

Calculus III Concept Review

1 Scalar functions and vector fields

(1) **Partial derivatives:** of a scalar function $f(x, y, z)$: $f_x, f_y, f_{xy} = f_{yx}$, etc.

(2) **Gradient:** $\nabla f(\mathbf{p}) = \langle f_x(\mathbf{p}), f_y(\mathbf{p}), f_z(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$.

(3) **Linear approximation:** of f near $\mathbf{p}_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$:

$$f(\mathbf{p}) \approx f(\mathbf{p}_0) + \nabla f(\mathbf{p}_0) \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}_0), \quad \mathbf{p} = (x, y, z), \quad \mathbf{p}_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0).$$

(4) **Directional derivative:** $\nabla f(\mathbf{p}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$ of f at \mathbf{p} in direction \mathbf{v} . (Remember: \mathbf{v} must be a *unit* vector: $|\mathbf{v}| = 1$.)

(a) Gradient points in the direction of maximum increase and is the directional derivative in this direction. In other words, $\nabla f(\mathbf{p}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$ is maximized for $\mathbf{v} = \nabla f(\mathbf{p}) / |\nabla f(\mathbf{p})|$ where it equals $|\nabla f(\mathbf{p})|$.

(5) **Critical points:** \mathbf{p} such that $\nabla f(\mathbf{p}) = 0$. May be local maxima, minima, saddle points, or degenerate.

(6) **Second derivative test** in 2D: if $\mathbf{p} = (x, y)$ is a critical point of f , so $\nabla f(\mathbf{p}) = 0$, then with

$$D(\mathbf{p}) = \det \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx}(\mathbf{p}) & f_{xy}(\mathbf{p}) \\ f_{yx}(\mathbf{p}) & f_{yy}(\mathbf{p}) \end{vmatrix} = f_{xx}(\mathbf{p})f_{yy}(\mathbf{p}) - (f_{xy}(\mathbf{p}))^2:$$

(i) If $D(\mathbf{p}) < 0$, then \mathbf{p} is a *saddle point*.

(ii) If $D(\mathbf{p}) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(\mathbf{p}) > 0$, then \mathbf{p} is a *local minimum*.

(iii) If $D(\mathbf{p}) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(\mathbf{p}) < 0$, then \mathbf{p} is a *local maximum*.

(iv) If $D(\mathbf{p}) = 0$, then \mathbf{p} is a *degenerate critical point* and the test gives no information (the point may be a maximum, minimum, saddle point, or none of the above).

(7) **Level curves/surfaces:** curves $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : f(x, y) = c\}$ in 2D and surfaces $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : f(x, y, z) = c\}$ in 3D,

(a) Includes the case of *graphs* $y = g(x) \iff g(x) - y = 0$, or $z = g(x, y) \iff g(x, y) - z = 0$.

(8) **Tangent line/plane:** gradient is orthogonal to level lines/surfaces of f , so tangent line/plane to level curve/surface $\{f = c\}$ at the point \mathbf{p}_0 is

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{p}_0) \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}_0) = 0,$$

where $\mathbf{p} = (x, y)$, $\mathbf{p}_0 = (x_0, y_0)$ in 2D or $\mathbf{p} = (x, y, z)$, $\mathbf{p}_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ in 3D.

(9) **Vector fields:** $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = P(x, y, z)\mathbf{i} + Q(x, y, z)\mathbf{j} + R(x, y, z)\mathbf{k} = \langle P, Q, R \rangle$ in 3D or $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = P(x, y)\mathbf{i} + Q(x, y)\mathbf{j} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ in 2D.

(10) **Curl and divergence:** with $\nabla = \langle \partial/\partial x, \partial/\partial y, \partial/\partial z \rangle$:

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \det \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ P & Q & R \end{vmatrix}, \quad \text{div } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = P_x + Q_y + R_z.$$

2 Parameterized curves and line integrals

- (1) **Parameterized curves:** $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$ in 2D or $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$ in 3D, with derivative $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t), z'(t) \rangle$.

(a) **Straight line segment:** between \mathbf{p}_0 and \mathbf{p}_1 parameterized by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{p}_0 + t(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

- (2) **Tangent line:** at $\mathbf{p}_0 = \mathbf{r}(t_0)$ is the parameterized line

$$\mathbf{l}(s) = \mathbf{r}(t_0) + s\mathbf{r}'(t_0), \quad s \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (3) **Line integral of scalar function:**

$$\int_C f \, ds = \int_a^b f(\mathbf{r}(t)) \underbrace{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|}_{ds} dt$$

where C is parameterized by $\mathbf{r}(t)$, $t \in [a, b]$. Value is independent of orientation and parameterization. **Arc length** of C given by $\int_C ds$.

- (4) **Line (work) integral of a vector field:**

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} \, ds = \int_a^b \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \underbrace{\mathbf{r}'(t)}_{\mathbf{T} \, ds} dt$$

where C is parameterized by $\mathbf{r}(t)$, $t \in [a, b]$. Value depends on orientation, but not on parameterization.

3 Parameterized surfaces

- (1) **Parameterized surfaces:** $\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v) \rangle$, with $(u, v) \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. Two partial derivatives $\mathbf{r}_u = \langle x_u, y_u, z_u \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_v = \langle x_v, y_v, z_v \rangle$ give two tangent vectors. (Parameterization is *regular* if these exist, are nonzero, and not parallel. Otherwise bad things may happen.)

- (2) **Tangent plane** to parameterized surface at $\mathbf{p}_0 = \mathbf{r}(u_0, v_0)$ spanned by $\mathbf{r}_u(u_0, v_0)$, $\mathbf{r}_v(u_0, v_0)$, thus parameterized by

$$\mathbf{l}(s, t) = \mathbf{r}(u_0, v_0) + s\mathbf{r}_u(u_0, v_0) + t\mathbf{r}_v(u_0, v_0)$$

or equivalently given by the equation $\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}_0) = 0$, where $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$.

- (3) **Surface integral of a scalar function:**

$$\iint_S f \, dS = \iint_D f(\mathbf{r}(u, v)) \underbrace{|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v|}_{dS} du \, dv$$

where S is parameterized by $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$, $(u, v) \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. Value is independent of orientation and parameterization. **Surface area** of S given by $\iint_S dS$.

(4) **Surface (flux) integral of a vector field:**

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \iint_D \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(u, v)) \cdot \underbrace{\pm \mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v}_{dS} du dv$$

where S is parameterized by $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$, $(u, v) \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and sign $\pm \mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$ given by orientation (choice of \mathbf{n}). Value depends on orientation but not on parameterization.

(5) For a graph $z = z(x, y)$ with graph parameterization $\mathbf{r}(x, y) = \langle x, y, z(x, y) \rangle$,

$$\mathbf{n} dS = \pm \langle -z_x, -z_y, 1 \rangle dx dy, \quad dS = \sqrt{z_x^2 + z_y^2 + 1} dx dy.$$

4 Multiple integration

(1) **Iterated integrals:**

$$\int_a^b \int_{c(x)}^{d(x)} f(x, y) dy dx = \int_a^b g(x, d(x)) - g(x, c(x)) dx,$$

where $g_y(x, y) = f(x, y)$, etc.

(a) In case all limits are constant and $f(x, y) = g(x)h(y)$:

$$\int_a^b \int_c^d g(x)h(y) dy dx = \int_a^b g(x) dx \int_c^d h(y) dy.$$

(2) **Area integrals in cartesian coordinates:**

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \int_{c(x)}^{d(x)} f(x, y) dy dx, \quad D = \{(x, y) : a \leq x \leq b, c(x) \leq y \leq d(x)\},$$

or

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \int_c^d \int_{a(y)}^{b(y)} f(x, y) dx dy, \quad D = \{(x, y) : a(y) \leq x \leq b(y), c \leq y \leq d\}.$$

(3) **Polar coordinates:** $(x, y) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$, $dA = r dr d\theta$.

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_1} \int_{r_0}^{r_1} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r dr d\theta$$

where $D = \{\theta_0 \leq \theta \leq \theta_1, r_0 \leq r \leq r_1\}$.

(4) **Volume integrals in cartesian coordinates:**

$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \int_a^b \int_{c(x)}^{d(x)} \int_{e(x, y)}^{g(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz dy dx,$$

$$E = \{(x, y, z) : a \leq x \leq b, c(x) \leq y \leq d(x), e(x, y) \leq z \leq g(x, y)\},$$

and similarly with other orders.

(5) **Cylindrical coordinates:**

$$(x, y, z) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z), \quad dV = r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta.$$

(6) **Spherical coordinates:**

$$(x, y, z) = (\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi), \quad dV = \rho \sin^2 \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta.$$

(7) **Mass:** If $E \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ has density $\delta(x, y, z)$, then

$$\text{Mass}(E) = \iiint_E \delta \, dV.$$

5 Vector Calculus

(1) **Fundamental Theorem for Line integrals:**

$$\underbrace{f(\mathbf{p}_1) - f(\mathbf{p}_0)}_{=\sum_{\mathbf{p} \in \partial C} f(\mathbf{p})} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{T} \, ds$$

where C starts at \mathbf{p}_0 and ends at \mathbf{p}_1

(a) A vector field \mathbf{F} is **conservative** ($\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$ for some potential function f) if and only if $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$ everywhere.

(2) **Stokes' (Green's) Theorem:**

$$\oint_{C=\partial S} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} \, ds = \iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS$$

with $C = \partial S$ oriented so that S is on the left if \mathbf{n} is up.

(a) **Green's Theorem** is the special case that S is in the xy -plane, with $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{k}$, and $\mathbf{F} = P(x, y)\mathbf{i} + Q(x, y)\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k}$, in which case $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = (Q_x - P_y)\mathbf{k}$.

(3) **Divergence Theorem:**

$$\oiint_{S=\partial E} \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS = \iiint_E \nabla \cdot \mathbf{G} \, dV$$

with $S = \partial E$ oriented with \mathbf{n} pointing out of E .

6 Formula sheet to appear on final exam

Line/plane through \mathbf{p}_0 normal to \mathbf{n} :

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}_0) = 0, \quad \mathbf{p} = (x, y) \text{ or } (x, y, z)$$

Line through \mathbf{p}_0 tangent to \mathbf{v} :

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{v}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Straight line segment from \mathbf{p}_0 to \mathbf{p}_1 :

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{p}_0 + t(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

Curl and divergence:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F} &= \nabla \times \mathbf{F}, \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} \\ \nabla &= \langle \partial/\partial x, \partial/\partial y, \partial/\partial z \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Polar coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y) &= (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta), \\ dA &= r \, dr \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Cylindrical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, z) &= (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z), \\ dV &= r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Spherical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, z) &= (\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi), \\ dV &= \rho \sin^2 \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Arc length elements:

$$\begin{aligned} ds &= |\mathbf{r}'(t)| \, dt, \\ \mathbf{T} \, ds &= \mathbf{r}'(t) \, dt \end{aligned}$$

Surface area elements:

$$\begin{aligned} dS &= |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| \, du \, dv, \\ \mathbf{n} \, dS &= \pm \mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v \, du \, dv \end{aligned}$$

Fundamental Theorem for Line Integrals:

$$f(\mathbf{p}_1) - f(\mathbf{p}_0) = \int_C \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{T} \, ds$$

Stokes'/Green's Theorem:

$$\oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} \, ds = \iint_S \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS$$

Divergence Theorem:

$$\oiint_{\partial E} \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS = \iiint_E \operatorname{div} \mathbf{G} \, dV$$

Trig identities:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos^2 \theta &= \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} \\ \sin^2 \theta &= \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(More if deemed necessary.)