

# Calculus 1 - Application Notes

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## How to Derive the Derivative of a Function.

### Theory

The derivative of a function,  $f(x)$ , is defined to be

$$f'(x) := \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

The derivative gives you a function for the gradient at a given point.

### Process

Expanding the numerator will usually cause the  $h$  in the denominator to disappear. Any terms which still have an  $h$  in them can be discounted as they will tend to 0.

*L'Hôpital's Rule* is often useful

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

### Example

Find the derivative of  $f(x) = (1 - x^2)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - (x+h))^2 - (1 - x^2)^2}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - 2(x+h) + (x+h)^2 - (1 - 2x^2 + x^4)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2[x^2 + 2xh + h^2] + [x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2h + 4xh^3 + h^4] + x^2 - x^4}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-4xh - 2h^2 + 4x^3h + 6x^2h^2 + 4xh^3 + h^4}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -4x - 2h + 4x^3 + 6x^2h + 4xh^2 + h^3 \\ &= -4x + 4x^3 \\ f'(x) &= \underline{4x(x^2 - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

## Techniques for Finding the Derivative.

### Sum Rule

$$(f + g)' = f' + g'$$

### Example

Find the derivative of  $(2x + x^3)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (2x + x^3)' &= (2x)' + (x^3)' \\ &= \underline{2 + 3x^2} \end{aligned}$$

Product Rule

$$(fg)' = f'g + fg'$$

Example

Find the derivative of  $2x \sin(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (2x \sin(x))' &= (2x)' \sin(x) + 2x(\sin(x))' \\ &= \underline{2 \sin(x) + 2x \cos(x)} \end{aligned}$$

Quotient Rule

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$$

Example

Find the derivative of  $\frac{2x}{\sin(x)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{2x}{\sin(x)}\right)' &= \frac{(2x)' \sin(x) - 2x(\sin(x))'}{\sin^2(x)} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin(x) - 2x \cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)} \\ &= 2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sin(x)} - \frac{x}{\tan(x) \sin(x)} \right] \\ &= \underline{2 \operatorname{cosec}(x) [1 - x \cot(x)]} \end{aligned}$$

Chain Rule

$$f(g(x))' = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

Example

Find the derivative of  $\sin(2x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = \sin(x) &\implies f'(x) = \cos(x) \\ g(x) = 2x &\implies g'(x) = 2 \\ \implies \sin(2x)' &= \underline{2 \cos(2x)} \end{aligned}$$

## How to Find the Derivative of an Equation Where Elements Cannot be Easily Separated.

Theory

Remember that  $\frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$  &  $\frac{d}{dx}y = \frac{dy}{dx} = y'$ .

By the chain rule  $\left(\frac{1}{dx}\right)(dy) = \frac{dy}{dx}$  &  $\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{dy/dx}$ .

Process

Differentiate both sides with respect to the same variable.

to form an equation in terms of the given gradient  $\left(\frac{dx}{dy}, \frac{dy}{dx}, \text{ etc.}\right)$

Example

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  of  $x^3 + y^3 = xy$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + y^3) &= \frac{d}{dx}(xy) \\ \Rightarrow 3x^2 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} &= y + x \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}(x - 3y^2) &= 3x^2 - y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{3x^2 - y}{x - 3y^2} \end{aligned}$$

**How to Find the Tangent to a Parametric Curve**Process

Use the following formula gives the tangent when  $t = t_0$  as a cartesian equation.

$$\frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}(t_0) = \frac{y - y(t_0)}{x - x(t_0)}$$

Example

Find the tangent of  $x = t^4 + 1$  &  $y = t^2 + t$  when  $t = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dt} &= 2t + 1 \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= 4t^3 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}(1) &= \frac{2(1)+1}{4(1)} = \frac{3}{4} \\ \text{Set } \frac{3}{4} &= \frac{y-y(1)}{x-x(1)} \\ &= \frac{y-(1^2+1)}{x-(1^4+1)} \\ &= \frac{y-2}{x-2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{3x}{4} - \frac{6}{4} &= y - 2 \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{3x}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**How to Find the Arc-Length of a Parametric Curve**Process

The length of  $(x(t), y(t))$  for  $a \leq t \leq b$  is found with

$$s = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}(t)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}(t)\right)^2} dt$$

Example

Find the arc-length of  $(3 \cos(t), 3 \sin(t))$  for  $t \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{(-3 \sin(t))^2 + (3 \cos(t))^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{9 [\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t)]} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 3 dt \\ &= 3t \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= \frac{3\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**How to Find the Curvature of A Curve**Theory

*Curvature* measures how fast the gradient of a curve is changing at a given point.

Process

For a cartesian curve *curvature* is given by

$$K(x) = \frac{|y''(x)|}{\left[1 + (y'(x))^2\right]^{3/2}}$$

For a parametric curve it is given by

$$K(t_0) = \frac{y''(t_0)x'(t_0) - y'(t_0)x''(t_0)}{\left[(x'(t_0))^2 + (y'(t_0))^2\right]^{3/2}}$$

**How to Solve a First-Order Differential Equation**Theory

A first-order differential equation takes the form

$$q(x) = p(x) + \frac{dy}{dx}$$

An integrating factor for an equation of this form is found by

$$R := e^{\int p(x)dx}$$

Process

Rearrange the differential equation to the form  $q(x) = p(x)y + \frac{dy}{dx}$ .  
Calculate the integrating factor,  $R$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} Rq(x) &= \frac{d}{dx}(Ry) \\ \implies y &= \frac{\int Rq(x)dx}{R} \end{aligned}$$

Example

Find a  $y = f(x)$  such that  $xy' + y = e^x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \implies R &= e^{\int \frac{1}{x}dx} \\ &= e^{\ln(x)} \\ &= x \\ \implies e^x &= \frac{d}{dx}(xy) \\ \implies y &= \frac{\int e^x dx}{x} \\ &= \frac{e^x + c}{x} \end{aligned}$$

**How to Solve a Second-Order Linear Differential Equation**Theory

A second-order linear differential equation takes the form

$$ay + b\frac{dy}{dx} + c\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = d(x)$$

The *complementary function*,  $y_c$ , is a solution to  $ay + b\frac{dy}{dx} + c\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$ .

The *particular function*,  $y_p$ , is a solution to  $ay + b\frac{dy}{dx} + c\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = d(x)$ .

Process

Rearrange the differential equation to the form  $ay + b\frac{dy}{dx} + c\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = d(x)$ .

*Complementary function.*

Set  $a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$

Solve this to find  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$ .

The form of  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$  defines the form of the complementary function.

If

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} \implies y_c = \mu_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + \mu_2 x e^{\lambda_1 x};$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} \implies y_c = \mu_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + \mu_2 e^{\lambda_2 x};$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in i\mathbb{R} \implies y_c = \mu_1 \cos\left(\frac{\lambda_1}{i}\right) + \mu_2 \cos\left(\frac{\lambda_2}{i}\right); \text{ or}$$

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C} \text{ \& } Re(\lambda_1) \neq 0 \implies y_c = e^{Re(\lambda_1)x} [\mu_1 \cos(Im(\lambda_1)) + \mu_2 \sin(Im(\lambda_1))]$ . N.B. - These are all just  $\mu_i e^{\lambda_i x}$  in Euler's Form.

*Particular function.*

Establishing a general particular solution.

This depends on the form of  $d(x)$ .

If

$$d(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \text{ set } y_p = b_n x^n + \dots + b_1 x + b_0;$$

$$d(x) = a e^{bx} \text{ set } y_p = c e^{dx}; \text{ or}$$

$d(x) = a \sin(bx) + c \cos(dx)$  set  $y_p = f \sin(gx) + h \cos(jx)$ . Differentiate the general  $y_p$  twice to get  $y'_p$  and  $y''_p$ .

Substitute these into the original equation, in place of the  $y$ s.

Solve this to find values for the constants in  $y_p$ .

Finally,  $y = y_c + y_p$ .

Initial conditions are required to find values for the constants in  $y_c$ .

Example

Find  $y = f(x)$  such that  $10y'' - y = e^x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Set } 10\lambda^2 + 0\lambda - 1 &= 0 \\ \implies 10\lambda^2 &= 1 \\ \implies \lambda &= \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \text{ so } y_c &= \mu_1 e^{\frac{x}{\sqrt{10}}} + \mu_2 e^{-\frac{x}{\sqrt{10}}} \\ \text{Set } y_p &= a e^x \\ \implies y'_p &= a e^x \\ \& y''_p &= a e^x \\ \implies 10a e^x - a e^x &= e^x \\ \implies 9a &= 1 \\ \implies a &= \frac{1}{9} \\ \implies y &= \frac{1}{9} e^x + \mu_1 e^{\frac{x}{\sqrt{10}}} + \mu_2 e^{-\frac{x}{\sqrt{10}}} \end{aligned}$$

## How to Solve Inhomogenous Second-Order Differential Equations using the Wronskian

### Theory

A second-order differential equation is *inhomogenous* if  $y''(x) + ay'(x) + by(x) = d(x)$  with  $d \neq 0$ .  
A *Wronskian Matrix* is defined as

$$\Phi[y_1, \dots, y_n] := \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \\ y_1' & y_2' & \dots & y_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)} & y_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & y_n^{(n-1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

The *Wronskian* is defined as

$$W[y_1, \dots, y_n] := \det(\Phi[y_1, \dots, y_n]) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \\ y_1' & y_2' & \dots & y_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)} & y_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & y_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix}$$

If  $W[y_1, \dots, y_n] \neq 0$  then  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are linearly independent.

### Process

Rearrange the differential equation to the form  $y + a \frac{dy}{dx} + b \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = c(x)$ .

Find the complementary function,  $y_c$ , of this equation, as shown earlier.

$y_c$  will have the form  $y_c = \lambda_1 z_1(x) + \lambda_2 z_2(x)$  where  $z_1(x)$  &  $z_2(x)$  are linearly independent.

Define the particular solution to be  $y_p = \mu_1(x)z_1(x) + \mu_2(x)z_2(x)$ .

$$\text{Then } \mu_1'(x) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & z_2(x) \\ c(x) & z_2(x)' \end{vmatrix}}{W[z_1(x), z_2(x)]} = \frac{-z_2(x)c(x)}{W[z_1(x), z_2(x)]} \text{ and } \mu_2'(x) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} z_1(x) & 0 \\ z_2(x)' & c(x) \end{vmatrix}}{W[z_1(x), z_2(x)]} = \frac{z_1(x)c(x)}{W[z_1(x), z_2(x)]}.$$

Use integration to find  $\mu_1(x)$  &  $\mu_2(x)$ .

Finally  $y = \mu_1(x)z_1(x) + \mu_2(x)z_2(x)$ .

Example

Find  $y = f(x)$  such that  $y'' - y = x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Set} \quad \lambda^2 - 1 &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow \quad \lambda^2 &= 1 \\
 \Rightarrow \quad \lambda_1 = 1 \quad \&\quad \lambda_2 = -1 \\
 \text{Set} \quad y_c &= \mu_1 e^x + \mu_2 e^{-x} \\
 \\ 
 \text{So} \quad z_1(x) = e^x \quad \&\quad z_2(x) = e^{-x} \\
 W[z_1(x), z_2(x)] &= \begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^{-x} \\ e^x & -e^{-x} \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= -1 - 1 \\
 &= -2 \\
 \Rightarrow \quad \mu_1'(x) &= \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & e^{-x} \\ x & -e^{-x} \end{vmatrix}}{-2} \\
 &= \frac{-xe^{-x}}{-2} \\
 &= \frac{xe^{-x}}{2} \\
 \&\quad \mu_2'(x) &= \frac{\begin{vmatrix} e^x & 0 \\ e^x & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{-2} \\
 &= \frac{0}{-2} \\
 \Rightarrow \quad \mu_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(1+x)e^{-x} \\
 \&\quad \mu_2 &= \frac{1}{2}(1-x)e^x \\
 \Rightarrow \quad y &= \left(-\frac{1}{2}(1+x)e^{-x}\right)e^x + \left(\frac{1}{2}(1-x)e^x\right)e^{-x} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2}(1+x) + \frac{1}{2}(1-x) \\
 y &= -x
 \end{aligned}$$

**How to Solve a First-Order linear Difference Equations**Theory

A first-order linear difference equation takes the form

$$y_{n+1} = f + ay_n$$

where  $y_n$  &  $y_{n+1}$  are part of a sequence.

This is a recursive function so requires a stopping condition.

Geometric progressions,  $\{a, ar, ar^2, \dots\}$ , are a first-order linear difference equation where  $f = 0$ .

The sum of the first  $n$  terms of a geometric progression is  $\frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$ .

Process

Rearrange the equation to the form  $y_{n+1} = ay_n + b$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \quad y_{n+1} &= a[ay_{n-1} + b] + b \\
 &= b[1+a] + a^2y_{n-1} \\
 \Rightarrow \quad y_{n+1} &= b[1+a+\dots+a^{n-1}] + a^ny_1
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $1+a+\dots+a^{n-1}$  is a geometric sequence then

$$y_{n+1} = b \left[ \frac{1-a^{n+1}}{1-a} \right] + a^{n+1}y_1$$

This is now solved.

Example

Find  $y_n = f(n)$  such that  $3y_{n+1} + y_n = 15$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \implies y_{n+1} &= 5 - \frac{1}{3}y_n \\
 &= 5 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right] + \left[ \frac{-1}{3} \right]^2 \cdot y_{n-1} \\
 &= 5 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right] + \cdots + \left( \frac{-1}{3} \right)^n + \left[ \frac{-1}{3} \right]^n \cdot y_0 \\
 &= 5 \left[ \frac{1 - \left( \frac{-1}{3} \right)^{n+1}}{1 - \frac{-1}{3}} \right] + \left[ \frac{-1}{3} \right]^n \cdot y_0 \\
 &= \frac{15}{4} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{-1}{3} \right)^{n+1} \right] + \left[ \frac{-1}{3} \right]^n \cdot y_0 \\
 &= \left( \frac{-1}{3} \right)^n \left[ y_0 - \frac{15}{4} \right] + \frac{15}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

**How to Solve Second-Order Linear Difference Equations**Theory

A second-order linear difference equation takes the form

$$ay_{n+2} + by_{n+1} + cy_n = d(n)$$

The solution for  $y_n$  has two parts, a complementary & particular solution.  $y_n = y_n^c + y_n^p$ .

The complementary equation deals with the homogenous case & the particular equation with the inhomogenous case.

Process

Rearrange the difference equation to form  $ay_{n+2} + by_{n+1} + cy_n = d(n)$ .

Set  $a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$ . Solve to find  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$ . Let  $y_n^c$  be the complementary function. Set it with these conditions.

If

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} &\implies y_n^c = \mu_1 \lambda_1^n + n \mu_2 \lambda_2^n; \\
 \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} &\implies y_n^c = \mu_1 \lambda_1^n + \mu_2 \lambda_2^n; \text{ or,} \\
 \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C} &\implies y_n^c = \mu_1 \lambda_1^n \cos(n\theta) + \mu_2 \lambda_2^n \sin(n\theta).
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $y_n^p$  be the particular function. Set it with these conditions.

If

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(n) = a \in \mathbb{R} \ \forall \ n &\implies y_n^p = A; \\
 d(n) = an &\implies y_n^p = An + B; \\
 d(n) = an^2 &\implies y_n^p = An^2 + Bn + C; \\
 d(n) = a \sin(bn) + c \cos(bn) &\implies y_n^p = A \sin(bn) + B \cos(bt); \text{ or,} \\
 d(n) = cn^t &\implies y_n^p = An^t.
 \end{aligned}$$

Expand this to find  $y_{n+1}$  &  $y_{n+2}$ .

Substitute these into the original equation to find values for the constants, by comparing coefficients.

Finally,  $y_n = y_n^c + y_n^p$ .



Example

Find  $y_n = f(n)$  such that  $y_{n+2} - 4y_{n+1} + 4y_n = n$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{Set} & \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & (\lambda - 2)^2 = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & \lambda_1 = 2 = \lambda_2 \\
 \text{Set} & y_n^c = \mu_1 2^n + n\mu 2^n \\
 \\ 
 \text{Let} & y_n^p = An + b \\
 \Rightarrow & y_{n+1}^p = A(n+1) + b \\
 \& & y_{n+2}^p = A(n+2) + b \\
 \Rightarrow & [A(n+2) + B] \\
 & -4[A(n+1) + B] + 4[An + B] = n \\
 \Rightarrow & An - 2A + B = n \\
 & [n^1] : A = 1 \\
 & [n^0] : -2A + B = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & B = 2A = 2 \\
 \Rightarrow & y_n^p = n + 2 \\
 \Rightarrow & y_n = \underline{n + 2 + \mu_1 2^n + n\mu 2^n}
 \end{array}$$

**How to Find a Directional Derivative**Theory

figure A *direction* is a unit length vector.

This takes the form  $\begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  &  $\begin{pmatrix} \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta) \\ \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) \\ \cos(\phi) \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

A *directional derivative* gives the rate of change of a multi-variable function in a particular direction.

Process

$D_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{u}$  where  $\mathbf{u}$  is a direction.

**How to Find a Partial Derivative**Theory

A *partial derivative* is a directional derivative where the direction is a standard basis vector.

So  $D_{\mathbf{e}_j} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$  is a partial derivative.

This can be denoted as  $D_{\mathbf{e}_j} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{f}'_j(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial x_j}(\mathbf{x})$

A matrix of all the partial derivatives can be formed. If  $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $\mathbf{f}' \in M_{m,n}$ .

$$\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

Example

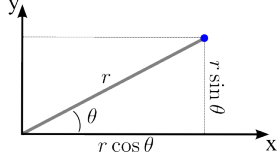
Find  $\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{x})$  of  $\mathbf{f}'(x, y, z) = (x, 2x + y, z^2)$ .

$$\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2z \end{pmatrix}$$

## How to Convert Between Cartesian & Polar Co-ordinates

### Theory

*Polar co-ordinates* describe a point in two-dimensional space in terms of its distance from the origin,  $r$ , and its angle from the positive x-axis,  $\theta$ .



### Process - Cartesian to Polar

For a point  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{pmatrix}$  in polar co-ordinates.

$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} r \cos(\theta) \\ r \sin(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$  in cartesian co-ordinates.

### Process - Polar to Cartesian

For a point  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  in cartesian co-ordinates.

$$x = r \cos(\theta) \text{ \& } y = r \sin(\theta) \implies \tan(\theta) = \frac{y}{x} \text{ \& } r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

So  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \tan^{-1}(\frac{y}{x}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{pmatrix}$  in polar co-ordinates.

### Example

*Polar  $\rightarrow$  Cartesian*

Let  $\mathbf{v} = (60, \frac{\pi}{4})$ .

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 60 \cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) \\ 60 \sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 60(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) \\ 60(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{\begin{pmatrix} 30\sqrt{2} \\ 30\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}}}$$

*Cartesian  $\rightarrow$  Polar*

Let  $\mathbf{v} = (-\sqrt{3}, 1)$ .

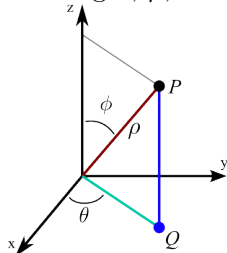
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{6} \text{ \& } r = \sqrt{\sqrt{3}^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\implies \mathbf{v} = \underline{\underline{\begin{pmatrix} 2, -\frac{\pi}{6} \end{pmatrix}}}$$

## How to Convert Between Cartesian & Spherical Co-Ordinates

### Theory

*Spherical co-ordinates* describe a point in three-dimensional space in terms of its distance from the origin,  $\rho$ , its angle from the positive x-axis,  $\theta$ , & its angle from the positive z-axis,  $\phi$ .



Process - Cartesian to Spherical

Let  $\mathbf{v} = (\rho, \theta, \phi)$  in spherical co-ordinates.

Then  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta) \\ \rho \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) \\ \rho \cos(\phi) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$  in cartesian co-ordinates.

Process - Spherical to Cartesian

Let  $\mathbf{v} = (x, y, z)$  in spherical co-ordinates.

Then  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \\ \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \\ \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}\right) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \theta \\ \phi \end{pmatrix}$  in spherical co-ordinates.

**How to Find a Volume of a Region**Theory

Multiple integration is used to find the volume of a region in three-dimensional space.

Multiple integration involves integrating over the same region, with a multiple different variables, sequentially.

These can be treated as separate integrals, processing the innermost first.

They are denoted by  $\int_R f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$  where  $R$  is the region and  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is a density function.

This can be expanded as

$$\int_{a_n}^{b_n} \left\{ \cdots \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \left\{ \int_{a_1}^{b_1} f(\mathbf{x}) dx_1 \right\} dx_2 \cdots \right\} dx_n$$

where  $R = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : a_n \leq x_n \leq b_n, \dots, a_1 \leq x_1 \leq b_1\}$ .

Process

When wanting to find the volume of  $R \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  set  $f\mathbf{x} = 1$  and perform a triple integration.

Example

Find the volume of  $R = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 0 \leq x \leq 1 - y - z, 0 \leq y \leq 1 - z, 0 \leq z \leq 1\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_D 1 \, dx dy dz &= \int_0^1 \left\{ \int_0^{1-z} \left\{ \int_0^{1-y-z} 1 \, dx \right\} dy \right\} dz \\ &= \int_0^1 \left\{ \int_0^{1-z} 1 - y - z \, dy \right\} dz \\ &= \int_0^1 y - \frac{y^2}{2} - yz \Big|_0^{1-z} dz \\ &= \int_0^1 1 - z - \frac{(1-z)^2}{2} - z + z^2 dz \\ &= \int_0^1 (1-z)^2 - \frac{(1-z)^2}{2} dz \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{(1-z)^2}{2} dz \\ &= -\frac{(1-z)^3}{6} \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \left[ -\frac{1-1}{6} \right] - \left[ -\frac{1-0}{6} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

## How to Find Centre of Mass of a Region using Integration

### Process

Find the volume of a region, as shown before.

Find the mass of the region using the density function,  $m = f(V)$ .

Find the centre of mass by performing  $\bar{x} := \frac{1}{m} \int_R x f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$ .

Repeat this for  $\bar{y}$  &  $\bar{z}$ .

### Example

Find the centre of mass of  $D = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 0 \leq x \leq a, 0 \leq y \leq a, 0 \leq z \leq a\}$  with density function  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 m &= \int_0^a \int_0^a \int_0^a f(\mathbf{x}) \, dx dy dz \\
 &= \int_0^a \int_0^a \int_0^a x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \, dx dy dz \\
 &= \int_0^a \int_0^a \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} + ay^2 + az^2 \right]_0^a dy dz \\
 &= \int_0^a \left[ \frac{a^4}{3} + \frac{a^4}{3} + a^2 z^2 \right]_0^a dz \\
 &= \frac{a^5}{3} + \frac{a^5}{3} + \frac{a^5}{3} \\
 &= \frac{a^5}{3} \\
 \Rightarrow \bar{x} &= \frac{1}{a^5} \int_0^a \int_0^a \int_0^a x f(\mathbf{x}) \, dx dy dz \\
 &= \frac{1}{a^5} \int_0^a \int_0^a \int_0^a x^3 + xy^2 + xz^2 \, dx dy dz \\
 &= \frac{1}{a^5} \int_0^a \int_0^a \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{a^2}{2} y^2 + \frac{a^2}{2} z^2 \right]_0^a dy dz \\
 &= \frac{1}{a^5} \int_0^a \left[ \frac{a^5}{4} + \frac{a^5}{6} + \frac{a^3}{2} z^2 \right]_0^a dz \\
 &= \frac{1}{a^5} \left[ \frac{a^6}{4} + \frac{a^6}{6} + \frac{a^6}{6} \right] \\
 &= \frac{7a}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since this calculation is the same for both  $\bar{y}$  &  $\bar{z}$  so  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \left( \frac{7a}{12}, \frac{7a}{12}, \frac{7a}{12} \right)$ .

## How to Determine the Stability of Equilibria of a System of Linear Differential Equations

### Theory

A point,  $\mathbf{x}$ , is an equilibrium of a function if  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

An equilibrium,  $\mathbf{e}$ , is stable if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \text{ st } \forall \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{0}) \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ \& } t \geq 0, \|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{0}) - \mathbf{e}\| < \delta \implies \|\mathbf{f}(t) - \mathbf{e}\| \leq \epsilon$$

otherwise it is unstable.

Equilibria in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are classified as: *Node* if both eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{e})$  are real; *Centre* if both eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{e})$  are purely imaginary; or *spiral* if the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{e})$  form a complex conjugate.

### Process

An equilibrium,  $\mathbf{e}$ , is stable if the real parts of all the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{e})$  are negative.

Example

Find and determine the stability of the equilibria of  $\mathbf{f} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x(1 - \frac{y}{2}) \\ y(\frac{-3}{4} + \frac{x}{4}) \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Set } x(1 - \frac{y}{2}) &= 0 \quad \& \quad y(\frac{-3}{4} + \frac{x}{4}) = 0 \\
 \implies (0, 0) \& (3, 2) & \text{ are equilibria} \\
 \mathbf{f}'(x, y) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{y}{2} & -\frac{x}{2} \\ \frac{y}{4} & \frac{x}{4} - \frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix} \\
 \implies \mathbf{f}'(0, 0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix} \\
 1 \& \frac{-3}{4} & \text{ are eigenvalues} \\
 1 > 0 & (0, 0) \text{ is unstable} \\
 \& \mathbf{f}'(3, 2) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{-3}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & \frac{-3}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= \lambda^2 + \frac{3}{4} \\
 \implies \lambda &= \pm i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Cannot conclude stability of  $(3, 2)$ .

**How to Determine the Stability of Equilibria of a Discrete Dynamic System**Theory

A discrete dynamic system is a recurrence relation where  $\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_n)$ .

A vector,  $\mathbf{x}$ , is an equilibrium if  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$ .

An equilibrium,  $\mathbf{x}$ , is stable if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \text{ st } \|\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}\| \implies \|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{x}\| \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Process

To find equilibria set  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$  for a general  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Separate these into their separate functions for each dimension, then solve.

An equilibrium is stable if  $f'(\mathbf{x}) < 1$ .

Example

Find and determine the equilibria of  $x_{n+1} = \frac{3x_n}{2}(1 - x_n)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Set } x &= \frac{3x}{2}(1 - x) \\
 \implies \frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{2} &= 0 \\
 \implies \frac{x}{2}(3x - 1) &= 0 \\
 \implies x = 0 \& x = \frac{1}{3} \text{ are equilibria.} \\
 f(x) &= \frac{3}{2} - 3x \\
 \implies f(0) &= \frac{3}{2} \implies \text{unstable.} \\
 \& f(\frac{1}{3}) &= \frac{1}{2} \implies \text{stable.}
 \end{aligned}$$