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# Chapter 1

## Vector and the Geometry of Space

### 1.1 Three-Dimensional Coordinate Systems

1. Three-dimensional **Rectangular** Coordinate System

Defined by a triple  $(x, y, z)$ , can be considered as an orthogonal completed set in three dimension, called the coordinate representation.

The gradient expression:

$$\nabla = \hat{\mathbf{i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad (1.1)$$

2. Three-dimensional **Cylindrical** Coordinate System

Defined by a triple  $(\rho, \varphi, z)$ .

Relationship between the  $(x, y, z)$  system:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \rho \sin \theta & \rho^2 &= x^2 + y^2 \\ y &= \rho \cos \theta & \tan \theta &= \frac{y}{x} \end{aligned}$$

The gradient expression:

$$\nabla = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \hat{\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad (1.2)$$

3. Three-dimensional **Spherical** Coordinate System

Defined by a triple  $(\rho, \theta, \varphi)$ .

Relationship between the  $(x, y, z)$  system:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \rho \sin \varphi \cos \theta & \rho^2 &= x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \\ y &= \rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta & \tan \theta &= \frac{y}{x} \\ z &= \rho \cos \varphi & \tan \varphi &= \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z} \end{aligned}$$

The gradient expression:

$$\nabla = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \hat{\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \hat{\varphi} \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \quad (1.3)$$

### 1.2 Equation for Line and Plane

#### 1.2.1 Line Function

Line function given by the vector function is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r} &= \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{v} \\ \text{where } \mathbf{r} &= x\hat{\mathbf{i}} + y\hat{\mathbf{j}} + z\hat{\mathbf{k}} \end{aligned}$$

expressed in the coordinate representation:

$$\begin{cases} x = x_0 + at \\ y = y_0 + bt \\ z = z_0 + ct \end{cases}$$

or can be expressed as following:

$$\frac{x - x_0}{a} = \frac{y - y_0}{b} = \frac{z - z_0}{c} = t$$

where the vector  $\mathbf{v} = a\hat{\mathbf{i}} + b\hat{\mathbf{j}} + c\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  is the directional vector of this line.

With this, the angle between any two lines can be expressed as following:

Supposing there are two lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{line } l_1: \frac{x - x_0}{a_1} &= \frac{y - y_0}{b_1} = \frac{z - z_0}{c_1} = t_1 \\ \text{line } l_2: \frac{x - x_0}{a_2} &= \frac{y - y_0}{b_2} = \frac{z - z_0}{c_2} = t_2 \end{aligned}$$

the angle between this two lines equal to the angle between the directional vectors of this two:

$$\cos \theta = \langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{|\mathbf{v}_1||\mathbf{v}_2|}$$

Therefore, the expression of the angle between two lines are:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{|a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2|}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \quad (1.4)$$

### 1.2.2 Plane Function

Plane function given by the vector function is:

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r}_0 = 0$$

where  $\mathbf{r}_0 = x_0\hat{\mathbf{i}} + y_0\hat{\mathbf{j}} + z_0\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  ( $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is a point in the plane) and the  $\mathbf{n} = a\hat{\mathbf{i}} + b\hat{\mathbf{j}} + c\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  are the normal vector of this plane expressed in the coordinate representation:

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

where the vector  $\mathbf{n} = a\hat{\mathbf{i}} + b\hat{\mathbf{j}} + c\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  is the normal vector of this plane.

With this, the expression of the angle between line and plane is the following:

Supposing there are one line  $l$  and one plane  $n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{line } l: \frac{x - x_0}{a_1} &= \frac{y - y_0}{b_1} = \frac{z - z_0}{c_1} = t \\ \text{plane } n: a_2(x - x_0) &+ b_2(y - y_0) + c_2(z - z_0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The angle between them are given by the angle between the directional vector of the line and the normal vector of the plane:

$$\sin \varphi = \frac{|a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2|}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \quad (1.5)$$

### 1.2.3 Line function given by two plane

Notice that the directional vector is perpendicular to two normal vector of two plane  $\mathbf{n}_1 = a_1\hat{\mathbf{i}} + b_1\hat{\mathbf{j}} + c_1\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  and  $\mathbf{n}_2 = a_2\hat{\mathbf{i}} + b_2\hat{\mathbf{j}} + c_2\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ :

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (1.6)$$

Moreover the angle between this two plane are:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{|a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2|}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \quad (1.7)$$

### 1.2.4 Distance

Supposing one point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and a plane with its normal vector  $\mathbf{n} = a\hat{\mathbf{i}} + b\hat{\mathbf{j}} + c\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  or  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ : the distance between this two can be expressed as the following:

$$d = \frac{ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0 + d}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \quad (1.8)$$

## 1.3 Cylinders and Quadric Surfaces

## Chapter 2

# Vector Function

### 2.1 Vector Function

#### 2.1.1 Definition

Basic form for vector function:

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle = f(t)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + g(t)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + h(t)\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

#### 2.1.2 Limit

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \mathbf{v}(t) &= \langle \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} g(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} h(t) \rangle \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f(t)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} g(t)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} h(t)\hat{\mathbf{k}}\end{aligned}$$

#### 2.1.3 Continuity

$\mathbf{v}(t)$  is continuous at  $t = t_0$ , iff  $\mathbf{v}(t_0)$  is defined.

Criteria for the continuity:

- $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \mathbf{v}(t)$  exist
- $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{v}(t_0)$

#### 2.1.4 Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{v}(t) &= \mathbf{v}'(t) = \langle f'(t), g'(t), h'(t) \rangle \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} f(t)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{d}{dt} g(t)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{d}{dt} h(t)\hat{\mathbf{k}}\end{aligned}$$

#### 2.1.5 Operating Rules

- $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{v}(t) \pm \mathbf{w}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{v}(t) \pm \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{w}(t)$
- $\frac{d}{dt}[c(t)\mathbf{v}(t)] = [\frac{d}{dt}c(t)]\mathbf{v}(t) + c(t)\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{v}(t)$
- $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{w}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{w}(t)$
- $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{v}(t) \times \mathbf{w}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{v}(t) \times \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v}(t) \times \frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{w}(t)$
- $\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{v}(c(t)) = \mathbf{v}'(c(t))c'(t)$



### 2.1.6 Integration

$$\int_a^b \mathbf{v}(t) dt = \int_a^b f(t) dt \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \int_a^b g(t) dt \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \int_a^b h(t) dt \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Also similar to the principle of definite integral:

If  $\mathbf{V}'(t) = \mathbf{v}(t)$ , then

$$\int_a^b \mathbf{v}(t) dt = \mathbf{V}(t) \Big|_a^b$$

### 2.1.7 Parameter Representation a tangent line of a space curve

$$\vec{\tau}(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t + \Delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\Delta t}$$

For convenience, we choose to get the unit vector of the tangent vector

$$\hat{\tau}(t) = \frac{\vec{\tau}(t)}{|\vec{\tau}(t)|}$$

### 2.1.8 Arc Length and Curvature

Given a curve  $\mathcal{C}$ :  $x = x(t)$   $y = y(t)$   $z = z(t)$ , for small  $\Delta t$ : the length between two points can be approximated as the distance between two points, thus we have the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathcal{L} &= \sqrt{|\mathbf{r}(t + \Delta t) - \mathbf{r}(t)|^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(x(t + \Delta t) - x(t))^2 + (y(t + \Delta t) - y(t))^2 + (z(t + \Delta t) - z(t))^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \mathcal{L}}{\Delta t} &= \sqrt{|\mathbf{r}(t + \Delta t) - \mathbf{r}(t)|^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{(x(t + \Delta t) - x(t))^2}{\Delta t^2} + \frac{(y(t + \Delta t) - y(t))^2}{\Delta t^2} + \frac{(z(t + \Delta t) - z(t))^2}{\Delta t^2}} \\ &\iff \lim_{\Delta t} \frac{\mathcal{L}(t + \Delta t) - \mathcal{L}(t)}{\Delta t} = \sqrt{x'^2(t) + y'^2(t) + z'^2(t)} = \frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can express the arc length in the differentiation form:

$$\boxed{d\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{x'^2(t) + y'^2(t) + z'^2(t)} dt} \quad (2.1)$$

If we reconsider the tangent vector  $\vec{\tau}(t)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\tau}(t) &= x'(t)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + y'(t)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + z'(t)\hat{\mathbf{k}} = \mathbf{r}'(t) \\ \frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dt} &= \sqrt{x'^2(t)\hat{\mathbf{i}}^2 + y'^2(t)\hat{\mathbf{j}}^2 + z'^2(t)\hat{\mathbf{k}}^2} = |\mathbf{r}'(t)| \end{aligned}$$

therefore, we have the formula for the arc length:

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L} = s(t) = \int_{t_0}^t |\vec{\tau}(t)| dt = \int_{t_0}^t |\mathbf{r}'(t)| dt} \quad (2.2)$$

In this way, we can see that  $\mathcal{L} = s(t)$  is a function of  $t$ , suppose that the inverse function exist  $t = t(s)$ , we can rewrite the curve with respect to  $s$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x(t) = x(t(s)) = X(s) \\ y &= y(t) = y(t(s)) = Y(s) \\ z &= z(t) = z(t(s)) = Z(s) \end{aligned}$$

as that  $s$  is the parameter instead of  $t$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} = s(t) &= \int_{t_0}^t |\mathbf{r}'(s)| dt & \frac{ds}{dt} &= |\mathbf{r}'(t)| \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{d\mathbf{r}(t(s))}{dt} &= \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt} = |\mathbf{r}'(t)| \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|} \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} &= \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds} \\
 \Rightarrow \hat{\tau}(t) &= \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

### 2.1.9 Curvature

Definition:

Supposing that  $\hat{\tau}$  is the unit tangent vector of the curve  $\mathcal{C}$ , then the curvature is:

$$\kappa = \left| \frac{d\hat{\tau}}{ds} \right| = \left| \frac{\frac{d\hat{\tau}}{dt}}{\frac{ds}{dt}} \right| = \left| \frac{\hat{\tau}'(t)}{\mathbf{r}'(t)} \right| \tag{2.4}$$

We want to use  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  to represent  $\hat{\tau}'(t)$ , so consider:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{r}'(t) &= |\mathbf{r}'(t)| \hat{\tau}(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} \hat{\tau}(t) \\
 \mathbf{r}''(t) &= \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} \hat{\tau}(t) + \frac{ds}{dt} \hat{\tau}'(t) \\
 \mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t) &= \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 (\hat{\tau}(t) \times \hat{\tau}'(t)) \\
 |\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)| &= \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 ||\hat{\tau} \times \hat{\tau}'|| = \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 ||\hat{\tau}'|| = \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 ||\hat{\tau}'||
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$|\hat{\tau}'| = \frac{|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)|}{\left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2} = \frac{|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)|}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|^2} \tag{2.5}$$

Therefore:

$$\kappa = \frac{|\hat{\tau}'(t)|}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|} = \frac{|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)|}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|^3} \tag{2.6}$$

Note that:

for higher dimension general case, this equation always holds true.

For 1-dimensional special case:

$$\kappa = \frac{|f''(x)|}{[1 + (f'(x))^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}} \tag{2.7}$$

### 2.1.10 The Normal and Binormal Vectors

The principle unit normal vector:

$$\mathbf{N}(t) = \frac{\hat{\tau}'(t)}{|\hat{\tau}'(t)|}$$

Osculating plane: the plane that  $\hat{\tau}(t)$  and  $\mathbf{N}(t)$  span out.

Osculating circle: the approximation of the curve by circle with the radius  $\rho = \frac{1}{\kappa}$

The binormal vector:

$$\mathbf{B}(t) = \hat{\tau}(t) \times \mathbf{N}(t)$$

Normal plane: the plane that  $\mathbf{B}(t)$  and  $\mathbf{N}(t)$  span out.

# Chapter 3

## Partial Derivative

### 3.1 Multi-variables Function

#### 3.1.1 N-dimensional Space

$n$ -th dimensional space can be considered as the  $n$ -th Cartesian product of  $\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{R}^n$  which can be expressed as the  $n$ -th triple  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , and denote the distance between any point in this space and the origin as the norm:  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$

#### 3.1.2 Multi-variables Function

A quantity can depend on series variables eq. Temperature  $T$  can depend on position  $x$  and time  $t$ :

$$T = T(x, t)$$

**Definition:**

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be some region in the  $xy$ -plane. If there is a rule that assigns to each point in  $\mathcal{D}(x, y)$  a unique real number  $\mathbb{Z}$ , this rule is called a function of there two variable  $(x, y)$ , denoted as:

$$z = f(x, y)$$

**Associated terminologies:**

$\mathcal{D}$  is called the domain of the  $f$

$\mathcal{R}$  is called the range of the  $f$ , which is the set of function value

**Note that:** the definition can be immediately extended to the function of more than three variables say:

$$\begin{aligned} g(x, y, z) \\ h(x, y, z, t) \end{aligned}$$

#### 3.1.3 Limit

**Definition:**

We say that  $f(x, y)$  has the limit  $\mathcal{L}$  as  $(x, y)$  tend to  $(x_0, y_0)$  if the following criterion holds:

For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist a  $\delta > 0$ , such that  $|f(x, y) - \mathcal{L}| < \varepsilon$ , whenever:  $0 < \sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2} < \delta$ .

In this case, we write:

$$\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} f(x, y) = \mathcal{L}$$

If the limit exists, the value will not change along different paths.

**Criteria of the nonexistence** of the limit at one point:

If along two different paths, the values corresponding to each path are different, therefore, the limit at the point do not exist.

This method can be used to judge existence.

**Example:** Does the  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4}$  exist?

Solution:

Along path one  $y = x$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3}{x^2 + x^4} = 0 = \mathcal{L}_1$$

Along path two  $y = -x$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3}{x^2 + x^4} = 0 = \mathcal{L}_2$$

Along path three  $x = y^2$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^4}{2y^4} = \frac{1}{2} = \mathcal{L}_3$$

Therefore, we see that  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L}_2 \neq \mathcal{L}_3$ , which indicates that the  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4}$  does not exist.

**Example:** Prove that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{3x^2y}{x^2 + y^2} = 0$ .

Solution: we need to find a  $\delta < 0$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta \\ \left| \frac{3x^2y}{x^2 + y^2} - 0 \right| &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

After the scaling to the LHS of the second equation:

$$\left| \frac{3x^2y}{x^2 + y^2} \right| \leq \left| \frac{3x^2y^2}{2xy} \right| \leq \frac{3}{2}|x| \leq \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \varepsilon$$

Comparing with the first formula, we get  $\delta = \frac{2}{3}\varepsilon$ .  
Therefore, the limit exist.

### 3.1.4 Continuity

The  $f(x, y)$  is continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ :

1.  $f(x_0, y_0)$  is defined
2.  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} f(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0)$

Example: Determine whether

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

is continuous at  $(0, 0)$  or not?

Solution:  $f(0, 0) = 0$  defined

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y^2} = \begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2}{2x^2} = \frac{2}{3} = \mathcal{L}_1 & \text{path 1 } x = y \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x(-x)}{2x^2} = -\frac{2}{3} = \mathcal{L}_2 & \text{path 2 } -x = y \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{L}_1 \neq \mathcal{L}_2$  indicates that the limits does not exist, therefore, the function is discontinuous at this point.  
Note: Continuity and limit can be expanded into higher dimension.

## 3.2 Definition

Partial derivative defined as following:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta x}$$

denoted as:  $f_x(x, y)$  or  $\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x}$  or  $z_x$ .

### 3.2.1 Calculation of the partial derivatives

To calculate  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ , we regard the  $y$  as a constant and then take the derivative w.r.t  $x$ .

### 3.2.2 Partial Derivatives Family

For the function of  $z = f(x, y)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y + \Delta y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta y} \end{aligned}$$

### 3.2.3 Example

Find the two partial derivatives of the function:  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{2xy^2 + 3y}$  and the find their value at  $(3, 3)$   
Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2xy^2 + 3y)}{\sqrt{2xy^2 + 3y}} = \frac{2y^2}{2\sqrt{2xy^2 + 3y}} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2xy^2 + 3y)}{\sqrt{2xy^2 + 3y}} = \frac{4xy + 3}{2\sqrt{2xy^2 + 3y}} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(3,3)} &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{7}} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(3,3)} = \frac{13}{2\sqrt{7}} \end{aligned}$$

## 3.3 Higher Partial Derivatives

Partial derivatives can be easily expanded into higher order and higher dimensions.

For  $g(x, y, z)$ , we can compute its partial derivatives as the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g(x, y, z)}{\partial x} &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x + \Delta x, y, z) - g(x, y, z)}{\Delta x} \\ \frac{\partial g(x, y, z)}{\partial y} &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x, y + \Delta y, z) - g(x, y, z)}{\Delta y} \\ \frac{\partial g(x, y, z)}{\partial z} &= \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x, y, z + \Delta z) - g(x, y, z)}{\Delta z} \end{aligned}$$

For given  $z = f(x, y)$ , higher order of the partial derivatives are given as the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = g(x, y) \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = h(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for the second partial derivative:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial g(x, y)}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x^2} = f_{xx}(x, y) \\
\frac{\partial h(x, y)}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y^2} = f_{yy}(x, y) \\
\frac{\partial g(x, y)}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} = f_{xy}(x, y) \\
\frac{\partial h(x, y)}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y \partial x} = f_{yx}(x, y)
\end{aligned}$$

About the last two second order partial derivatives symmetric to each other, their relationship can be determined by the Clairant's Theorem.

### 3.4 Clairant's Theorem

If  $f(x, y)$  is defined in a region that contain  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then given that  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ , by this, the following formula hold true to itself:

$$\boxed{f_{xy}(x_0, y_0) = f_{yx}(x_0, y_0)} \quad (3.1)$$

Noted that: In MA2508 and MA2158, if not states, we always assume the condition in the theorem are satisfied:  $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$ .

In general, by Clairant's Theorem, higher order partial derivatives can be defined as following:

$$\frac{\partial^{m+n} f(x, y)}{\partial x^m \partial y^n} \text{ or } \frac{\partial^{a+b+c} g(x, y, z)}{\partial x^a \partial y^b \partial z^c} \text{ or even higher.}$$

Noted: For higher derivatives, computing order is important.

Example: Given

$$f(x, y) = (1 + xy) \ln(1 + x^2)$$

Find

$$\frac{\partial^8 f(x, y)}{\partial x^5 \partial y^3}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^8 f(x, y)}{\partial x^5 \partial y^3} = \frac{\partial^7 f(x, y)}{\partial x^4 \partial y^3} \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^7 f(x, y)}{\partial x^4 \partial y^3} (y \ln(1 + x^2) + (1 + xy) \frac{2x}{1 + x^2}) = \dots \\ \frac{\partial^8 f(x, y)}{\partial x^5 \partial y^3} = \frac{\partial^7 f(x, y)}{\partial x^5 \partial y^2} \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^7 f(x, y)}{\partial x^5 \partial y^2} (x \ln(1 + x^2)) = 0 \end{cases}$$

### 3.5 Geometrical Representation

#### 3.5.1 Tangent Line

The tangent line is given by the tangent vector on the surface  $z = f(x, y)$  at the point  $(x_0, y_0)$ . However, there are infinite number of tangent line at one point that consist a tangent plane. So firstly, let's consider the tangent vector along the fixed  $y$  section curve of the surface, the slope of this curve is given by the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
k_y &= \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} \\
k_x &= \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can express the two tangent line of the surface as following;

$$\begin{aligned}
l_y : \quad z - z_0 &= \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} (x - x_0) \\
l_x : \quad z - z_0 &= \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} (y - y_0)
\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if we know the two directional tangent vector, we can easily compute the tangent plane.

### 3.5.2 Tangent Plane

Given the two vectors of the above two directional vector, we can express the tangent plane as following:  
For surface  $z = f(x, y)$

$$\boxed{z - f(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(x_0, y_0)}(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(x_0, y_0)}(y - y_0)} \quad (3.2)$$

For the surface with implicit function  $F(x, y, z) = 0$ , the tangent plane:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}|_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)}(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}|_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)}(y - y_0) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}|_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)}(z - z_0) = 0} \quad (3.3)$$

Example: Find the equation for the tangent plane of the surface  $z = \sin(x + y)$  at the point  $(1, -1, 0)$   
Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\bigg|_{(1, -1, 0)} &= 1 & \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\bigg|_{(1, -1, 0)} &= 1 \\ z &= (x - 1) + (y + 1) = x + y \end{aligned}$$

## 3.6 Partial differential

### 3.6.1 Recall

If  $y = f(x)$  is differentiable, that is  $f(a + dx) = f(a) + \Delta y = f(a) + f'(a)dx + \varepsilon dx$ , where  $dx$  is the increment with  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  as  $dx \rightarrow 0$ , then  $dy|_a = f'(a)dx$  is called differential.

We can see that:

$$\begin{aligned} f(a + dx) - f(a) &\approx dy|_a \text{ for small } dx \\ f(a + dx) &\approx f(a) + dy|_a \end{aligned}$$

The value at  $a + dx$  can be approximately determined.

### 3.6.2 Definition

$z = f(x, y)$  is said to be differentiable at  $(x_0, y_0)$  if:

$$dz|_{(x_0, y_0)} = f(x + dx, y + dy) - f(x, y) = f_x(x_0, y_0)dx + f_y(x_0, y_0)dy + \varepsilon_1 dx + \varepsilon_2 dy$$

where  $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  when  $(dx, dy) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ .

We call  $dz|_{(x_0, y_0)} = f(x + dx, y + dy) - f(x, y) = f_x(x_0, y_0)dx + f_y(x_0, y_0)dy$  to be the differential of  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$

### 3.6.3 Linear Approximation

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + dx, y + dy) &\approx f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)dx + f_y(x_0, y_0)dy = f(x_0, y_0) + dz|_{(x_0, y_0)} \\ dz|_{(x_0, y_0)} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\bigg|_{(x_0, y_0)} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\bigg|_{(x_0, y_0)} dy \end{aligned}$$

### 3.6.4 Criteria for Differential

If  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  exist in a neighborhood of  $(x_0, y_0)$  and continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then  $f(x, y)$  is differentiable at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

### 3.7 The Chain Rule

#### 3.7.1 Recall and Analogy

$y = f(x)$ ,  $x = g(t)$ , the derivative of  $y$  w.r.t  $t$  is following:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Therefore, for differentiable function  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = g(t)$  and  $y = h(t)$ , we have the following formula:

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

#### 3.7.2 Proof

An increment  $\Delta t$  leads to the increment  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta y$  and  $\Delta z$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dt} &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta t} (f_x(x, y) \Delta x + f_y(x, y) \Delta y + \varepsilon_1 \Delta x + \varepsilon_2 \Delta y) \\ &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} f_x(x, y) + \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} f_y(x, y) + \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_1 \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_2 \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} \\ &= f_x(x, y) \frac{dx}{dt} + f_y(x, y) \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

#### 3.7.3 Tree diagram

Procedure for writing down the chain formula:

To calculate the derivative of  $z$  w.r.t  $t$ , we can draw the tree diagram and count how many different path from  $z$  to  $t$ . For each path, calculate the product of derivative w.r.t the local variable. Finally, add all the product together.

$$\begin{array}{c} z \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ x \quad y \\ | \quad | \\ t \quad t \end{array}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

Example: Given  $xy + yz + zx = u$ , where  $x = st$ ,  $y = \exp st$  and  $z = t^2$ , find  $\frac{dy}{ds}$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{c} u \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \\ x \quad y \quad z \\ \swarrow \searrow \quad \swarrow \searrow \quad | \\ s \quad t \quad s \quad t \quad t \end{array}$$

$$\frac{du}{ds} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{ds} = (y + z)t + (x + z)t \exp st$$

Example: Given:  $z = \frac{x}{y}$ ,  $x = r \exp st$ ,  $y = rs \exp t$ , find  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t \partial r}$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{c} z \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ x \quad y \\ \swarrow | \searrow \quad \swarrow | \searrow \\ r \quad s \quad t \quad r \quad s \quad t \end{array}$$



$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{y} r s \exp st + \left(-\frac{x}{y^2} r s \exp st\right)$$

Then draw the second diagram:

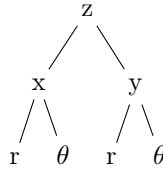
$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ x \quad y \quad r \quad s \quad t \\ \swarrow \downarrow \searrow \quad \swarrow \downarrow \searrow \\ r \quad s \quad t \quad r \quad s \quad t \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t \partial r} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} \right) \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} \right) \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} \right) = \dots$$

**Example: (Important)** If  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$  show that:

$$\left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \right)^2$$

Solution:



Path 1: from the R.H.S to the L.H.S

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \quad (\text{Eq1})$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \quad (\text{Eq2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} R.H.S &= \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 = \left( \cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left( -r \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 \cos^2 \theta + 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cos \theta \sin \theta + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta - 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cos \theta \sin \theta + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 \cos^2 \theta = L.H.S \end{aligned}$$

Path 2: from the L.H.S to the R.H.S Eq1  $\times r \cos \theta$  - Eq2  $\times r \sin \theta$

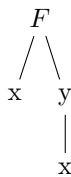
Eq1  $\times r \sin \theta$  + Eq2  $\times r \cos \theta$

This yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \cos \theta - \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \sin \theta + \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \\ L.H.S &= \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = \dots = R.H.S \end{aligned}$$

### 3.8 Implicit Differentiation

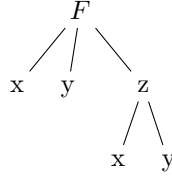
Given:  $F(x, y) = 0$ , and say  $y$  can be regarded as an implicit function of  $x$ . Find the  $\frac{dy}{dx}$



Differentiating w.r.t  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}\end{aligned}$$

Given:  $F(x, y, z) = 0$ , and say  $z$  can be regarded as an implicit function of  $x$  and  $y$ . Find the  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$



Differentiating w.r.t  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, Differentiating w.r.t  $y$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}\end{aligned}$$

### 3.9 Directional Derivatives and Gradient Vector

Consider  $z = f(x, y)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}f_x(x_0, y_0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h} \\ &\quad \text{(net change along the } x\text{-direction)} \\ f_y(x_0, y_0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0 + h) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h} \\ &\quad \text{(net change along the } y\text{-direction)}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, naturally, what is the net change in any arbitrary direction  $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = a\hat{\mathbf{i}} + b\hat{\mathbf{j}}$

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= x_0 + h \cos \theta & a &= \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{i}} \\ y_1 &= y_0 + h \sin \theta & b &= \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{j}} \\ f_u(x_0, y_0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + ah, y_0 + bh) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}\end{aligned}$$

If the limit exists, we call it to be the directional derivatives of this function  $f(x, y)$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  along  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ -direction and denoted it by  $D_{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}f(x_0, y_0)$

#### 3.9.1 Theorem

If  $f$  is differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$

$$D_{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}f(x_0, y_0) = f_x(x_0, y_0)a + f_y(x_0, y_0)b \quad \hat{\mathbf{u}} = a\hat{\mathbf{i}} + b\hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

Proof: define  $f(x_0 + ha, y_0 + hb) = g(h)$

Then  $g(0) = f(x_0, y_0)$ , by definition:

$$D_{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}f(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(h) - g(0)}{h} = \left. \frac{dg}{dh} \right|_{h=0}$$

Let  $x = x_0 + ah$  and  $y = y_0 + bh$  and differentiating w.r.t  $h$ :

$$\begin{array}{cc} & g \\ & \swarrow \searrow \\ x & y \\ | & | \\ h & h \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{dg}{dh} \right|_{h=0} &= \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} \left. \frac{dx}{dh} \right|_{h=0} + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} \left. \frac{dy}{dh} \right|_{h=0} \\ &= f_x(x_0, y_0)a + f_y(x_0, y_0)b \end{aligned}$$

#### Observation:

We can write the directional derivatives as the dot product of the gradient vector and the directional vector:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}f(x_0, y_0) &= \nabla f(x_0, y_0) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} \\ \nabla f(x_0, y_0) &= \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} \hat{\mathbf{j}} \\ \text{Where the operator: } \nabla &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \hat{\mathbf{j}} \end{aligned}$$

Note: This gradient can be extended to higher dimension.

### 3.9.2 Example

Find the directional derivative of  $g(x, y) = \exp x \cos y$  at  $(1, \frac{\pi}{6})$  in the directional vector  $\mathbf{v} = \hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{j}}$ :

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{v}} &= \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{j}}}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{i}}}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\hat{\mathbf{j}}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \nabla g(x, y) &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \hat{\mathbf{j}} = \exp x (\cos y \hat{\mathbf{i}} - \sin y \hat{\mathbf{j}}) \\ \nabla g(1, \frac{\pi}{6}) &= e \left( \frac{\sqrt{3} \hat{\mathbf{i}}}{2} - \frac{\hat{\mathbf{j}}}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Then, after the dot product

$$\nabla g(1, \frac{\pi}{6}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{2}} e$$

### 3.9.3 Extension

To function of three variables (dimension)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u} &= a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k} \quad w = f(x, y, z) \\ \Rightarrow D_{\hat{u}}f(x, y, z) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + ha, y + hb, z + hc) - f(x, y, z)}{h} \\ \nabla f(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{k} \\ \boxed{D_{\hat{u}}f(x, y, z) &= \nabla f(x, y, z) \cdot \hat{u}} \end{aligned}$$

### 3.9.4 Fastest Changing Direction

**Theorem:** The maximum value of the  $D_{\hat{u}}f(\mathbf{r})$  is the  $|\nabla f(\mathbf{r})|$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\hat{u}}f(\mathbf{r}) &= \nabla f(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \hat{u} \\ &= |\nabla f(\mathbf{r})| \cdot |\hat{u}| \cos \theta \leq |\nabla f(\mathbf{r})| \end{aligned}$$

This suggests: along the gradient direction, the function changes fastest.

### 3.9.5 Geometrical Meaning of the Gradient Vector

Consider a surface  $\mathcal{S}$  given by:

$$F(x, y, z) = 0$$

Then, we consider an arbitrary curve  $\mathcal{C}$  on  $\mathcal{S}$  surface that suppose that  $\mathcal{C}$ :  $x = x(t), y = y(t), z = z(t)$

$$F(x(t), y(t), z(t)) = 0$$

Differentiating this equation w.r.t  $t$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} = 0$$

Then, we denote:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}'(t) &= \frac{dx}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{dy}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{dz}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \nabla F(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{k}} \end{aligned}$$

After this, rewrite the differentiating equation:

$$\boxed{\nabla F(x, y, z) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) = 0} \quad (3.4)$$

This means that:  $\nabla F(x, y, z)$  is the normal vector of the tangent plane since  $\nabla F(x, y, z)$  is perpendicular to any tangent vector along an arbitrary curve.

Given surface  $F(x, y, z) = 0$ :

The normal vector gives by the following equation:

$$\boxed{\nabla F(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{k}}} \quad (3.5)$$

substitute  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  to determine the normal vector at point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ .

### 3.9.6 Example

Find the tangent plane of the surface at  $(1, 0, 5)$ :

$$xe^{yz} = 1$$

Solution:

Follow thee equation:

the tangent vector can be obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla F(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ &= e^{yz} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + xze^{yz} \hat{\mathbf{j}} + xye^{yz} \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{i}} + 5\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 0\hat{\mathbf{k}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the equation of tangent plane:

$$(x - 1) + 5(y - 0) = 0$$

### 3.10 Maximum and Minimum Values

Definition: (For)  $z=f(x,y)$  defined in the a region  $\mathcal{D}$  in the  $xy$ -plane)  
 $f(x,y)$  has local maximum (minimum) at  $(a,b)$  if:

$$f(x,y) \leq f(a,b)$$

for all points  $(x,y)$  in the neighbourhood of  $(a,b)$ .

If this relation holds true to all points in the region  $\mathcal{D}$ , then  $f(x,y)$  has an absolute maximum (minimum) at  $(a,b)$ .

#### 3.10.1 Theorem

If  $f$  has a total extremum at  $(a,b)$ , the first order partial derivatives exist at  $(a,b)$ , then:

$$f_x(a,b) = f_y(a,b) = 0$$

#### 3.10.2 Critical Point for Extremum

- point that satisfy both  $f_x = 0$  and  $f_y = 0$ .
- one or both partial derivatives do not exist.

local extremums must occur at those point, which one called critical points.

#### 3.10.3 Example

Find all the critical point of this function:

$$f(x,y) = y\sqrt{x} - y^2 - x + 6y \quad (x \geq 0)$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= y \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - 1 \\ f_y &= \sqrt{x} - 2y + 6 \end{aligned}$$

From those formula, we can see that:

$f_x$  doesn't exist at  $x = 0$ , thus any point lay on the  $y$ -axis is critical point.

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= y \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - 1 = 0 \\ f_y &= \sqrt{x} - 2y + 6 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

this gives another critical point  $(4,4)$

### 3.11 Second Derivative Test

Suppose that the second derivatives of  $f(x,y)$  are continuous in a disc centered at  $(a,b)$ ,  $f_x(a,b) = f_y(a,b) = 0$

let:

$$\mathcal{D} = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx}(a,b) & f_{xy}(a,b) \\ f_{xy}(a,b) & f_{yy}(a,b) \end{vmatrix}$$

Then the second derivative test gives:

- $\mathcal{D} > 0$  &  $f_{xx}(a,b) > 0 \rightarrow$  Local minimum

- $\mathcal{D} > 0$  &  $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0 \rightarrow$  Local maximum
- $\mathcal{D} < 0 \rightarrow$  Sudden point
- $\mathcal{D} = 0 \rightarrow$  Failure

### 3.11.1 Absolute Test

For the absolute extremum, we have not only carry out the second derivative test but also the boundary test.

For  $y = f(x, y)$  defined in a region  $\mathcal{D}$ , then  $f(x, y)$  has the absolute maximum or absolute minimum at either critical point or some point on the boundary of  $\mathcal{D}$

## Chapter 4

# Multiple Integral

### 4.1 Double Integral

#### 4.1.1 Definition

Recall in two dimensional case:

The integral is defined as following:

$$\int_a^b f(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x_i$$

Then, move on to the higher dimension case, say three dimension case:

Consider  $f(x, y)$  defined in a region  $\mathcal{R}$  in the  $xy$ -plane.

$$\int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy = \lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta y \rightarrow 0}} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A_{ij}$$

If the limit exists, we called it the double integral for this function within the region  $\mathcal{R}$  and denoted by:

$$\boxed{\iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dx dy} \quad (4.1)$$

In order to evaluate the double integral by the definite integral (For the single variables integral), we introduce by double iterated integral directly from definite integrals.

consider  $f(x, y)$ . if we hold  $y$  as a constant, then we may regard  $f(x, y)$  as a function of single variables  $x$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x, y) dx &= A(y) \\ \int_c^d A(y) dy &= \int_c^d \left( \int_a^b f(x, y) dx \right) dy \\ \int_c^d f(x, y) dy &= B(x) \\ \int_a^b B(x) dx &= \int_a^b \left( \int_c^d f(x, y) dy \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

Generalized result in two different evaluation process corresponding to the simplification:

$$\boxed{\int_c^d \left( \int_{h_1(y)}^{h_2(y)} f(x, y) dx \right) dy \quad \& \quad \int_a^b \left( \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(x, y) dy \right) dx}$$

### 4.1.2 Evaluation in Different Cases

- Rectangular Case:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA &= \lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta y \rightarrow 0}} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta x_i \Delta y_j \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \sum_{j=1}^m \left( \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta x_i \right) \Delta y_j \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \sum_{j=1}^m \left( \int_a^b f(x, y) dx \right) \Delta y_j \\
 &= \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, in rectangular case, we can convert the double integral to the double iterated integral:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA &= \dots = \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy \\
 \iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA &= \dots = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx
 \end{aligned}$$

These two relationship hold true only for the rectangular region. Furthermore, Fubini's Theorem is based on the rectangular region

$$\mathcal{R} = [a, b] \times [c, d]$$

then the double integral can be evaluated in a simple way:

$$\iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x)g(y) dA = \int_a^b f(x) dx \int_c^d g(y) dy$$

- $y = h_i(x)$  bounded region case:

In this case, region  $\mathcal{R} = (x, y) | a \leq x \leq b, h_1(x) \leq y \leq h_2(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA &= \lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta y \rightarrow 0}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta y_j \Delta x_i \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \sum_{j=1}^m f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta y_j \right) \Delta x_i \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_{h_1(x)}^{h_2(x)} f(x, y) dy \right) \Delta x_i \\
 &= \int_a^b \left( \int_{h_1(x)}^{h_2(x)} f(x, y) dy \right) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

- $x = g_i(y)$  bounded region case:

In this case, region  $\mathcal{R} = (x, y) | g_1(y) \leq x \leq g_2(y), c \leq y \leq d$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA &= \lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta y \rightarrow 0}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta x_i \Delta y_j \\
 &= \int_c^d \left( \int_{g_1(y)}^{g_2(y)} f(x, y) dx \right) dy
 \end{aligned}$$

- Two well-defined boundary region case (two point closed loop):

In this case, region  $\mathcal{R} = (x, y) | g_1(x) \leq x \leq g_2(x), c \leq y \leq d$  or



$$\mathcal{R} = (x, y) | a \leq x \leq b, h_1(x) \leq y \leq h_2(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA &= \lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta y \rightarrow 0}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta y_j \Delta x_i \\ &= \int_a^b \left( \int_{h_1(x)}^{h_2(x)} f(x, y) dy \right) dx \\ &= \int_c^d \left( \int_{g_1(y)}^{g_2(y)} f(x, y) dx \right) dy \end{aligned}$$

Note:

- For an irregular regions, we divided it into regular regions.

$$\iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA = \iint_{\mathcal{R}_1} f(x, y) dA + \iint_{\mathcal{R}_2} f(x, y) dA$$

- A double integral (DI) can be evaluated by a double iterated integral (DII) while DII can be evaluated by some DI

### 4.1.3 Properties of DI

The equations:

1.  $\iint_{\mathcal{R}} dA = \text{area of } \mathcal{R}$
2. if  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_1 + \mathcal{R}_2$ , then:

$$\iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA = \iint_{\mathcal{R}_1} f(x, y) dA + \iint_{\mathcal{R}_2} f(x, y) dA$$

3.  $\iint_{\mathcal{R}} [f(x, y) \pm g(x, y)] dA = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA \pm \iint_{\mathcal{R}} g(x, y) dA$
4.  $\iint_{\mathcal{R}} cf(x, y) dA = c \iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA$

The inequality:

1. if  $m \leq f(x, y) \leq M$ , for all  $(x, y)$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ :

$$mA(\mathcal{R}) \leq \iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA \leq MA(\mathcal{R})$$

## 4.2 Double Integral in Polar Coordinates

Consider the following function:

$$\iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA$$

take an arbitrary point  $(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*)$ , say  $(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) = (r_i \cos \theta_j, r_i \sin \theta_j)$ , then the integral can be rewritten as the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA &= \lim_{\substack{\Delta r \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta \theta \rightarrow 0}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m f(r_i \cos \theta_j, r_i \sin \theta_j) \Delta A_{ij} \\ &= \cdots = f(r_i \cos \theta_j, r_i \sin \theta_j) \end{aligned}$$

Generalization: As we can use the Jacobian Matrix to generalize the gradient of the scalar field. The Jacobian can also be thought of as describing the amount of "stretching", "rotating" or "transforming"

that a transformation imposes locally.  
Therefore, in the polar coordinates case:

$$\begin{aligned} dxdy &= \det \mathcal{J}(r, \theta) dr d\theta \\ &= \det \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} dr d\theta \\ &= \det \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} dr d\theta \\ &= r dr d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain:

$$dxdy = r dr d\theta$$

Therefore, after substitute into the definition of the double integral in the polar coordinates:

- $\iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA = \int_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2} \int_{\rho_1}^{\rho_2} f(r_i \cos \theta_j, r_i \sin \theta_j) r dr d\theta$
- $\iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA = \int_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2} \int_{h_1(\theta)}^{h_2(\theta)} f(r_i \cos \theta_j, r_i \sin \theta_j) r dr d\theta$
- $\iint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y) dA = \int_{\rho_1}^{\rho_2} \int_{g_1(r)}^{g_2(r)} f(r_i \cos \theta_j, r_i \sin \theta_j) r d\theta dr$

Note that: Usually, if the region involves a circle or part of a circle, we use the polar coordinate to the evaluation, otherwise we use the rectangular coordinates.

### 4.2.1 Example

Evaluate:

$$\iint_{\mathcal{R}} x dA$$

where the region  $\mathcal{R}$  is bounded by  $x^2 + y^2 = 2x$

Solution: First we find the polar coordinate representation of  $\mathcal{R}$ :

$$r^2 = 2r \cos \theta$$

then, we start to evaluate the integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\mathcal{R}} x dA &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{2 \cos \theta} r \cos \theta r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{3} r^3 \right) \Big|_0^{2 \cos \theta} d\theta \\ &= \frac{8}{3} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^4 \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{8}{3} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left( \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} \right)^2 d\theta \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (1 + 2 \cos 2\theta + \cos^2 2\theta)^2 d\theta = \dots \end{aligned}$$

## 4.3 Applications of Double Integral

### 4.3.1 Area

$$\iint_{\mathcal{R}} dA = A(\mathcal{R})$$

### 4.3.2 Mass of a Plate

Consider a plate with density varies in the density function  $\rho(x, y)$ , find the mass of this plate:

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta y \rightarrow 0}} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A_{ij} \\ &= \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \rho(x, y) dA \end{aligned}$$

### 4.3.3 Moment of a Plate

After finding the mass of a plate with density function  $\rho(x, y)$ , we can further find the moment of a plate:

1. Moment about the  $x$ -direction

$$\iint_{\mathcal{R}} y \rho(x, y) dA$$

2. Moment about the  $y$ -direction

$$\iint_{\mathcal{R}} x \rho(x, y) dA$$

3. Center of mass  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$

$$m\bar{x} = M_y \implies \bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{m} = \frac{\iint_{\mathcal{R}} x \rho(x, y) dA}{\iint_{\mathcal{R}} \rho(x, y) dA}$$

$$m\bar{y} = M_x \implies \bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{m} = \frac{\iint_{\mathcal{R}} y \rho(x, y) dA}{\iint_{\mathcal{R}} \rho(x, y) dA}$$

### 4.3.4 Moment of Inertia

1. moment of inertia about  $x$ -axis

$$\iint_{\mathcal{R}} y^2 \rho(x, y) dA$$

2. moment of inertia about  $y$ -axis

$$\iint_{\mathcal{R}} x^2 \rho(x, y) dA$$

3. moment of inertia about origin

$$\iint_{\mathcal{R}} (x^2 + y^2) \rho(x, y) dA$$

### 4.3.5 Radii of Gyration

$$\bar{\bar{x}}^2 = \frac{\iint_{\mathcal{R}} x^2 \rho(x, y) dA}{\iint_{\mathcal{R}} \rho(x, y) dA}$$

$$\bar{\bar{y}}^2 = \frac{\iint_{\mathcal{R}} y^2 \rho(x, y) dA}{\iint_{\mathcal{R}} \rho(x, y) dA}$$

## 4.4 Surface Area

Given a surface  $z = f(x, y)$ , the following equation gives the surface area:

$$\mathcal{S} = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \sqrt{1 + |\nabla f(x, y)|^2} dA$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\partial f^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f^2}{\partial y}} dA$$

## 4.5 Triple Integral

Consider a three dimensional function  $f(x, y, z)$  which is defined in a region  $\mathcal{D}$  on the space bounded by surface  $\mathcal{S}$ . We divided  $\mathcal{D}$  into many small cube in a similar manner to the double integral, then we can define the triple integral:

$$\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} f(x, y, z) dv = \lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta y \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta z \rightarrow 0}} \sum_{k=1}^q \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \Delta x_i \Delta y_j \Delta z_k$$

### Generalization:

By considering the boundary condition, the triple integral can be evaluated in three manners:

Note: Usually, the three manners is chosen regard to which the projection region is easy to find.

- $\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} f(x, y, z) dv = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \left( \int_{\phi_1(x, y)}^{\phi_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz \right) dA$
- $\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} f(x, y, z) dv = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \left( \int_{\psi_1(x, z)}^{\psi_2(x, z)} f(x, y, z) dy \right) dA$
- $\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} f(x, y, z) dv = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \left( \int_{g_1(y, z)}^{g_2(y, z)} f(x, y, z) dx \right) dA$

## 4.6 Triple Integral in Cylindral Spherical Coordinates

Similar to the tranformation in the double integral, the volume unit is given by the Jacobian matrix determinant.

$$dxdydz = \det \mathcal{J}(r, \theta, z) dr d\theta dz = r dr d\theta dz$$

$$dxdydz = \det \mathcal{J}(\rho, \theta, \phi) d\rho d\theta d\phi = \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\theta d\phi$$

Therefore, substitute into the original definition, we can evaluate the triple integral in both cylindral and spherical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y, z) dv &= \iiint_{\mathcal{R}} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) r dr d\theta dz \\ &= \iiint_{\mathcal{R}} f(r \sin \phi \cos \theta, r \sin \phi \sin \theta, r \cos \phi) \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\theta d\phi \end{aligned}$$

## 4.7 Application of Triple Integral

### 4.7.1 Volume

$$\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} dv = V(\mathcal{D})$$

**Mass**

In a region  $\mathcal{D}$ , with the density function  $\rho(x, y, z)$ , the mass can be given by the following equation:

$$\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} \rho(x, y, z) dv = M(\mathcal{D})$$

**4.7.2 Mass Center and Moment**

$$\bar{x} = \frac{m_{yz}}{M} = \frac{\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} x\rho(x, y, z)}{\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} \rho(x, y, z) dv}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{m_{xz}}{M} = \frac{\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} y\rho(x, y, z)}{\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} \rho(x, y, z) dv}$$

$$\bar{z} = \frac{m_{xy}}{M} = \frac{\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} z\rho(x, y, z)}{\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} \rho(x, y, z) dv}$$

**4.7.3 Radii of Gyration**

$$\bar{x}^2 = \frac{I_{yz}}{M} = \frac{\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} (y^2 + z^2)\rho(x, y, z)}{\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} \rho(x, y, z) dv}$$

$$\bar{y}^2 = \frac{I_{xz}}{M} = \frac{\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} (x^2 + z^2)\rho(x, y, z)}{\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} \rho(x, y, z) dv}$$

$$\bar{z}^2 = \frac{I_{xy}}{M} = \frac{\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} (x^2 + y^2)\rho(x, y, z)}{\iiint_{\mathcal{D}} \rho(x, y, z) dv}$$

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## Chapter 5

# Vector Calculus

## Chapter 6

# Second Order Differential Equation

## Appendix A

**Eventually, everything is connected.**