

Higher Several Variable Calculus

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1 Curves and Surfaces

1.1 Curves

Curves A curve in \mathbb{R}^n is a vector function

$$\mathbf{c} : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where I is an interval in \mathbb{R} .

Forms / Notations Curves may be defined in the following ways:

- **Parametrically** by $c(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_n(t))$
- **Cartesian** by eliminating the t variable to get y in terms of x
- **Implicitly** As $F(x, y) = 0$.

2 Analysis

2.1 Assumed

Assumed Concepts from Real Single-Variable Calculus

- limits
- continuity
- differentiability
- integrability

Assumed Theorems

- Min/ Max Theorem
- Intermediate Value Theorem
- Mean Value Theorem

2.2 Limits

Recall that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ requires that for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that if $|x - a| < \delta$ then

$$|f(x) - L| < \delta.$$

2.3 Metrics

We have metrics (distance functions) as

$$m : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

satisfying the following 3 axioms.

- **Positive Definite** such that for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $m(x, y) > 0$ and, $m(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$.
- **Symmetric** $m(x, y) = m(y, x)$.
- **Triangle Inequality** such that for all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $m(x, y) + m(y, z) \leq m(x, z)$.

Euclidian Distance We allow the Euclidian distance to be defined as

$$d_n(x, y) := \|x - y\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2}$$

We often allow d to be d_2 .

Norms Norms will be revisited in the Fourier Series section. They can be thought of as the length of an element in vectors space.

Equivalent Metrics Two metrics d and δ are considered equal if there exists constants $0 < c < C < \infty$ such that

$$c\delta(x, y) \leq d(x, y) \leq C\delta(x, y).$$

2.4 Limits of Sequences

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