

Multivariable Calculus

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1 Multivariable Calculus Basics

Multivariable calculus is the study of the analogs, if any, of the fundamental theorem of calculus to higher dimensions, and any restrictions that may exist on higher dimensions

Let R be a simple closed curve, where simple means that each point is crossed by the curve at most once and closed means that the curve does not have a unique starting point and end point.

When integrating in 2 dimensions, we also need to pick an “interval.” In this case, R , the bounded region, would be an interval (analogous to (a, b) in single variable calculus) and C would be the boundary (analogous to a, b).

If we were to integrate a function $f(x, y)$ over R , it is denoted by:

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA_{xy}$$

The dA_{xy} is the area element, an infinitesimally small piece of area, analogous to dx , the length element in single variable calculus.

Note that in single variable calculus, there is an implied orientation, going left to right is the positive “direction,” In multivariable calculus, it is accepted that the positive direction for the curve to go in is the counterclockwise direction, such that the opposite direction adds a negative.

1.1 Green’s Theorem

This is one of the FTC’s generalization to higher dimensions. The Green’s Theorem works with functions that take in 2 variables.

Suppose there exists $f(x, y)$ and $g(x, y)$, and a region R bounded by a positively oriented, simple closed curve C . Then Green’s theorem states that:

$$\iint_R \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) dA_{xy} = \int_C f dx + g dy = \int_C (fx'(t) + gy'(t)) dt$$

1.2 Generalized FTC

The goal of this course in multivariable calculus is to reach the following conclusion:

For some function ω evaluated over the region M , where ∂M is the boundary of M :

$$\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega$$

2 Real Number Set

2.1 Definitions of Number Structures

2.1.1 \mathbb{N}

We can define the natural number system by sets, like the following:

$$0 = \emptyset$$

And from there we introduce a succession operation:

$$n + 1 = n \cup \{n\}$$

So for example, $1 = \{0\} = \{\emptyset\}$, $2 = \{0, 1\} = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$, etc.

Set theory is the deepest concept in mathematics, such that it must be assumed as postulates.

2.1.2 \mathbb{Z}

Positive integers are defined as an ordered pair of natural numbers, for example, $2 = (2, 0)$, and $-2 = (0, 2)$

2.1.3 \mathbb{Q}

Rationals are defined as an infinite set of ordered pairs of integers. A rational number $q = \frac{n}{m}$, then $q = \{(n, m), (2n, 2m), (3n, 3m) \dots (-2n, -2m), (-3, -3m) \dots\}$

2.1.4 \mathbb{R}

There are several definitions of the real number system

- Each real number can be thought of as an infinite sequence in the following format:

$$(s, N, d_1, d_2, d_3 \dots)$$

Where $s = \pm 1$, $N \in \mathbb{N}$, and $d_n \in 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 8, 9$. It is also not the case that $d_n = d_{n+1} = \dots = 0$. If there is a terminal decimal, we express it as 9 repeated.

- Each real number forms a subdivision of \mathbb{Q} into two disjoint sets that cover the entirety of \mathbb{Q} , one of which lies entirely to the left of the other.

2.2 Basic Structure of \mathbb{R}^1

\mathbb{R} is an instance of many kinds of mathematical structures, such as:

- Field
 - A set closed under addition and multiplication (results are within set)
 - Obeys all associated laws of addition and multiplication
- Ordered Set
 - The set has an ordering that reflect the operations in the field (such that $x, y \neq 0$, then $x + y$ and $xy \neq 0$)
 - This structure is what allows for comparisons, like the $<$ function
- Metric Space
 - There exists a standard distance operation between numbers
 - In \mathbb{R} , $dist(x, y) := |x - y|$ ($:=$ means “is defined as”)
- Vector Space
 - Elements can be thought of as vectors from the origin
- Geometric Space
 - This structure means that you can measure angle in a meaningful way
 - In \mathbb{R}^1 , the angle measure can be either 0 or π
 - In higher dimensions there are more angles possible

2.3 Properties of \mathbb{R}^n

In higher dimensions, several of the properties of \mathbb{R} no longer hold. $\mathbb{R}^n, n > 1$ is not a field, and not an ordered set, but it is a vector, metric, and geometric space.

2.4 Basic Axioms for \mathbb{R}^1

\mathbb{R} is a field under $+$ and \cdot ($x, y \in \mathbb{R}$)

1. Additive closure: $x + y \in \mathbb{R}$
2. Associative Property of Addition: $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$
3. Commutative Property of Addition: $x + y = y + x$
4. 0 is the identity element of addition: $x + 0 = x$
5. Every element has an additive inverse: $x + (-x) = 0$
6. Multiplicative closure: $xy \in \mathbb{R}$
7. Associative Property of Multiplication: $x(yz) = (xy)z$
8. Commutative Property of Multiplication: $xy = yx$
9. 1 is the identity element of multiplication: $x(1) = x$
10. Every element (except 0) has a multiplicative inverse: $x \cdot \frac{1}{x} = 1$
 - Theorem: $x(0) = 0$
 - Proof: $x(0) = x(0 + 0)$, then we apply the distributive law, and get $x(0) = x(0) + x(0)$. Now we add $-x(0)$ to both side, and we get: $0 = x(0)$
11. Distributive Law: $x(y + z) = xy + xz$

\mathbb{R} is an ordered field and has a proper subset (aka not the entire set) \mathbb{R}^+ (the positives) such that:

1. \mathbb{R}^+ is closed under $+$ and \cdot
2. $1 \in \mathbb{R}^+, 0 \notin \mathbb{R}^+$
3. **Trichotomy Property:** for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, x is either 0, $\in \mathbb{R}^+$ or $\notin \mathbb{R}^+$
4. Definition of $<$ and $>$:
 - $x < y$ means $y - x \in \mathbb{R}^+$
 - $x > y$ means $y < x$

2.5 The Separation Axiom

The main difference between the \mathbb{Q} and the \mathbb{R} is the separation axiom which the rationals do not have. If $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, and:

1. $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B} = \emptyset$
2. $\mathcal{A} \neq \emptyset, \mathcal{B} \neq \emptyset$
3. $\mathcal{A} < \mathcal{B}$ “ \mathcal{A} is to the left of \mathcal{B} ”
 - \forall (for all) $a \in \mathcal{A}, \forall b \in \mathcal{B}, a < b$

2.5.1 Proof of Irrationals

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Q}^- \cup \{0\} \cup \{q \in \mathbb{Q}^+ | q^2 < 2\}$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \{q \in \mathbb{Q}^+ | q^2 \geq 2\}$$

Then, \exists (there exists at least 1) $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\mathcal{A} \leq c \leq \mathcal{B}$

We know that $\mathcal{A} \neq \emptyset$ and $\mathcal{B} \neq \emptyset$ because 0 is in \mathcal{A} and 2 is in \mathcal{B} . We also know that $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B} = \mathbb{Q}$ and $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B} = \emptyset$. As well as the fact that $\mathcal{A} < \mathcal{B}$ (all elements of \mathcal{A} are less than all elements of \mathcal{B}).

Now, if we want to find the boundary element, q_0 , which separates \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} . We know that $\mathcal{A} \leq q_0 \leq \mathcal{B}$. So that must mean $q_0 = \sqrt{2}$. However, $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$. Therefore, we know that the set of rational numbers do not follow the separation axiom.

3 Sequence Theorems

3.1 The Least Upper Bound Theorem

If $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is non-empty, and is bounded above (So $\exists b_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\mathcal{A} < b_1$), then \mathcal{A} has a least upper bound, i.e. a number $b_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\mathcal{A} \leq b_0$ and for any b with $\mathcal{A} \leq b, b_0 \leq b$

$$\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \mathcal{A} \neq \emptyset, (\exists b_1 \in \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{A} \leq b_1) \rightarrow [\exists b_0 \in \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{A} < b_0, \forall b \in \mathbb{R} (\mathcal{A} \leq b \rightarrow b_0 \leq b)]$$

b_0 is known as the least possible upper bound, or the *supremum* of \mathcal{A} , we write $b_0 = \sup \mathcal{A}$.

Similarly, for any non-empty set \mathcal{A} bounded below, it has a greatest lower bound, $\inf \mathcal{A}$, called the *infimum* of \mathcal{A}

3.1.1 Proof

Define \mathcal{B} to be the set of all upper bounds of \mathcal{A} . Let $\mathcal{C} = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathcal{B}$. Clearly \mathcal{B} is nonempty; also \mathcal{C} is non-empty because it contains $x_0 - 1$, where $x_0 \in \mathcal{A}$. By the way in which we defined \mathcal{C} , $\mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{C} = \emptyset$. Pick any $c \in \mathcal{C}$ and $b \in \mathcal{B}$. By the definition of \mathcal{C} , $\exists x_1 \in \mathcal{A} : c < x_1$. But $x_1 \leq b$ by the definition of \mathcal{B} . Therefore $\mathcal{C} < \mathcal{B}$. By the separation postulate, $\exists b_0 \in \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{C} \leq b_0 \leq \mathcal{B}$. Note that $\mathcal{A} \setminus \{b_0\} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$. Thus, b_0 is an upper bound for \mathcal{A} . Moreover, it is the least upper bound because $b_0 \leq \mathcal{B}$.

3.2 Bounded Monotone Sequence Theorem

For any sequence $\{a_n\}$

1. If $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$ for all $n \geq 1$, and $\exists b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a_n \leq b$ for all $n \geq 1$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ exists and is less than or equal to b
2. If $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$ for all $n \geq 1$, and $\exists b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a_n \geq b$ for all $n \geq 1$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ exists and is greater than or equal to b

3.2.1 Proof

We first convert the sequence $\{a_n\}$, which is bounded by b into the set $\mathcal{A} = \{a_n | n \geq 1\}$. We know that $\mathcal{A} \neq \emptyset$ because the sequence has some terms. We also know that \mathcal{A} is bounded above by b ; $\mathcal{A} < b$

By the Least Upper Bound Theorem, $\exists b_0 = \sup \mathcal{A}$. We now show that $b_0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$. By the definition of limits, to say $b_0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ means to say $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N > 0, \forall n \geq N, |a_n - b_0| < \epsilon$

If we look at the number $b_0 - \epsilon$, it is not an upper bound on \mathcal{A} because b_0 is the least upper bound and $\epsilon > 0$. Therefore, $\exists a_N > b_0 - \epsilon$. Since $\{a_n\}$ is increasing, $\forall n > N, a_n > b_0 - \epsilon$. If we rearrange the terms, we get $b_0 - a_n < \epsilon$. Therefore, b_0 (which exists by the least upper bound theorem) is the limit of a_n as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

3.3 Archimedean Property

For any positive numbers x and y , it is possible to find some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $nx > y$.

$$\forall x, y > 0, \exists n \in \mathbb{N} : nx > y$$

3.3.1 Proof

Assume that $\neg \exists n : nx > y$, this is logically equivalent to $\forall n : nx \leq y$. Let $\mathcal{C} = \{nx | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Then $\mathcal{C} \leq y$, let $c = \sup \mathcal{C}$. We claim that $\exists N : c - \frac{1}{2}x < Nx \leq c$. This is true because if such N does not exist, then $c - \frac{1}{2}x$ would be an upper bound, but c is the least upper bound, so such N must exist. Now we've established the existence of N , let us consider $(N+1)x$. $(N+1)x = Nx + x > (c - \frac{1}{2}x) + x = c + \frac{1}{2}x > c$. But $(N+1)x \in \mathcal{C}$, so it should be $\leq c$. We have a contradiction. This shows that the original assumption is false, so $\forall x, y > 0, \exists n \in \mathbb{N} : nx > y$

3.3.2 Consequences

This property can be used to show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$. If we consider the definition of limits, the statement is equivalent to saying that $\forall \epsilon \in \mathbb{R} > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n > N, n \in \mathbb{N}, \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$. If we rearrange the term, we get that we need to show $1 < \epsilon N$ for any ϵ . This is true because of the Archimedean Property. $\forall n > N$, since $\epsilon > 0, 1 < \epsilon N < \epsilon n$. Therefore we know the limit is truly 0.

3.4 Sunrise Lemma

The Sunrise Lemma states for any sequence $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} = 1$ in \mathbb{R} , \exists monotone subsequence $(a_{n_k})_{k=1}^{\infty}$, where $(n_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is a strictly increasing sequence in \mathbb{N} and $n_k \geq k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Vistas are points in a sequence, a_n , where $N \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $a_N > a_n$ for all $n > N$

This means that for any sequence, there exists a subset of points within, such that within that sequence, the sequence is monotone

3.4.1 Well-Ordering Property

For any set $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, $A \neq \emptyset$, $\min(A)$ exists

3.4.2 Proof

Case I: The set V of vistas, is infinite, such that $n_1 = \min(v)$ and $n_k = \min(V \cap n_{k-1}^\infty)$, where $k \geq 2$, then a_{n_k} is strictly decreasing

Case II:

$$n_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v = \emptyset \\ 1 + \max(v) & \text{if } v \neq \emptyset \end{cases}$$

$n_k = \text{choice}\{n > n_{k-1} \mid a_n \geq a_{n_{k-1}}\}$, thus $n_k \neq \emptyset$ because V is finite, thus a_{n_k} is increasing

3.5 Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem

Every bounded sequence in \mathbb{R} has at least one convergent subsequence

3.5.1 Proof

Let $(a_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ be a bounded sequence. For any monotone sequence $(a_{n_k})_{k=1}^\infty$, then $(a_{n_k})_{k=1}^\infty$ is both bounded and monotone, so it converges.

4 Extreme Value Theorem

For some function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (for the codomain, not the range) that is continuous ($f(x_0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ for any $x \in (a, b)$, $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$, $f(b) = \lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x)$), then $\exists c, d \in [a, b]$ such that $f(c) \leq f(x) \leq f(d)$.

4.1 Proof

4.1.1 $\exists M > 0$ such that $f(x) \leq M \forall x \in [a, b]$ (f(x) is bounded above)

Lets assume that f is not bounded above, such that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists x_n \in [a, b]$ such that $f(x_n) > n$. The sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ is bounded between a and b , such that it has a convergent subsequence $(x_{n_k})_{k=1}^\infty$ converging to some point $t = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k}$, by the below claim. Claim: $t \in [a, b]$. Let $t > b$, then $\epsilon > 0$ such that $[a, b] \cap (t - \epsilon, t + \epsilon) = \emptyset$. But $\exists N$ such that $x_N \in (t - \epsilon, t + \epsilon)$ and $x_N \in [a, b]$, which is a contradiction.

By the previous claim, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_k}) = f(t)$ by the assumed continuity of f . Thus, $\exists K$ such that for all $k \geq K$, $f(x_{n_k}) < f(t) + 1 \in \mathbb{R}$. On the other hand, $f(x_{n_k}) > n_k > f(t) + 1$ when k is sufficiently large. Thus, there is a contradiction, and $f(x)$ is bounded from above. This can be reversed to show it is bounded from below, as well.

4.1.2 The function reaches the supremum and infimum

We now know $R := f([a, b]) = \{f(x) \mid x \in [a, b]\}$ is bounded, such that $S := \sup(R)$ and $I := \inf(R)$. By the definition of infimum and supremum, $\exists (y_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ such that $y_n \in R \forall n$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = S$. Since $y_n \in R$, $\exists x_n \in [a, b]$ such that $f(x_n) = y_n$. Now $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ is bounded between a and b so it has a convergent subsequence, $(x_{n_k})_{k=1}^\infty$, converging to $t \in [a, b]$. Also, by continuity of f , $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_k}) = f(t)$. Thus, $f(t) = S$. This can be reversed to apply to the infimum.

5 Higher Dimensional Mathematics

5.1 Higher Dimensions

5.1.1 Cartesian Product

The Cartesian Plane represents the set $\mathbb{R}^2 := \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in (R)\}$. This is known as the **Cartesian Product** of \mathbb{R} with itself. The Cartesian Product of two sets \mathcal{S} and \mathcal{T} , $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{T} := \{(s, t) \mid s \in \mathcal{S}, t \in \mathcal{T}\}$.

5.1.2 Shapes

Open-ball: $B_r(P) := \{X \mid \text{dist}(X, P) < r\}$ Closed-ball: $\bar{B}_r := \{X \mid \text{dist}(X, P) \leq r\}$ Sphere: $S_r := \{X \mid \text{dist}(X, P) = r\}$

5.1.3 Boundary

Given $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2, D \neq \emptyset$. We say $(a, b) \in \partial D$, i.e. (a, b) is on a boundry point of D if $\forall \epsilon > 0$, there are points $(x, y) \in D$ and $(u, v) \in D^c$ ($D^c := \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus D$) such that $\text{dist}(x, y; +a, b) < \epsilon$ and $\text{dist}(u, v; +a, b) < \epsilon$. Since the definition is symmetrical, $\partial D^c = \partial D$.

5.1.4 Interior

Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$. We say (a, b) is an interior point of D if $\exists +r > 0 : B_r(a, b) \subseteq D$. The set of all interior points is called the interior of D and is written as $\text{int } D$.

5.1.5 Exterior

Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$. We say (a, b) is an exterior point for D if it is an interior point of D^c . $\exists +r > 0 : B_r(a, b) \subseteq D^c$. The set of all exterior points for D is the exterior of D , written as $\text{ext } D$. **Thm**: For any $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$, $\mathbb{R}^2 = \text{int } D \cup \partial D \cup \text{ext } D$. And $\text{int } D \cap \partial D = \emptyset$, $\text{int } D \cap \text{ext } D = \emptyset$, $\partial D \cap \text{ext } D = \emptyset$. **Thm**: $\text{int } D = \text{ext } D^c$ and $\text{ext } D = \text{int } D^c$ **Thm**: $\text{ext } D \subseteq D^c$

5.1.6 Closure

The **closure** of $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$:

$$\bar{D} := D \cup \partial D$$

Thm: $\partial \bar{D} = \partial D$, $\text{int } \bar{D} = \text{int } D$, and $\text{ext } \bar{D} = \text{ext } D$ **Thm**: $\text{int } D \subseteq D \subseteq \bar{D}$.

5.1.7 Ordered Pair

The ordered pair (a, b) can be thought of as a set, but a set is inheritly unordered. To express the order, we can do the following: $(a, b) = \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Now we know that a is the first element because it appears in both subsets. We can then expand this into higher dimensions like the following: $(a, b, c) = ((a, b), c)$. Note that this means that $((a, b), c) \neq (a, (b, c))$. But this does not matter to us.

Fundamental Postulate of Ordered Pairs: $(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) = (b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n)$ if and only if $a_1 = b_1 \wedge a_2 = b_2 \wedge \dots \wedge a_n = b_n$.

5.1.8 Vector and Points

Vectors are quantities of directionality and length, its location does not matter. Points are just positions in space. In higher dimensions with no ambient space (flat space surrounding the surface, i.e. the shortest distance in the ambient space is the straight line), we define a vector as all the lines with the same direction at a certain point.

However, the nice thing about \mathbb{R}^d is that there is always ambient space, so we will not make any notational distinction between a point and a vector.

The length of a vector in d space is defined as:

$$\|\vec{a}\| := \text{dist}(\vec{0}, \vec{a}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d a_i^2}$$

5.2 Dot Product

5.2.1 Definition

The dot product arises naturally through the idea of geometric distance, such that if $a \neq \emptyset, b \neq \emptyset$, then $a \perp b \iff \text{dist}(a; b)^2 = \text{dist}(\emptyset, a)^2 + \text{dist}(\emptyset, b)^2$, where $a = (a_1, a_2), b = (b_1, b_2)$. Thus, by expanding out, $a \perp b \iff a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 = 0$ where $a \neq \emptyset, b \neq \emptyset$. In addition, orthogonal refers to both perpendicular vectors and where $a = \emptyset$ and/or $b = \emptyset$, so that no vector can be perpendicular to itself.

By extension, in \mathbb{R} , $a \cdot b = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3 + \dots + a_db_d$, such that it forms a scalar, rather than a vector.

5.2.2 Properties

The dot product is:

- Commutative
- Distributive over Vector Sums

5.2.3 Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality

In \mathbb{R}^k , the p-norm of a vector, $\|(a, b)\|_p = (|a|^p + |b|^p)^{1/p}$ for any $p \geq 1$, where $p \in \mathbb{Q}$. The rational power of some number, m , exists if there is some sequence, q_n , where $n \rightarrow \infty, q_n \rightarrow$ the rational number, only true if for any sequence which does this, the limit is equal. This is proven by for any two sequences, q_n and r_n , $m^{q_n}/m^{r_n} = m^{q_n - r_n}$, such that as $n \rightarrow \infty$, it equals 1.

5.3 Functions in Higher Dimensions

The domain is a subset of \mathbb{R}^k . Let the function of $f(x, y)$ be an ordered pair within some curve, such that $(x, y) \in D$. Thus, the range of f , $G = \{x, y, f(x, y) | (x, y) \in D\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. Functions are defined as one-to-one if for $f(x, y), (x, y), (u, v) \in D, f(x, y) = f(u, v)$ iff (if and only if) $x = u \wedge$ (and) $y = v$ (such that for every z value, there is only one point that will create it).

5.4 Distance

5.5 Distance Functions

In axiomatic geometry, certain axioms including the definition of euclidean distance are taken as assumed. In actuality, standard distance functions must qualify under several non-geometric requirements, of which only the Euclidean distance qualifies.

Distance functions must be translation-invariant, or for any translation of two points, the distance must remain the same, such that $T_{h,k} : (x, y) \mapsto (mapsto)(x + h, y + k)$, then $dist(x + h, y + k; x' + h, y' + k) = dist(x, y; x', y')$.

Thus, $dist(x, y; \tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = f(|x - \tilde{x}|, |y - \tilde{y}|)$, where f the distance function defined on $[0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$. As a result, it must be symmetrical, such that $dist(x, y; \tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = dist(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}; x, y)$.

In addition, it must have basic reflection symmetry (isotropy), such that $dist(x, y; 0, 0) = dist(y, x; 0, 0)$. Thus, $f(u, v) = f(v, u)$ for any $u \geq 0, v \geq 0$. It must also have the self-distance of (0, 0), such that $dist(0, 0; 0, 0) = 0$.

It must recreate the standard distance function on each axis, such that $dist(x, 0; \tilde{x}, 0) = |x - \tilde{x}|$, $dist(0, y; 0, \tilde{y}) = |y - \tilde{y}|$. Therefore, $f(u, 0) = u, f(0, v) = v \forall u \geq 0, v \geq 0$.

As a result, it must have asymptotic flatness, where if a line is drawn to (x, y) , where y is fixed, such that $dist(0, 0; 0, y) = v_0$, while $dist(0, 0; x, 0) = u$. Then, $\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} f(u, v_0)/u = 1$. This also applies in the opposite direction, where x is fixed.

It must be continuous in its variables, such that with a minute movement of a point, the distance changes minutely as well.

The set of isometries (distance preserving one-to-one functions) that fix the origin onto itself ($f(0) = 0$) is an infinite set.

Based on these requirements, an ansatz (educated guess, verified by later results) is made, such that $f(u, v) = F(G(u) + G(v))$, where $F : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $G : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The use of $G(u)$ and $G(v)$ is needed to assure symmetry. The use of addition is mandated by symmetry, using addition rather than another symmetrical operation simply due to ease of calculations.

Theorem: \exists only one suitable pair $F, G; G(x) = x^2, F(x) = \sqrt{x}$, that fits all requirements. If $G(x) = x^n, F(x) = \sqrt[n]{x}$, it would have all required properties except infinite set of isometries.

5.5.1 Euclidean Distance

The distance function in one space between two points a and b is simply $|a - b|$. However, we can also write it in the following way: $\sqrt{(a - b)^2}$

In \mathbb{R}^2 , the distance function is:

$$dist(x, y; +, +; a, b) := \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2}$$

And in \mathbb{R}^3 , the distance function is:

$$dist(x, y, z; +, +, +; a, b, c) := \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2}$$

The generalized form of Euclidean Distance in N space is:

$$dist(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^N (p_j - q_j)^2}$$

This is known as the Euclidean Distance. We use this specific definition of distance because this is preserved under an infinite set of rigid or isometric motions, such as rotation, reflection, translation, etc.

5.5.2 Geometric Distance

Basic Transformations:

- $T_h : x \mapsto x + h$
- $R : x \mapsto -x$

Properties:

1. $\text{dist}(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) = \text{dist}(\vec{q}, \vec{p})$
2. $\text{dist}(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) \geq 0$
3. $\text{dist}(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) = 0 \leftrightarrow \vec{p} = \vec{q}$

5.5.3 Basic Distance Bounds Lemma

$\forall \vec{p}, \vec{q} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and $\forall j \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, d\}$:

$$|p_j - q_j| \leq \text{dist}(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) \leq \sqrt{d} \max_{1 \leq k \leq d} |p_k - q_k|$$

Proof Note that $(p_j - q_j)^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^d (p_k - q_k)^2$ is trivial, because you can only add positive number when you add squares. Now let's take the square root, and we get

$$\sqrt{(p_j - q_j)^2} = |p_j - q_j| \leq \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^d (p_k - q_k)^2} = \text{dist}(\vec{p}, \vec{q})$$

To prove the other inequality, it is trivial as well. We can just factor out the length of the vector d and multiply that with the maximum value of the distance vector. Then we get:

$$\text{dist}(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^d (p_k - q_k)^2} \leq \sqrt{d \max_{1 \leq k \leq d} (p_k - q_k)^2} = \sqrt{d} \max_{1 \leq k \leq d} |p_k - q_k|$$

Cor: Componentwise Nature of Convergence

Let $(\vec{p}_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ be a sequence in \mathbb{R}^d , and let $\vec{p} \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Then $\vec{p}_n \rightarrow \vec{p}$ if and only if $p_{n|j} \rightarrow p_j$ ($\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_d)$ and $\vec{p}_n = (p_{n|1}, p_{n|2}, \dots, p_{n|d})$). Otherwise known as convergence of points can be reduced to conversion of dimensions.

This follows directly from the inequality, because if the total distance goes to 0, then $|p_j - q_j|$ goes to 0. Therefore if the points converge, the corresponding coordinates must converge.

To prove the converse, we prove using the other side of the distance bounds. If all d coordinates are going to 0, then if we take the maximum, that would be going to 0. (the maximum of a sequence is less than the sum of the sequence, but if every term of the sum is going to 0, then the sum is going to 0, then the maximum is going to 0). Therefore the distance must also be going to 0. Thus the two points converges.

5.5.4 Triangle Inequality

$$\text{dist}(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) + \text{dist}(\vec{q}, \vec{r}) \geq \text{dist}(\vec{p}, \vec{r})$$

This can be generalized by mathematical induction to $\text{dist}(\vec{p}_0, \vec{q}_n) \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \text{dist}(\vec{p}_{j-1}, \vec{p}_j)$ (Otherwise known that the shortest distance between two points is the straight line, or the **Generalized Triangle Inequality** or the “Broken Line Inequality”)

5.5.5 Other Distance

Of course, there are other distance formulas, like the Minkowski Distance

$$((x-a)^p + (y-b)^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \dots + (p > 1)$$

This is another distance formula, but under this, only reflection preserves distance.

5.6 Metric Topology in \mathbb{R}^n

5.6.1 Continuity

Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$, $D \neq \emptyset$. Let $(a, b) \in D$. We say that f is continuous at (a, b) if:

$$f(a, b) = \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b) \\ (x,y) \in D}} f(x, y)$$

Or in other terms:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall (x, y) \in D : \text{dist}(x, y; a, b) < \delta \rightarrow |f(x, y) - f(a, b)| < \epsilon$$

$$f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2, D \neq \emptyset \text{ is continuous at } (a, b) \text{ for all } (a, b) \in D.$$

5.6.2 Directional Limits

Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $a \in D \cup \partial D$ (the boundary, both already included in D , and not), $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ means $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta(\epsilon) > 0 : \forall x \in D \cap (a, \infty), |x - a| < \delta(\epsilon) \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$. The limit only exists if both directions equal the same value.

5.6.3 Limits in Higher Dimensions

The same theory can be applied to higher dimensions, such that if two arbitrary approaches are not the same, it doesn't exist, but if several approaches yield the same result, the definition of a limit is used. Polar coordinate substitutions can be used to give format to directions of approach.

Due to difficulty defining approaching through lines, it is said that $(x, y) \rightarrow (a, b)$ if $\text{dist}(x, y : a, b) \rightarrow 0$.

Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2, D \neq \emptyset$, and $(a, b) \in D \cup \partial D$. Then, $L = \lim_{(x,y) \in D \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x)$ if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall (x, y) \in D : \text{dist}(x, y : a, b) < \delta \rightarrow |f(x, y) - L| < \epsilon$. As a corollary, when (a, b) is on the boundary, the approach can only be from the domain.

5.7 Properties of Domain

For the extreme value theorem to apply to a domain, the set must be compact, such that it must be bounded and closed over limits. On the \mathbb{R} dimension, this applies to all closed intervals, as well as the empty set, though functions except the empty set cannot accept it as a domain.

5.7.1 Bounded

If $D \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^2)$ is bounded if $\exists M > 0 : D \subseteq [-M, M] \times [-M, M]$.

5.7.2 Closed

The term closed is used to apply to sets which are closed under limits. On \mathbb{R} , if $x_n \in [a, b]$ for $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $x_n \rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R}$, then $x \in [a, b]$.

$D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ is closed if for any points $(x_n, y_n) \in D$ (for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$), if $(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, then $(x, y) \in D$. $(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (a, b)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ means $d_n = \sqrt{(x_n - a)^2 + (y_n - b)^2} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

This applies the definition of limits to sequences, such that $(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (a, b)$ if $\text{dist}(x_n, y_n : a, b) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Thus, $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ is closed if for any sequence $((x_n, y_n))_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in D that converges, the limit point (a, b) of the sequence also lies in D .

5.7.3 Open Set Theorem

$D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ is open if $\forall (a, b) \in D, \exists r > 0$: the disk of radius r , $B_r(a, b) \subseteq D$.

It follows that for any open set, the complement set within the space is a closed set.

Proof: Assume D is open, we prove D^c is closed. Choose any convergent sequence $((x_n, y_n))_{n=1}^{\infty}$, converging to (a, b) , where $(x_n, y_n) \in D^c$ for all $n \geq 1$.

We prove this by contradiction. Assume that $(a, b) \in D$. Since D is open, $\exists r > 0 : B_r(a, b) \subseteq D$. $\exists N, \forall n \geq N, (x_n, y_n) \in B_r(a, b)$ since $(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (a, b)$. But we assumed that $(x_n, y_n) \in D^c$, and $(x_n, y_n) \in D$. But $D \cap D^c = \emptyset$. Therefore D^c is closed under taking limits.