y$$

$$Df = \begin{matrix} \nabla f_1 \\ \nabla f_2 \\ \dots \\ \nabla f_m \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \dots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix is called the matrix of partial derivatives of  $f$ , otherwise called the Derivative Matrix or the **Jacobian Matrix**. Essentially, the derivative is a linear map, and in coordinates it is built from the partial derivatives

**Example:**

Let  $f(x, y) = (xy, y^2 \sin x, x^3 e^y)$ , find the derivative matrix

$$Df = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f_1 & y, x \\ \nabla f_2 & y^2 \cos x, 2y \sin x \\ \nabla f_3 & 3x^2 e^y, x^3 e^y \end{pmatrix}$$

### 7.3 Differentiability in higher dimensions $f : U \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$

$f$  is differentiable if: -  $Df(\vec{a})$  exists - Tangent plane  $h : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ ,  $h(\vec{x}) = f(\vec{a}) + Df(\vec{a})(\vec{x} - \vec{a})$ , where  $Df(\vec{a})(\vec{x} - \vec{a})$  is a matrix multiplication, satisfies  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} \frac{\|f(\vec{x}) - h(\vec{x})\|}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|} = 0$ , which is hard to use

This is why we introduce the following theorems:

#### 7.3.1 Theorems for higher-dimension differentiability

**Theorem 1:**

If  $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)$ , then  $f$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a} \Leftrightarrow f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$

**Theorem 2:**

If  $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)$  and all partials  $\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}$ , as  $i, j, \dots, i_m, j_m$ , are continuous then  $f$  is differentiable

**Example:**

$f(x, y) = (x^2 y, e^y \sin x)$  is differentiable because all of its partial derivatives are continuous

**Theorem 3:**

If  $f$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$ , then directional derivatives can be computed using:  $D_{\vec{v}}f(\vec{a}) = \nabla f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{v}$

If  $f$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$ , then  $D_{\vec{v}}f(\vec{a}) = Df(\vec{a})\vec{v}$  where  $Df(\vec{a})\vec{v}$  is a matrix multiplication

**Example:**

$f(x, y) = (e^x y, x^2 y)$ , find rate of change of  $f$  at  $(1, 2)$  in direction  $\vec{v} = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$

$$Df = \begin{pmatrix} e^x y & e^x \\ 2xy & x^2 \end{pmatrix}, Df(1, 2) = \begin{pmatrix} 2e & e \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Df(1, 2)\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2e & e \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}e \\ 2 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

### 7.4 Properties of Differentiability

Let  $F : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, G : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be differentiable at  $\vec{a}$

- $F + G$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$
- $F \cdot G$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$
- If  $G(\vec{a}) \neq 0$ ,  $\frac{F}{G}$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$
- If  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  and  $g$  is differentiable at  $f(a)$ , then  $g \circ f$  is differentiable at  $a$  and  $\frac{d}{dx}(g \circ f) = g'(f(a)) * f'(a)$

- The graph of a function is the set  $\{(x, y, f(x, y)) \in \mathbf{R}^3 : (x, y) \in \text{domain}\}$
- If  $f_x, f_y, f_{xy}, f_{yx}$  are continuous, then  $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$

## 8 Differentiability in higher dimension

### 8.1 Chain Rule in Composition

$D(G \circ F)(\vec{a}) = DG(F(\vec{a}))DF(\vec{a})$ , where the RHS is a matrix multiplication

**Example:**  $F(x, y) = (x^2y, e^{3x})$  and  $G(x, y) = (x + y, xy, \sin(2x - y))$

Find:  $D(G \circ F)(1, 1)$ , where  $(1, 1) = (\vec{a})$

Apply the chain rule equation and get  $= DG(1, e^3)DF(1, 1)$

$$DF = \begin{pmatrix} 2xy & x^2 \\ 3e^{3x} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } DG = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ y & x \\ 2\cos(2x - y) & -\cos(2x - y) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$DF(1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3e^3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } DG(1, e^3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ e^3 & 1 \\ 2\cos(2 - e^3) & -\cos(2 - e^3) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } D(G \circ F)(1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 3e^3 & 1 \\ 5e^3 & e^3 \\ 4\cos(2 - e^3) - 3e^3\cos(2 - e^3) & 2\cos(2 - e^3) \end{pmatrix}$$

### 8.2 Polar Coordinate Examples

$$x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$$

$$DH(r, \theta) = DG(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)DF(r, \theta)$$

$$DH(r, \theta) = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \sin \theta - \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} r \sin \theta + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \cos \theta$$

**Example: Find DH**

With a given  $r, \theta, \frac{\partial G}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial G}{\partial y}$ , we can find  $DH(r, \theta)$  through the chain rule

**Example: Find DG**

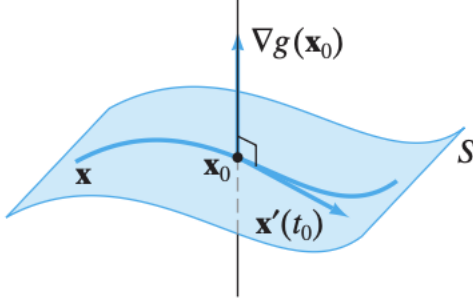
With a given  $r, \theta, \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta}$ , we can find  $DG$  with:  $\left[ \frac{\partial G}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \right] = \left[ \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta} \right] \cdot DF^{-1}$



## 9 Applications of the Gradient

### 9.1 Gradients and level curves

If we have a level curve for the function  $x^2 + y^2$ , so  $f(x, y) = c = x^2 + y^2$ , then the gradient  $\nabla F$  is always perpendicular to the tangent plane to the level curve



Thus, the equation of the tangent plane is given by  $\nabla F \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{a}) = 0, \forall \vec{x}$  on tangent plane, where  $\vec{a}$  is the fixed reference vector

**Example:** Find equation of tangent plane given the function and the reference vector

$$f(x, y) = x^2y + ye^x \text{ at } (0, 1, -1)$$

Isolate and get the gradient:  $f(x, y, z) = z - x^2y + ye^x$   $\nabla F = (-2xy + ye^x, -x^2 + e^x, 1)$   
 $\nabla F(0, 1, -1) = (1, 1, 1)$

$$(1, 1, 1) \cdot (x - 0, y - 1, z + 1) = 0 \therefore x + y + z = 0$$

### 9.2 Magnitude of $\nabla F$

Consider the directional derivative  $D_{\vec{v}}f(\vec{a}) = \nabla f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{v}$

In what direction does the function increase the most?

If  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{v}$  and the gradient vector  $\nabla f(\vec{a})$ , then we have:

$$D_{\vec{v}}f(\vec{a}) = \|\nabla f(\vec{a})\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta = \|\nabla f(\vec{a})\| \cos \theta \text{ because the magnitude of the unit vector } \vec{v} = 1$$

Thus, the max ROC is at  $\theta = 0, = \|\nabla f(\vec{a})\|$

The min ROC is at  $\theta = \pi, = -\|\nabla f(\vec{a})\|$  and is opposite to  $\nabla f(\vec{a})$

#### 9.2.1 Example

Given  $f(x, y) = 3 \sin xy, \vec{a} = (1, \pi)$  find: 1. direction of max ROC, value of ROC at  $f(\vec{a})$ , and direction of tangent to the level curve at  $\vec{a}$

1. Get gradient, plug in point,  $\therefore$  max ROC is in the direction of gradient
2. Get magnitude of gradient at point,  $\therefore$  this is the max ROC
3.  $\nabla f$  is perpendicular to tangent line to the level curve at  $(1, \pi)$ . Find  $\vec{v} \perp (-3\pi, -3)$

Method: change values in vector, change sign of 1

$\vec{v}_1 = (3, -3\pi)$  SOLVE USING CHAT

## 10 Conservative Vector Fields

A vector field is conservative if  $\exists f : U \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that  $F = \nabla f$

The function  $f$  is called a potential function of  $F$

**Example:**  $F(x, y) = (2x, 2y)$

Thus, if  $F = \nabla f$  and the potential function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ , then  $F(x, y)$  is conservative and  $f$  is the potential function

### 10.1 Test for conservative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (G_1)_y = (G_2)_x & (G_2)_z = (G_3)_y & (G_3)_x = (G_1)_z \\ \parallel & \parallel & \parallel \\ F_{xy} = F_{yx} & F_{yz} = F_{zy} & F_{zx} = F_{xz} \end{array}$$

Function  $G(x, y, z)$  is conservative if

### 10.2 Reconstruct a potential function given its gradient

Find  $\nabla f = (f_x, f_y, f_z) = g = (g_1, g_2, g_3)$

1. Integrate  $g_1$  wrt  $x$

$$f(x, y, z) = \int g_1 dx + h(y, z)$$

2. Differentiate wrt  $y$ , set equal to  $g_2$ , solve for  $h(y, z)$  by integrating wrt  $y$  and get a  $k(z)$  term
3. Differentiate wrt  $z$ , set equal to  $g_3$ , solve for  $k(z)$  up to constant  $C$
4. Assemble final  $f(x, y, z) + C$

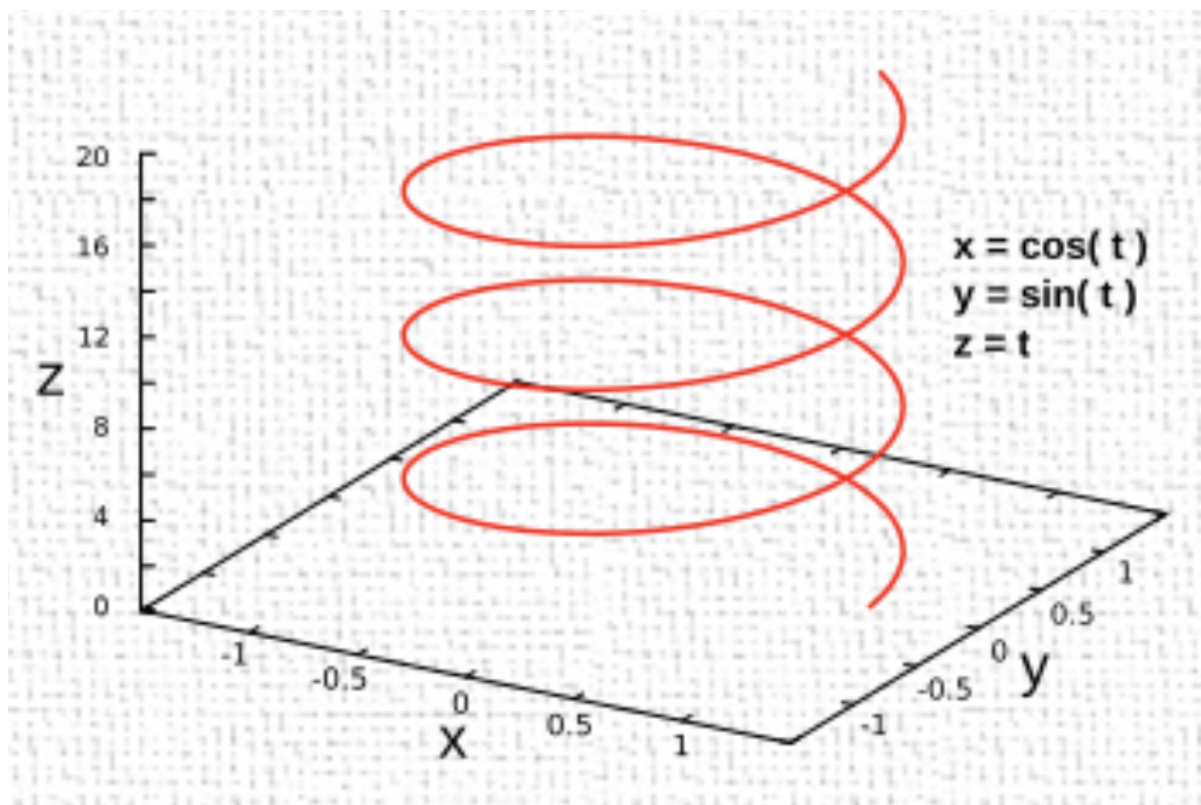
## 11 Parametric Equations and Class

**Definition of Path:** a continuous function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  where  $I \in \mathbf{R}$  is on the interval  $[a, b]$

### 11.1 Parametrization

$f(a)$  = starting point of  $f$ ,  $f(b)$  = end point of  $f$

The Im of the path, denoted by  $f(I)$  is called the curve in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  and  $f$  is a parametrization of  $C$



**Important result:** Parametrization is not unique

$f(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$  and  $g(t) = (t, \sqrt{1-t^2})$  have the same curve  $\text{Im}(f) = \text{Im}(g)$

### 11.2 Class

Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  be a path, say  $f$  is of class  $C^{(k)}$ ,  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ , and  $f$  is differentiable  $k$ -times and *derivatives are continuous*

**Example:**  $y^2 = x^3$

Parametrized:  $f(t) = (t, t^{3/2}) \rightarrow f'(t) = (1, \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sqrt{t}) \rightarrow f'' = (0, \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}})$ , which is not defined at  $t = 0$

$\therefore f$  is of class  $C^1$  and not  $C^2$

## 12 Arc Length, Divergence and Curl

### 12.1 Arc Length

Arc length from  $a$  to  $b$ , with  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , and  $c$  is a curve in  $f$ :

$$L(f) = \int_a^b \|f'(t)\| dx$$

Method: get parametrization  $f(t)$ , get speed, then integrate w.r.t. bounds

### 12.2 Divergence of a vector field

Denoted by  $Div(f) = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial z}$ , it can measure net mass flow or flux density

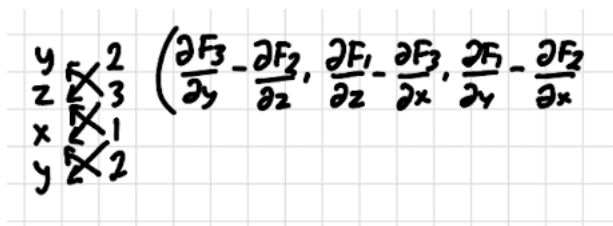
If  $Div(f) > 0$ , consider the field as a source, flowing out If  $Div(f) < 0$ , consider the field as a sink, flows in

### 12.3 Curl of a vector field

Let  $F = (F_1, F_2, F_3)$  be a differentiable vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$Curl(F) = \nabla \times F = \begin{vmatrix} i & -j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$Curl(F) = \left( \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \right)$$



## 13 Gradient, Divergence and Curl (cont.)

Scalar field:  $f(x, y, z)$  Vector field:  $\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}\right)$

$\nabla f$  inputs a scalar field and outputs a vector field

$\nabla \cdot F$  inputs a vector field  $\vec{F}$  and outputs a scalar field

$\nabla \times F$  inputs a vector field  $\vec{F}$  and outputs a vector field

### 13.1 Identities

The curl of a gradient,  $\nabla \times (\nabla f) = \vec{0}$ , gradient fields are irrotational

The divergence of a curl,  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{F}) = 0$ , curl fields have no net source

The divergence of a gradient,  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla f)$  is the Laplacian,  $\Delta f$ , a scalar field

The curl of a divergence,  $\nabla \times (\nabla \cdot \vec{F})$  is undefined, divergence can't input a scalar field

The gradient of a curl,  $\nabla(\nabla \times \vec{F})$  is undefined, gradient can't input a vector field

The curl of a curl,  $\nabla \times (\nabla \times (F)) = \nabla(Div(F)) - \nabla^2 F$ , and is defined in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$G$  is conservative if  $\exists f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $G = \nabla F$ , where  $F$  is the potential function

The dot product of two vector fields, e.g.  $F \cdot G$ , is a scalar field defined by  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

If  $G : U(\subseteq \mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , so  $(G_1, G_2)$ . If  $Curl(G) = 0$ , then  $G$  is conservative

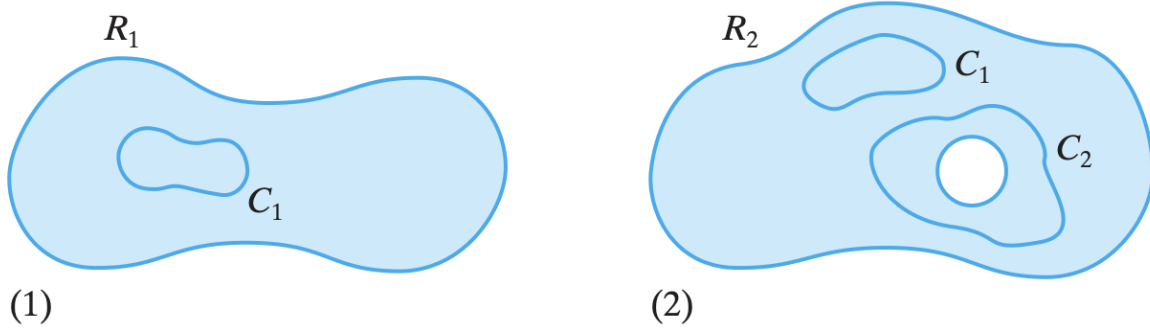
If  $G : U(\subseteq \mathbb{R}^3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , if  $G$  is the curl of some vector field, then  $div=0$

## 14 Special Domains and Conservative Functions

Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  be an open set

$U$  is simply connected if:

1.  $U$  is connected (any two points can be connected by a path)
2. Every loop inside  $U$  can be shrunk continuously to a point inside  $U$



**Figure 6.35** (1) The region  $R_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is simply-connected: All points surrounded by any simple, closed curve in  $R_1$  lie in  $R_1$ . (2) In contrast,  $R_2$  is not simply-connected: Although the curve  $C_1$  encloses points that lie in  $R_2$ , the curve  $C_2$  surrounds a hole. Hence,  $C_2$  cannot be continuously shrunk to a point while remaining in  $R_2$ .

If we let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a simply connected open set, and  $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a vector field, then  $f$  is conservative if and only if  $\text{Curl}(f) = 0$

**Example:**

Let  $G(x, y, z) = (y^2, 2xy + z, y - \sin z)$ , is  $G$  conservative? If so, find the potential function  $f$  such that  $G = \nabla f$

$\text{Domain}(G) = \mathbb{R}^3$ , simply connected, and  $\text{Curl}(G) = (1 - 1, 0, 0 - 2y - 2y) = 0$ , thus  $G$  is conservative

Let  $(G_1, G_2, G_3) = (F_x, F_y, F_z)$

$$F_x = y^2 \Rightarrow \int F_x dx = xy^2 + g(y, z)$$

$$F_y = 2xy + z \Rightarrow \frac{\partial F(x, y, z)}{\partial y} = 2xy + \frac{\partial g(y, z)}{\partial y} = 2xy + z \Rightarrow \frac{\partial g(y, z)}{\partial y} = z$$

$$g(y, z) = \int z dy = yz + h(z) \Rightarrow F(x, y, z) = xy^2 + yz + h(z)$$

$$F_z = y - \sin z \Rightarrow \frac{\partial F(x, y, z)}{\partial z} = y + \frac{dh(z)}{dz} = y - \sin z \Rightarrow \frac{dh(z)}{dz} = -\sin z$$

$$h(z) = \int -\sin z dz = \cos z + C$$

$$\therefore F(x, y, z) = xy^2 + yz + \cos z$$

## 15 Cheat Sheet

### 15.1 Delta-Epsilon

The condition  $0 < \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2} < \delta$  means our input point is inside the  $\delta$ -neighbourhood of  $(a, b)$

The proof then shows that whenever the input point is that close to  $(a, b)$ , the function value  $f(x, y)$  lies in the  $\varepsilon$ -neighbourhood of the limit  $L$ :  $|f(x, y) - L| < \varepsilon$

**Proof:** Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  We want to find  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $0 < \|x-a\| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x)-L| < \varepsilon$

Start with  $|f(x) - L|$  and manipulate it to relate it to  $\|x - a\|$  For instance, show:  $|f(x) - L| \leq c\|x - a\|$  for some  $c > 0$

Choose  $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{c}$  and show that  $|f(x) - L| < c\|x - a\| < c\delta = \varepsilon$

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$

### 15.2 Disproving a Multivariable Limit

1. Prove with direct substitution

If you get a determinate value (like 5, 0, or  $\infty$ ) and the function is built from continuous functions, you're done

If you get an indeterminate form like  $0/0$ , proceed with next steps.

2. Disprove with two-path test

For a limit approaching  $(0, 0)$ , common paths to test include: axis paths (along  $x$ , let  $y = 0$ , vice-versa), linear paths  $y = mx$  and the limit d/n exist if it depends on  $m$ , parabolic paths

3. Disprove with polar coordinates  $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$

### 15.3 Partial Derivative

Definition of partial derivatives at a point

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(h, 0) - F(0, 0)}{h}$$

### 15.4 Derivative Matrix

$$D(G \circ F)(\vec{a}) = DG(F(\vec{a}))DF(\vec{a})$$

$$Df = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla f_1 \\ \nabla f_2 \\ \vdots \\ \nabla f_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } A = [a, b] \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } AB = [ae + bg \quad af + bh]$$



Let  $A$  be of size  $m \times m$  and  $B$  of size  $p \times q$ , then  $C = A \times B$  has dimensions  $m \times q$

## 15.5 Divergence and Curl

The divergence of  $F$  denoted by  $\nabla \cdot F$  is  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , measures the net rate of flow outward from a point, and is  $\nabla \cdot F = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z}$

The curl of  $F$  denoted by  $\nabla \times F$  is  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , measures the tendency to rotate or swirl around a point, and is  $\nabla \times F = \left\langle \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \right\rangle$

The gradient of  $f$  denoted by  $\nabla f$  is  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  points in the direction of greatest increase of  $f$ , and its magnitude is the rate of increase, and is  $\nabla f = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right\rangle$

$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times F) = 0$ , or in words, the divergence of the curl of any vector field  $F$  is 0