

Geometry of Motion - MA134

summary sheet

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1 Curves

\underline{r} is vector-valued if it maps $t \in \mathbb{R}$ to a vector $\underline{r}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

function $\underline{r}: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$
the set of image points

$$C = \{ \underline{r}(t) : t \in I \}$$

is a curve in \mathbb{R}^n .

\underline{r} is a parametrisation of the curve C .

- smooth \Leftrightarrow each component infinitely differentiable
- oriented \Leftrightarrow curve is traced out in a direction \vec{x}
- embedded \Leftrightarrow [simple] does not intersect itself [injective]
- closed $\Leftrightarrow \underline{r}(t)$ parametrisation $t \in [a, b]$, $\underline{r}(a) = \underline{r}(b) \Rightarrow$ closed

~~Calculus of vector functions~~

Calculus of vector functions & curves

$\underline{r}'(t)$ is the tangent vector to the curve at $t = c$

curve C parametrised by $\underline{r}(t)$, $t \in I$. \underline{r} is a regular parametrisation if $\underline{r}'(t) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow |\underline{r}'(t)| \neq 0$ at all points on the curve. A curve is regular if it has a regular parametrisation

$$|\underline{r}(t)|^2 = \underline{r} \cdot \underline{r} \Rightarrow f(t) = |\underline{r}(t)| \Rightarrow (f(t))^2 = \underline{r} \cdot \underline{r}$$

$$|\underline{r}(t)| = \text{constant}$$

$\Rightarrow \underline{r}(t)$ and $\underline{r}'(t)$ orthogonal
 \Downarrow
circles!

$$\Rightarrow 2f(t) \cdot f'(t) = 2\underline{r} \cdot \underline{r}' \Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{\underline{r} \cdot \underline{r}'}{|\underline{r}(t)|}$$

Arc length

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = |\underline{r}'(t)| \Rightarrow s = \int |\underline{r}'(t)| dt \quad \left| \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \right| = \frac{ds}{dt}$$

$$s(t) = \int_{t_0}^t |\underline{r}'(u)| du \quad \text{arc length parametrisation is } \underline{r}(s)$$

Also, $\left| \frac{d\underline{r}}{ds} \right| = 1 \Rightarrow$ unit speed parametrisation

Rules:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\underline{u} + \lambda \underline{v}) = \underline{u}' + \lambda \underline{v}'$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(f \underline{u}) = f' \underline{u} + f \underline{u}'$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}) = \underline{u}' \cdot \underline{v} + \underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}'$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\underline{u} \times \underline{v}) = \underline{u}' \times \underline{v} + \underline{u} \times \underline{v}'$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\underline{u}(f(t))) = \underline{u}'(f(t)) f'(t)$$

Pf: write out in component form

Differential Geometry of Curves

let $\underline{r}(s)$ be a unit speed curve

• curvature: $K(s) = |\underline{r}''(s)|$

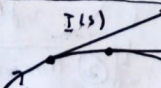
• radius of C : $\frac{1}{K(s)}$ [osculating circle]

• tangent: $\underline{T}(s) = \underline{r}'(s)$

• Principle Normal: $\underline{N}(s) \mid \underline{r}''(s) = K(s) \underline{N}(s)$

• Binormal: $K \neq 0$, $\underline{B} = \underline{T} \times \underline{N}$

• Torsion: $\underline{B}' = -\tau \underline{N}$, $\tau = -\underline{B}' \cdot \underline{N}$



$\frac{dT}{ds} = N$ Nonchart

Is \underline{r} unit speed?

Yes

No

- $\underline{T} = \underline{r}'$
- $K = |\underline{T}'|$
- $\underline{N} = \frac{\underline{T}'}{|\underline{T}'|}$
- $\underline{B} = \underline{T} \times \underline{N}$
- $\tau = -\underline{B}' \cdot \underline{N}$

can we find arc length parametrisation easily?

YES

$$\underline{T}(t) = \frac{\underline{r}'(t)}{|\underline{r}'(t)|}$$

$$K(t) = \left| \frac{d\underline{T}}{ds} \right| = \left| \frac{d\underline{T}}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{ds} \right| = \left| \frac{\underline{T}'(t)}{|\underline{r}'(t)|} \right|$$

$$\underline{N}(t) = \frac{\underline{T}'(t)}{|\underline{T}'(t)|}$$

$$\underline{B}(t) = \underline{T}(t) \times \underline{N}(t)$$

$$\tau(t) = -\frac{d\underline{B}}{dt} \cdot \underline{N} = -\underline{B}'(t) \cdot \underline{N}(t) = \frac{|\underline{r}'(t)|^3}{|\underline{r}'(t)|^3}$$

$$K(t) = \frac{|\underline{r}'(t) \times \underline{r}''(t)|}{|\underline{r}'(t)|^3}$$

$$\tau(t) = \frac{\underline{r}'(t) \times \underline{r}''(t) \cdot \underline{r}'''(t)}{|\underline{r}'(t)|^3 \times |\underline{r}'(t)|^2}$$

Frenet-Serret Equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{T}' \\ \underline{N}' \\ \underline{B}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & K & 0 \\ -K & 0 & \tau \\ 0 & -\tau & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{T} \\ \underline{N} \\ \underline{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a \cdot b = |a||b| \cos \theta, |a \times b| = |a||b| \sin \theta$$

Differentiating functions of several variables

Let $f: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The graph of f is the set of points in \mathbb{R}^3 s.t. $z = f(x, y)$

The level sets of a function $f: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are the set of pts

$$L_k = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(x) = k\}$$

$n=2 \Rightarrow$ contours

$n=3 \Rightarrow$ isosurfaces

Let $f: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The gradient of f , ∇f , grad f

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

$\nabla f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
operator vector

$$D_u f(x) = \nabla f \cdot u$$

$$\text{Def: } D_u f(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + tu) - f(x)}{t}$$

Let $g(t) = f(\zeta(t))$ where, $\zeta(t) = x + ty$
 $\zeta(0) = x$ $\zeta'(t) = u$

$$D_u f(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(t) - g(0)}{t} = g'(0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{but } g'(t) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x'(t) \\ y'(t) \\ z'(t) \end{pmatrix} = \nabla f \cdot \zeta'(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore D_u f(x) = g'(0) = \nabla f \cdot \zeta'(0) = \nabla f \cdot u$$

Suppose $f(x, y)$ has a critical point at (a, b)

let $D = \det(H)$ where

Then

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2$$

(a) if $D > 0$, $f_{xx} > 0$ at $(a, b) \Rightarrow$ local minimum

(b) if $D > 0$, $f_{xx} < 0$ at $(a, b) \Rightarrow$ local maximum

(c) if $D < 0 \Rightarrow$ saddle point

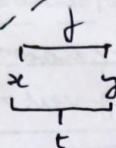
(d) if $D = 0 \Rightarrow$ inconclusive test

Partial derivatives of $f: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ at pt (a, b) are

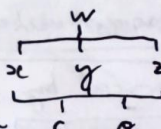
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a, b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h, b) - f(a, b)}{h} \quad \text{etc.}$$

Product rule still holds for partial derivatives

Chain Rule



$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$



$$\frac{dw}{dr} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dr} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dr} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dr}$$

$f: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. \hat{u} is a unit vector. The directional derivative of f in the direction of u , $D_u f$ defined as

$$D_u f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + hu) - f(x)}{h}$$

Geometry & Applications

① Linear Approximations

$$f(x, y) \approx f(a, b) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{(a,b)} (x-a) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Big|_{(a,b)} (y-b)$$

linear approx of a function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x)$ near x_0 given by

$$f(x) \approx f(x_0) + \nabla f \Big|_{x_0} (x - x_0)$$

② Normal to a surface

∇f is normal to $f = \text{constant}$

③ Critical Points & Classification

(a, b) is a critical point of $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ if $f_x = 0$ and $f_y = 0$ [$\nabla f = 0$]



Steepest ascent/descent

$$0_{\hat{u}} f = \nabla f \cdot \hat{u} = |\nabla f| \cos \theta$$

where θ is the angle between ∇f and \hat{u} , $\theta \in [0, \pi]$

\Rightarrow max for $\theta = 0$ so f increasing the fastest in direction

$$\hat{u} = \frac{\nabla f}{|\nabla f|} \text{ [steepest ascent]}$$

\Rightarrow min for $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ so f decreases the fastest for

$$\hat{u} = -\frac{\nabla f}{|\nabla f|} \text{ [steepest descent]}$$

Integration I - Cartesian coordinates

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If you can't do an integral, try switching the order of integration!

$\iint_R f(x,y) dx dy$ represents

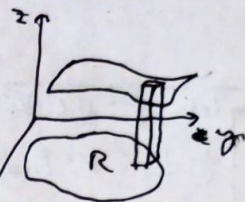
the volume under the surface $z = f(x,y)$ above the region R

Solid in \mathbb{R}^3 has density $\rho(x,y,z)$

then

$$m = \int dm = \iiint \rho(x,y,z) dV$$

$$\text{centre of mass } \bar{x} = \frac{1}{m} \iiint x \rho dV$$



Integration II - Special coordinates

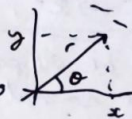
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Polar coordinates:

$$dA = r dr d\theta$$

$$x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2, \tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$



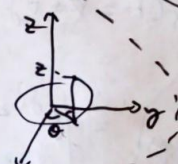
Cylindrical coordinates:

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

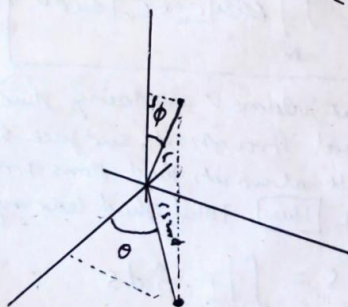
$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$z = z$$

$$dV = r dr d\theta dz$$



Spherical coordinates



$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \Rightarrow I^2 = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2-y^2} dx dy \text{ and switch to polar coordinates}$$

$\Rightarrow I^2 = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} r dr d\theta$

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$$\Rightarrow I = \sqrt{\pi}$$

Calculus of Multivariable Functions

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$$\text{note: } \Delta A \approx |a \times b| \approx \begin{vmatrix} a & b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$a = E_u \Delta u \text{ [evaluated at } u_0, v_0]$$

$$b = E_v \Delta v \text{ [evaluated at } u_0, v_0] \Rightarrow \Delta A = |E_u \times E_v| \Delta u \Delta v$$

$$\text{[derived from linear approximation form]} \Rightarrow dA = |E_u \times E_v| du dv$$

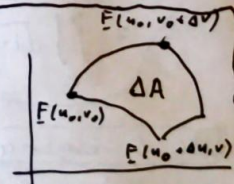
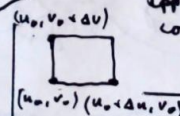
let $E: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $E(u,v) = (x,y)$ be a bijection [represents a coordinate transformation $x = x(u,v), y = y(u,v)$ then the integral of $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ can be:

$$\iint_R f(x,y) dx dy = \iint_S f(u,v) |det DF(u,v)| du dv$$

where $S = F^{-1}(R)$ is the corresponding region in the $u-v$ plane.

$$DF = \begin{pmatrix} x_u & x_v \\ y_u & y_v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix}$$

applying bijective coordinate transformation F



$$dA = dx dy = |det DF(u,v)| du dv$$

$$dV = |det DF(u,v,w)| du dv dw$$

$$E(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$$

$$DF(r, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} x_r & x_\theta \\ y_r & y_\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E(r, \theta, \phi) =$$

$$(r \cos \theta \sin \phi, r \sin \theta \sin \phi, r \cos \phi)$$

$F: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
 F is a vector field

A vector field which can be expressed as ∇f is called a conservative vector field.

$F(x,y) = x\mathbf{i} - y\mathbf{j}$
 $f = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}$

Let $F: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$. The Divergence of F , $\nabla \cdot F$ or $\text{div } F$ is

$$\text{div } F = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

∇ : vector \rightarrow scalar

Let $F: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$. The curl of F , $\nabla \times F$ or $\text{curl } F$ is

$$\text{curl } F = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$\nabla \times$: vector \rightarrow vector.

If $F(x,y,z)$ is a conservative field then $\text{curl } F = 0$ [$F = \nabla f$]

Ex: $F = \nabla f = (\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z})$

$\therefore \text{curl } F = \nabla \times \nabla f = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f_x & f_y & f_z \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} f_{yz} - f_{zy} \\ f_{zx} - f_{xz} \\ f_{xy} - f_{yx} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

parametrization:
 $\mathbf{r}(x,y) = (x, y, f(x,y))$

Surface Integrals + Divergence Theorem (9)

We can parametrise a surface S in \mathbb{R}^3 by $\mathbf{r}: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, $\mathbf{r}(u,v) = (x(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v))$

Let $\mathbf{r}(u,v)$ be the parametrization of a surface S . The unit normal at the point P on S given by $\hat{n} = \pm \frac{\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v}{|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v|}$ evaluated at pt. P .

$\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 0 & f_x \\ 0 & 1 & f_y \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -f_x \\ -f_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\therefore SA = \iint_R |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| du dv$

$$= \iint_R \sqrt{1 + f_x^2 + f_y^2} dx dy$$

$dS = |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| du dv$ so surface area given by

$$SA = \iint_S |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| du dv$$

Note: If $\mathbf{r}_u \cdot \mathbf{r}_v = 0 \Rightarrow |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| = |\mathbf{r}_u| |\mathbf{r}_v|$

closed container, volume V containing fluid that flows outward through its surface S . (velocity \mathbf{v}) $\mathbf{E} = p\mathbf{v}$ is the rate at which fluid flows through a small area dS . \mathbf{E} is the flux. Total fluid leaving:

Total flux across $S = \iint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot \hat{n} dS$

rate at which fluid flows out of volume element: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV$

rate of outflow from $V = \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV$

The Divergence Theorem

Let $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a differentiable vector field. V volume. S is surface

$$\iiint_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV = \iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

where \hat{n} is outward pointing unit n.

RHS $= \iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ where

$$d\mathbf{S} = \hat{n} dS$$

$$= \hat{n} |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| du dv$$

$$= \pm (\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v) du dv$$

note: not nice geometry

Line Integrals & Stokes Theorem (10)

If $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ C is a curve parametrised by $\mathbf{r}(t)$

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_a^b \mathbf{F} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} dt$$

If F is a conservative field, $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$ independent of path.

How much fluid circulates around P ? (thru) \hat{n} curl \mathbf{E}

Portmanteau: $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{n}$ circulation = curl \mathbf{F} projected in direction of \hat{n}

RHR.

Stokes Theorem

Let $F(x,y,z)$ be a vector field. Let S be a surface w/ unit normal \hat{n} and boundary curve C oriented w/ RHR.

$$\iint_S \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

[net circulation] = [circulation around C]