

Basics

- dot product: $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots = |\underline{a}| |\underline{b}| \cos \theta$, $W = \underline{F} \cdot \underline{d}$ where F is force and d is distance
- Cross Product: $\underline{v} \times \underline{w} = \begin{vmatrix} i & -j & k \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix}$
- The area of the quadrilateral which the vectors are enclosing is the determinant of the cross product
- Vector equation of line : $(x, y, z) = (x_0, y_0, z_0) + t(a, b, c)$; where (a, b, c) is a vector parallel to the line and (x_0, y_0, z_0) is a point on the line
- Standard equation of line/plane: $\underline{n} \cdot ((x, y, z) - (x_0, y_0, z_0)) = 0$, where \underline{n} is a vector normal to the line/plane
- projection \underline{a} onto \underline{b} : $Proj_{\underline{b}}(\underline{a}) = \underline{a}_{\underline{b}} = (\underline{a} \cdot \frac{\underline{a}}{|\underline{b}|}) \frac{\underline{b}}{|\underline{b}|}$

Parametrization and Tangents to planes ...

- Curve: $R^2 : \underline{r} = (x(t), y(t)) ; R^3 : \underline{r} = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$
- Tangent line at $t = t_0$: $L(s) = \underline{r}(t_0) + s \underline{r}'(t_0)$
- Tangent plane of graph at $(a, b, f(a, b))$: $z = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$

Parametrized Surface ($\underline{r}(u, v)$) and Curve and regular parametrization

- $\underline{r}_u(u_0, v_0)$ and $\underline{r}_v(u_0, v_0)$ are two vectors parallel to the plane tangent to the surface at $\underline{r}(u_0, v_0)$
- $\underline{n} = \underline{r}_u(u_0, v_0) \times \underline{r}_v(u_0, v_0)$ is a vector normal to the above tangent plane, if $\underline{n} \neq \underline{0}$ then the parametrization is regular at $\underline{r}(u_0, v_0)$
- Tangent plane can be written in two ways:
 - As a parametrization: $(x, y, z) = \underline{r}(u_0, v_0) + a \underline{r}_u(u_0, v_0) + b \underline{r}_v(u_0, v_0)$
 - As a level set (Standard equation): $\underline{n} \cdot ((x, y, z) - \underline{r}(u_0, v_0)) = 0$
- Parametrization of special surfaces
 - cylinder: $\underline{r}(\theta, z) = (R \cos(\theta), R \sin(\theta), z)$
 - sphere: $\underline{r}(\theta, \phi) = (R \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta), R \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta), R \cos(\phi))$
 - graph $y = f(x)$: $\underline{r}(x) = (x, f(x))$
- Parametrization of curves
 - line segment: $\underline{r}(t) = \underline{a} + t(\underline{b} - \underline{a})$
 - circle in R^2 : $\underline{r}(t) = (R \cos(t), R \sin(t))$
 - graph $z = f(x, y)$: $\underline{r}(x, y) = (x, y, f(x, y))$

Surfaces and Gradient vectors

- Common surfaces:
 - Bowl/cup: $z = x^2 + y^2$
 - Saddle: $z = x^2 - y^2$
 - Sphere: $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2$
 - Cone: $z = \pm c \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
 - Cylinder: $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$
 - Plane: $ax + by + cz = d$

Level sets

- level set of $f(x, y)$ is a curve in the xy-plane: $f(x, y) = const$
- level set of $f(x, y, z)$ is a graph in the xyz-plane: $f(x, y, z) = const$

Gradient Vector $\nabla f = (f_{x_1}, f_{x_2}, ..., f_{x_n})$

- Maximum increase: the direction: direction of ∇f ; the rate: $|\nabla f|$
- Minimum increase: opposite direction of ∇f ; the rate: $-|\nabla f|$
- No change: the normal to ∇f
- Rate of change in direction \hat{u} : **directional derivative** $D_{\hat{u}} f(\underline{p}) = \nabla f(\underline{p}) \cdot \hat{u}$
- ∇f is normal to level sets
- Tangent set to level set at \underline{p} : $\nabla f(\underline{p}) \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{p}) = 0$

Linear approximation, tangent plane, Local minimum and Maximum (optimization)

- Linearization: $L(\underline{x}) = f(\underline{p}) + \nabla f(\underline{p}) \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{p})$
- Linear Approximation : $f(\underline{x}) = L(\underline{x})$
- Critical Points: $\nabla f(\underline{p}) = \underline{0}$
- Second derivative test: $D = f_{xx} f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$ at point \underline{p}
 - If $D > 0$ and $(f_{xx} > 0 \text{ or } f_{yy} > 0)$, then \underline{p} is a local min
 - If $D > 0$ and $(f_{xx} < 0 \text{ or } f_{yy} < 0)$, then \underline{p} is a local max
 - If $D < 0$ then \underline{p} is a saddle point
- chain rule: $f = f(\underline{x}), x_i = x_i(t)$ then $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t_i} = \nabla f(\underline{x}) \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{x}}{\partial t_i}$

Coordinate systems

- Rectangular Coordinates (x, y, z)
- Cylinder Coordinates (θ, r, z)
- Spherical Coordinates (ϕ, θ, ρ)