

# MATH 2XX3 - Advanced Calculus II

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# 1 Introduction

In this course, we wish to study calculus using the concepts from linear algebra.

## 1.1 Vector norm

**Definition 1.1.** Euclidean norm of  $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is given as

$$\|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}} = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2}$$

**Theorem 1.1** (Properties of a norm).

1.  $\|\vec{x}\| \geq 0$  and  $\|\vec{x}\| = 0$  iff  $\vec{x} = \vec{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ .
2. For all scalars  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\|a\vec{x}\| = |a| \cdot \|\vec{x}\|$ .
3. (Triangle inequality)  $\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\| \leq \|\vec{x}\| + \|\vec{y}\|$ .

We say that this is a property of a norm because there are other norms, which measure distance in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  in different ways!

**Example 1.1.1** (A non-pythagorean norm - *The Taxi Cab Norm*). Consider the following vector  $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . The euclidean norm gives the length of the diagonal line. On the other hand,

$$\|\vec{p}\|_1 = |p_1| + |p_2|$$

gives us the total distance in a rectangular grid system.

For  $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\|\vec{p}\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |p_j|$ . Note that the Taxi Cab norm is a valid norm because it satisfies all properties of a norm above. So it also gives us a valid alternative way to measure *distance* in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\text{dist}(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) = \|\vec{p} - \vec{q}\|$ . This way of measuring distance gives  $\mathbb{R}^n$  a *different geometry*.

**Definition 1.2.** Neighborhood of a point  $\vec{p}$ , or disks centered at  $\vec{p}$  is defined as

$$D_r(\vec{p}) = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\vec{x} - \vec{p}\| < r\}$$

**Definition 1.3.** Sphere is defined as

$$S_r(\vec{p}) = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\vec{x} - \vec{p}\| = r\}$$

What neighborhood and sphere look like depends on which norm you choose. First, let's start with the familiar euclidean norm. Then, the sphere is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{x} - \vec{p}\| &= r \\ \iff \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - p_j)^2} &= r \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - p_j)^2 = r^2$$

If  $n = 3$ , we have  $(x_1 - p_1)^2 + (x_2 - p_2)^2 + (x_3 - p_3)^2 = r^2$ , usual sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with center  $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$

If  $n = 2$ , we have  $(x_1 - p_1)^2 + (x_2 - p_2)^2 = r^2$ , usual circle in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with center  $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2)$ .

If we replace Euclidean norm by the Taxi Cab norm (for simplicity, take  $\vec{p} = \vec{0}$ ), we have

$$S_r^{\text{taxi}}(\vec{0}) = \left\{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\vec{x} - \vec{0}\|_1 = r \right\}$$

In other words, we have

$$\vec{x} \in S_r^{\text{taxi}}(\vec{0}) \iff \sum_{j=1}^n |x_j| = r$$

Looking at it in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , we have  $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2)$ . Then,  $r = |x_1| + |x_2|$ . This, in fact, is a diamond.

*Remark.* Note that  $|x_1| + |x_2| = r$  is a *circle* in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  under the Taxi Cab norm. Then, we have

$$\pi = \frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{diameter}} = \frac{8r}{2r} = 4$$

## 1.2 Subset

Let's introduce some properties of *subsets* in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  means  $A$  is a *collection* of points  $\vec{x}$ , drawn from  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $\vec{p} \in A$ . We say  $\vec{p}$  is an *interior point* of  $A$  if there exists a *neighbourhood* of  $\vec{p}$ , i.e. an *open disk*, which is entirely contained in  $A$ :

$$D_r(\vec{p}) \subset A.$$

**Example 1.2.1.**

$$A = \left\{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \vec{x} \neq \vec{0} \right\}$$

Take any  $\vec{p} \in A$ , so  $\vec{p} \neq \vec{0}$ . Then, let  $r = \|\vec{p} - \vec{0}\| > 0$ , and  $D_r(\vec{p}) \subset A$ , since  $\vec{0} \notin D_r(\vec{p})$ . (Notice: any smaller disk,  $D_s(\vec{p}) \subset D_r(\vec{p}) \subset A$ , where  $0 < s < r$  works to show that  $\vec{p}$  is an interior point).

So every  $\vec{p} \in A$  is an interior point to  $A$ .

**Definition 1.5.** If every  $\vec{p} \in A$  is an interior point, we call  $A$  an open set.

**Example 1.2.2.**  $A = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n | \vec{x} \neq \vec{0}\}$  is an open set.

**Example 1.2.3.**  $A = D_R(\vec{0})$  is an open set.

*Proof.* If  $\vec{p} = \vec{0}$ ,  $D_r(\vec{0}) \subseteq A = D_R(\vec{0})$  provided  $r \leq R$ . So  $\vec{p} = \vec{0}$  is interior to  $A$ . Consider any other  $\vec{p} \in A$ . It's evident that  $D_r(\vec{p}) \subset A = D_R(\vec{0})$  provided that  $0 \leq r \leq R - \|\vec{p}\|$ . Therefore,  $A = D_R(\vec{0})$  is an open set.  $\square$

**Example 1.2.4.** Suppose we use Taxi Cab disks instead of Euclidean disk. It does not change which points are interior to  $A$  since the diamond is inscribed in a circle. In other words,

$$D_r^{\text{taxi}}(\vec{p}) \subset D_r^{\text{Euclid}}(\vec{p})$$

**Definition 1.6.** The complement of set  $A$  is

$$A^c = \{\vec{x} | \vec{x} \notin A\}$$

**Definition 1.7.**  $\vec{b}$  is a boundary point of  $A$  if for every  $r > 0$ ,  $D_r(\vec{b})$  contains both points in  $A$  and points not in  $A$ :

$$D_r(\vec{b}) \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ and } D_r(\vec{b}) \cap A^c \neq \emptyset$$

In the example 1.2.3, the set of all boundary points of  $A = D_R(\vec{0})$

$$\left\{ \vec{b} \mid \|\vec{b}\| = R \right\}$$

is a sphere of radius  $R$ .

**Definition 1.8.** A set  $A$  is closed if  $A^c$  is open.

**Theorem 1.2.**  $A$  is closed if and only if  $A$  contains all its boundary points.

**Example 1.2.5.** Consider the following set:

$$A = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x_1 \geq 0, x_2 > 0\}$$

If  $\vec{p}_1 = (p_1, p_2)$ , where  $p_1 > 0, p_2 > 0$ , then  $\vec{p}_1$  is an interior point. Take  $r = \min\{p_1, p_2\}$ . Then,  $D_r(\vec{p}) \subset A$ . On the other hand, any  $\vec{p}$  that lies on either axes (including  $\vec{0}$ ) is a boundary point. Since there are boundary points in  $A$ ,  $A$  can't be open.

### 1.3 Functions

In this section, we will be considering vector values functions such that

$$F : A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k.$$

We can rewrite this using a matrix notation:

$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \begin{bmatrix} F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots \\ F_k(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 1.3.1.** For a  $(k \times n)$  matrix  $M$ ,

$$F(\vec{x}) = M\vec{x}$$

First, we wish to study limits. What does  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} F(\vec{x}) = \vec{L}$  mean? Note that it's not enough to treat the variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  separately.

**Example 1.3.2.** Consider the following function:

$$F(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2 + 4y^2},$$

where  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ . First, we can attempt to find its limit by considering them separately.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} F(x, y) \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{0}{x^2} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 0 = 0$$

Similarly, we have

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} F(x, y) \right) = 0$$

However, if  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along a straight line path with  $y = mx$ , where  $m$  is constant, we have

$$F(x, mx) = \frac{mx^2}{x^2 + 4m^2x^2} = \frac{m}{1 + 4m^2}$$

In this case, we have

$$\lim_{\substack{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0) \\ \text{along } y=mx}} F(x, y) = \frac{m}{1 + 4m^2}$$

Therefore, the values of  $F(x, y)$  don't approach any particular value as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ .

**Example 1.3.3** (Worse). Consider the following function:

$$F(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{x^4 + y^2}.$$

If we approach  $(0, 0)$  along  $y = mx$ , limit equals 1. However, if we approach along a parabola,  $y = mx^2$ , limit equals  $m^2/(1 + m^2)$ . We get different limits along different parabolas. Therefore, we must look at limit as distance  $\|\vec{x} - \vec{0}\| \rightarrow 0$ , regardless of path!