

Calc III Notes

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1 2D and 3D Space

1.1 Cartesian Coordinates

1.2 Contour Maps

1.3 Quadratic Surfaces

A quadratic surface is any combination of x 's, y 's, and z 's of orders 0, 1, or 2. Here are some simple combinations of these:

$$R^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad (\text{Sphere})$$

The above equation holds for every (x, y, z) coordinate that is a distance R from the origin. So, this expresses a sphere of radius R .

$$R^2 = (ax)^2 = (by)^2 + (cz)^2 \quad (\text{Ellipsoid})$$

The added constants squishes the sphere by a factor of a in the x direction, b in the y direction, and c in the z direction resulting in an ellipsoid.

$$z = x^2 + y^2 \quad (\text{Paraboloid})$$

The 2D equation $R^2 = x^2 + y^2$ traces out a circle of radius R . Equivalently, the above equation traces out a circle of radius \sqrt{z} at each z , resulting in a bowl; specifically, a “Paraboloid”.

$$z = x^2 - y^2 \quad (\text{Saddle})$$

The 2D equation $A = x^2 - y^2$

$$z = xy \quad (\text{Saddle})$$

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The last three quadratic surfaces have the form of $z = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$. Finish up These will either be a bowl or a saddle, which you can determine with the following rule.

For equations of the form,

$$z = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$$

Consider the quantity $Q = b^2 - 4ac$. The quadratic is a saddle if $Q > 0$, a bowl if $Q < 0$ and a taco if $Q = 0$.

Proof 1 *Do this!*

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1.4 Vectors and Matrices

1.5 Vector Fields

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1.6 Parallelogram Grid

1.7 Transformations

1.8 Dot Product

The dot product is an operation that takes two vectors as inputs and outputs a scalar.

For two vectors $\vec{a} = \langle a_x, a_y, a_z \rangle$ and $\vec{b} = \langle b_x, b_y, b_z \rangle$, the dot product is denoted $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ and is equivalent to:

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta = a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z$$

Where θ is the angle between the two vectors.

Proof 2 *The derivation of the dot product is related to the law of cosines. Consider the left triangle shown in Figure 1. According to the law of cosines,*

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta$$

Where a , b , and c refer to the length of each side of the triangle. Equivalently, we can express lengths as the magnitudes of the vectors shown on the

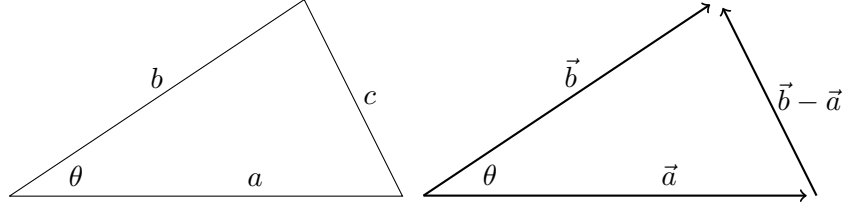


Figure 1: Law of Cosines through Vectors

right triangle of Figure 1.

$$\|\vec{b} - \vec{a}\|^2 = \|\vec{a}\|^2 + \|\vec{b}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|\cos\theta$$

Using the distance formula, we expand the expressions for the magnitudes of each vector.

$$\begin{aligned} (b_x - a_x)^2 + (b_y - a_y)^2 &= a_x^2 + a_y^2 + b_x^2 + b_y^2 - 2\|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|\cos\theta \\ b_x^2 - 2a_xb_x + a_x^2 + b_y^2 - 2a_yb_y + a_y^2 &= a_x^2 + a_y^2 + b_x^2 + b_y^2 - 2\|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|\cos\theta \\ a_xb_x + a_yb_y &= \|\vec{a}\|\|\vec{b}\|\cos\theta \end{aligned}$$

The above equality turns out to be useful and often used. So, we name each side of the equality the “dot product” and denote it as $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$. While the above proof is specific to two dimensional vectors, it generalizes to n dimensions.

1.9 Cross Product

In three dimensional space, vectors have a unique property. Given two vectors, there is a single direction that is orthogonal to both initial vectors. It is often useful to find this direction, which we do so through a tool called the “cross product”. The cross product takes in two vectors and outputs a vector in the orthogonal direction.

For two vectors $\vec{a} = \langle a_x, a_y, a_z \rangle$ and $\vec{b} = \langle b_x, b_y, b_z \rangle$, the cross product is denoted $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ and is equivalent to:

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \langle a_yb_z - a_zb_y, a_zb_x - a_xb_z, a_xb_y - a_yb_x \rangle$$

The resulting vector, $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$, will be orthogonal to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

Proof 3 The claim is that $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ is orthogonal to \vec{a} and \vec{b} . If the dot products between $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ and the two vectors is 0, then we will have shown orthogonality. First, we evaluate $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \\ & \langle a_x, a_y, a_z \rangle \cdot \langle a_y b_z - a_z b_y, a_z b_x - a_x b_z, a_x b_y - a_y b_x \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now, we carry out the dot product,

$$a_x a_y b_z - a_x a_z b_y + a_y a_z b_x - a_x a_y b_z + a_x a_z b_y - a_y a_z b_x$$

Every term has a partner of opposite sign to cancel with, so the dot product evaluates to 0. Therefore, $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ is orthogonal to \vec{a} . The same argument is applied to \vec{b} .

$$\begin{aligned} & \vec{b} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \\ & \langle b_x, b_y, b_z \rangle \cdot \langle a_y b_z - a_z b_y, a_z b_x - a_x b_z, a_x b_y - a_y b_x \rangle \\ & a_y b_x b_y - a_z b_x b_y + a_z b_x b_y - a_x b_y b_z + a_x b_x b_y - a_y b_x b_z = 0 \end{aligned}$$

And therefore, the cross product $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ does indeed output a vector orthogonal to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

Cross product properties and techniques

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2.1 Curvilinear Coordinization

2.1.1 Polar Coordinates

In 2D space, we typically communicate the location of a point with (x, y) coordinates; however, there are other ways. One such way is to use “polar coordinates”. Consider a vector going from the origin to an unknown point. If we knew the length and direction of this vector, we could find the point. In polar coordinates, we denote the length of this vector with r . The direction is communicated with θ , the angle the vector makes with the positive x axis. Polar coordinates are (r, θ) pairs that specify a point. Using simple trigonometry, we can relate polar coordinates to cartesian coordinates.

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Translating between polar (r, θ) and cartesian (x, y) coordinates.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta & r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ y &= r \sin \theta & \theta &= \arctan(y/x)[+\pi?] \end{aligned}$$

In calculating θ , you must add π if (x, y) is in quadrants 3 or 4.

2.1.2 Cylindrical Coordinates

Translating between cylindrical (r_{cyl}, θ, z) and cartesian (x, y, z) coordinates.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r_{cyl} \cos \theta & r_{cyl} &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ y &= r_{cyl} \sin \theta & \theta &= \arctan(y/x)[+\pi?] \\ z &= z & z &= z \end{aligned}$$

In calculating θ , you must add π if the point is in quadrants 3 or 4.

2.1.3 Spherical Coordinates

Translating between spherical (r_{sph}, θ, ϕ) and cartesian (x, y, z) coordinates.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r_{sph} \cos \theta \sin \phi & r_{sph} &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \\ y &= r_{sph} \sin \theta \sin \phi & \theta &= \arctan(y/x)[+\pi?] \\ z &= r_{sph} \cos \phi & \phi &= \arccos\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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2.1.4 Transformations

Previous math classes have addressed simple functions that take 1 variable as an input and 1 variable as an output. We visualized these functions through graphs, where one dimension (the x axis) is reserved for inputs and one direction (the y axis) is reserved for outputs. Functions with two inputs

and one output you learned as three dimensional functions — the x and y axes are inputs and the z axis is the output. However, once we reach 2 inputs and 2 outputs, we have run out of dimensions to visualize in. The idea of a *transformation* solves this issue by

2.2 Coordinate Vector Fields

Consider a mapping from curvilinear space to cartesian space. Coordinate vector fields have the job of pointing in the direction curvilinear values increase within cartesian space.

Consider some transformation $T(u, v, w) = (x, y, z)$. The direction and magnitude in which an arbitrary curvilinear coordinate, u , increases at any given (u, v, w) is given by the coordinate vector field, $\partial_u = \langle \frac{dx}{du}, \frac{dy}{du}, \frac{dz}{du} \rangle$.

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2.2.1 Polar Vector Field

For the polar coordinate transformation, $(x, y) = T(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$, we are interested in finding the direction of increase of