

Precalculus Notes

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1 Introductory Set Theory

1.1 Introduction to Sets

Forget what you think math is. Forget even what numbers are. Instead of numbers, think about math in terms of "things". What is a set? Simply put, a **set** is a *collection* of "things" with a shared defining characteristic. This is exactly like the array data structure in Computer Science. For example, a set of clothing may include shirts, pants, hats, jackets, socks, etc. and a set of colors may include red, blue, green, purple, brown, etc.

In their purest form, sets are pretty useless. However, they are the foundation of mathematics and can be seen in the many branches of mathematics, including graph theory, algebra, real analysis, complex analysis, number theory, and so on. Set theory is important because it is all about using logic to connect numbers, models, axioms, and more. Without set theory, mathematics would not have meaning, and may as well be a bunch of scribbles.

The **universal set** is one that contains everything relevant to the focus. For example, in number theory the universal set is all of the integers. In Calculus the universal set is generally the real numbers and in complex analysis the universal set is the complex numbers.

Sets are composed of many **elements**, separated by commas and enclosed by curly braces. For example, a set of clothes may be defined as {shirts, pants, socks, jackets, ...}. We add the **ellipsis** (dots) after all the definite elements to indicate that the set can keep going on forever, as there are many more types of clothing that we don't need to bother defining.

1.2 Order and Equality

For sets, the arrangement of the elements does not matter. For example, the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ is the same set as $\{4, 1, 3, 2\}$. In set theory, **order** is not the arrangement of the elements, rather it is *the size of the set*. The preferred term for this is **cardinality**, the *number of elements a set has*.

In general, mathematicians use capital letters to represent sets and lowercase letters to represent elements in that set. For example, in the set $A = \{a, \dots\}$, a is an element of the set A . If an element a is in the set A , then we can write this with the symbol \in . If a is not in A then we denote this with \notin . For example, if $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ then it is valid to say that $1 \in A$ and $5 \notin A$.

Two sets are equal if they have the same elements. We use the equals sign to show equality. For example, if A is the set defined by the first four positive whole numbers and $B = \{4, 2, 1, 3\}$, then $A = B$. Remember that the arrangement of the elements in a set do not matter.

1.3 Notation

Some of these symbols and their corresponding topics will be covered in later sections. It’s just convenient to put everything on set notation in one section.

Symbol	Meaning	Example
$\{\}$	Set	$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
$A \cup B$	Union: in A or B or both	$C \cup D = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
$A \cap B$	Intersection: in both A and B	$C \cap D = \{3, 4\}$
$A \subseteq B$	Subset: A has some or all elements of B	$\{3, 4, 5\} \subseteq D$
$A \subset B$	Proper Subset: A has some elements of B	$\{3, 5\} \subset D$
$A \not\subseteq B$	Not Subset: A is not a subset of B	$\{1, 6\} \not\subseteq C$
$A \supseteq B$	Superset: A has the same elements of B or more	$\{1, 2, 3\} \supseteq \{1, 2, 3\}$
$A \supset B$	Proper Superset: A has all of B’s elements and more	$\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \supset \{1, 2, 3\}$
$A \not\supseteq B$	Not Superset: A is not a superset of B	$\{1, 2, 6\} \not\supseteq \{1, 9\}$
A^c	Complement: elements not in A	$D^c = \{1, 2, 6, 7\}$ when $\mathbb{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$
$A - B$	Difference: in A but not in B	$\{1, 2, 3, 4\} - \{3, 4\} = \{1, 2\}$
$a \in A$	Element: a is in A	$3 \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
$b \notin A$	Not Element: b is not in A	$6 \notin \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
\emptyset	Empty Set: $\{\}$	$\{1, 2\} \cap \{3, 4\} = \emptyset$
\mathbb{U}	Universal Set: set of all possible values in the area of interest	
$P(A)$	Power Set: all subsets of A	$P(\{1, 2\}) = \{\{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$
$A = B$	Equality: both A and B have the same elements	$\{3, 4, 5\} = \{5, 4, 3\}$
$A \times B$	Cartesian Product: set of ordered pairs from A and B	$\{1, 2\} \times \{3, 4\}$ $= \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4)\}$
$ A $	Cardinality: the number of elements in A	$ \{3, 4\} = 2$
$, :$	Such That	$\{n n > 0\} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
\forall	For All	$\forall x > 1, x^2.x$
\exists	There Exists	$\exists x x^2 > x$
\therefore	Therefore	$a = b \therefore b = a$
\because	Because	
\mathbb{N}	Natural Numbers	$\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ or $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
\mathbb{Z}	Integers	$\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
\mathbb{Q}	Rational Numbers	
\mathbb{A}	Algebraic Numbers	
\mathbb{R}	Real Numbers	
\mathbb{I}	Imaginary Numbers	$3i$
\mathbb{C}	Complex Numbers	$2 + 5i$

1.4 Fundamental Laws of Set Algebra

$A \cup B = B \cup A$ $A \cap B = B \cap A$	Commutative Property
$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$ $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$	Associative Property
$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$	Distributive Property
$A \cup \emptyset = A$ $A \cap \mathbb{U} = A$	Identity
$A \cup A^c = \mathbb{U}$ $A \cap A^c = \emptyset$	Complement

The Principle of Duality states that for any true statement about sets, the *dual* statement obtained by interchanging \cup and \cap , \mathbb{U} and \emptyset , and reversing inclusions is also true. A statement is **self-dual** if it is equal to its dual.

$A \cup A = A$ $A \cap A = A$	Idempotent Laws
$A \cup \mathbb{U} = \mathbb{U}$ $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$	Domination Laws
$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$ $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$	Absorption Laws

1.5 Complements

The **complement** of a set A refers to the elements not in A . In the figure below, if A is the area colored red in the left image, then the complement of A , denoted A^c is everything else, as shown in the right image.

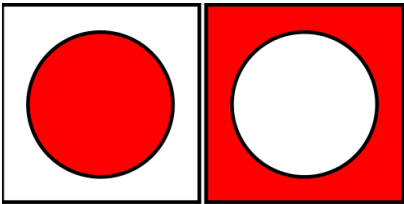


Figure 1

Below are some laws about complements.

$(A \cup B)^C = A^C \cap B^C$ $(A \cap B)^C = A^C \cup B^C$	De Morgan's Laws
$(A^C)^C = A$	Involution Law, also known as "double complement law"
$\emptyset^C = \mathbb{U}$	
$\mathbb{U}^C = \emptyset$	

If $A \cup B = \mathbb{U}$ and $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then $B = A^C$.

1.6 Inclusion

Subsets are parts of a set. For example, in the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, one subset is $\{1, 2, 3\}$. Two others are $\{3, 4\}$ and $\{1\}$. However, $\{1, 6\}$ is not a subset since the element 6 is not in the parent set. We use $A \subseteq B$ to denote that A is a subset of B.

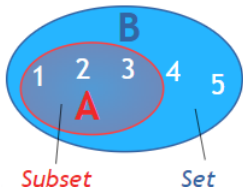


Figure 2

Example 1: Let A be all the multiples of 4 and let B be all the multiples of 2. Is A a subset of B ? Is B a subset of A ?

$$A = \{ \dots, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, \dots \}$$

$$B = \{ \dots, -8, -6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, \dots \}$$

By pairing elements from A and B , we can see that every element of A is also an element of B , but not every element of B is an element of A .

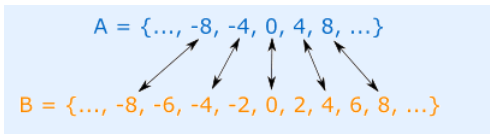


Figure 3

$$\therefore A \subseteq B, B \not\subseteq A$$

A is a **proper subset** of B if and only if every element in A is also in B and there exists *at least one element* in B that is *not* in A . We use $\{1, 2, 3\} \subset \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ to denote that the first set is a proper subset of the second set since the element 4 is not in the first set. In another example, $\{1, 2, 3\} \subseteq \{1, 2, 3\}$ but $\{1, 2, 3\} \not\subset \{1, 2, 3\}$.

1.7 Null Sets

An **empty** set, or **null** set, is one with *no elements*. Represented by \emptyset , an example of this is "even numbers that are also odd". Obviously, no number like this exists, so the set is null. Furthermore, *every empty set is a subset*. Intuitively, since we cannot find any elements in the empty set that are not in set A , then all elements in the empty set are in A .

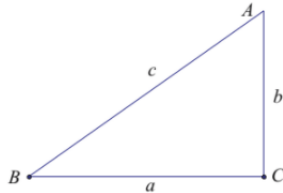
2 Trigonometry

2.1 Trigonometric Functions

For any angles A, B , and C , the following definitions hold true.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \sin A = \frac{a}{c} & \cos A = \frac{b}{c} & \tan A = \frac{a}{b} \\ \csc A = \frac{c}{a} & \sec A = \frac{c}{b} & \cot A = \frac{b}{a} \end{array}$$

$$\sin B = \frac{b}{c} \quad \cos B = \frac{a}{c} \quad \tan B = \frac{b}{a}$$



From the figure, it is easy to tell that $\sin A$ and $\csc A$, $\cos A$ and $\sec A$, and $\tan A$ and $\cot A$ are reciprocal functions. Hence, it is usually easier to just work with $\sin A$, $\cos A$, and $\tan A$. Additionally,

$$\frac{\sin A}{\cos A} = \tan A \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\cos A}{\sin A} = \cot A$$

Manipulating the trigonometric definitions, we get

$$\begin{array}{llll} a = c \sin A & a = c \cos B & a = b \tan A & \\ b = c \sin B & b = c \cos A & b = a \tan B & \\ c = a \csc A & c = a \sec B & c = b \csc B & c = b \sec A \end{array}$$

For $\triangle ABC$, we have $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. It follows that

$$(\sin^2 A) + (\cos^2 A) = \frac{a^2}{c^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} = 1$$

Simplified, this is known as the **Pythagorean Identity**. Dividing both sides of the equation by $\sin^2 A$ and $\cos^2 A$ respectively, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 A + \cos^2 A &= 1 \\ 1 + \cot^2 A &= \csc^2 A \\ \tan^2 A + 1 &= \sec^2 A \end{aligned}$$

2.2 Sum and Difference

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(\alpha \pm \beta) &= \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta \\ \cos(\alpha \pm \beta) &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta \end{aligned}$$

By the definition of the tangent function, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tan(\alpha \pm \beta) &= \frac{\sin(\alpha \pm \beta)}{\cos(\alpha \pm \beta)} = \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \pm \frac{\sin \beta}{\cos \beta}}{1 \mp \frac{\sin \alpha \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta}} = \frac{\tan \alpha \pm \tan \beta}{1 \mp \tan \alpha \tan \beta} \end{aligned}$$

2.3 Multiple Angle Formulas

By defining $\alpha = \beta$ in the sum formulas, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(2\alpha) &= 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \\ \cos(2\alpha) &= \cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha \\ \tan(2\alpha) &= \frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1 - \tan^2 \alpha} \end{aligned}$$

We can derive the half-angle and triple angle formulas similarly using the same method by manipulating the sum formulas.

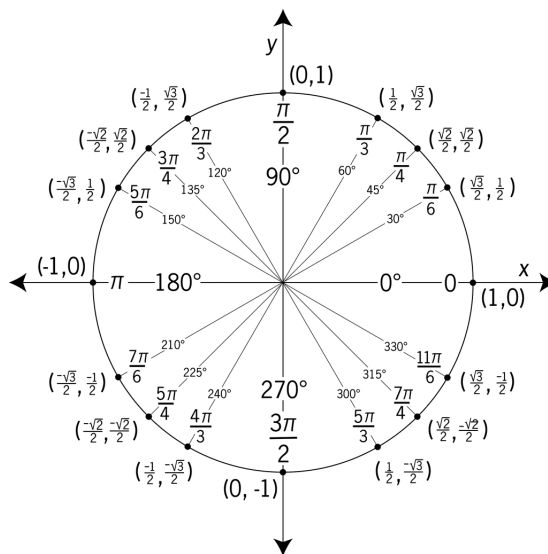


Figure 2

2.4 The Unit Circle

By rotating a right triangle around and reflecting across a unit circle, we can clearly see the periodic properties of the basic trig functions, $\sin \theta$, $\cos \theta$, and $\tan \theta$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(\theta \pm \frac{\pi}{2}) &= \pm \cos \theta & \cos(\theta \pm \frac{\pi}{2}) &= \mp \sin \theta \\ \sin(-\theta) &= -\sin \theta & \cos(-\theta) &= \cos \theta \\ \sin(\pi - \theta) &= \sin \theta & \cos(\pi - \theta) &= -\cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Through computing the $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ of the 30-60-90 and 45-45-90 triangles, we find the coordinates of chosen points on the unit circle to be given in the figure below.

2.5 Sum and Product

The **product to sum** identities can be realized through expanding the sum and difference functions on the right side of the identity.

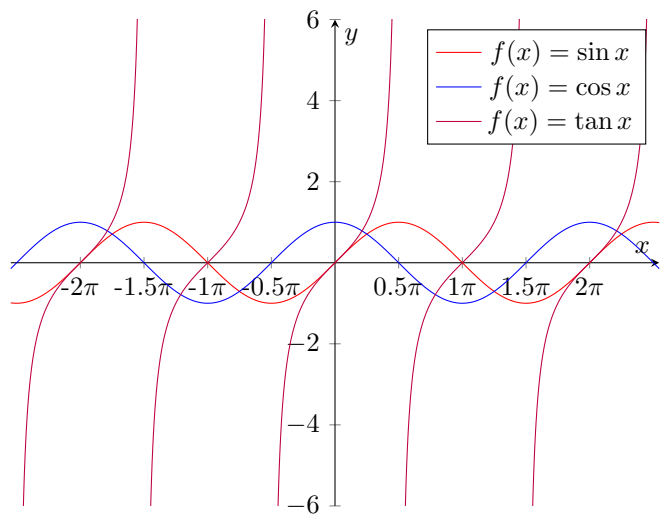
$$\begin{aligned} \cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta) &= \frac{\cos(\alpha + \beta) + \cos(\alpha - \beta)}{2} \\ \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta) &= \frac{\cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta)}{2} \\ \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta) &= \frac{\sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\alpha - \beta)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

The **sum to product identities** can be proved through expanding the sums within the product side of the identity. We can also infer the **difference to product** identities by the same method.

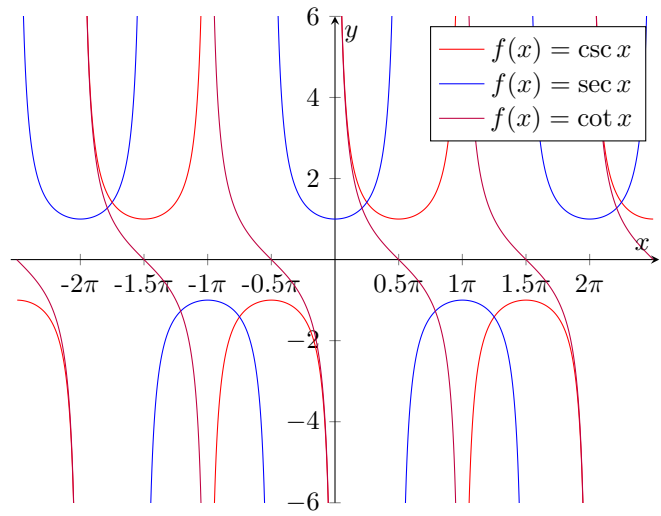
$$\begin{aligned} \sin x + \sin y &= 2 \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) \\ \cos x + \cos y &= 2 \cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) \\ \sin x - \sin y &= 2 \cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) \\ \cos x - \cos y &= 2 \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{y-x}{2}\right) \\ \tan x \pm \tan y &= \tan(x \pm y)(1 \mp \tan x \tan y) \end{aligned}$$

2.6 Graphing Trig Functions

All of the six fundamental trigonometric functions are **odd** functions (symmetric across origin) except $\cos x$ and $\sec x$, **even** functions (symmetric across y -axis). Recall that for odd functions $f(-x) = -f(x)$ and for even functions $f(-x) = f(x)$. A function $f(x)$ is **sinusoidal** if it can be written in the form $f(x) = a \sin[b(x+c)] + d$ for real constants a, b, c , and d . Since $\cos x = \sin(x + \frac{\pi}{2})$, $f(x) = \cos x$ is sinusoidal.



The graph of $f(x) = \tan x$ has vertical asymptotes at $x = \frac{\pi}{2} \pm \pi$.



The above three graphs of the functions all have vertical asymptotes at sections where the function is undefined and x is a multiple of $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

3 Vectors and Other Coordinate Systems

3.1 3D Coordinate Systems

In the 2D Rectangular (Cartesian) Coordinate System, we have the x -axis and the y -axis. Points are of the form (x, y) . In the 3D Rectangular Coordinate System, we add the z -axis and points are of the form (x, y, z) . In the 2D system, we divided space into quadrants. Similarly, in the 3D system, we divide space into octants, numbered from I to VIII.

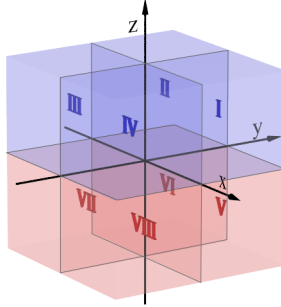


Figure 1

We refer to the set of all ordered triples of real numbers (x, y, z) as \mathbb{R}^3 , where $\mathbb{R}^3 \implies \mathbb{R} * \mathbb{R} * \mathbb{R} = \{(x, y, z) | x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$. Collectively, the xy , xz , and yz -planes are known as the coordinate planes, where the xy -plane has $z = 0$. Likewise, the xz and yz planes have $y = 0$ and $x = 0$, respectively.

Let's say we wanted to find the distance between two points given by $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$. We first construct a rectangular box as in Figure 2, where P_1 and P_2 are opposite vertices and the faces of the box are parallel to the coordinate planes. If $A(x_2, y_1, z_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2, z_1)$ are the vertices of the box indicated in the figure, then

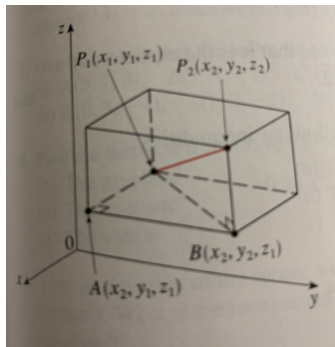


Figure 2

$$|P_1A| = |x_2 - x_1| \quad |AB| = |y_2 - y_1| \quad |BP_2| = |z_2 - z_1|$$

Because triangles P_1BP_2 and P_1AB are both right-angled, two applications of the Pythagorean Theorem give

$$\begin{aligned} |P_1P_2|^2 &= |P_1B|^2 + |BP_2|^2 \\ |P_1B|^2 &= |P_1A|^2 + |AB|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Combining these equations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |P_1P_2|^2 &= |P_1B|^2 + |BP_2|^2 \\ &= |x_2 - x_1|^2 + |y_2 - y_1|^2 + |z_2 - z_1|^2 \\ &= (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Distance Formula in 3D The distance $|P_1P_2|$ between the points $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is given by

$$|P_1, P_2| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

Using this formula, we can find the **Standard Form of a \mathbb{R}^3 Sphere**, centered at $C(h, k, l)$ and radius r :

$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 + (z - l)^2 = r^2$$

Example 1 Show that $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 4x - 6y + 2z + 6 = 0$ is the equation of a sphere, and find its center and radius.

We rewrite the given equation by completion of squares:

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2 + 4x + 4) + (y^2 - 6y + 9) + (z^2 + 2z + 1) &= -6 + 4 + 9 + 1 \\ &= (x + 2)^2 + (y - 3)^2 + (z + 1)^2 = 8 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing this equation with the standard form, we find the center to be $(-2, 3, -1)$ and the radius to be $\sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}$.

Example 2 What region in \mathbb{R}^3 is represented by the following inequalities?

$$1^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 4 \quad z \leq 0$$

The inequalities can be rewritten as

$$1 \leq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \leq 2$$

so they represent the points (x, y, z) whose distance from the origin is at least 1 and at most 2. But we are also given that $z \leq 0$, so the points lie on or below the xy -plane. Thus, the given inequalities represent the region that lies between or on the spheres $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ and beneath or on the xy -plane. This region is drawn in Figure 3.

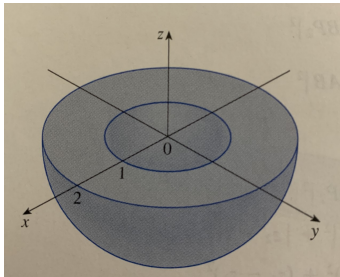


Figure 3

3.2 Introduction to Vectors

A **vector** is a quantity specifying both magnitude and direction, often represented by an arrow. The length of the arrow corresponds with the magnitude of the vector. We denote vectors with the boldface letter "**v**" or with " \vec{v} ".

Displacement vectors, of the form $v = \overrightarrow{AB}$ or $u = \overrightarrow{CD}$, represent the magnitude and direction travelled from the **initial point**, A (the tail), to the **terminal point**, B (the tip). If the vectors v and u have the same magnitude and direction, even if they are in different positions, then we can say that u and v are **equivalent** (or **equal**) and we write $u = v$. The **zero vector** (also known as the null vector) is denoted by a point with a 0 next to it. It has a magnitude of 0 since all its components are 0 and it is the only vector with no specific direction. The **position vector** (also known as location vector or radius vector) always starts at the origin, O.

To represent the movement of a particle between the points $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$, where the **components** are separated by commas, we use the following two notations. It is extremely important to remember to not mix up \vec{v} and \vec{w} when describing the magnitude and distance travelled between A and B or B and A .

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{AB} &= \vec{v} = \langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1 \rangle \\ \overrightarrow{BA} &= \vec{w} = \langle x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2, z_1 - z_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Example 1: Give the vector from (a) $(1, -3, -5)$ to $(2, -7, 0)$ and (b) the position vector for $(-90, 4)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & \langle 2 - 1, -7 - (-3), 0 - (-5) \rangle \\ &= \langle 1, -4, 5 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

(b) There isn't much to this problem besides acknowledging that the position vector is just the components of the vector. The answer is $\langle -90, 4 \rangle$.

The **magnitude** of the vector $\vec{v} = \langle x_1, y_1, z_1 \rangle$ is given by

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2 + z_1^2}$$

Hence, if $\|\vec{v}\| = 0$ then $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$.

Example 2: Determine the magnitude of (a) $\vec{u} = \langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \rangle$ and (b) $w = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$.

$$\text{(a)} \quad \|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{5} + 45} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\text{(b)} \quad \|\vec{w}\| = \sqrt{0 + 0} = 0$$

A **unit vector** is a vector with a magnitude of 1 and is represented by a circumflex over a variable. (Example: \hat{j} has a magnitude of 1) In \mathbb{R}^3 there are three **standard basis vectors**, given by

$$i = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle \quad j = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \quad k = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

Note that standard basis vectors are also unit vectors.

Example 3 The vector $\vec{v} = \langle 6, -4, 0 \rangle$ starts at the point $P = (-2, 5, -1)$. At what point does the vector end?

Solution Recall that the components of a vector are always the coordinates of the terminal point minus the coordinates of the starting point. So, if the ending point of the vector is given by $Q = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ then we know that the vector \vec{v} can be written as

$$\vec{v} = \overrightarrow{PQ} = \langle x_2 + 2, y_2 - 5, z_2 + 1 \rangle$$

We are given the components of \vec{v} so we can set the components of the vector above to the given components. Doing so gives

$$\langle x_2 + 2, y_2 - 5, z_2 + 1 \rangle = \langle 6, -4, 0 \rangle$$

If two vectors are equal then their components must also be equal. Hence,

$$x_2 + 2 = 6 \implies x_2 = 4$$

$$y_2 - 5 = -4 \implies y_2 = 1$$

$$z_2 + 1 = 0 \implies z_2 = -1$$

The endpoint of the vector is then $Q(4, 1, -1)$.

3.3 Vector Arithmetic

Sum/Difference Rule The sum and difference of two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} are given by

$$\vec{a} \pm \vec{b} = \langle x_1 \pm x_2, y_1 \pm y_2, z_1 \pm z_2 \rangle \quad (1)$$

The addition and subtraction of two vectors can easily be visualized with the **Triangle Law** (Fig 4) and the **Parallelogram Law** (Fig 5).

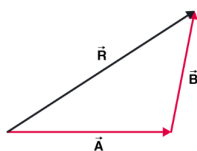


Figure 4



Figure 5

Scalar Multiplication If c is a scalar and \vec{v} is a vector, then the **scalar multiple** $c\vec{v}$ is the vector whose magnitude is $|c|$ times the magnitude of \vec{v} and whose direction is the same as \vec{v} if $c > 0$ and is opposite to \vec{v} if $c < 0$. If $c = 0$ or $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$, then $c\vec{v} = \vec{0}$.

$$c\vec{v} = \langle cx_1, cy_1, cz_1 \rangle \quad (2)$$

Two nonzero vectors are **parallel** if they are scalar multiples of one another. In particular, the vector $-\vec{v} = (-1)\vec{v}$ has the same magnitude as \vec{v} but faces the opposite direction. We refer to this as the **negative** of \vec{v} . Suppose that \vec{v} and \vec{u} are parallel vectors. Then there must be a number c such that $\vec{u} = c\vec{v}$.

Example 1 Determine if $\vec{a} = \langle 2, -4, 1 \rangle$, $\vec{b} = \langle -6, 12, -3 \rangle$

Solution The vectors are parallel since $\vec{b} = -3\vec{a}$.

Example 2 Find a unit vector that faces the same direction as $\vec{w} = \langle -5, 2, 1 \rangle$.

Solution We first need to determine the magnitude of \vec{w} .

$\|\vec{w}\| = \sqrt{25 + 4 + 1} = \sqrt{30}$. Then the unit vector, \vec{u} is given by

$$\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{w}\|} \vec{w} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \langle -5, 2, 1 \rangle = \langle -\frac{5}{\sqrt{30}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \rangle.$$

We can check that \vec{u} is a unit vector by finding its magnitude.

$$\|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{\frac{25}{30} + \frac{4}{30} + \frac{1}{30}} = \sqrt{\frac{30}{30}} = 1$$

\vec{u} also faces the same direction as \vec{w} since it is only a scalar multiple of \vec{w} and $c > 0$.

This example helps us establish the generality that, given a vector \vec{w} , $\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|}$ will be a unit vector that faces the same direction as \vec{w} .

Revising standard basis vectors, using scalar multiplication we can write $\vec{v} = \langle x_1, y_1, z_1 \rangle$ as

$$\vec{v} = x_1\mathbf{i} + y_1\mathbf{j} + z_1\mathbf{k}$$

Using this concept, any vector in \mathbb{R}^3 can be written in terms of the standard basis vectors i, j , and k . For instance,

$$\langle 1, -2, 6 \rangle = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$$

Example 3 If $\vec{v} = \langle 3, -9, 1 \rangle$ and $\vec{w} = -i + 8k$ then compute $2\vec{v} - 3\vec{w}$.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} 2\vec{v} - 3\vec{w} &= 2\langle 3, -9, 1 \rangle - 3\langle -1, 0, 8 \rangle \\ &= \langle 6, -18, 2 \rangle - \langle -3, 0, 24 \rangle \\ &= \langle 9, -18, -22 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Example 4 Find the unit vector in the direction of the vector $2i - j - 2k$.

Solution The magnitude of the given vector is
 $|2i - j - 2k| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$
Hence, the unit vector with the same direction is
 $\frac{1}{3}(2i - j - 2k) = \frac{2}{3}i - \frac{1}{3}j - \frac{2}{3}k$.

Vector Properties If \vec{v} , \vec{w} , and \vec{u} are vectors with the same number of components and a and b are two numbers, then

$$\begin{array}{l|l} (1) \vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{w} + \vec{v} & \vec{v} + (\vec{w} + \vec{u}) = (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) + \vec{u} (2) \\ (3) \vec{v} + 0 = \vec{v} & \vec{v} + (-\vec{v}) = 0 (4) \\ (5) a(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = a\vec{v} + a\vec{w} & (a+b)\vec{v} = a\vec{v} + b\vec{v} (6) \\ (7) (ab)\vec{v} = a(b\vec{v}) & 1\vec{v} = \vec{v} (8) \end{array}$$

3.4 The Dot Product

A vector can be multiplied by another vector but not divided by another. There are two types of products of vectors: one that produces a scalar quantity (the dot product) and one that produces a vector quantity (the cross product).

The Dot Product Given two vectors $\vec{a} = \langle x_1, y_1, z_1 \rangle$ and $\vec{b} = \langle x_2, y_2, z_2 \rangle$, the dot product is given by

$$\vec{a} \bullet \vec{b} = x_1x_2 + y_1y_2 + z_1z_2$$

Alternatively, where θ is the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} ,

$$\vec{a} \bullet \vec{b} = ab \cos \theta$$

The dot product is also referred to as the scalar product and is a type of an inner product. Intuitively, the dot product of \vec{a} and \vec{b} is the product of $|b|$ with $|a_b|$ where a_b is the **projection** of \vec{a} onto \vec{b} .

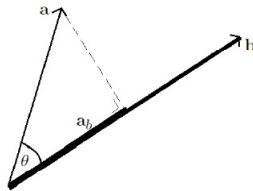


Figure 6

Now taking any two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} , we can decompose them into horizontal and vertical components. Then $\vec{a} = a_x i + a_y j$ and $\vec{b} = b_x i + b_y j$.

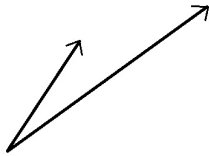
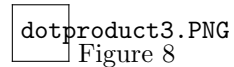


Figure 7



Hence, $\vec{a} \bullet \vec{b} = (a_x i + a_y j) \cdot (b_x i + b_y j)$. And since the perpendicular components have a dot product of zero, $\vec{a} \bullet \vec{b} = a_x b_x + a_y b_y$.

The second dot product formula involving θ can be derived first by sketching Figure 9.

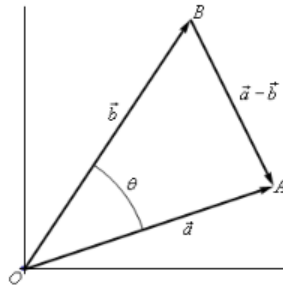


Figure 9

The three vectors in the figure form ΔAOB . Note that the length of each side of the triangle is just the magnitude of the vector forming that side. By the Law of Cosines,

$$\|\vec{a} - \vec{b}\|^2 = \|\vec{a}\|^2 + \|\vec{b}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|\cos \theta$$

We can rewrite the left side as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\vec{a} - \vec{b}\|^2 &= (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \bullet (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \\
 &= \vec{a} \bullet \vec{a} - \vec{a} \bullet \vec{b} - \vec{b} \bullet \vec{a} + \vec{b} \bullet \vec{b} \\
 &= \|\vec{a}\|^2 - 2\vec{a} \bullet \vec{b} + \|\vec{b}\|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

We can substitute this for the left side of the first equation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\vec{a} - \vec{b}\|^2 &= \|\vec{a}\|^2 + \|\vec{b}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|\cos\theta \\
 \|\vec{a}\|^2 - 2\vec{a} \bullet \vec{b} + \|\vec{b}\|^2 &= \|\vec{a}\|^2 + \|\vec{b}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|\cos\theta \\
 -2\vec{a} \bullet \vec{b} &= -2\|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|\cos\theta \\
 \vec{a} \bullet \vec{b} &= \|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|\cos\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Dot Product Properties

If \vec{u} , \vec{v} , and \vec{w} are vectors and c is a scalar, then

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{u} \bullet (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) &= \vec{u} \bullet \vec{v} + \vec{u} \bullet \vec{w} \\ \vec{v} \bullet \vec{w} &= \vec{w} \bullet \vec{v} \\ \vec{v} \bullet \vec{v} &= \|\vec{v}\|^2 \end{aligned} \right| \begin{aligned} (c\vec{v}) \bullet \vec{w} &= \vec{v} \bullet (c\vec{w}) = c(\vec{v} \bullet \vec{w}) \\ \vec{v} \bullet \vec{0} &= 0 \\ \text{If } \vec{v} \bullet \vec{v} = 0 &\text{ then } \vec{v} = \vec{0} \end{aligned}$$

Example 1 Compute the dot product for $\vec{v} = 5i - 8j$, $\vec{w} = i + 2j$.

Solution $\vec{v} \bullet \vec{w} = 5 - 16 = -11$.

Example 2 Compute the dot product for $\vec{a} = \langle 0, 3, -7 \rangle$, $\vec{b} = \langle 2, 3, 1 \rangle$

Solution $\vec{a} \bullet \vec{b} = 0 + 9 - 7 = 2$

Example 3 Determine the angle between $\vec{a} = \langle 3, -4, 1 \rangle$ and $\vec{b} = \langle 0, 5, 2 \rangle$.

Solution We need both the dot product and the magnitude to find the angle.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{a} \bullet \vec{b} &= -22 \\
 \|\vec{a}\| &= \sqrt{26} \\
 \|\vec{b}\| &= \sqrt{29}
 \end{aligned}$$

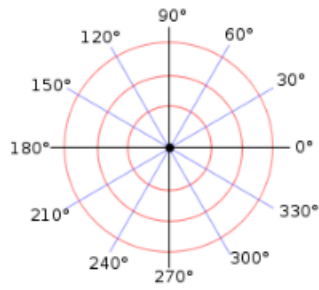
The angle is then given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos\theta &= \frac{\vec{a} \bullet \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|} = \frac{-22}{\sqrt{26}\sqrt{29}} = -0.8011927 \\
 \theta &= \arccos(-0.8011927) = 2.5rad = 143.24^\circ
 \end{aligned}$$

- 3.5 Projections**
- 3.6 Direction Angles and Cosines**
- 3.7 The Cross Product**
- 3.8 Lines and Planes**
- 3.9 Cylinders and Quadric Surfaces**

3.10 Polar Coordinates

The **Polar Coordinate System** is a 2D coordinate system which defines each point in the form (r, θ) , where r is the distance from the reference point (usually radius) and θ is an angle from a reference direction. The **pole** is the reference point and the **polar axis** is the ray from the pole in the reference direction.



The Polar System

To convert between Polar and Cartesian coordinates we use the trigonometric function definitions.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} \implies x = r \cos \theta$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} \implies y = r \sin \theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

If either x or y is negative, we have to determine θ through observing which quadrant θ belongs to. We know that Quadrant I, II, III, IV refer to $\frac{\pi}{2}$, π , $\frac{3\pi}{2}$, and 2π respectively.

Transformations on Polar Curves:

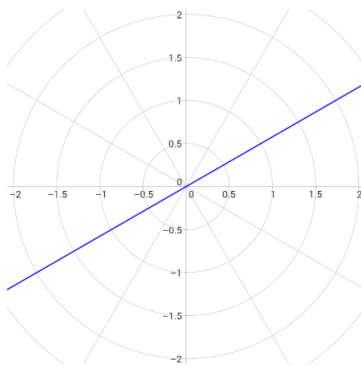
Rotations: Replace the parameter θ with $(\theta - \phi)$ and the curve will be rotated anticlockwise ϕ radians.

Dilations: Replace the parameter r with $\frac{r}{s}$, where s is the scale factor.

Reflections: For a reflection about the line $\theta = \phi$, replace the parameter θ with $(2\phi - \theta)$. For a reflection about the pole, replace the parameter θ with $(\theta - \pi)$.

Line:

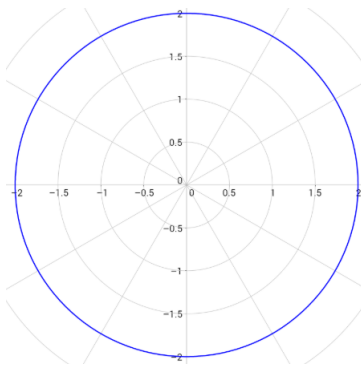
The general form is given by $\theta = \alpha$ where α is the angle between the line and the positive x -axis. Note that any line $\theta = \alpha + \pi k$ is the same as the line $\theta = \alpha$ for any integer k .



$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

Circle:

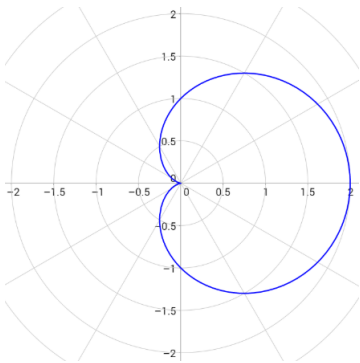
The general form is given by $r = \alpha$, where α is the radius of the circle.



$$r = 2$$

Cardioid:

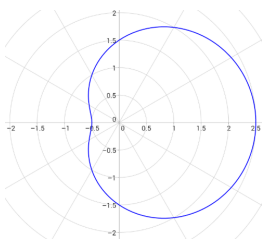
A heart-shaped curve with the general form $r = \alpha + \alpha \cos \theta$, where α is the radii of the circles being traced by the cardioid.



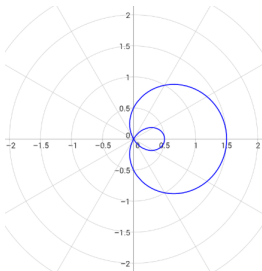
$$r = 1 + \cos \theta$$

Limacon:

Limacons are general forms of cardioids, formed from the path traced by any point fixed to a circle. The general form of a limacon is $r = a + b \cos \theta$ where $\frac{b}{a}$ determines the shape of the limacon. If $\frac{b}{a} < 1$ then the limacon will have a smoothed heart shape. If $\frac{b}{a} = 1$ then the limacon will be a cardioid. If $\frac{b}{a} > 1$ then the limacon will have an inner loop.



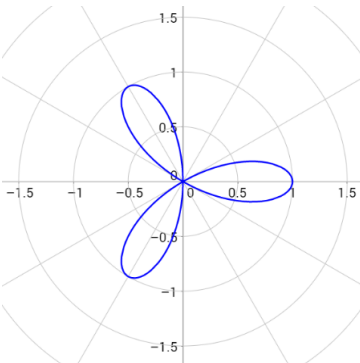
$$r = 1.5 + \cos \theta$$



$$r = 0.5 + \cos \theta$$

Rose:

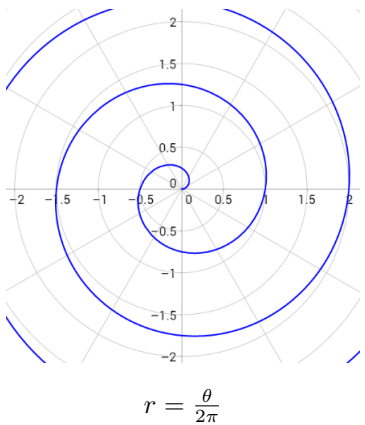
A rose curve is a sinusoidal curve graphed in polar coordinates. Its loops are called **petals**. The general form of a rose is $r = a + b \cos(k\theta)$ where α is the magnitude of each petal and k is an integer that determines the number of petals. If k is odd then the number of petals is k . If k is even then the number of petals is $2k$.



$$r = \cos 3\theta$$

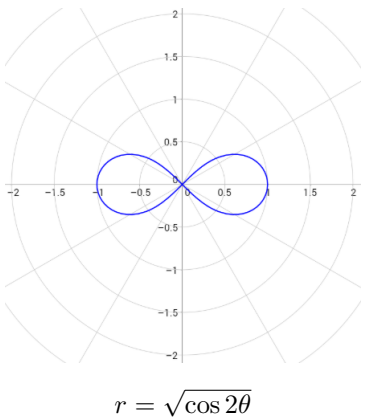
Archimedian Spiral:

An Archimedian Spiral is a spiral-shaped curve extending infinitely outward from the pole. The general form is $r = a + b\theta$ where the parameter a affects the initial position of the graph and the parameter b affects the spacing of the turns of the spiral.



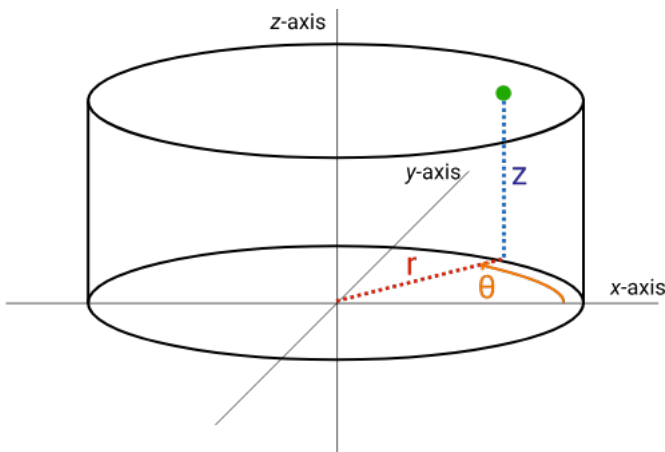
Lemniscate:

An lemniscate is shaped like a figure-eight and the infinity symbol, for which it is named for. It is the locus of points where the product of the distances to two points (loci) is a constant value. The general form is $r^2 = a^2 \cos 2\theta$, where a is the magntiude of one of the petals.



3.11 Cylindrical Coordinates

The Cylindrical Coordinate System is the extension of the Polar System to \mathbb{R}^3 , where a point is represented by the ordered triple (r, θ, z) . (r, θ) is the polar coordinate in \mathbb{R}^2 and z is the usual z –coordinate in the Cartesian Coordinate System.



The Cylindrical Coordinate System

Cylindrical → Rectangular:

$x = r \cos \theta$

$y = r \sin \theta$

$z = z$

Rectangular → Cylindrical:

$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$

$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$

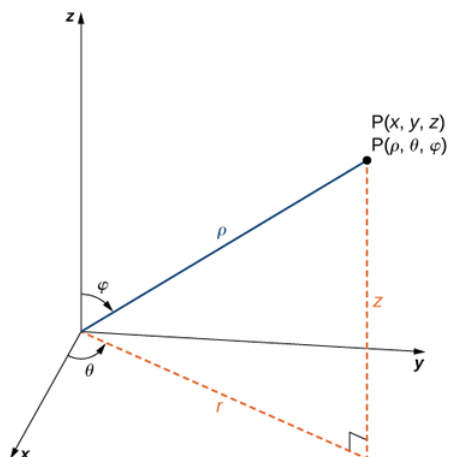
$z = z$

3.12 Spherical Coordinates

In the Spherical Coordinate System, a point in space, P , is represented by the ordered triple (ρ, θ, ϕ) , where ρ is the distance between P and the origin ($\rho \neq 0$)

θ is the angle between P and the reference direction

ϕ is the angle formed between the positive z -axis and the line segment \overline{OP} , where O is the origin and $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$.



Relation Between Spherical, Rectangular, and Cylindrical Systems

Spherical \rightarrow Rectangular:

$$x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

$$y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta$$

$$z = \rho \cos \phi$$

Rectangular \rightarrow Spherical:

$$\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\phi = \arccos\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}\right)$$

Spherical \rightarrow Cylindrical:

$$r = \rho \sin \phi$$

$$\theta = \theta$$

$$z = \rho \cos \phi$$

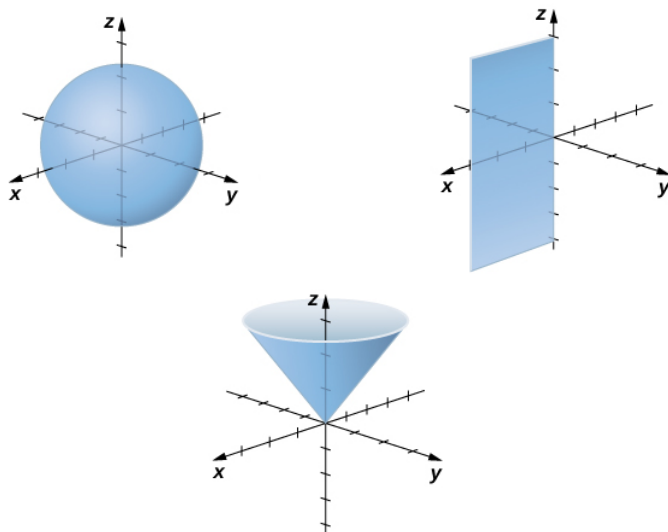
Cylindrical \rightarrow Spherical:

$$\rho = \sqrt{r^2 + z^2}$$

$$\theta = \theta$$

$$\phi = \arccos\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}}\right)$$

Common Spherical Surfaces:



- (1) Sphere of Radius ρ , $\rho = c$
- (2) Half-Plane of Distance θ , $\theta = c$
- (3) Half-Cone of Angle ϕ , $\phi = 0$

3.13 Functions Defined by Vectors

A **vector function** is a function that takes one or more variables and returns a vector. A single-variable vector function in \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R}^3 will have the following forms, respectively:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t) \rangle, \vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$$

The domain of a vector function is the set of all ts for which all the component functions are defined.

Example 1: Determine the domain of $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \ln(4-t), \sqrt{t+1} \rangle$

The first component is defined for all ts . The second component is defined for $t < 4$. The third component is defined for $t \geq -1$. Combining these, we get the domain $[-1, 4)$.

Example 2: Sketch the graph of the function $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, t^3 - 10t + 7 \rangle$

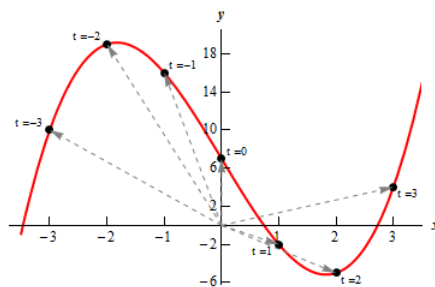
Evaluating the function several times gives us

$$\vec{r}(-3) = \langle -3, 10 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(-1) = \langle -1, 16 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(1) = \langle 1, -2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(3) = \langle 3, 4 \rangle$$



4 Matrices

4.1 Fundamentals of Matrices

A **matrix** is an array of numbers. The **Identity Matrix** is a special matrix equivalent to the number 1 and of the form

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It has the same number of rows as columns and has 1s on the main diagonal and 0s everywhere elsewhere. When we multiply by I the original is unchanged.

The **determinant** is a number that can be calculated from a **square matrix** (same number of rows as columns) that gives us information regarding systems of linear equations and matrix inverses. The symbol for determinants are two pipes on either side of a matrix, much like the absolute value symbol. For example, $|A|$ is the determinant of A .

Addition/Subtraction: add the values in the corresponding positions

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+e & b+f \\ c+g & d+h \end{bmatrix}$$

Negation: Distribute the opposite sign

$$- \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & -d \end{bmatrix}$$

Constant Multiple: Distribute the constant

$$k \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ka & kb \\ kc & kd \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Multiplication: Take the dot product of the rows and columns of the matrices being multiplied together. When matrices are multiplied together, the number of columns in the 1st matrix must equal the number of rows in the 2nd matrix. The resulting matrix will always have the same number of rows as the 1st matrix and the same number of columns as the 2nd matrix.

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 \\ 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 58 & 64 \\ 139 & 154 \end{bmatrix}$$

1st row and 1st column:

$$(1, 2, 3) \bullet (7, 9, 11) = 1 \cdot 7 + 2 \cdot 9 + 3 \cdot 11 \\ = 58$$

1st row and 2nd column:

$$(1, 2, 3) \bullet (8, 10, 12) = 1 \cdot 8 + 2 \cdot 10 + 3 \cdot 12 \\ = 64$$

2nd row and 1st column:

$$(4, 5, 6) \bullet (7, 9, 11) = 4 \cdot 7 + 5 \cdot 9 + 6 \cdot 11 \\ = 139$$

2nd row and 2nd column:

$$(4, 5, 6) \bullet (8, 10, 12) = 4 \cdot 8 + 5 \cdot 10 + 6 \cdot 12 \\ = 154$$

4.2 Solving Higher-Order Systems Using Augmented Matrices

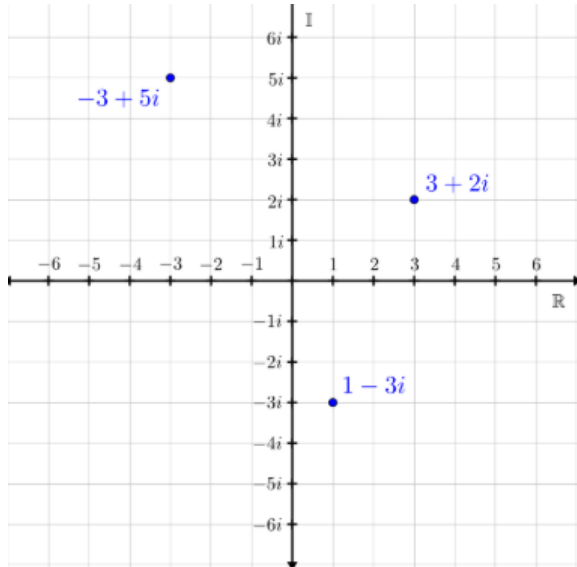
4.3 The Gauss-Jordan Method

5 Complex Numbers

5.1 Introduction to Complex Numbers

A **complex number** is any number that can be written in the form $a + bi$, where a and b are real numbers and i is the imaginary unit defined by $i = \sqrt{-1}$. Complex numbers appear often in trigonometry and polar coordinates, making them particularly applicable in physics and engineering.

Complex numbers can be geometrically represented by graphing them on the **complex plane**, where $a + bi$ is graphed just as the ordered pair (a, b) would be graphed on Cartesian coordinates. The real axis corresponds to the x -axis and the imaginary axis corresponds to the y -axis.



Complex Numbers Graphed on the Complex Plane

Properties of i :

$$i = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$i^3 = i \cdot i^2 = i(-1) = -i$$

$$i^4 = i^2 \cdot i^2 = (-1)(-1) = 1$$

To simplify larger powers of i , take the last two digits of the power and divide it by 4. Find the remainder, k . Then the value is i^k .

$$i^k + i^{k+1} + i^{k+2} + i^{k+3} = 0 \text{ where } k \text{ is an integer. (The sum of four consecutive powers of } i \text{ equals 0)}$$

5.2 Complex Arithmetic and Conjugates

Addition:

Given complex numbers $a + bi$ and $c + di$, their sum is

$$(a + c) + (b + d)i$$

Multiplication:

Given complex numbers $a + bi$ and $c + di$, their product is

$$\begin{aligned} (a + bi) \times (c + di) &= a(c + di) + bi(c + di) \\ &= (ac) + (ad)i + (bc)i + (bd)i^2 \\ &= (ac) + (ad + bc)i + (bd)(-1) \\ &= (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i \end{aligned}$$

Division:

Given complex numbers $a + bi$ and $c + di$, the division of these two numbers is done by rationalizing the complex number or multiplying and dividing by the conjugate of the denominator.

The **complex conjugate** of a complex number $a + bi$ is $a - bi$. Complex conjugates are highly useful for rationalizing denominators containing complex numbers.

Example 1: Rationalize the denominator and write in standard form for $\frac{3+2i}{5-2i}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3 + 2i}{5 - 2i} &= \frac{(3 + 2i)(5 + 2i)}{(5 - 2i)(5 + 2i)} \\ &= \frac{11 + 16i}{29} \\ &= \frac{11}{29} + \frac{16}{29}i \end{aligned}$$

Complex Conjugate Root Theorem: If $a + bi$ is a root of a polynomial with rational coefficients, then $a - bi$ is also a root of that polynomial.

Example 2: The quadratic $x^2 + bx + c$ has $1 + i$ as a root, where b and c are integers. What is $b + c$?

We are given that b and c are integers, hence the other root must be the conjugate of $1 + i = 1 - i$. Writing the polynomial in factored form gives

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + bx + c &= (x - 1 - i)(x - 1 + i) \\ &= x^2 - 2x + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies b = -2, c = 2$$

$$\therefore b + c = 0$$

5.3 Gaussian Integers

A **Gaussian Integer** is a complex number $a + bi$, where both a and b are integers. Note that Gaussian Integers are not actually integers unless the imaginary component equals 0.

Examples of Gaussian Integers:

$$3 + 2i$$

$$7 - 8i$$

$$14$$

$$-92i$$

Examples of Non-Gaussian Integers:

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

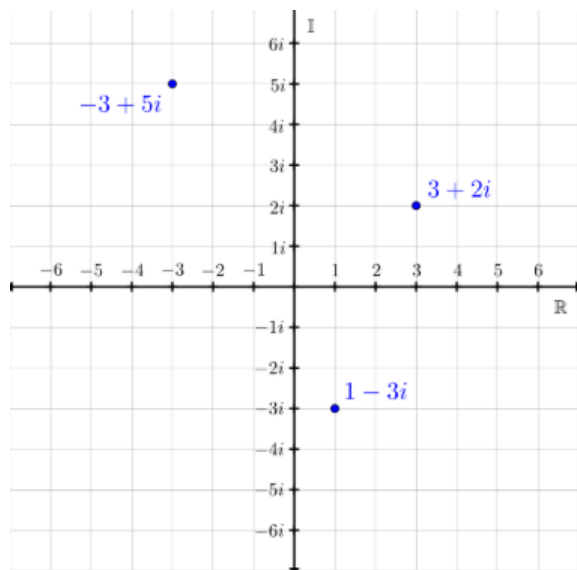
$$7 - \frac{i}{3}$$

5.4 Complex Modulus and Argument

The absolute value of a real number is defined as the positive distance from 0 to that number. The absolute value of a complex number is defined in the same way, except its distance oftentimes referred to as **modulus**, is measured on the complex plane. Since the segment between 0 and the complex number is a hypotenuse of a right triangle

Modulus of a Complex Number $a + bi$:

$$|a + bi| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$



The angle that the positive real axis makes with the ray connecting 0 to a complex number is called the **argument** of a complex number. Using triangle relationships, we can determine

Argument of a Complex Number $a + bi$:

$$\tan \theta = \frac{b}{a}$$

When attempting to determine θ , one should take into account which quadrant the complex number is located in.

Example: Determine the argument of $-3 + 4i$

We have

$$\tan \theta = -\frac{4}{3}$$

Recall that the inverse tangent function has a range of $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$. Taking the inverse tangent will give the angle that is in $Q4$. The complex number, however, is located in $Q2$, so we add π to give the correct argument.

$$\therefore \theta = \arctan -\frac{4}{3} + \pi$$

5.5 Complex Roots

By the **Fundamental Theorem of Algebra**, every polynomial of degree n has exactly n roots, counting for multiplicity. Occasionally, these roots are complex numbers. For example, $x^2 + 1 = 0 \implies x^2 = -1 \implies x = \pm i$.

Example 1: Find the roots of $2x^2 + 1 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 + 1 &= 0 \\ x^2 &= -\frac{1}{2} \\ x &= \pm \sqrt{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \pm i \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \pm \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2: Factor $x^2 + 6x + 10$

Computing the discriminant D , we get

$$D = b^2 - 4ac = 6^2 - 4(1)(10) = -4$$

Since $D < 0$, we conclude that the quadratic has a pair of complex roots with imaginary components. To find the roots, we use the quadratic formula.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{D}}{2a} \\ &= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2(1)} \\ &= \frac{-6 \pm 2\sqrt{-1}}{2} \\ &= -3 \pm i \end{aligned}$$

Factoring the quadratic, we get

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 6x + 10 &= (x - (-3 + i))(x - (-3 - i)) \\ &= (x + 3 - i)(x + 3 + i) \end{aligned}$$

5.6 Euler's Formula

Euler's Formula allows us to express a complex number in exponential form. Given a complex number z with modulus r and argument θ ,

$$z = re^{i\theta} = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

This is usually wrote in simpler terms as given below.

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

Oftentimes a shorthand notation is used where the *cis* function refers to $cis = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$.

Example 1: Express $3e^{\frac{\pi i}{2}}$ in standard form

$$\begin{aligned} 3e^{\frac{\pi i}{2}} &= 3(\cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2}) \\ &= 3i \end{aligned}$$

Example 2: Express $\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ in exponential form
The modulus is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\left|\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right| &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

The argument is then

$$\tan \theta = -\sqrt{3}$$

The complex number is in $Q4$ so

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{3}$$

With the modulus and argument known, we can directly stick them into Euler's Formula, giving us

$$\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = e^{-\frac{\pi i}{3}}$$

Euler's Identity is a special case of Euler's Formula in which $r = 1$ and $\theta = \pi$. It is incredibly notable because it combines several important mathematical constants ($0, 1, \pi, e$, and i) into one equation. It is given by

$$e^{\pi i} + 1 = 0$$

Finding Trig Identities with Euler's Formula:

For example, let's find the cos and sin functions' sum formulas.

$$\begin{aligned}e^{i\theta} &= \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \\ e^{i(\alpha+\beta)} &= \cos(\alpha + \beta) + i \sin(\alpha + \beta)\end{aligned}$$

Using exponent laws, we can rewrite the left side.

$$\begin{aligned}e^{i\alpha}e^{i\beta} &= (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)(\cos \beta + i \sin \beta) \\ &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta + i(\cos \alpha \sin \beta + \sin \alpha \cos \beta)\end{aligned}$$

Setting equal the real and imaginary parts of the second and third equations, we get

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

and

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \sin \beta + \sin \alpha \cos \beta$$

Euler's Formula is also useful for writing trigonometric functions in terms of exponentials. Knowing that $\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$ and $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)$,

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

and

$$e^{-i\theta} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$$

\implies

$$\cos \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}$$

and

$$\sin \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$$

We can apply these identities to Calculus, for example, we can rewrite the following integrand as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^2 x &= \left(\frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}\right)^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}(e^{i2x} + e^{-i2x} - 2e^0) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}(2\cos(2x) - 2)\end{aligned}$$

5.7 De Moivre's Theorem

Following Euler's Formula directly, De Moivre's Theorem allows us to raise a complex number to any real number power.

Given a complex number $z = re^{i\theta}$ and a real number n ,

$$z^n = (re^{i\theta})^n = r^n[\cos(n\theta) + i\sin(n\theta)]$$

Example: Compute $(\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2})^4$ in standard form

The modulus of the base complex number is

$$|\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}| = \sqrt{(\sqrt{2})^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2} = 2$$

5.8 Roots of Unity

The n^{th} **roots of unity** are the complex solutions to an equation of the form $x^n = 1$, where n is a positive integer. Such equations can be solved by applying Euler's Formula and De Moivre's Theorem.

Example 1: Find the complex solutions to the equation $x^6 = 1$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= e^{2k\pi i}, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ x^6 &= e^{2k\pi i} \\ x &= e^{\frac{k\pi i}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Below are 6 values of k that give distinct complex numbers. All other values of k give arguments that are co-terminal with these solutions, called the 6^{th} roots of unity.

$$\begin{aligned} k = 0 : x &= e^0 = 1 \\ k = 1 : x &= e^{\frac{\pi i}{3}} = \frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ k = 2 : x &= e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}} = -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ k = 3 : x &= e^{\pi} = -1 \\ k = 4 : x &= e^{\frac{4\pi i}{3}} = -\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ k = 5 : x &= e^{\frac{5\pi i}{3}} = \frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

5.9 Complex Numbers in Geometry

Because of the circular relationships associated with complex numbers, they are useful for many geometrical problems. For example, the rotation of a point or rigid figure can be performed with complex numbers much more simply than it can be done with trigonometry.

To rotate a point θ radians anticlockwise about the origin,

1. Convert the ordered pair to the corresponding complex number
2. Multiply the complex number by $e^{i\theta}$
3. Convert the result to the corresponding ordered pair

Example: Find the image of rotation when the point $(2, 5)$ is rotated 30° anticlockwise about the origin

$$(2, 5) \implies 2 + 5i$$

The angle of rotation in radians is $\frac{\pi}{6}$, giving the complex number

$$e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{i}{2}$$

Multiplying these complex numbers together, we obtain the image of rotation

$$(2 + 5i) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \right) = \sqrt{3} - \frac{5}{2} + i \left(1 + \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

The corresponding ordered pair is then $\left(\sqrt{3} - \frac{5}{2}, 1 + \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$

6 Infinity

6.1 Introduction to Infinity

Infinity is the *concept* of a value greater than any number. Infinity is *not* a number. **Infinitesimal** refers to the concept of infinitely small. Infinity, represented by the **lemniscate symbol** (∞), is often used to describe the limiting behavior of some functions. For example, a function "approaching infinity" translates to said function growing without bound.

6.2 Arithmetic with Infinity

For any real number a ,

$$a + \infty = \infty$$

$$a - \infty = -\infty$$

$$a \cdot \infty = \infty$$

$$-a \cdot \infty = -\infty$$

$$\frac{a}{\infty} = -\frac{a}{\infty} = 0$$

$$\frac{\infty}{\infty} = \infty$$

$$\frac{a}{-\infty} = -\infty$$

$$0 \cdot \infty = \text{UND}$$

$$\frac{\infty}{\infty} = \text{UND}$$

$$\infty - \infty = \text{UND}$$