

Surface Area and Surface Integration

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Surfaces in Space

Explicit form: $z = f(x, y)$

Implicit form: $F(x, y, z) = 0$

- > There is also a parametric form for surfaces that gives the position of a point on the surface as a vector function of two variables.

Parametric Form of Surfaces in Space

Suppose

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = x(u, v) \mathbf{i} + y(u, v) \mathbf{j} + z(u, v) \mathbf{k}$$

is a continuous vector function that is defined on a region R in the uv -plane and one-to-one on the interior of R

The aim is to find a double integral for calculating the area of a curved surface S based on the parametrization:

$$\begin{aligned} r(u, v) &= x(u, v)i + y(u, v)j + z(u, v)k, \quad (u, v) \in D, \\ D &:= \{(u, v) : a \leq u \leq b, c \leq v \leq d\}. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- We need S to be smooth for the construction we are about to carry out.
- Consider the following two partial derivatives:

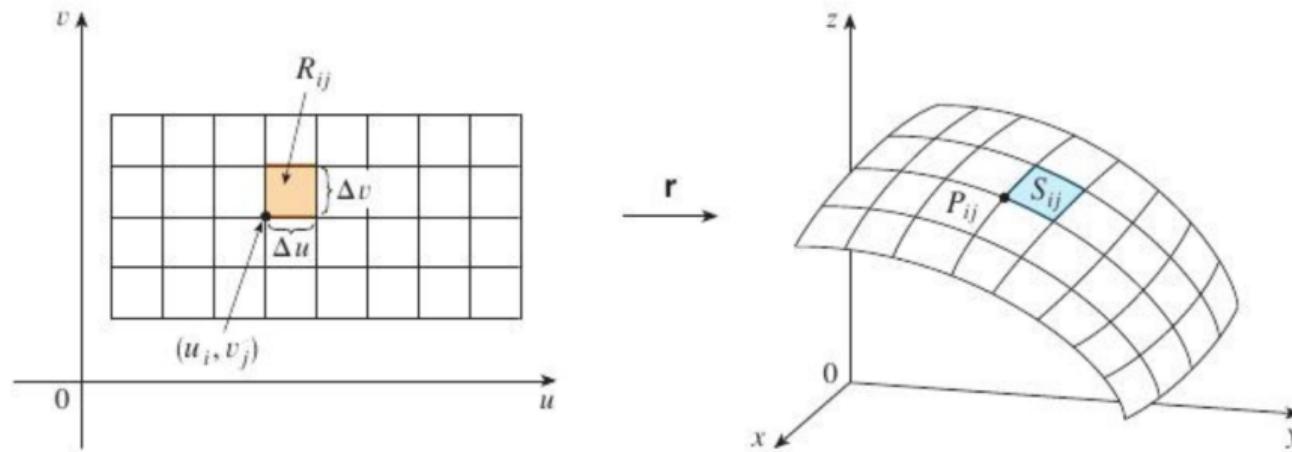
$$\begin{aligned} r_u &= \frac{\partial r}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u}i + \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}j + \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}k \\ r_v &= \frac{\partial r}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}i + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}j + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}k \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Smooth Surface (Definition)

A parametrized surface $r(u, v)$ (1) is smooth if r_u and r_v are continuous and $r_u \times r_v$ is never zero on the interior of the parameter domain.

Surface Area Derivation

- Let S be a smooth surface given parametrically by (1) over a rectangular region D . (D is considered to be a rectangle for ease of derivation)
- Suppose S is covered exactly once as (u, v) vary over D .
- Divide D into small rectangle R_{ij} with the lower left corner point as $Q_{ij} = (u_i, v_j)$.
- For simplicity, let the partition be uniform with u -lengths as Δu and v -lengths as Δv .



- The part S_{ij} of S that corresponds to R_{ij} has the corner P_{ij} with position vector $r(u_i, v_j)$.
- The tangent vectors to S at $P_{ij} = r(u_i, v_j)$ are given by:

$$\begin{aligned}r_u^* &= r_u(u_i, v_j) = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u}(u_i, v_j) i + \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}(u_i, v_j) j + \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}(u_i, v_j) k \\r_v^* &= r_v(u_i, v_j) = \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}(u_i, v_j) i + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}(u_i, v_j) j + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}(u_i, v_j) k\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

- The tangent plane to S is the plane that contains the two tangent vectors r_u^* and r_v^* .
- The normal to S at P_{ij} is the vector $r_u^* \times r_v^*$
- Notice that since S is assumed to be smooth, the normal vector is non-zero.

- The part S_{ij} is a curved parallelogram on S whose sides can be approximated by the vectors

$$\begin{aligned}r_u^* \Delta u &= P_{i+1,j} - P_{i,j} \\r_v^* \Delta u &= P_{i,j+1} - P_{i,j}\end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, the area of S_{ij} can be approximated by:

$$\text{Area of } S_{ij} \approx |r_u^* \times r_v^*| \Delta u \Delta v$$

- Then an approximation to the area of S is obtained by summing over both indices i and j :

$$\text{Area of } S \approx \sum_j \sum_i |r_u^*(u_i, v_j) \times r_v^*(u_i, v_j)| \Delta u \Delta v \quad (4)$$

- We thus define the surface area by taking the limit of the approximated quantity in (4).

Surface Area

Let S be a smooth surface given parametrically by

$$\mathbf{r} = x(u, v) \mathbf{i} + y(u, v) \mathbf{j} + z(u, v) \mathbf{k},$$

where $(u, v) \in D$, a region in the uv -plane. Suppose that S is covered exactly once as (u, v) varies over D . Then the **surface area** of S is given by:

$$\text{Area of } S = \int \int_D |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| dA \quad (5)$$

where $\mathbf{r}_u = x_u \mathbf{i} + y_u \mathbf{j} + z_u \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{r}_v = x_v \mathbf{i} + y_v \mathbf{j} + z_v \mathbf{k}$.

- Let the surface S is given by the graph of a function such as $z = f(x, y)$, where $(x, y) \in D$,
- then we take the parameters as

$$u = x, v = y, z = z(u, v) = f(x, y)$$

- That is, S is given by:

$$\mathbf{r} = ui + vj + zk.$$

- Now, we have

$$\mathbf{r}_u = i + z_u k = i + f_x k, \quad \mathbf{r}_v = j + z_v k = j + f_y k$$

- we have

$$\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 0 & f_x \\ 0 & 1 & f_y \end{vmatrix} = -f_x i - f_y j + k$$

- Area of $S = \int \int_D |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| dA = \int \int_D (\sqrt{f_x^2 + f_y^2 + 1}) dA$

Surface Area of Graphs

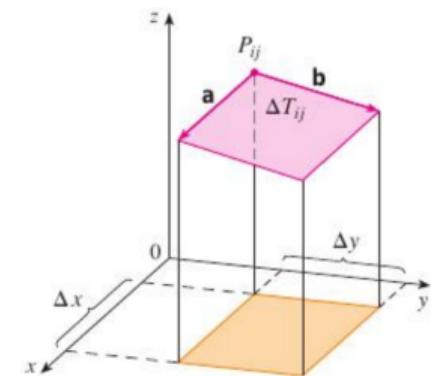
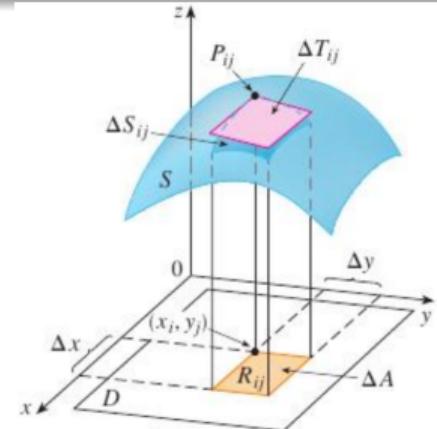
- The surface area formula can also be derived from the first principle as we had done for the parametric form.
- For this, suppose that S is given by the equation

$$z = f(x, y) \text{ for } (x, y) \in D$$

- Divide D into smaller rectangles R_{ij} with area:

$$\Delta R_{ij} = \Delta x \Delta y$$

- For the corner (x_i, y_j) in R_{ij} , closest to the origin, let P_{ij} be the point $(x_i, y_j, f(x_i, y_j))$ on the surface.
- The tangent plane to S at P_{ij} is an approximation to S near P_{ij} .



- The area T_{ij} of the portion of the tangent plane that lies above R_{ij} approximates the area of S_{ij} , the portion of S that is directly above R_{ij} .
- Therefore, we define an approximation to the **area of the surface S** as

$$\Delta(S) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n T_{ij}$$

- Now to compute T_{ij} , let's consider a and b to be the vectors that start at P_{ij} and lie along the sides of the parallelogram.
- Then $T_{ij} = |a \times b|$
- a can be approximated by the vector $P_{i+1,j} - P_{i,j}$, giving us:

$$a = \Delta xi + f_x(x_i, y_j) \Delta xk$$

- Similarly, b is given by:

$$b = \Delta yj + f_y(x_i, y_j) \Delta yk$$

- Therefore T_{ij} can be computed as:

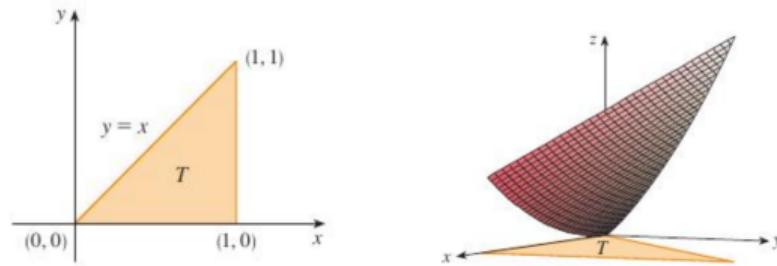
$$\begin{aligned} T_{ij} &= |a \times b| = |-f_x(x_i, y_j)i - f_y(x_i, y_j)j + k| \Delta(R_{ij}) \\ &= \sqrt{f_x^2 + f_y^2 + 1} \Delta(R_{ij}) \end{aligned}$$

- Summing over these T_{ij} and taking the limit, we obtain:

$$\text{Area of } S = \int \int_D (\sqrt{f_x^2 + f_y^2 + 1}) dA \quad (6)$$

Example

Find the surface area of the part of the surface $z = x^2 + 2y$ that lies above the triangular region in the xy -plane with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$.



- $T = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq x\}$, and $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y$.
- The surface area is:

$$\int \int_T \sqrt{(2x)^2 + 2^2 + 1} dA = \int_0^1 \int_0^x \sqrt{4x^2 + 5} dy dx = \frac{1}{12}(27 - 5\sqrt{5}).$$

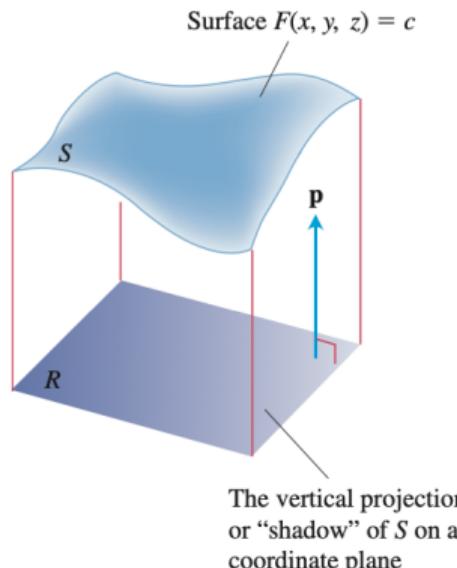
Surface Area of Implicit Surfaces

- Surfaces are often presented as level sets of a function, described by an equation such as:

$$F(x, y, z) = c, \quad (7)$$

for some constant c .

- Such a level surface does not come with an explicit parametrization, and is called an implicitly defined surface.



- Let S lies above a “shadow” region R in the plane beneath it,
- and p is a unit vector normal to the plane region R
- We assume that the surface is smooth (F is differentiable and ∇F is nonzero and continuous on S) and that $\nabla F \cdot p \neq 0$.
- so the surface never folds back over itself.

- The Implicit Function Theorem implies that S is then the graph of a differentiable function $z = f(x, y)$,
- although the function $f(x, y)$ is not explicitly known.
- Define the parameters u and v by $u = x$ and $v = y$.
- Then $z = f(u, v)$
- As was done before

$$r(u, v) = ui + vj + f(u, v)k$$

gives a parametrization of the surface S .

- Then we have

$$r_u = i + f_x k \quad \text{and} \quad r_v = j + f_y k$$

- Now consider the partial derivatives of $F(x, y, z) = c$ to get

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$$

- We obtain the partial derivatives as

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-F_x}{F_z} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-F_y}{F_z}$$

- Assume that the normal vector p is the unit vector k , so the region R lies in the xy -plane.
- By assumption, we then have $\nabla F \cdot p = \nabla F \cdot k = F_z \neq 0$ on S .
- Substitution of these derivatives into the derivatives of r gives

$$r_u = i - \frac{F_x}{F_z}k \quad \text{and} \quad r_v = j - \frac{F_y}{F_z}k$$

- Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} r_u \times r_v &= \frac{F_x}{F_z}i + \frac{F_y}{F_z}j + k \quad (F_z \neq 0) \\ &= \frac{1}{F_z}(F_xi + F_yj + F_zk) \\ &= \frac{\nabla F}{F_z} = \frac{\nabla F}{\nabla F \cdot k} \\ &= \frac{\nabla F}{\nabla F \cdot p} \quad (p = k) \end{aligned}$$

Surface Area of $F(x, y, z) = c$

Let the surface S be given by $F(x, y, z) = c$. Let R be a closed bounded region which is obtained by projecting the surface to a plane whose unit normal is p . Suppose that ∇F is continuous on R and $\nabla F \cdot p \neq 0$. Then

$$\text{surface area of } S = \int \int_R \frac{|\nabla F|}{|\nabla F \cdot p|} dA \quad (8)$$

whenever possible, we project onto the coordinate planes.

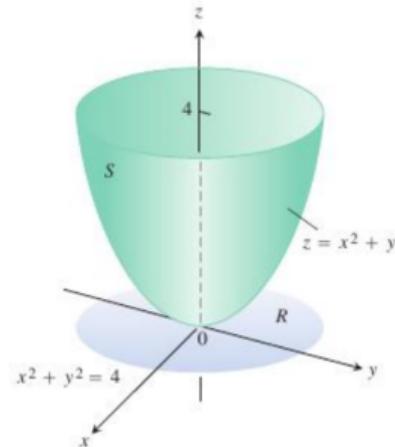
- if $F(x, y, z) = c$ could be written as $f(x, y) = z$ as a result of the implicit function theorem we have

$$\frac{|\nabla F|}{|\nabla F \cdot p|} = \frac{\sqrt{f_x^2 + f_y^2 + 1}}{1^2}$$

which is the integrand in the surface area formula.

Example

Find the area of the surface cut from the bottom of the paraboloid $x^2 + y^2 = z$ by the plane $z = 4$



- Surface S is given by $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z = 0$.
- Projection to xy -plane to get the region R as $x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$.
- $\nabla f = 2xi + 2yj - k$
- $|\nabla f| = \sqrt{1 + 4x^2 + 4y^2}$
- Here $p = k$, $\Rightarrow |\nabla f \cdot p| = 1$

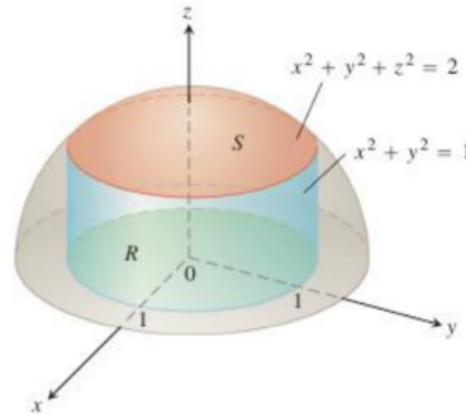
- R can be expressed in polar co-ordinate given by $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$, $0 \leq r \leq 2$.
- So the surface area of S is

$$\int \int_R \sqrt{1 + 4x^2 + 4y^2} dA = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 \sqrt{1 + 4r^2} r dr d\theta = \frac{\pi}{6} (17\sqrt{17} - 1).$$

Example

Find the surface area of the cap cut by the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ from the hemisphere

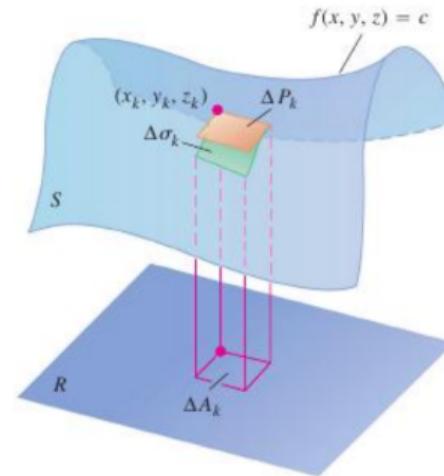
$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2, z \geq 0.$$



- The surface projected on xy -plane gives R as the disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$.
- The surface is $f(x, y, z) = 2$, where $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$.
- $\nabla f = 2xi + 2yj + 2zk$
- $|\nabla f| = 2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 2\sqrt{2}$.
- $n = k \implies |\nabla f \cdot n| = |2z| = 2z$

- To compute the flow of a liquid across a curved membrane, or the total electrical charge on a surface, we need to integrate a function over a curved surface in space.
- Such a *surface integral* is the two-dimensional extension of the *line integral* concept used to integrate over a one-dimensional curve.
- Like line integrals, surface integrals arise in two forms.
 - ① When we integrate a scalar function over a surface, such as integrating a mass density function defined on a surface to find its total mass.
 - ② surface integrals of vector fields
- The first form corresponds to line integrals of scalar functions.
- The second form is analogous to the line integrals for vector fields.
- An example of this form occurs when we want to measure the net flow of a fluid across a surface submerged in the fluid.

- let $g(x, y, z)$ ($g : D \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$) is a function is defined over a surface S .
- Let the surface S be given by $f(x, y, z) = c$.
- To compute the integral of g , over S we need to look at area elements on S .
- In turn we look at the region in the plane over which the surface S is considered.
- Divide the region R into smaller rectangles of area ΔA_k
- Consider the area of the corresponding portion of the surface as $\Delta \sigma_k$.



- Then we have

$$\Delta\sigma_k = \left(\frac{|\nabla f|}{|\nabla f \cdot p|} \right)_k \Delta A_k$$

- Assuming that g is nearly constant on the smaller surface fragment σ_k , we form the sum

$$\sum_k g(x_k, y_k, z_k) \Delta\sigma_k \approx \sum_k g(x_k, y_k, z_k) \left(\frac{|\nabla f|}{|\nabla f \cdot p|} \right)_k \Delta A_k$$

- If the above sum converges, then we define that limit as the integral of g over the surface S

Definition

- Let S be a surface given by $f(x, y, z) = c$.
- Let the projection of S onto a plane with unit normal p be the region R .
- Let $g(x, y, z)$ be a scalar valued function defined over S .

Then the **surface integral of g over S** is:

$$\iint_S g \, d\sigma = \iint_R g(x, y, z) \frac{|\nabla f|}{|\nabla f \cdot p|} dA. \quad (9)$$

We say $d\sigma = \frac{|\nabla f|}{|\nabla f \cdot p|} dA$

- If the surface S can be represented as a union of non-overlapping smooth surfaces S_1, \dots, S_n , then

$$\int \int_s g \, d\sigma = \int \int_{S_1} g \, d\sigma + \dots + \int \int_{S_n} g \, d\sigma.$$

- If $g(x, y, z) = g_1(x, y, z) + \dots + g_m(x, y, z)$ over the surface S , then

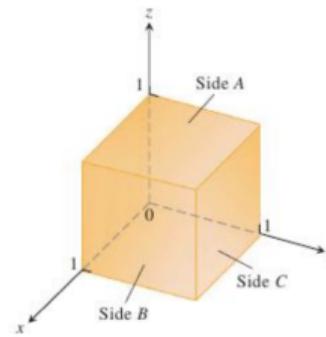
$$\int \int_s g \, d\sigma = \int \int_s g_1 \, d\sigma + \dots + \int \int_s g_m \, d\sigma.$$

- Similarly, if $g(x, y, z) = kh(x, y, z)$ holds for a constant k , over S , then

$$\int \int_s g \, d\sigma = k \int \int_s h \, d\sigma$$

Example

Integrate $g(x, y, z) = xyz$ over the surface of the cube cut from the first octant by the planes $x = 1$, $y = 1$, and $z = 1$.



- We integrate g over the six surfaces and add the results.
- As $g = xyz$ is zero on the co-ordinate planes, we need integrals on sides A, B and C.
- Side A is the surface $z = 1$ defined on the region $R_A : 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$ on the xy -plane.

- For this surface and the region,

$$p = k, \nabla f = k, |\nabla f \cdot p| = 1$$

- Since $z = 1$ we have $g(x, y, z)|_{z=1} = xyz|_{z=1} = xy$.
- the surface integral is given by

$$\iint_A g(x, y, z) d\sigma = \iint_{R_A} xy \frac{|\nabla f|}{|\nabla f \cdot p|} dA = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 xy dx dy = \int_0^1 \frac{y}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

- Similarly, compute $\iint_B g(x, y, z) d\sigma$ and $\iint_C g(x, y, z) d\sigma$ to finally write

$$\iint g(x, y, z) d\sigma = \iint g(x, y, z) d\sigma + \iint g(x, y, z) d\sigma + \iint g(x, y, z) d\sigma$$

Example

Evaluate the surface integral of $g(x, y, z) = x^2$ over the unit sphere.

- The surface can be divided into the upper hemisphere and the lower hemisphere.
- Let S be the upper hemisphere $f(x, y, z) := x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1, z \geq 0$.
- Its projection on the xy -plane is the region

$$R : x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta, 0 \leq r \leq 1, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

- Here, $p = k, \nabla f = 2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 2$.
- $|\nabla f \cdot p| = 2|z| = 2\sqrt{1 - (x^2 + y^2)} = 2\sqrt{1 - r^2}$.
- We, have

$$\begin{aligned}\iint_S x^2 d\sigma &= \iint_R x^2 \frac{|\nabla f|}{|\nabla f \cdot p|} dA = \iint_R \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} dA \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{r^2 \cos^2 \theta}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} r dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 \theta d\theta \int_0^1 \frac{r^3}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} dr = \frac{2\pi}{3}.\end{aligned}$$

Since the integral of x^2 on the upper hemisphere is equal to that on the lower hemisphere, the required integral is $2 \times \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{4\pi}{3}$.

A simplification

- When $p = k$, that is, when the region R is obtained by projecting the surface S onto the xy -plane, then we have

$$\frac{|\nabla f|}{|\nabla f \cdot p|} = \sqrt{1 + z_x^2 + z_y^2}$$

- Therefore, if the surface $f(x, y, z) = c$ can be written explicitly by $z = h(x, y)$, then the surface integral takes the form

$$\iint_S g(x, y, z) d\sigma = \iint_R g(x, y, h(x, y)) \sqrt{1 + h_x^2 + h_y^2} dx dy,$$

where R is the region obtained by projecting S on to the xy -plane.

- Similarly, if the surface can be written as $y = h(x, z)$ and R is obtained by projecting S onto the xz -plane, then

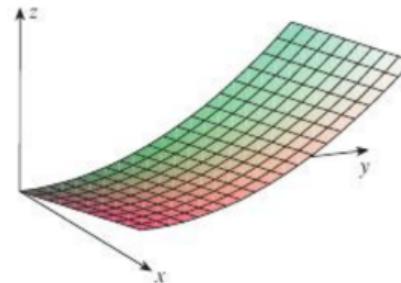
$$\iint_S g(x, y, z) d\sigma = \iint_R g(x, h(x, z), z) \sqrt{1 + h_x^2 + h_z^2} dx dz.$$

- if the surface can be written as $x = h(y, z)$ and R is obtained by projecting S onto the yz -plane, then

$$\iint_S g(x, y, z) d\sigma = \iint_R g(h(y, z), y, z) \sqrt{1 + h_y^2 + h_z^2} dy dz.$$

Example

Evaluate $\iint_S y \, d\sigma$, where S is the surface $z = x + y^2$, where $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq 2$.



- Projecting the surface to xy -plane, we obtain the region R as the rectangle $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 2$.
- The surface is given by $z = h(x, y) = x + y^2$.
- So the surface integral is

$$\begin{aligned}\iint_S y \, d\sigma &= \iint_R y \sqrt{1 + 1 + (2y)^2} \, dA = \int_0^1 \int_0^2 \sqrt{2}y \sqrt{(1 + 2y^2)} \, dy \, dx \\ &= \frac{13\sqrt{2}}{3}.\end{aligned}$$

- Suppose the surface S is given in a parameterized form:

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = x(u, v)\mathbf{i} + y(u, v)\mathbf{j} + z(u, v)\mathbf{k}$$

where (u, v) ranges over the region D in the uv -plane.

- Here, a change of variable happens. Then

$$d\sigma = |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| dudv$$

where $\mathbf{r}_u = x_u \mathbf{i} + y_u \mathbf{j} + z_u \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{r}_v = x_v \mathbf{i} + y_v \mathbf{j} + z_v \mathbf{k}$

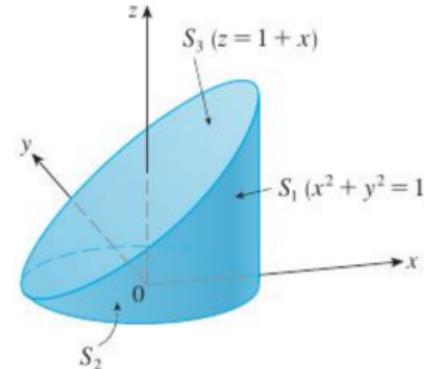
- Therefore, we have

$$\int \int_S g(x, y, z) d\sigma = \int \int_D g(\mathbf{r}(u, v)) |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| dudv$$

Example

Evaluate $\int \int_S z \, d\sigma$, where S is the surface whose sides S_1, S_2, S_3 are:

- S_1 is given by the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$,
- bottom S_2 is the disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1, z = 0$, and,
- whose top S_3 is part of the plane $z = 1 + x$ that lies above S_2 .



- S_1 is given by

$$xi + yj + zk, \text{ on the region } D, \text{ given by}$$

$$x = \cos \theta, y = \sin \theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \text{ and } 0 \leq z \leq 1 + x \implies 0 \leq z \leq 1 + \cos \theta$$

- Then $|r_\theta \times r_z| = |\cos \theta i + \sin \theta j| = 1$
- We get,

$$\int \int_{S_1} z \, d\sigma = \int \int_D z |r_\theta \times r_z| \, dA = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{1+\cos \theta} z \, dz \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(1 + \cos \theta)^2}{2} \, d\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}.$$

Example

- S_2 lies in the plane $z = 0$. Hence,

$$\int \int_{S_2} z \, d\sigma$$

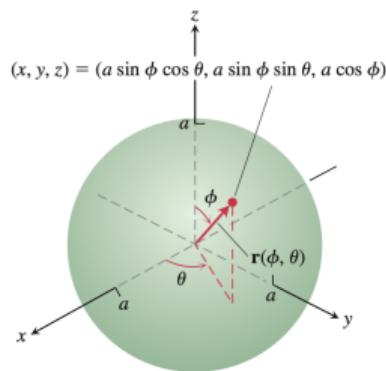
- S_3 lies above the unit disk and lies in the plane $z = 1 + x$. So,

$$\begin{aligned}\int \int_{S_3} z \, d\sigma &= \int \int_D (1+x) \sqrt{1+z_x^2+z_y^2} \, dA \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1+r \cos \theta) \sqrt{1+1+0} \, r \, dr \, d\theta = \sqrt{2}\pi.\end{aligned}$$

- Hence,

$$\int \int_S z \, d\sigma = \int \int_{S_1} z \, d\sigma + \int \int_{S_2} z \, d\sigma + \int \int_{S_3} z \, d\sigma = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 0 + \sqrt{2}\pi$$

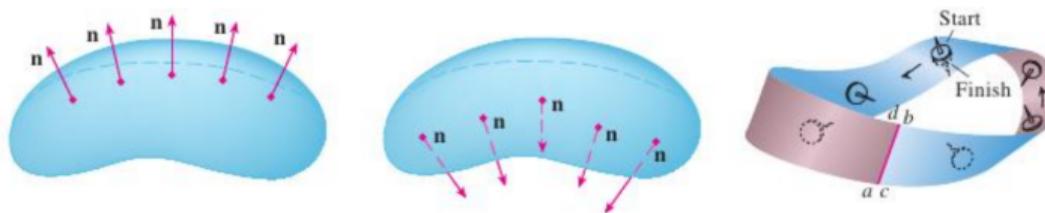
- The curve C in a line integral inherits a natural orientation from its parametrization $r(t)$ because the parameter belongs to an interval $a \leq t \leq b$ directed by the real line.
- The unit tangent vector T along C points in this forward direction.
- For a surface S , the parametrization $r(u, v)$ gives a vector $r_u \times r_v$ that is normal to the surface,
- but if S has two “sides,” then at each point the negative $-(r_u \times r_v)$ is also normal to the surface,
- so we need to choose which direction to use.



- If we look at the sphere, at any point on the sphere there is a normal vector pointing inward toward the center of the sphere and another opposite normal pointing outward.
- When we specify which of these normals we are going to use consistently across the entire surface, the surface is given an *orientation*.

Definition

A smooth surface S is called **orientable** (or two-sided) if it is possible to define a field of unit normal vectors \hat{n} on S which varies continuously with position. Once such normal vectors are chosen, the surface is considered an **oriented** surface



- The Möbius band is not orientable.
- No matter where we start to construct a continuous unit normal field moving the vector continuously around the surface in the manner shown will return it to the starting point with a direction opposite to the one it had when it started out.
- The vector at that point cannot point both ways and yet it must if the field is to be continuous.

- If the surface S is given by $z = f(x, y)$, then we take its orientation by considering the unit normal vectors

$$\hat{n} = \frac{-f_x i - f_y j + k}{\sqrt{1 + f_x^2 + f_y^2}}$$

- If S is a part of a level surface $g(x, y, z) = c$, then we may take

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\nabla g}{|\nabla g|}$$

- If S is given parametrically as $r(u, v) = x(u, v)i + y(u, v)j + z(u, v)k$, then

$$\hat{n} = \frac{r_u \times r_v}{|r_u \times r_v|}$$

- Conventionally, the outward direction is taken as the positive direction.
- But, sometimes we may take negative sign if it is preferred.

Examples of Parametrization

- ① The cone $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, $0 \leq z \leq 1$, can be parametrized by $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$ and $z = r$, $0 \leq r \leq 1$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$. Then its vector form is:

$$r(r, \theta) = r \cos \theta i + r \sin \theta j + rk.$$

- ② The sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ can be parametrized by $x = a \cos \theta \sin \phi$, $y = a \sin \theta \sin \phi$ and $z = a \cos \phi$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ and $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$. In vector form the parametrization is

$$r(\theta, \phi) = a \cos \theta \sin \phi i + a \sin \theta \sin \phi j + a \cos \phi k.$$

- ③ The cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$, $0 \leq z \leq 5$ can be parametrized by

$$r(\theta, z) = a \cos \theta i + a \sin \theta j + zk.$$

Definition

Let F be a vector field in three-dimensional space with continuous components defined over a smooth surface S having a chosen field of normal unit vectors \hat{n} orienting S . Then the **surface integral of F over S** is

$$\int \int_S F \cdot \hat{n} \, d\sigma. \quad (10)$$

It is also called the **flux of F across S** .

- The flux is the integral of the scalar component of F along the unit normal to the surface.
- Thus in a flow, the flux is the net rate at which the fluid is crossing the surface S in the chosen positive direction.

- If S is part of a level surface $g(x, y, z) = c$, which is defined over the region D , then $d\sigma = \frac{\nabla g}{|\nabla g|}$ then $d\sigma = \frac{\nabla g}{|\nabla g \cdot p|} dA$. So the flux across S is

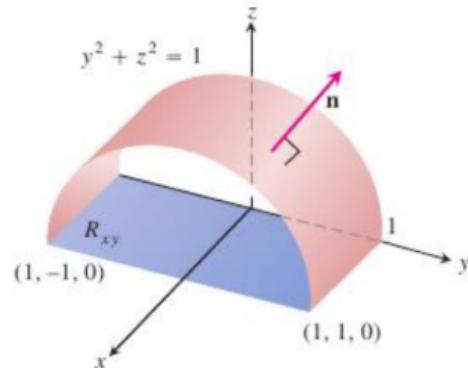
$$\int \int_S F \cdot \hat{n} \, d\sigma = \int \int_S F \cdot \frac{\nabla g}{|\nabla g|} \, d\sigma = \int \int_D F \cdot \frac{\nabla g}{|\nabla g \cdot p|} \, dA$$

- If S is parametrized by $r(u, v)$, where D is the region in uv -plane, then $d\sigma = |r_u \times r_v| \, dA$. So the flux across S is

$$\int \int_S F \cdot \hat{n} \, d\sigma = \int \int_S F \cdot \frac{r_u \times r_v}{|r_u \times r_v|} \, d\sigma = \int \int_D F(r(u, v))(r_v \times r_v) \, dA.$$

Example

Find the flux of $F = yzj + z^2k$ outward through the surface S which is cut from the cylinder $y^2 + z^2 = 1$, $z \geq 0$ by the planes $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.



- S is given by $g(x, y, z) := y^2 + z^2 - 1 = 0$, defined over the rectangle $R = R_{xy}$ as in the figure.
- The outward unit normal is $\hat{n} = +\frac{\nabla g}{|\nabla g|} = yj + zk$.
- Here $p = k$. So, $d\sigma = \frac{|\nabla g|}{|\nabla g \cdot k|} dA = \frac{1}{2z} dA$.
- Therefore, outward flux through S is

$$\iint_S F \cdot \hat{n} d\sigma = \iint_S z d\sigma = \iint_R z \frac{1}{2z} dA = \frac{1}{2} \text{Area of } R = 1$$

Example

Find the flux of the vector field $F = zi + yj + xk$ across the unit sphere.

- If no direction of the normal vector is given and the surface is a closed surface, we take \hat{n} in the positive direction, which is directed outward.
- Using the spherical co-ordinates, the unit sphere S is parametrized by

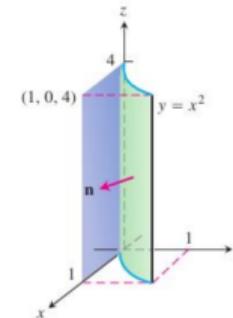
$$r(\phi, \theta) = \sin \phi \cos \theta i + \sin \phi \sin \theta j + \cos \phi k,$$

where $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ gives the region D .

- $F(r(\phi, \theta)) = \cos \phi i + \sin \phi \sin \theta j + \sin \phi \cos \theta k.$
- $r_\phi \times r_\theta = \sin^2 \phi \cos \theta i + \sin^2 \phi \sin \theta j + \sin \phi \cos \phi k.$
- $$\begin{aligned} \int \int_S F \cdot \hat{n} d\sigma &= \int \int_S F(r(u, v)) \cdot (r_v \times r_u) d\phi d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi (2 \sin^2 \phi \cos \phi \cos \theta + \sin^3 \phi \sin^2 \theta) d\theta d\phi \\ &= 2 \int_0^\pi \sin^2 \phi \cos \phi d\phi \int_0^{2\pi} \cos \theta d\theta + \int_0^\pi \sin^3 \phi \sin^2 \theta d\phi \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 \theta d\theta \\ &= 0 + \int_0^\pi \sin^3 \phi \sin^2 \theta d\phi \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 \theta d\theta - \frac{4\pi}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Example

Find the surface integral of $F = yzi + xj - z^2k$ over the portion of the parabolic cylinder $y = x^2$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq z \leq 4$.



- We assume the positive direction of the normal \hat{n} .
- On the surface, we have $x = x$, $y = x^2$, $z = z$ giving the parametrization as $r(x, z) = xi + x^2j + zk$,
- and D is given by $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq z \leq 4$.
- On the surface S F is given as $F = x^2zi + xj - zk$.

$$\begin{aligned}\iint_S F \cdot \hat{n} d\sigma &= \iint_D F \cdot (r_x \times r_z) dx dz \\ &= \iint_D (x^2zi + xj - z^2k) \cdot (2xi - j) dx dz \\ &= \int_0^4 \int_0^1 (2x^3 - x) dx dz = \int_0^4 (z - 1)/2 dz = 2.\end{aligned}$$

- If S is given by $z = f(x, y)$, then think of x, y as the parameters u and v . We have

$$F(x, y) = M(x, y)i + N(x, y)j + P(x, y)k \quad \text{and,}$$

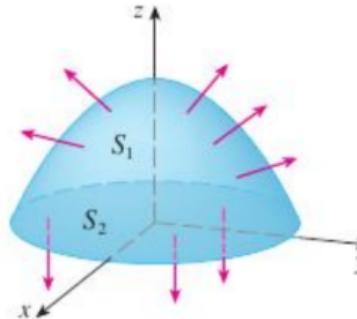
$$r = xi + yj + f(x, y)k$$

- Then, $r_x \times r_y = (i + f_x k) \times (j + f_y k) = -f_x i - f_y j + k.$
- Therefore, the flux is

$$\int \int_S F \cdot \hat{n} d\sigma = \int \int_D F \cdot (r_x \times r_y) dx dy = \int \int_D (-Mf_x - Nf_y + P) dx dy$$

Example

Evaluate $\int \int_S F \cdot \hat{n} d\sigma$ where $S F = yi + xj + zk$ and S is the boundary of the solid enclosed by the paraboloid $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$ and the plane $z = 0$.



- The surface S has two parts: the top portion S_1 and the base S_2 .
- Since S is a closed surface, we consider its outward normal \hat{n} . Projections of both S_1 and S_2 on xy -plane are D , the unit disk.
- By the simplified formula for the flux, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int \int_{S_1} F \cdot \hat{n} d\sigma &= \int \int_D (-Mf_x - Nf_y + P) dx dy \\&= \int \int_D [-y(-2x) - x(-2y) + 1 - x^2 - y^2] dx dy \\&= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1 + 4r^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta - r^2) r dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{4} + \cos \theta \sin \theta\right) d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}\end{aligned}$$

- The disk S_2 has positive direction, when $\hat{n} = -k$. Thus

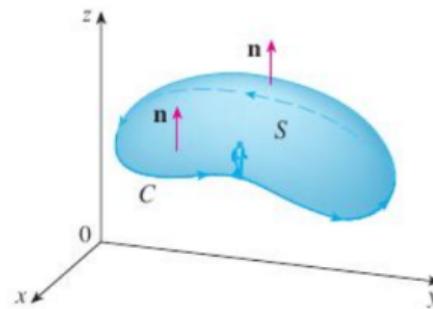
$$\int \int_{S_2} F \cdot \hat{n} \, d\sigma = \int \int_{S_2} (-F \cdot k) \, d\sigma = \int \int_D (-z) \, dx \, dy = 0$$

since on D for S_2 , $z = 0$.

- Therefore,

$$\int \int_s F \cdot \hat{n} \, d\sigma = \int \int_{S_1} F \cdot \hat{n} \, d\sigma + \int \int_{S_2} F \cdot \hat{n} \, d\sigma = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

- Consider an oriented surface with a normal vector \hat{n} .
- Call the boundary curve of S as C .
- The orientation of S induces a positive orientation of the boundary of S .
- If we walk in the positive direction of C keeping our head pointing towards \hat{n} , then S will be to your left.
- Recall that Green's theorem relates a double integral in the plane to a line integral over its boundary.
- We will have a generalization of this to 3 dimensions.
- Write the boundary curve of a given smooth surface as ∂S .
- The boundary is assumed to be a closed curve, positively oriented unless specified otherwise.



Theorem

Let S be an oriented piecewise-smooth surface that is bounded by a simple, closed, piecewise-smooth boundary curve ∂S with positive orientation. Let $F = Mi + Nj + Pk$ be a vector field with M, N, P having continuous partial derivatives on an open region in space that contains S . Then

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