

Honors Multivariable Calculus Handout

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The Set \mathbb{R}

I like to think \mathbb{R} as a “bag full of all the numbers I can imagine.” Which includes negative numbers (because why not?). Guess 69, it's in \mathbb{R} . Guess 23001.1930, it's also in \mathbb{R} . Guess $\sin 20^\circ$, it's in \mathbb{R} . If any number a is a member of \mathbb{R} we say that

$$a \in \mathbb{R}$$

which means a is an element of \mathbb{R} . This could be any number.

We have defined numbers. But just having number is boring, we want to do “something” with them. To do interesting things with these numbers we have to define “mathematical operations”, for instance addition, multiplication and their respective inverses (subtraction and division). We can define a definitions for “distance” between two elements of \mathbb{R} . When we have defined the well set of rules and operations on \mathbb{R} , we have a **space** on \mathbb{R} . I will expand on this on the next subsection.

The idea is we have the objects and then we have operations we can apply on them.

Definition 1. The *Set* of all real numbers is defined to be \mathbb{R} .

Please note that for this course we will be using Base-10 number system with the common sensical decimals.¹

The Space of \mathbb{R}

I will first talk rigorously about **space**. An example of space can be a game; chess. A space has a set and a mathematical structure. For chess, the set can be the chess pieces (pawn, rook, knight etc.), chessboard, timer and the mathematical structure can be the rules of chess (how each pieces move) and time limit. Space gives us a well defined instrument and rules to handle it. Mathematically, the space offers us objects and the operations we can apply on the objects.

We will be interested on the *set* \mathbb{R}^n of numbers, whose elements are n-tuples (as you should know from linear algebra but I will still define them in next section). The *structure* (or mathematical operations) we will define on this will complete the space and we name it “vector space”.

Later we will include additional rules that will help us turn these vectors spaces into a Euclidean Space. These additional rules are basically Dot Products, just so that we can have a geometric representations of angles and stuffs. For now I will define it for one-dimension $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^1$ case.

Definition 2. A *One Dimensional Vector Space* is the Set \mathbf{V} such that $\mathbf{V} \subset \mathbb{R}$ defined with two mappings^a

$$+ : \mathbf{V} \otimes \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{V} \quad (\text{Scalar Addition})$$

$$\times : \mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{V} \quad (\text{Scalar Multiplication})$$

Considering $x, y, z \in \mathbf{V}$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$,^b the eight properties that are satisfied by the two mappings we instantiated above are as follows.

¹1, 2, 3, ...

1. $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$
2. $x + y = y + x$
3. $x + 0 = x$
4. $x + (-x) = 0$
5. $(a \times b) \times x = a \times (b \times x)$
6. $(a + b) \times x = a \times x + b \times x$
7. $a \times (x + y) = a \times x + a \times y$
8. $1 \times x = x$

Additionally for Scalar Multiplication,

$$a \times b = b \times a$$

TODO: Comments needed on this.

^anote that the \otimes symbol just means a general mathematical operation.

^bTo avoid confusion, I want to mean that a, b might real numbers not necessarily members of \mathbf{V}

Usually while doing maths we can avoid \times sign for scalar multiplication, even if it's between a Scalar and a Vector, for instance $a \times \vec{v} = a\vec{v}$. I am going to define 1 new rules imposed on this Vector Space to turn it into an Euclidean Space. But please note that the concept of *inner products* make more sense in n dimensions while we are working with \mathbb{R}^n . For now, just focus on the distance $d(x, y)$.

Definition 3. A *One Dimensional Euclidean Space* is a Vector Space on the set $\mathbf{V} \subset \mathbb{R}$ with three additional rules. Consider $x, y, z \in \mathbf{V}$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Firstly, concept of **Inner Product** that satisfies

1. $\langle x, x \rangle > 0$ if $x \neq 0$.
2. $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$.
3. $\langle ax + by, z \rangle = a\langle x, z \rangle + b\langle y, z \rangle$

We define inner product on $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = xy$$

Secondly, from Inner Products we get the concept of a **Norm** which can be thought of as a “function” (we will define this later) that satisfies

1. $|x| > 0$ if $x \neq 0$
2. $|ax| = |a||x|$
3. $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$

We define the norm (associated with inner product) on \mathbb{R} .^a

$$|x| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$$

Thirdly, from the idea of Norm we can provide a definition of **Distance** between two elements $x, y \in \mathbf{V}$ that satisfies the conditions

1. $d(x, y) > 0$ unless $x = y$
2. $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
3. $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$

We define the distance on \mathbb{R} between to elements

$$d(x, y) = |x - y|$$

^aWhich is basically the non-negative value of x in one dimensional case. Basically $= \sqrt{x^2} = +x$

The Set of \mathbb{R}^n

Sets can be multiplied and they can form lists of numbers. Simple example is shown in the problem below after the definition of the method of Set Multiplication (Cartesian Product)

Definition 4. For two sets \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} , the set of all ordered pairs (a, b) so that $a \in \mathbf{A}$ and $b \in \mathbf{B}$ is the *Cartesian Product*.

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \{(a, b) \mid a \in \mathbf{A} \text{ and } b \in \mathbf{B}\}$$

Problem 1. Find the cartesian product of $\{1, 3, 6\}$ and $\{A, D, q\}$.

Solution.

$$\{1, 3, 6\} \times \{A, D, q\} = \{(1, A), (1, D), (1, q), (3, A), (3, D), (3, q), (6, A), (6, D), (6, q)\}$$

Note that $(1, A) \neq (A, 1)$ or similar. □

Cartesian Product of \mathbb{R} with \mathbb{R} gives us elements like,

$$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Definition 5.

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{R} = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

The space of \mathbb{R}^n

A *space* is anything that has a set of “objects” \mathbf{V} and a mathematical structure defined on it. We are specifically interested on *Euclidean Spaces*.

Definition 6. A *Vector Space* is formed by a set $\mathbf{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ defined with two mappings^a

$$+ : \mathbf{V} \otimes \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{V} \quad (\text{Vector Addition})$$

$$\times : \mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{V} \quad (\text{Scalar Multiplication})$$

Considering $\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z} \in \mathbf{V}$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, the eight properties that are satisfied by the two mappings we instantiated above are as follows.

1. $\vec{x} + (\vec{y} + \vec{z}) = (\vec{x} + \vec{y}) + \vec{z}$
2. $\vec{x} + \vec{y} = \vec{y} + \vec{x}$

$$3. \vec{x} + \vec{0} = \vec{x}$$

$$4. \vec{x} + (-\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$$

$$5. (ab)\vec{x} = a(b\vec{x})$$

$$6. (a+b)\vec{x} = a\vec{x} + b\vec{x}$$

$$7. a(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = a\vec{x} + a\vec{y}$$

$$8. 1\vec{x} = \vec{x}$$

For elements $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbf{V}$ which can be written in their n -tuple form, the vector addition is defined to be

$$\vec{x} + \vec{y} = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n)$$

Scalar multiplication is defined to be with $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a\vec{x} = (ax_1, ax_2, \dots, ax_n)$$

^anote that the \otimes symbol just means a mathematical operation.

Note A *Euclidean Vector Space* is a finite-dimensional **Inner Product Space** over the real numbers.

I prefer a slightly different wording of the exact same thing for simplicity.

Definition 7. A *Euclidean Space* is a Vector Space on the set $\mathbf{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ with an additional rule of **Inner Product**. Consider $\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z} \in \mathbf{V}$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Firstly, concept of **Inner Product** satisfies

$$1. \langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle > 0 \text{ if } \vec{x} \neq \vec{0}.$$

$$2. \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle.$$

$$3. \langle a\vec{x} + b\vec{y}, \vec{z} \rangle = a\langle \vec{x}, \vec{z} \rangle + b\langle \vec{y}, \vec{z} \rangle$$

We define inner product on $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbf{V}$

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n$$

Secondly, from Inner Products we get the concept of a **Norm** which can be thought of as a “function” (we will define this later) that satisfies

$$1. |\vec{x}| > 0 \text{ if } \vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$$

$$2. |a\vec{x}| = |a||\vec{x}|$$

$$3. |\vec{x} + \vec{y}| \leq |\vec{x}| + |\vec{y}|$$

We define the norm (associated with inner product) on \mathbb{R}^n .

$$|\vec{x}| = \sqrt{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle}$$

Thirdly, from the idea of Norm we can provide a definition of **Distance** between two elements $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbf{V}$ that satisfies the conditions

$$1. d(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) > 0 \text{ unless } \vec{x} = \vec{y}$$

$$2. d(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = d(\vec{y}, \vec{x})$$

$$3. d(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) \leq d(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) + d(\vec{y}, \vec{z})$$

We define the distance on \mathbb{R}^n between two elements

$$d(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = |\vec{x} - \vec{y}|$$

Note that in the above definition, we could have defined other equations that satisfy the same conditions of inner product, norms and distances. For example for Norm we defined

$$|\vec{x}| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2}$$

This is the most common type of norm that we use in Euclidean Space. But note that other norms like (with slightly different notations)

$$||\vec{x}|| = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_n|\} = |x_m|$$

$$|\vec{x}|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| + \cdots + |x_n|$$

all satisfy the conditions of a norm. From these norms you can find a separate definition of distances. For now we don't have to worry too much about them. But note that while writing the proof of Inverse Function theorem we use the $|\vec{x}|_1$ definition of a norm (Edwards).

The intuition is that mathematicians tried to think what are the least conditions we should impose to have a concept of "distance".

Sketch of Text: The Concept of Continuity and Limit

We haven't defined a function and linear mapping yet so it's probably premature to talk about continua in general. But I still like to ponder about it a little early on.

We have a *space* where we can play now, and we also have a concept of a distance, so we can define how close two elements in \mathbb{R}^n are. For now let's focus on \mathbb{R} and pick two elements $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and without loss of generality $b > a$. What is the distance between them? It's $|a - b| = D$, a positive number. What's between a and b ? Everything in between can be defined by an **Open Interval** (a, b) . The meaning is,

$$\text{If } x \in (a, b) \text{ then } x > a \text{ and } x < b$$

There are uncountable number of x in between a and b . How far can we push x to be close to b ? Let's push x to be near b so that the distance between them is,

$$|x - b| = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$$

But we can keep pushing them even further,

$$|x - b| = \frac{1}{10000000} = 0.00000001$$

No matter how infinitely close I go, I can get a valid distance $\delta = |x - b| > 0$ between x and b whilst $x \in (a, b)$. If $\delta = 0 = |x - b|$ then it's invalid because $x = b$ now and $b \notin (a, b)$. The idea is b is not in between a, b . So I can possibly walk through every possible elements without a roadblock and still go arbitrarily close to b without reaching b itself. This, I like to think as the most simple concept of δ that will be later used for limit.

Function

Definition 8. A function takes an element from a set \mathbf{X} and assigns it to exactly one element of another set \mathbf{Y} . Here \mathbf{X} is known to be the *Domain of the Function* and \mathbf{Y} is the *Codomain*.

Definition 9. A mapping $L : V \rightarrow W$ between two vector spaces V, W is called linear if it satisfies the following conditions

$$L(a\vec{x}) = aL(\vec{x})$$

$$L(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = L(\vec{x}) + L(\vec{y})$$

where $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Note $L(\vec{x}), L(\vec{y}) \in W$

Neighborhood, Limits and Continuity of \mathbb{R}^n

Concept of Neighborhood

Let's pull up an element \vec{a} from a set \mathbb{R}^n . What's around \vec{a} ? Well, one mathematical way of doing this is to make a new set of all the points \vec{x} such that they are within a range δ from \vec{a} . In simple 2D geometry (\mathbb{R}^2), the set of all points within δ of \vec{a} is basically a circle of δ radius with center \vec{a} . Such a set would be,

$$S = \{\vec{x} : \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ such that } |\vec{x} - \vec{a}| < \delta\}$$

In \mathbb{R}^3 case it's a sphere if we are using the Norm $|\vec{x}| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$. But note that if we are considering distance $< \delta$

then the boundary points of the circle are at $D = \delta$ distance and we will not consider them. There is a reason why we don't consider boundary points, it's to keep the set open, I will come to this later.

If we considered the norm $|\vec{x}| = \max\{|x_1|, \dots, |x_n|\}$ then the neighborhood would look like a box.

The Open Ball gives us a concept of neighborhood in \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition 10. For $r > 0$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the *Open Ball* of radius r around \vec{a} is

$$B_r(\vec{a}) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\vec{x} - \vec{a}| < r\}$$

Concept of Limit

Note The concept appears when are interested on the neighborhood of the input and output of a function.

We have a notion of distance now. The way a function works is that we input an element from the Domain and get an output for the Codomain. Or you can think an element of Domain gets paired with another element of the Codomain. We can ask the question, what happens to the element that are close to this one? Elements that are under a certain distance, for example the element \vec{x} that are within δ distance from \vec{a} ? An element \vec{x} like this will satisfy

$$|\vec{x} - \vec{a}| < \delta$$

This element \vec{x} has a codomain element partner $f(\vec{x}) = \vec{y}$. If we consistently bring \vec{x} close to \vec{a} by decreasing δ , and we see that the distance ϵ between \vec{y} and another point \vec{L} is also decreasing arbitrarily, we can say that limit of \vec{x} approaching point \vec{a} gives us $f(\vec{x}) = \vec{L}$

Definition 11. **One Dimension Mapping:** Given there is a mapping $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $a, L \in \mathbb{R}$ with x an element of the Domain

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$$

means that for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that if $|x - a| < \delta$ then $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$. Note that $x \neq a$.

Definition 12. **General Mapping:** Given there is a mapping $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and points $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\vec{L} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, with \vec{x} being an element of the domain

$$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} f(\vec{x}) = \vec{L}$$

means that for all $\epsilon > 0$ there is some $\delta > 0$ such that $|\vec{x} - \vec{a}| < \delta$ then $|f(\vec{x}) - \vec{L}| < \epsilon$, whilst $\vec{x} \neq \vec{a}$.

Concept of Continuity

Concept of Uniform Continuity (helpful in Integration)

Apparently, uniformly continuous is an even more strict version of continuity.

Definition 13. A function $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is *Uniformly Continuous* on D if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is some $\delta > 0$ such that **every** $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in D$ satisfying $|\vec{y} - \vec{x}| < \delta$ one has $|f(\vec{y}) - f(\vec{x})| < \epsilon$.

Theorem 1. If f is continuous on a compact domain D , then f is uniformly continuous on D .

Optimization

Definition 14. Suppose $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function on a domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and \vec{a} is a point in the interior of D . We say that f has a **Local Minimum** at \vec{a} if there is some $r > 0$ such that $f(\vec{a}) \leq f(\vec{x})$ for all $\vec{x} \in B_r(\vec{a})$. Similarly we say f has a local maximum at \vec{a} if $r > 0$ exist such that $f(\vec{a}) \geq f(\vec{x})$ for all $\vec{x} \in B_r(\vec{a})$.

Integration

We will define integration in this way:

- Take a region.
- Break it down into small pieces.
- Look at the value of a function inside the boxes (roughly the maximum and minimum in the box). We don't want this function to behave crazy (like go to positive or negative infinity; bounded).
- Multiply volume of small box and upper value of function in box to get an upper value. Multiply volume of small box and lower value of function in box to get a lower value.
- Add each of the value for all small boxes to respectively get upper sum and lower sum.
- If you increase the subdivisions in the partition, call it a refinement.
- After refinement, if the lower sum and upper sum satisfy some conditions, call it *Riemann Integrable*.

Concept of Volume

We can define simple volume of a “box”-like structure in \mathbb{R}^n through the following definition.

Definition 15. A *Box* B in \mathbb{R}^n is a Set of the form

$$B = [a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times [a_n, b_n]$$

where $a_i < b_i$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. We define *Volume of the Box* to be

$$V(B) = \prod_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i) = (b_1 - a_1) \cdot (b_2 - a_2) \cdots (b_n - a_n)$$

Concept of Subdividing the Volume

We can break the box B we defined in the previous subsection through the notion of a **Partition**. The notion is you can break a box into smaller boxes. The mathematical formalism can get a bit confusing, I will make a simple example when I get time to make it clear.

Definition 16. Let's have a box

$$B = [a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times [a_n, b_n]$$

defined in \mathbb{R}^n . We define a *Partition* of B to be a choice of finite sets $S_i \subset \mathbb{R}$ for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ where each $S_i = \{x_{i,0}, x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,k_i}\}$ for some k_i positive integer. This satisfies,

$$a_i = x_{i,0} < x_{i,1} < \cdots < x_{i,k_i} = b_i$$

An element of S_i is a *cut point* in coordinate i for the partition. A *Piece* of such a partition is a box of the form,

$$[x_{1,j_1-1}, x_{1,j_1}] \times [x_{2,j_2-1}, x_{2,j_2}] \times \cdots \times [x_{n,j_n-1}, x_{n,j_n}]$$

where each $1 \leq j_i \leq k_i$.

Concept of Function being Bounded

Definition 17. Given a set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and a function $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we say that the function f is **Bounded** on D if there exists $m, M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that,

$$m \leq f(\vec{x}) \leq M$$

for all $\vec{x} \in D$.

Concept of Upper Sum and Lower Sum

Definition 18. If f is bounded on a box B , and P is a partition of B , then the *Upper Sum* of f on P partition is defined to be

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^p M_i \cdot \text{vol}(B_i)$$

if B can be subdivided into p boxes in total by the partition P . M_i is the *supremum* of $f(\vec{x})$ as \vec{x} ranges over B_i .

Definition 19. *Lower Sum* is the setup exactly same where we take

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^p m_i \cdot \text{vol}(B_i)$$

whilst m_i is the *infimum* of $f(\vec{x})$ as \vec{x} ranges over B_i .

Concept of Refinement of Partitions

Definition 20. If P, Q are the two partitions P, P' of a box B in \mathbb{R}^n , we say that P' is a refinement of P if every cut point in coordinate i for P is a cut point in the same coordinate for P' .

Conditions of being Integrable

Before we look at the required condition to be integrable, for intuition we can aid ourselves with this lemma.

Theorem 2. If P, Q are two partitions of the box B , and f is bounded on B , then

$$U(f, P) \geq L(f, Q)$$

TODO: Turn this into a lemma and write the proof.

Definition 21. Given a bounded function f on a box $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, we say that f is *Integrable* on D if there is exactly one real number $I \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$L(f, P) \leq I \leq U(f, P)$$

for all possible partitions of P of D . If this is the case we write

$$\int_D f = I$$

This can immediately be turned into the following proposition

Theorem 3. A function f is integrable on D if and only if, for all $\epsilon > 0$ there is some partition P of D such that

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \epsilon$$

TODO: make this proposition.

Theorem 4. If f is continuous on a box $B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, the f is integrable on B . TODO: proposition

Concept of Content Zero

This is helpful because if your function happens to misbehave through discontinuity, if luckily it falls in one of these **Content Zero** places then it's still integrable.

Definition 22. A set $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ has *Content Zero* if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there are finitely many boxes B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k such that

$$X \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^k B_i$$

and the sum of the volumes of B_i is smaller than ϵ .

Theorem 5. If f is bounded on a box $B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and the set of points in B where f is discontinuous is of *content zero* then f is integrable on B .

Problem 2. (Proposition) Prove that the Graph of continuous function on a compact set is content zero.

Solution. Suppose that $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on some compact set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$. We will show that f 's graph is content zero in \mathbb{R}^n and we will restrict to $n = 3$ maybe to simplify notations.

Let $\epsilon > 0$ and Y be a box that contains D .

Let

$$\epsilon' = \frac{\epsilon}{\text{vol}(Y)} = \frac{\epsilon}{V}$$

We know that f is continuous on D . Thus there is some $\delta > 0$ such that $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in D$ within δ of each other gives us $|f(\vec{x}) - f(\vec{y})| < \epsilon'$. Find a partition P of Y into boxes that have diameter smaller than δ .

Suppose that X_i is a piece of the partition that intersects D . Let's create a box B_i in \mathbb{R}^n that is $X_i \times [a, b]$, where $a = \min f(X)$ and $b = \max f(X)$. Since diameter of X_i is less than δ , through uniform continuity we have $b - a < \epsilon'$.

Note that this box contains the entire graph of f on X_i . Thus if we do this for all piece of P that intersect D , we will get finite union of boxes in \mathbb{R}^n that cover the graph of f on the entirety of D .

The volume of B_i equals $(b - a)$ times the volume of X_i , which is at most $\epsilon' \text{vol}(X_i)$. Thus adding that all together, B_i is at most ϵ' times the sum of volume of X_i , which is at most volume of Y .

But $\epsilon' \text{vol}(Y) = \epsilon$. This proves graph of f is content zero. \square

Integration over a region of interest (needs more reading)

Definition 23. If f is bounded on a bounded domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, then $\int_D f$ is defined to be equal to $\int_B f_1$. Here, $f_1 = 0$ on $B \setminus D$ and $f_1 = f$ everywhere else.

Riemann Sum

This is a generalization of the Upper and Lower sum we had defined

Definition 24. If f is bounded on B (box) and P is partition of B , then the *Riemann Sum* is defined to be

$$R(f, P) = \sum f(\vec{x}_i) \cdot \text{vol}(B_i)$$

where the sum is taken over all pieces of B_i of P and \vec{x}_i is any element of B_i .

We can shift to the notion of integrability from Riemann Sums using the following proposition TODO: Make this a proposition

Theorem 6. Given a function f on a box B

$$\int_B f = I$$

if and only if for all $\epsilon > 0$ there is some $\delta > 0$ such that for any partition P with the width of the pieces of P less than δ , and any Riemann Sum $R(f, P)$ of f on P , we have

$$|R(f, P) - I| < \epsilon$$

Concept of Multiple Integration

Theorem 7. If f is continuous on a box $B = [a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times [a_n, b_n]$ then

$$\int_B f = \int_{B_1} S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$$

where $B_1 = [a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times [a_{n-1}, b_{n-1}]$ and

$$S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = \int_{[a_n, b_n]} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \int_{a_n}^{b_n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_n$$

Integration with change of Region

The notion is we will change the variables of integration.

Theorem 8. Suppose $T : D' \rightarrow D$ is a surjective C^1 map from compact domain $D' \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ to another compact domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ which is injective (except for possibly on set of content zero as it doesn't matter). Then if $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable on D then

$$\int_D f = \int_{D'} f \circ T |\det(dT)|$$

Basic example of Polar Coordinate Change of Variable

Definition 25. Spherical Coordinates in \mathbb{R}^3 is given by (ρ, ϕ, θ) where

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

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

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

$$\vec{r} = (x, y, z) = (x(\rho, \phi, \theta), y(\rho, \phi, \theta), z(\rho, \phi, \theta)) = (\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi)$$

Integration on a Subset (on Curves and Surfaces)

Defining Path

A path in our surrounding space is made of all the points (x, y, z) that satisfy some curve equation. For the definition of path we are about to see, image of p means that we are going to look at the set of outputs from p .

$$\text{image of } p = \{(x, y, z) \in p(I) \mid p : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ and } I \text{ is a set}\}$$

Depending on our mood we can write p as \vec{p} too as it spits out a vector. It doesn't really matter if we keep track of the domain and codomain.

Definition 26. A subset $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a C^1 *Parametrized Curve* if there is some interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ and a C^1 function $p : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ such that image of p is C and p is injective outside some set of content zero.

Definition 27. *Scalar Path Integral* or *Scalar Line Integral* is defined on a C^1 class parametrized curve C and a function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\int_C f \, ds = \int_a^b f(p(t)) |p'(t)| \, dt$$

where $p : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is any parametrization of C curve. This is required to be independent of any parametrization of C .

This definition can be exploited to find the length of the curve. We know this result works for upto $n = 3$ dimensions, we generalize this definition for n general case.

Definition 28. *Length of the Curve* is defined to be $\int_C 1 \, ds$ for a C^1 class parametrized curve $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

Defining Surface

Definition 29. A subset $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a C^1 *Parametrized Surface* if there is some subset $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and a C^1 function $p : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ such that the image of p is S and p is injective outside some set of content zero. ^a

^aThere are some technical condition on D that it should have non empty interior at the very least

Definition 30. *The Scalar Surface Integral* of f over a C^1 class parametrized surface $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ and a function $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ denoted by the following definition

$$\int_S f \, dS = \int_D f(p(u, v)) \left| \frac{\partial p}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial p}{\partial v} \right|$$

where $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and $p : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is a parametrization of S . This value should be independent of the choice of parametrization of S .

Definition 31. For the C^1 parametrized surface $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, the surface area is defined to be

$$\int_S 1 \, dS$$

Problem 3. Solve for the surface area of a Unit Sphere in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Solution. From the definition of surface area we know

$$\int_S 1 \, dS = \int_D \left| \frac{\partial \vec{p}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \vec{p}}{\partial v} \right|$$

Parametric for Surface: Here \vec{p} is a function / map that is going to give us the surface of the sphere. In Cartesian Coordinates, we can roughly imagine a circle in $x - y$ plane is going to be mapped into a surface of a hemisphere using $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ so that the point of the surface in \mathbb{R}^3 is $(x, y, \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2})$. So formally, defining

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$$

the parametric that gives the surface would be the image of the map $\vec{p}: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\vec{p}(x, y) = (x, y, \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2})$$

This will give the upper half of the hemisphere if we only consider the positive square root (and we should otherwise it's not a function).

Partial Derivative Cross Product Determinant:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \vec{p}}{\partial x} &= \left(1, 0, \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}} \right) \\ \frac{\partial \vec{p}}{\partial y} &= \left(0, 1, \frac{y}{\sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}} \right) \\ \frac{\partial \vec{p}}{\partial x} \times \frac{\partial \vec{p}}{\partial y} &= \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}}, 1 \right) \\ \left| \frac{\partial \vec{p}}{\partial x} \times \frac{\partial \vec{p}}{\partial y} \right| &= \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{1 - x^2 - y^2} + \frac{y^2}{1 - x^2 - y^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Change of Coordinates for Integration: (SETUP) We learned that

$$\int_D f = \int_{D'} f \circ T \, |\det(dT)|$$

What we have now is

$$\int_S 1 \, dS = \int_D \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{1 - x^2 - y^2} + \frac{y^2}{1 - x^2 - y^2}}$$

Where

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$$

Because D 's image is a circle, we can conveniently use polar coordinates with the following transformation, as we know that (x, y) is

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

We have defined T . Then

$$dT = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -r \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinant

$$\det(dT) = r$$

For the new domain of integration

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$$

will turn to

$$D' = \{(r, \theta) \mid r, \theta \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } r \in [0, 1] \text{ and } \theta \in [0, 2\pi]\}$$

0 and 2π are content zero so we don't have to worry about overlaps.^a

Change of Coordinates for Integration: (COMPUTATION)

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ T \implies f(T(r, \theta)) &= f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) = \sqrt{1 + \frac{r^2 \cos^2 \theta}{1 - r^2 \cos^2 \theta - r^2 \sin^2 \theta} + \frac{r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{1 - r^2 \cos^2 \theta - r^2 \sin^2 \theta}} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + \frac{r^2}{1 - r^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Putting all of it together now with variables of choice being (r, θ)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_D f &= \int_{D'} f \circ T \det(dT) \implies \int_{D'} \sqrt{1 + \frac{r^2}{1 - r^2}}(r) = \int_{D'} \frac{r}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} \\ D' &= \{(r, \theta) \mid r, \theta \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } r \in [0, 1] \text{ and } \theta \in [0, 2\pi]\} \end{aligned}$$

Fubini's Theorem:

As we have an integration over a box-like region we can now turn the problem using Fubini's Theorem and evaluate the integral like this,

$$\int_{D'} \frac{r}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} = \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\int_0^1 \frac{r}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} dr \right] d\theta = 2\pi$$

Evaluating this single variable integral gives us

$$\int_S dS = 2\pi$$

For the whole sphere it will be 4π .

□

^aThink about how much area is swept from 0 to 2π .

Vector Fields and Vector Integration

Defining Vector Field

This is the most Physics thing in this course ever. We will imagine every point in our surrounding space (not the mathematical space haha) has a *vector* assigned to it.

Definition 32. A *Vector Field* on a domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is any function

$$\vec{F} : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Vector Path Integral

The idea is exactly what we learn in computing the work done on an object.

Definition 33. For an oriented C^1 parametrized curve $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and a vector field \vec{F} defined on a domain containing C , the *Vector Path Integral* or *Vector Line Integral* of \vec{F} over C is denoted by

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

defined to be

$$\int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{p}(t)) \cdot \vec{p}'(t) dt$$

for a path $\vec{p} : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, any valid parametrization whose image is C . Obviously the value of this integral is independent of the choice of parametrization of C .

A path integral can be independent of the choice of the path too. We can define it by

Definition 34. A vector field \vec{F} on a domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is *Path Independent* if for any two oriented paths C_1, C_2 in D that begin and end at the same points

$$\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

This can lead to a very important theorem

Theorem 9. A vector field \vec{F} is path independent if and only if

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

for all loops C in the domain.

From Physics we can write another banger of a definition

Definition 35. A vector field \vec{F} defined on an open set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is *Conservative* if there is some function $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\nabla f = \vec{F}$.

Conservative Vector Fields happen to be quite important. For instance we have the following theorem

Theorem 10. A vector field on a *path-connected domain*² is conservative if and only if it is Path Independent.

I like to think there is no island like disconnect between the regions.

Definition 36. *Path Connected* means that for every two points in the set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, there is a path starting from one and ending at other.

Path Integral version of Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Theorem 11. If $\nabla f = \vec{F}$, then for any path C in the domain of \vec{F} which starts at a point \vec{a} and ends at point \vec{b} , we have

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = f(\vec{b}) - f(\vec{a})$$

Introduction to Curl

Definition 37. If $\vec{F} = \langle F_1, F_2 \rangle$ a vector field in \mathbb{R}^2 then

$$(\nabla \times \vec{F})_z = \text{curl}_z \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y}$$

Definition 38. For a vector field $\vec{F} = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle$ in \mathbb{R}^3 , we define the curl

$$\text{curl} \vec{F} = \left\langle \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \right\rangle$$

Green's Theorem: Vector Path Integral to Scalar Surface Integral in \mathbb{R}^2

Theorem 12. Let R be a “nice” region in \mathbb{R}^{23} and let \vec{F} be a C^1 vector field defined on R . Then

$$\int_R \text{curl}_z(\vec{F}) = \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

where C is oriented so that R is on the left if we go around C . TODO: make next one proposition

Theorem 13. If a C^1 vector field \vec{F} in \mathbb{R}^2 is *conservative* the $\text{curl}_z \vec{F}$ is identically zero.

The reverse of this is not necessarily true for all case. For that our path need to be nice enough. I will define what I mean with nice enough later. TODO: make next one proposition

Theorem 14. If a C^1 vector field \vec{F} in \mathbb{R}^2 has *Simply Connected*⁴ domain D and $\text{curl}_z \vec{F}$ is identically zero on D , then \vec{F} is conservative.

²will be defined right after this

³the “inside” of some closed, piecewise C^1 curve C

⁴will be defined right after this.

Definition 39. A domain D in \mathbb{R}^2 or \mathbb{R}^3 is *Simply Connected* if every loop in D can be “filled in” (by a region/surface) while staying in D . Alternatively, D is *Simply Connected* if every loop in D can be “pulled in” to a point in D .

Vector Surface Integral : Flux

Before moving on to the Green's Theorem in \mathbb{R}^3 we have the burden of definition of a Flux Integral.

Definition 40. Suppose \vec{F} is a vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 and S is an oriented C^1 parametrized surface in \mathbb{R}^3 . If S is parametrized by $p : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ for some $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, then the *Flux Integral* is defined by \vec{F} over S as

$$\int_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_D \vec{F}(p(u, v)) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial p}{\partial v} \right)$$

where we stay aware about the direction of $\frac{\partial p}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial p}{\partial v}$ with chosen orientation of the surface.

Green's Theorem in \mathbb{R}^3

Theorem 15. Given a C^1 vector field \vec{F} in \mathbb{R}^3 defined on an oriented surface S , we have

$$\int_S \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \oint_{\partial S} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

where ∂S represents the edge of S oriented compatibly with the orientation of S . The intuitive addition to the above theorem is going to be that travelling around ∂S with our head pointed towards the positive side of the surface, the surface is on our left.

TODO: make the next one proposition

Theorem 16. If a C^1 vector field in \vec{F} in \mathbb{R}^3 is conservative then $\text{curl } \vec{F}$ is identically zero.

Theorem 17. If a C^1 vector field \vec{F} is defined on a *Simply Connected* domain in \mathbb{R}^3 and $\text{curl } \vec{F}$ is identically zero, the \vec{F} is conservative.

Divergence Theorem

Definition 41. For a vector field $\vec{F} = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle$ in \mathbb{R}^3 the *Divergence* of \vec{F} is given by

$$\text{div } \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z}$$

Theorem 18. Given a C^1 vector field \vec{F} on \mathbb{R}^3 defined on region R , we have

$$\int_R \text{div } \vec{F} = \oint_{\partial R} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

where ∂R represents the boundary of R oriented so that the side away from R is positive.

A useful fact can be

TODO: make proposition

Theorem 19. For a C^2 vector field \vec{F}

$$\operatorname{div} \left(\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \right) = 0$$

Introduction

Whatever you see in this particular font is *intuition*. Through *intuition* I mean the “not so correct” way of writing things that will provide you with a rough picture to think about. The slightly incorrect literature is supposed to give you an anchor for imagination - though the rigorous correctness is embodied in the *Definitions*, *Propositions*, *Theorems*.

The goal I am trying to achieve with this handout is **putting all the things I’ve learned in 232 in one single place in a way my malfunctioning brain can understand**. I have particularly struggled through every single classes other than integration because I couldn’t convince myself why certain things existed and behaved the way they did. This was remarkably debilitating for my academics because I had taken two other math courses and I had to spent three times the time only working on 232.

Now as I think about it, right before finals, the inability to *chronologically* and *logically* not being able to structure the ideas was the fatal flaw I was dealing with. This note is an attempt to fix that.

Please don’t forget to read the footnotes.

Appendix : Gamma Function

Definition 42. The Gamma Function for $z > 0$ is

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{z-1} e^{-t} dt$$

TODO: about multi-dim sphere vol.