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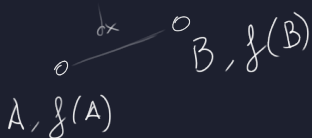
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Stokes Theorem References

- ▶ All the math you missed. Chapters 5 and 6
- ▶ Understanding Vector Calculus by Gabriele Carcassi
- ▶ Calculus Wikipedia Series

Gradient

The gradient provides information about the rate of change of a function



A hand-drawn diagram illustrating the change in a function f over a small interval dx . It shows two points, A and B , connected by a line segment. Point A is labeled $A, f(A)$ and point B is labeled $B, f(B)$. The line segment is labeled dx above it.

$$\Delta f = f(B) - f(A)$$
$$\text{grad}_x(U) = \lim_{dx \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+dx) - f(x)}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

$$\nabla f = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

Nabla Operator

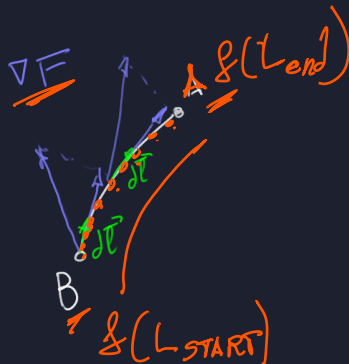
$$\nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) \quad (1)$$

Gradient (Fundamental Theorem of Calculus and Gradient Theorem)

$$\int_a^b \frac{dF}{dx} dx = f(b) - f(a) \quad (2)$$

$$\int_L \nabla \vec{F} d\vec{l} = f(L_{end}) - f(L_{start}) \quad (3)$$

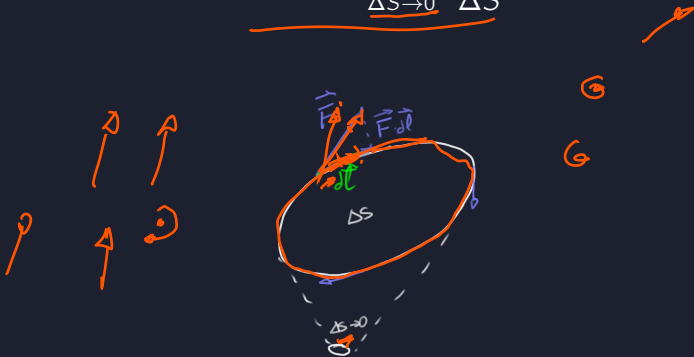
$dx \rightarrow 0$
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Curl

The **curl** provides local information about how much a vector field "**rotates**" around a point

$$\underline{\underline{\vec{curl}(\vec{F}) = \lim_{\Delta S \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint \vec{F} d\vec{l}}{\Delta S}}} \quad (4)$$

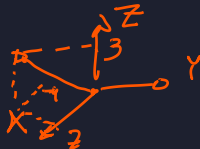


Curl

$$F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0^2 \\ 0^3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\overrightarrow{\text{curl}}(\vec{F}) = \nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix} = \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial F_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial z}}, \underbrace{\frac{\partial F_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial x}}, \underbrace{\frac{\partial F_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y}} \right) \quad (5)$$



$$\text{curl} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Curl (Curl Theorem, Kelvin-Stokes Theorem)

$$\iint_S \underbrace{(\nabla \times \vec{F})}_{\text{curl}} d\vec{S} = \oint_{\partial S} \vec{F} d\vec{l} \quad (6)$$

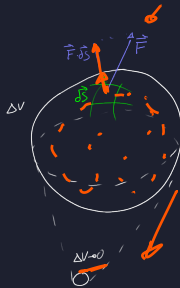
"The total whirliness on the surface" = "The total flow through the boundary"



Divergence

The **divergence** provides local information about how much a vector field is "spreading" out at a point

$$\text{div}(\vec{F}) = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oiint \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}}{\Delta V} \quad (7)$$



Divergence

$$\operatorname{div}(\vec{F}) = \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \vec{F}} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x^1} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x^2} + \cdots + \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x^n} \quad (8)$$

∇F	: Grad	Prod
$\nabla \times F$: Curl	Vector Prod
$\nabla \cdot F$: Div	Inner Prod

Divergence (Divergence Theorem, Greens Theorem)

$$\iiint_V (\nabla \cdot \vec{F}) d\vec{V} = \oiint_{\delta V} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} \quad (9)$$

"The total spreading out in V = The total flow across the boundary S "





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$$\int_L \nabla \vec{F} d\vec{l} = f(L_{end}) - f(L_{start})$$

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$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) d\vec{S} = \oint_{\delta S} \vec{F} d\vec{l}$$

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$$\iiint_V (\nabla \cdot \vec{F}) d\vec{V} = \oiint_{\delta V} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

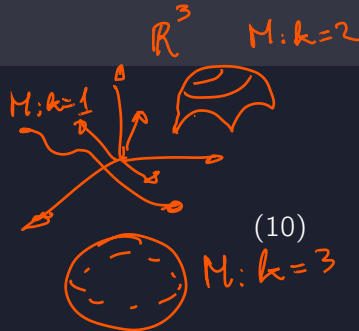
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Integral Derivative on Object = Integral Field on Boundary

Stokes Theorem

$$k \leq n$$

$$\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega$$



► M : k -dimensional manifold in \mathbb{R}^n

► ∂M : Boundary of M

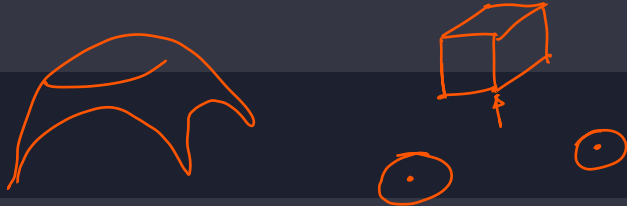
► ω : Differential $(k-1)$ -form

k -form

► $d\omega$: Exterior derivative of ω

"Integral of the derivative on the interior = Integral on the boundary"

Manifolds



Definition

A *differentiable manifold* M of dimension k in \mathbb{R}^n is a set of points in \mathbb{R}^n such that for any point $p \in M$, there is a small open neighborhood U of p , a vector-valued differentiable function $F : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and an open set V in \mathbb{R}^k with

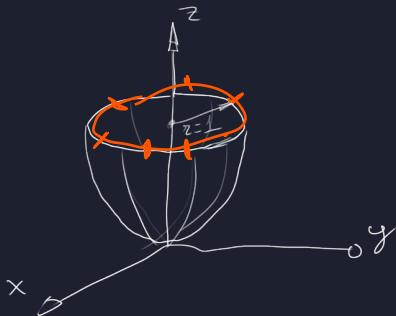
- ▶ $F(V) = U \cap M$
- ▶ The Jacobian of F has rank k at every point in V

The function F is called the **parametrization** of the manifold.

Manifold Example

$$F : \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\underline{F(x, y)} = (x, y, \underbrace{x^2 + y^2}_{\mathbb{R}})$$



k-forms

A k-form is a mapping in which given a Manifold, you provide a point and k vectors from the tangent space of the manifold and a Scalar is returned.

- ▶ 0-form $\rightarrow f(x)$. A function. You provide a point, the function value is returned.
- ▶ 1-form $\rightarrow \omega = a(x) dx$. You provide a tangent vector at a point, the 1-form returns a number (linear map on tangent vectors).
- ▶ 2-form $\rightarrow \omega = b(x) dx \wedge dy$. You provide two tangent vectors at a point, the 2-form returns a number (alternating bilinear map).

0-forms

A 0-form is a differentiable function on a manifold.

$$F : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Elementary 1-forms

They form the **basis** for the **vector space** of 1-forms
3 Elementary 1-forms in \mathbb{R}^3

▶ dx

▶ dy

▶ dz

$$\omega_1 = \sum_i \alpha_i dx_i$$

All other 1-forms are linear combinations of these basis elements

Vector Spaces

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} : \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\begin{cases} e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ e_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases} \sum_i \alpha_i e_i$$

Elementary 2-forms

They form the **basis** for the **vector space** of 2-forms

3 Elementary 2-forms in \mathbb{R}^3

- ▶ $dy \wedge dz$
- ▶ $dx \wedge dz$
- ▶ $dx \wedge dy$

All other 2-forms are linear combinations of these basis elements

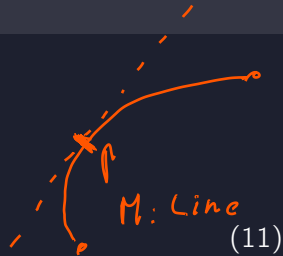


k-forms



$$p \in M$$

$$\omega : p \mapsto (\omega_p : T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$$



Provided a point (p), and a vector from the tangent space of the Manifold (M) at that point ($T_p M$) a scalar is returned.

"Provide a point, and a function is returned, that function given a tangent vector to the manifold returns a scalar"

$$\int \omega$$

k-forms

For a given \mathbb{R}^n space there are $\binom{n}{k}$ elementary k-forms.
Each k-form can be written as:

$$(12) \quad \omega = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} f_{i_1 \dots i_k}(x) \underbrace{dx_{i_1} \wedge dx_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k}}_{\text{Element-forms}} \quad (12)$$

The exterior derivative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ d : k\text{-forms} & \rightarrow & (k+1)\text{-forms} \end{array} \quad (13)$$

Given $\omega = \sum_{\forall I} f_I dx_I$ (a k -form)

$$d\omega = \sum_{\forall I} \underbrace{df_I}_{\text{wedge product}} \wedge \underbrace{dx_I} \quad (14)$$

The exterior derivative of 0-forms

↑
function →

Assume \mathbb{R}^3

$d(0\text{-form}) \rightarrow 1\text{-form}$

$\omega_0 = f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$

$$e_1 = dx_1 \quad e_2 = dx_2 \quad e_3 = dx_3$$

$$df = \frac{\delta f}{\delta dx_1} dx_1 + \frac{\delta f}{\delta dx_2} dx_2 + \frac{\delta f}{\delta dx_3} dx_3 \quad (15)$$

$$\nabla f = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} \right)$$

The exterior derivative of 1-forms


Assume \mathbb{R}^3

$d(1\text{-form}) \rightarrow 2\text{-form}$

$$\omega_1 = f_1 dx_1 + f_2 dx_2 + f_3 dx_3$$


$$d\omega = df_1 \wedge dx_1 + df_2 \wedge dx_2 + df_3 \wedge dx_3$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} dx_2 + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_3} dx_3 \right) \wedge dx_1 + (\dots) \wedge dx_2 + (\dots) \wedge dx_3$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_3} \right) dx_2 \wedge dx_3 + \left(\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_3} - \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_1} \right) dx_3 \wedge dx_1 + \left(\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \right) dx_1 \wedge dx_2$$


The exterior derivative of 1-forms

$d(2\text{-form}) \rightarrow \text{div}$

Assume \mathbb{R}^3

$d(1\text{-form}) \rightarrow 2\text{-form}$

$$\omega_1 = f_1 dx_1 + f_2 dx_2 + f_3 dx_3$$

$\nabla \rightarrow 1D \text{ grad}$
 $\nabla \times F \rightarrow 2D \text{ curl}$
 $\nabla \cdot F \rightarrow 3D \text{ div}$

$f_3 : F_z \quad x_1 : x$
 $f_2 : F_y \quad x_2 : y$
 $f_1 : F_x \quad x_3 : z$

$$d\omega = df_1 \wedge dx_1 + df_2 \wedge dx_2 + df_3 \wedge dx_3$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} dx_2 + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_3} dx_3 \right) \wedge dx_1 + (\dots) \wedge dx_2 + (\dots) \wedge dx_3$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_3} \right) dx_2 \wedge dx_3 + \left(\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_3} - \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_1} \right) dx_3 \wedge dx_1 + \left(\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \right) dx_1 \wedge dx_2$$

Which is precisely the curl:

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial F_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} \right)$$