

The Countable Set Mappings Generating Geometry

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ABSTRACT. Countable distance and volume set mappings between sets of size c subintervals of domain and range intervals generate the properties of metric space, the L_p norms (for example, Manhattan and Euclidean distance), and the volume equation as c goes to zero. Countable volume is used to derive Coulomb's charge force, and Newton's gravity force equations without using the inverse square law or Gauss's divergence theorem. The charge and gravity force derivations expose a proportionate interval principle that allows simple derivations of the inverse square law, spacetime, and some general relativity equations. A symmetry constraint on totally ordered sets can limit distance and volume to 3 dimensions. All proofs are verified in Coq.

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1. Introduction

The definitions of metric space, Euclidean distance, and area/volume in analysis [Gol76] [Rud76] are empirical models of Euclidean geometry [Joy98]. Deductive proofs that those definitions are derived from a set and limit-based foundation exposes properties of geometry that empirical modeling cannot provide, for example: the counting constraint between the infinitesimal members of domain and range sets that makes a space flat; the countable domain-to-range set mapping that makes Euclidean distance the smallest possible distance in flat space; the set operation and constraint generating the properties of metric space; and the symmetry constraint on totally ordered sets that can limit distance and volume to 3 dimensions.

An operational definition of a dimension is where each countable domain set, x_i , has a corresponding range (distance) set, y_i . The countable distance spanning the domain sets is the cardinal of a constrained union of the range (distance) sets, $d_c = |\bigcup_{i=1}^n y_i|$, where vertical bars around a set, $|\{\dots\}|$, or list, $|\llbracket \dots \rrbracket|$, indicates the cardinal (the number of members in the set or list). As the intersection of the range sets increases, more domain set members can map to a single range set member. Therefore, the cardinal of a constrained union range set, d_c , is a function of a constrained number of domain-to-range set mappings. Countable volume is the cardinal of the set of all possible countable distance unions, which is function of the number of distance-to-distance (range-to-range) set mappings.

Applying these abstract, countable set definitions of distance and volume to sets of size c subintervals of domain and range intervals generates the properties of metric space, all L_p norms (Minkowski distances, for example, Manhattan and Euclidean distance), and the volume equation as $c \rightarrow 0$. Applications to physics are also shown.

All the proofs in this article have been verified using using the Coq proof verification system [Coq15]. The formal proofs are in the Coq files, “euclidrelations.v” and “threed.v,” at: <https://github.com/treeck/RASRGeometry>.

2. Ruler measure and convergence

A tool is needed to derive geometric relations from the number of possible mappings between the p_x number of size c subintervals in one interval and the p_y number of size c subintervals in another interval. A ruler (measuring stick) measures the size of each interval *approximately* as the sum of the nearest integer number, p , of whole subintervals, where each subinterval has the *same* size, c .

DEFINITION 2.1. Ruler measure, M : $\forall c, s \in \mathbb{R}, [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}, s = b - a \wedge c > 0 \wedge (p = \text{floor}(s/c) \vee p = \text{ceiling}(s/c)) \wedge M = \sum_{i=1}^p c = pc$.

THEOREM 2.2. *Ruler convergence:* $M = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} pc = s$.

The proof is trivial but is included here for completeness. The theorem, “limit_c_0_M.eq_exact_size,” and formal proof is in the Coq file, euclidrelations.v.

PROOF. (epsilon-delta proof)

By definition of the floor function, $\text{floor}(x) = \max(\{y : y \leq x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \in \mathbb{R}\})$:

$$(2.1) \quad \forall c > 0, p = \text{floor}(s/c) \wedge 0 \leq |\text{floor}(s/c) - s/c| < 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq |p - s/c| < 1.$$

Multiply all sides of inequality 2.1 by c :

$$(2.2) \quad \forall c > 0, \quad 0 \leq |p - s/c| < 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq |pc - s| < |c|.$$

$$(2.3) \quad \forall \delta : |pc - s| < |c| = |c - 0| < \delta \\ \Rightarrow \quad \forall \epsilon = \delta : |c - 0| < \delta \wedge |pc - s| < \epsilon := M = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} pc = s. \quad \square$$

The following is an example of ruler convergence for the interval, $[0, \pi]$: $s = \pi - 0$, and $p = \text{floor}(s/c) \Rightarrow p \cdot c = 3.1_{c=10^{-1}}, 3.14_{c=10^{-2}}, 3.141_{c=10^{-3}}, \dots, \pi_{\lim_{c \rightarrow 0}}$.

3. Distance

3.1. Countable distance. Each disjoint domain set, x_i , has its own range (distance) set, y_i . The countable distance spanning the disjoint domain sets is the cardinal, d_c , of a union range (distance) set that is constrained by a relation between the number of members in the domain set and corresponding range set.

It will be shown in the next subsections that the constraint, $|x_i| = |y_i|$, generates Manhattan and Euclidean distance at the boundaries (generates flat space/rectilinear distances). Generalizing distance and volume beyond flat space is shown in the last section of this article.

DEFINITION 3.1. Countable distance, d_c , in flat space:

$$d_c = |\bigcup_{i=1}^n y_i| : \bigcap_{i=1}^n x_i = \emptyset \quad \wedge \quad |x_i| = |y_i|.$$

3.2. Union-Sum Inequality. The inequality, $|\bigcup_{i=1}^n y_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|$, is used in this article. The proof is trivial but is included here for completeness.

The proof follows from the associative law of addition where the sum of set sizes is equal to the size of all the set members appended into a list and the commutative law of addition that allows sorting that list into a list of unique members (the *union* set) and a list of duplicates. For example, $y_1 = \{a, b, c\}$ and $y_2 = \{c, d, e\} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^2 |y_i| = |\{a, b, c, d, e\}| = 5 < \sum_{i=1}^2 |y_i| = |\{a, b, c\}| + |\{c, d, e\}| = |\{a, b, c, c, d, e\}| = |\{a, b, c, d, e\}| + |[c]| = 6$.

LEMMA 3.2. *Union-Sum Inequality:* $|\bigcup_{i=1}^n y_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|$.

PROOF. A formal proof, `union_sum_inequality`, using sorting into a set of unique members (*union* set) and a list of duplicates, is in the file `euclidrelations.v`.

$$(3.1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i| = |\text{append}_{i=1}^n y_i| = |\text{sort}(\text{append}_{i=1}^n y_i)| \\ = |\bigcup_{i=1}^n y_i| + |\text{duplicates}_{i=1}^n y_i|.$$

$$(3.2) \quad |\bigcup_{i=1}^n y_i| + |\text{duplicates}_{i=1}^n y_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i| \quad \wedge \quad |\text{duplicates}_{i=1}^n y_i| \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow |\bigcup_{i=1}^n y_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|. \quad \square$$

3.3. Countable distance range. From the countable distance constraint (3.1), where $|x_i| = |y_i| = p_i$, the countable distance, d_c , ranges from a function of the sum of 1-1 domain-to-range set correspondences, $d_c = f(\sum_{i=1}^n (1 \cdot |y_i|)) = f(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i)$, to a function of the sum of each-to-each (Cartesian product) domain-to-range set mappings, $d_c = f(\sum_{i=1}^n (|x_i| \cdot |y_i|)) = f(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2)$.

3.4. Manhattan distance.

THEOREM 3.3. *Manhattan (largest) distance, d , is the size of the range interval, $[d_0, d_m]$, corresponding to a set of disjoint domain intervals, $\{[a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2], \dots, [a_n, b_n]\}$, where:*

$$d = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i, \quad d = d_m - d_0, \quad s_i = b_i - a_i.$$

The formal proof, “`taxicab_distance`,” is in the Coq file, `euclidrelations.v`.

PROOF.

From the countable distance definition (3.1) and the union-sum inequality (3.2), the largest possible countable distance, d_c , is the equality case:

$$(3.3) \quad d_c = |\bigcup_{i=1}^n y_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i| \wedge |x_i| = |y_i| = p_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \exists p_i, d_c : d_c = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i.$$

Multiply both sides of equation 3.3 by c and take the limit:

$$(3.4) \quad d_c = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \Rightarrow d_c \cdot c = \sum_{i=1}^n (p_i \cdot c) \Rightarrow \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} d_c \cdot c = \sum_{i=1}^n \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_i \cdot c).$$

Apply the ruler (2.1) and ruler convergence theorem (2.2) to the definition of d :

$$(3.5) \quad d = d_m - d_0 \Rightarrow \exists c d : \text{floor}(d/c) = d_c \Rightarrow d = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} d_c \cdot c.$$

Apply the ruler (2.1) and ruler convergence theorem (2.2) to each domain interval:

$$(3.6) \quad s_i = b_i - a_i \quad \wedge \quad \text{floor}(s_i/c) = |x_i| = |y_i| = p_i \Rightarrow \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} p_i \cdot c = s_i.$$

Combine equations 3.5, 3.4, 3.6:

$$(3.7) \quad d = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} d_c \cdot c \quad \wedge \quad \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} d_c \cdot c = \sum_{i=1}^n \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_i \cdot c) \quad \wedge \quad \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_i \cdot c) = s_i \Rightarrow d = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} d_c \cdot c = \sum_{i=1}^n \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_i \cdot c) = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i. \quad \square$$

3.5. Euclidean distance.

THEOREM 3.4. *Euclidean (smallest) distance, d , is the size of the range interval, $[d_0, d_m]$, corresponding to a set of disjoint domain intervals, $\{[a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2], \dots, [a_n, b_n]\}$, where:*

$$d^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2, \quad d = d_m - d_0, \quad s_i = b_i - a_i.$$

The formal proof, “Euclidean.distance,” is in the Coq file, euclidrelations.v.

PROOF.

Apply the rule of product to the largest number of domain-to-range set mappings, where all p_i number of range set members, y_i , map to each of the p_i number of members in the domain set, x_i , which, by the rule of product, is the Cartesian product, $|y_i| \cdot |x_i|$:

$$(3.8) \quad |x_i| = |y_i| = p_i \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i| \cdot |x_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2.$$

From the countable distance definition (3.1) and the union-sum inequality (3.2), the smallest possible distance is the equality case:

$$(3.9) \quad d_c = |\bigcup_{i=1}^n y_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i| \wedge |x_i| = |y_i| = p_i \Rightarrow \exists p_i, d_c : d_c = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i.$$

Square both sides of equation 3.9 ($x = y \Leftrightarrow f(x) = f(y)$):

$$(3.10) \quad \exists p_i, d_c : d_c = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \Leftrightarrow \exists p_i, d_c : d_c^2 = (\sum_{i=1}^n p_i)^2.$$

Apply the square of sum inequality, $(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i)^2 \geq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2$, to equation 3.10 and select the smallest area (the equality) case:

$$(3.11) \quad d_c^2 = (\sum_{i=1}^n p_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \\ = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n p_j \geq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2 \Rightarrow \exists p_i : d_c^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2.$$

Multiply both sides of equation 3.11 by c^2 , simplify, and take the limit.

$$(3.12) \quad d_c^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2 \Rightarrow d_c^2 \cdot c^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2 \cdot c^2 \Leftrightarrow (d_c \cdot c)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (p_i \cdot c)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (d_c \cdot c)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_i \cdot c)^2.$$

Apply the ruler (2.1) and ruler convergence theorem (2.2) and square both sides:

$$(3.13) \quad \exists c d \in \mathbb{R} : \text{floor}(d/c) = d_c \Rightarrow d = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} d_c \cdot c \Rightarrow d^2 = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (d_c \cdot c)^2.$$

Apply the ruler (2.1) and ruler convergence theorem (2.2) to each domain interval:

$$(3.14) \quad s_i = b_i - a_i \quad \wedge \quad \text{floor}(s_i/c) = |x_i| = |y_i| = p_i \Rightarrow \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} p_i \cdot c = s_i.$$

Combine equations 3.13, 3.12, 3.14:

$$(3.15) \quad d^2 = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (d_c \cdot c)^2 \quad \wedge \quad \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (d_c \cdot c)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_i \cdot c)^2 \quad \wedge \\ \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_i \cdot c) = s_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad d^2 = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (d_c \cdot c)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_i \cdot c)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2. \quad \square$$

3.6. Metric Space. All distances, $d(u, w)$, satisfying the countable distance definition (3.1), where the ruler is applied, generates the properties of metric space. The formal proofs: triangle_inequality, non_negativity, identity_of_indiscernibles, and symmetry are in the Coq file, euclidrelations.v.

THEOREM 3.5. *Triangle Inequality:* $d_c = |y_1 \cup y_2| \Rightarrow d(u, w) \leq d(u, v) + d(v, w)$.

PROOF. Use the countable distance (3.1) and union-sum inequality (3.2) as conditions. And next apply the ruler measure (2.1) and ruler convergence (2.2).

$$(3.16) \quad \forall c > 0, d(u, w), d(u, v), d(v, w) : \\ |y_1| = \text{floor}(d(u, v)/c) \quad \wedge \quad |y_2| = \text{floor}(d(v, w)/c) \quad \wedge \\ d_c = \text{floor}(d(u, w)/c) \quad \wedge \quad d_c = |y_1 \cup y_2| \leq |y_1| + |y_2| \\ \Rightarrow \text{floor}(d(u, w)/c) \leq \text{floor}(d(u, v)/c) + \text{floor}(d(v, w)/c) \\ \Rightarrow \text{floor}(d(u, w)/c) \cdot c \leq \text{floor}(d(u, v)/c) \cdot c + \text{floor}(d(v, w)/c) \cdot c \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \text{floor}(d(u, w)/c) \cdot c \leq \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \text{floor}(d(u, v)/c) \cdot c + \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \text{floor}(d(v, w)/c) \cdot c \\ = d(u, w) \leq d(u, v) + d(v, w). \quad \square$$

THEOREM 3.6. *Non-negativity:* $d_c = |y_1 \cup y_2| \Rightarrow d(u, w) \geq 0$.

PROOF. By definition, a set always has a size (cardinal) ≥ 0 :

$$(3.17) \quad \forall c > 0, d(u, w) : \text{floor}(d(u, w)/c) = d_c \quad \wedge \quad d_c = |y_1 \cup y_2| \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \text{floor}(d(u, w)/c) = d_c \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(u, w) = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} d_c \cdot c \geq 0. \quad \square$$

THEOREM 3.7. *Identity of Indiscernibles:* $d(w, w) = 0$.

PROOF. Apply the triangle inequality property (3.5):

$$(3.18) \quad \forall d(u, v) = d(v, w) = 0 \quad \wedge \quad d(u, w) \leq d(u, v) + d(v, w) \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(u, w) \leq 0.$$

Combine the non-negativity property (3.6) and the previous inequality (3.18):

$$(3.19) \quad d(u, w) \geq 0 \quad \wedge \quad d(u, w) \leq 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 0 \leq d(u, w) \leq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(u, w) = 0.$$

Combine the result of step 3.19 and the condition, $d(u, v) = 0$, in step 3.18.

$$(3.20) \quad d(u, w) = 0 \quad \wedge \quad d(u, v) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad w = v.$$

Combine the condition, $d(v, w) = 0$, in step 3.18 and the result of step 3.20.

$$(3.21) \quad d(v, w) = 0 \quad \wedge \quad w = v \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(w, w) = 0. \quad \square$$

THEOREM 3.8. *Symmetry:* $d_c = |y_1 \cup y_2| \quad \wedge \quad |x_i| = |y_i| \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(u, v) = d(v, u)$.

PROOF. The number domain set, x_i , members mapping to a range set, y_i , member increases with the amount of range set intersection. Therefore, the range of countable distances (3.3) is a function of domain-to-range set members, under the constraint, $|x_i| = |y_i|$, is:

$$(3.22) \quad |x_i| = |y_i| = p_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad d_c = f(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \cdot |y_i|^q) = f(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{1+q}), \quad q \in \{0, 1\}.$$

Where d_c is applied to sets of size c subintervals of intervals, the previous Manhattan distance proof (3.3), $d(x, y) = f(\sum_{i=1}^2 s_i^1)$, and Euclidean distance proof (3.4), $d(x, y) = f(\sum_{i=1}^2 s_i^2)$, show that distance is a function of domain interval sizes, s_i , where $x = s_1$ and $y = s_2$. Generalizing:

$$(3.23) \quad \forall p : p \geq 0, \quad d(x, y) = f(\sum_{i=1}^2 s_i^p) = f(x^p + y^p) \\ \Rightarrow \quad d(u, v) = f(u^p + v^p) = f(v^p + u^p) = d(v, u). \quad \square$$

4. Euclidean Volume

\mathbb{R}^n , the Lebesgue measure, Riemann integral, and Lebesgue integral define (assume) area/volume to be the product of domain interval lengths. The goal here is to derive the area/volume equation from an abstract, set-based definition of volume without assuming the product of interval lengths.

Countable volume is the cardinal of the set of all possible countable distance unions. Each possible union of a member of one distance (range) set is either an intersection or non-intersection with a member in each of the other range sets forming an n -tuple (Cartesian coordinate). By the rule of product, the total number of n -tuples (unions), v_c , is the Cartesian product of distance-to-distance (range-to-range) set mappings, $v_c = |\times_{i=1}^n y_i|$.

DEFINITION 4.1. Euclidean (largest possible) Countable Volume in flat space:

$$v_c = |\times_{i=1}^n y_i| = \prod_{i=1}^n |y_i| : \quad \bigcap_{i=1}^n x_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^n y_i = \emptyset \quad \wedge \quad |x_i| = |y_i|.$$

THEOREM 4.2. *Euclidean volume, v , is length of the range interval, $[v_0, v_m]$, equal to product of domain interval lengths, $\{[a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2], \dots, [a_n, b_n]\}$:*

$$v = \prod_{i=1}^n s_i, \quad v = v_m - v_0, \quad s_i = b_i - a_i.$$

The formal proof, “Euclidean_volume,” is in the Coq file, euclidrelations.v.

PROOF.

Use the ruler (2.1) to partition each of the domain intervals, $[a_i, b_i]$, into a set, x_i , containing p_i number of subintervals.

$$(4.1) \quad \forall i \ n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad i \in [1, n], \quad c > 0 \quad \wedge \quad \text{floor}(s_i/c) = p_i = |x_i| = |y_i|.$$

Apply the ruler convergence theorem (2.2) to equation 4.1:

$$(4.2) \quad \text{floor}(s_i/c) = p_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_i \cdot c) = s_i.$$

$$(4.3) \quad v_c = \prod_{i=1}^n |y_i| \quad \wedge \quad |y_i| = p_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_c = \prod_{i=1}^n p_i.$$

Multiply both sides of equation 4.3 by c^n :

$$(4.4) \quad v_c \cdot c^n = (\prod_{i=1}^n p_i) \cdot c^n = \prod_{i=1}^n (p_i \cdot c).$$

Apply the ruler (2.1) to the range interval, $[v_0, v_m]$ (where $v = v_m - v_0$). Combine with equation 4.4. Apply the ruler convergence (2.2) and equation 4.2.

$$(4.5) \quad \forall v_c, n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad c > 0 \ \exists v \in \mathbb{R} : \text{floor}(v/c^n) = v_c \quad \wedge \quad v_c \cdot c^n = \prod_{i=1}^n (p_i \cdot c) \\ \Rightarrow \quad v = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} v_c \cdot c^n = \prod_{i=1}^n \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_i \cdot c) = \prod_{i=1}^n s_i. \quad \square$$

5. Applications to physics

5.1. Coulomb's charge force. q_1 and q_2 , are the sizes of two independent charge intervals, where each size c subinterval of a charge interval exerts a force on each size c subinterval of the other charge interval. If p_1 and p_2 are the number of size c components in each charge interval, then the total force, F , is equal to the total number of forces, which is proportionate to the Cartesian product, $p_1 \cdot p_2$, and the size, c , of each component. Applying the ruler (2.1) and ruler convergence proof (2.2):

$$(5.1) \quad p_1 = \text{floor}(q_1/c) \quad \wedge \quad p_2 = \text{floor}(q_2/c) \quad \wedge \quad F \propto p_1 c \cdot p_2 c \\ \Rightarrow \quad \exists m_C, a_C, q_C \in \mathbb{R} : F = (m_C a_C / q_C^2) (\lim_{c \rightarrow 0} p_1 c \cdot \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} p_2 c) = (m_C a_C / q_C^2) (q_1 q_2),$$

where $m_C a_C / q_C^2$ is a unit-factoring proportion ratio relating the force, F , to the charge area, $q_1 q_2$.

Using induction, find $f : F = f(q_1, q_2, r)$ by finding all cases of $g : r = g(q_1, q_2)$.

$$(5.2) \quad \exists r, t_C \in \mathbb{R} : a = r / t_C^2 \quad \wedge \quad F := m_0 a = (m_C a_C / q_C^2) (q_1 q_2) \\ \Rightarrow \quad F = m_0 r / t_C^2 = (m_C a_C / q_C^2) (q_1 q_2).$$

$$(5.3) \quad F = m_0 r / t_C^2 = (m_C a_C / q_C^2) (q_1 q_2) \Rightarrow r \propto q, q \in \{q_1, q_2\} \\ \Rightarrow \quad \exists q_C, r_C \in \mathbb{R} : (q_C / r_C) r = q,$$

where q_C / r_C is a unit-factoring proportion ratio. And by induction:

$$(5.4) \quad \forall q_1, q_2 \geq 0 \quad \exists q \in \mathbb{R} : q^2 = q_1 q_2 \quad \wedge \quad (q_C / r_C) r = q \\ \Rightarrow \quad ((q_C / r_C) r)^2 = q_1 q_2.$$

$$(5.5) \quad ((q_C / r_C) r)^2 = q_1 q_2 \quad \wedge \quad F = (m_C a_C / q_C^2) (q_1 q_2) \\ \Rightarrow \quad F = (m_C a_C / q_C^2) ((q_C / r_C) r)^2 = (m_C a_C / q_C^2) (q_1 q_2) \\ \Rightarrow \quad m_C a_C = (m_C a_C r_C^2 / q_C^2) q_1 q_2 / r^2 = k_C q_1 q_2 / r^2.$$

where the charge constant, $k_C = m_C a_C r_C^2 / q_C^2$, has the SI units: $N m^2 C^{-2}$.

$$(5.6) \quad m_C a_C = k_C q_1 q_2 / r^2 \quad \wedge \quad \forall m_C, a_C \in \mathbb{R} \exists m_0, a \in \mathbb{R} : m_0 a = m_C a_C \\ \Rightarrow \quad F := m_0 a = k_C q_1 q_2 / r^2.$$

5.2. Newton's gravity force equation. m_1 and m_2 , are the sizes of two independent mass intervals, where each size c subinterval of a mass interval exerts a force on each size c subinterval of the other mass interval. If p_1 and p_2 are the number of size c components in each mass interval, then the total force, F , is equal to the total number of forces, which is proportionate to the Cartesian product, $p_1 \cdot p_2$, and the size, c , of each component. Applying the ruler (2.1) and ruler convergence proof (2.2):

$$(5.7) \quad p_1 = \text{floor}(m_1/c) \quad \wedge \quad p_2 = \text{floor}(m_2/c) \quad \wedge \quad F \propto p_1 c \cdot p_2 c \\ \Rightarrow \quad \exists a_G, m_G \in \mathbb{R} : F = (a_G / m_G) (\lim_{c \rightarrow 0} p_1 c \cdot \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} p_2 c) = (a_G / m_G) (m_1 m_2),$$

where a_G / m_G is a unit-factoring proportion ratio.

Next, find $f: F = f(m_1, m_2, r)$ by finding all cases of $g: r = g(m_1, m_2)$.

$$(5.8) \quad \exists r, t_G \in \mathbb{R} : a = r/t_G^2 \quad \wedge \quad F := m_0 a = (a_G/m_G)(m_1 m_2) \\ \Rightarrow \quad F = m_0 r/t_G^2 = (a_G/m_G)(m_1 m_2).$$

$$(5.9) \quad F = m_0 r/t_G^2 = (a_G/m_G)(m_1 m_2) \Rightarrow r \propto m, m \in \{m_1, m_2\} \\ \Rightarrow \quad \exists m_G, r_G \in \mathbb{R} : (m_G/r_G)r = m,$$

where m_G/r_G is a unit-factoring proportion ratio. And by induction:

$$(5.10) \quad \forall m_1, m_2 \geq 0 \quad \exists m \in \mathbb{R} : m^2 = m_1 m_2 \quad \wedge \quad (m_G/r_G)r = m \\ \Rightarrow \quad ((m_G/r_G)r)^2 = m_1 m_2.$$

$$(5.11) \quad (m_G/r_G)r = m \quad \wedge \quad m^2 = m_1 m_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad ((m_G/r_G)r)^2 = m_1 m_2.$$

$$(5.12) \quad ((m_G/r_G)r)^2 = m_1 m_2 \quad \wedge \quad F = (a_G/m_G)(m_1 m_2) \\ \Rightarrow \quad F = (a_G/m_G)((m_G/r_G)r)^2 = (a_G/m_G)(m_1 m_2) \\ \Rightarrow \quad m_G a_G = (a_G r_G^2/m_G)m_1 m_2/r^2.$$

$$(5.13) \quad m_G a_G = (a_G r_G^2/m_G)m_1 m_2/r^2 \quad \wedge$$

$$\forall m_G, a_G \in \mathbb{R} \exists m_0, a \in \mathbb{R} : m_0 a = m_G a_G \Rightarrow F := m_0 a = (a_G r_G^2/m_G)m_1 m_2/r^2.$$

$$(5.14) \quad \exists t_G \in \mathbb{R} : r_G/t_G^2 = a_G \quad \wedge \quad F := m_0 a = (a_G r_G^2/m_G)m_1 m_2/r^2 \\ \Rightarrow \quad F = (r_G^3/m_G t_G^2)m_1 m_2/r^2 = G m_1 m_2/r^2,$$

where the gravitational constant, $G = r_G^3/m_G t_G^2$, has the SI units: $m^3 kg^{-1} s^{-2}$.

5.3. Spacetime equations. For any Euclidean distance interval having size, r , an interval having size, t , exists, where $r = (r_c/t_c)t = ct$, and $r_c/t_c = c$ is a unit-factoring proportion ratio.

Applying the ruler to two intervals, $[0, d_1]$ and $[0, d_2]$, in two inertial (independent, non-accelerating) frames of reference, the smallest distance (and time) spanning the two domain intervals converges to the Euclidean distance (3.4), r .

$$(5.15) \quad r^2 = d_1^2 + d_2^2 \quad \wedge \quad r = (r_c/t_c)t = ct \quad \Rightarrow \quad (ct)^2 = d_1^2 + d_2^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad d_1^2 = (ct)^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2),$$

where $d_2^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$, which is one form of Minkowski's well-known flat spacetime interval equation [Bru17]. And, the time dilation and length contraction equations also follow directly by dividing both sides of $(ct)^2 = d_1^2 + d_2^2$ by t^2 and using $v = d/t$.

5.4. General relativity without the complexity of tensors: Using the mass and spacetime ratios: $r = (r_G/m_G)m = ct \Rightarrow (r_G/m_G)m \cdot ct = r^2 \Rightarrow m = (m_G/r_G c)r^2/t = (m_G/r_G c)rv$. For a constant mass, m , a decrease in the distance, r , between two mass centers requires a decrease in time, t , (time slows down). v is the relativistic orbital velocity at distance, r . $F = ma = mr/t^2 = mc^2/r$. $E = mc^2 = (m_G/r_G)c r^3/t^2$. And $KE = mv^2/2 = (m_G c^2/2r_G)r$. Likewise, for charge, $r = (r_C/q_C)q = ct \Rightarrow q = (q_C/r_C c)r^2/t = (q_C/r_C c)rv$, $E = qc^2 = (q_C/r_C)c r^3/t^2$, and $KE = qv^2/2 = (q_C c^2/2r_C)r$. And so on.

5.5. 3 dimensional balls. Countable distance, $d_c = |\bigcup_{i=1}^n y_i|$, (3.1), countable volume, $v_c = \prod_{i=1}^n |y_i|$, (4.1), Manhattan distance (3.3), Euclidean distance (3.4), and volume (4.2) requires that a set of intervals/dimensions can be assigned a *total order* ($i = 1$ to n). And the commutative properties of union, multiplication, and addition allow sequencing through each interval (dimension) in every possible order. “Strict” sequencing (no jumping over other members) via the successor and predecessor relations of a totally ordered set in every possible order requires each set member to be sequentially adjacent (either a successor or predecessor) to every other member, herein referred to as a symmetry constraint.

It will now be proved that coexistence of the symmetry constraint on a sequentially ordered set defines a cyclic set that contains at most 3 members, in this case, 3 dimensions of ordered and symmetric distance and volume.

DEFINITION 5.1. Ordered geometry:

$$\forall i \ n \in \mathbb{N}, \ i \in [1, n-1], \ \forall x_i \in \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, \\ \text{successor } x_i = x_{i+1} \ \wedge \ \text{predecessor } x_{i+1} = x_i.$$

DEFINITION 5.2. Symmetry Constraint (every set member is sequentially adjacent to every other member):

$$\forall i \ j \ n \in \mathbb{N}, \ \forall x_i \ x_j \in \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, \ \text{successor } x_i = x_j \Leftrightarrow \text{predecessor } x_j = x_i.$$

THEOREM 5.3. *An ordered and symmetric set is a cyclic set.*

$$i = n \ \wedge \ j = 1 \ \Rightarrow \ \text{successor } x_n = x_1 \ \wedge \ \text{predecessor } x_1 = x_n.$$

The formal proof, “ordered_symmetric_is_cyclic,” is in the Coq file, threaded.v.

PROOF. A total order (5.1) defines unique successors and predecessors for all set members except for the successor of x_n and the predecessor of x_1 . Therefore, the only member that can be a successor of x_n , without creating a contradiction, is x_1 . And the only member that can be a predecessor of x_1 , without creating a contradiction, is x_n . Applying the symmetry constraint (5.2):

$$(5.16) \quad i = n \ \wedge \ j = 1 \ \wedge \ \text{successor } x_i = x_j \ \Rightarrow \ \text{successor } x_n = x_1.$$

Applying the definition of the symmetry constraint (5.2) to conclusion 5.16:

$$(5.17) \quad \text{successor } x_i = x_j \ \Rightarrow \ \text{predecessor } x_j = x_i \ \Rightarrow \ \text{predecessor } x_1 = x_n. \quad \square$$

THEOREM 5.4. *An ordered and symmetric set is limited to at most 3 members.*

The lemmas and formal proofs in the Coq file threaded.v are:

Lemmas: adj111, adj122, adj212, adj123, adj133, adj233, adj213, adj313, adj323, and not_all_mutually_adjacent_gt_3.

The following proof uses Horn clauses (a subset of first order logic) that uses unification and resolution. Horn clauses make it clear which facts satisfy a proof goal.

PROOF.

It was proved that an ordered and symmetric set is a cyclic set (5.3).

DEFINITION 5.5. Successor of m is n :

$$(5.18) \quad \text{Successor}(m, n, \text{setsize}) \leftarrow (m = \text{setsize} \wedge n = 1) \vee (n = m + 1 \leq \text{setsize}).$$

DEFINITION 5.6. Predecessor of m is n :

$$(5.19) \quad \text{Predecessor}(m, n, \text{setsize}) \leftarrow (m = 1 \wedge n = \text{setsize}) \vee (n = m - q \geq 1).$$

DEFINITION 5.7. Adjacent: member m is sequentially adjacent to member n if the successor of m is n or the predecessor of m is n . Notionally:

$$(5.20) \quad \text{Adjacent}(m, n, \text{setsize}) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(m, n, \text{setsize}) \vee \text{Predecessor}(m, n, \text{setsize}).$$

Prove that every member is adjacent to every other member, where $\text{setsize} \in \{1, 2, 3\}$:

$$(5.21) \quad \text{Adjacent}(1, 1, 1) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(1, 1, 1) \leftarrow (m = \text{setsize} \wedge n = 1).$$

$$(5.22) \quad \text{Adjacent}(1, 2, 2) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(1, 2, 2) \leftarrow (n = m + 1 \leq \text{setsize}).$$

$$(5.23) \quad \text{Adjacent}(2, 1, 2) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(2, 1, 2) \leftarrow (n = \text{setsize} \wedge m = 1).$$

$$(5.24) \quad \text{Adjacent}(1, 2, 3) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(1, 2, 3) \leftarrow (n = m + 1 \leq \text{setsize}).$$

$$(5.25) \quad \text{Adjacent}(2, 1, 3) \leftarrow \text{Predecessor}(2, 1, 3) \leftarrow (n = m - q \geq 1).$$

$$(5.26) \quad \text{Adjacent}(3, 1, 3) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(3, 1, 3) \leftarrow (n = \text{setsize} \wedge m = 1).$$

$$(5.27) \quad \text{Adjacent}(1, 3, 3) \leftarrow \text{Predecessor}(1, 3, 3) \leftarrow (m = 1 \wedge n = \text{setsize}).$$

$$(5.28) \quad \text{Adjacent}(2, 3, 3) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(2, 3, 3) \leftarrow (n = m + 1 \leq \text{setsize}).$$

$$(5.29) \quad \text{Adjacent}(3, 2, 3) \leftarrow \text{Predecessor}(3, 2, 3) \leftarrow (n = m - q \geq 1).$$

Must prove that for all $\text{setsize} > 3$, there exist non-adjacent members. For example, the first and third members are not (\neg) adjacent:

$$(5.30) \quad \forall \text{setsize} > 3 : \quad \neg \text{Successor}(1, 3, \text{setsize} > 3) \\ \leftarrow \text{Successor}(1, 2, \text{setsize} > 3) \leftarrow (n = m + 1 \leq \text{setsize}).$$

That is, member 2 is the only successor of member 1 for all $\text{setsize} > 3$, which implies member 3 is not a successor of member 1 for all $\text{setsize} > 3$.

$$(5.31) \quad \forall \text{setsize} > 3 : \quad \neg \text{Predecessor}(1, 3, \text{setsize} > 3) \\ \leftarrow \text{Predecessor}(1, \text{setsize}, \text{setsize} > 3) \leftarrow (m = 1 \wedge n = \text{setsize} > 3).$$

That is, member $n = \text{setsize} > 3$ is the only predecessor of member 1, which implies member 3 is not a predecessor of member 1 for all $\text{setsize} > 3$.

$$(5.32) \quad \forall \text{setsize} > 3 : \quad \neg \text{Adjacent}(1, 3, \text{setsize} > 3) \\ \leftarrow \neg \text{Successor}(1, 3, \text{setsize} > 3) \wedge \neg \text{Predecessor}(1, 3, \text{setsize} > 3). \quad \square$$

That is, for all $\text{setsize} > 3$, some elements are not sequentially adjacent to every other element (not symmetric).

6. Insights and implications

- (1) The Manhattan and Euclidean distance proofs (3.3) (3.4) and the Euclidean volume proof (4.2) show the constraint that each domain set has a corresponding range (distance) set containing the same number of members, $|x_i| = |y_i|$, generates flat space (rectilinear distances and volume).

- (2) Generalizing the flat space constraint on countable distance and volume, $|x_i| = |y_i|$, to $|x_i| = |y_i|^q$, $q \geq 0$, generates all the L^p norms (Minkowski distances), $\|L\|_p = (\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^p)^{1/p}$. For example, using the same proof pattern as for Euclidean distance (3.4): $|y_i| = p_i \Rightarrow |x_i| = p_i^q \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \cdot |y_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^q \cdot p_i = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{q+1} \leq d_c^{q+1}$. Choosing the equality case and applying the ruler: $d^{q+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^{q+1}$. And $p = q + 1 \Rightarrow d^p = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^p \Rightarrow d = (\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^p)^{1/p}$.
- (3) Obviously, the L_p norms (Minkowski distances) also follow from Euclidean volume because a p -dimensional volume can only be equal to the sum of other p -dimensional volumes: $\forall V \in \mathbb{R}^p \exists v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}^p : V = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \Rightarrow \forall d^p = V \exists s_1, \dots, s_n \in \mathbb{R} : d^p = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^p \Rightarrow d = (\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^p)^{1/p}$.
- (4) $-1 \leq q < 0 \Rightarrow 0 \leq p < 1$ and generates functions that do not satisfy the metric space triangle inequality property.
- (5) The curvature of a space around a point is typically measured in terms of second order differential equations, e.g., the Laplacian. A set-based measure of the amount of curvature is how far q deviates from the value, 1, in the countable distance and volume constraint, $|x_i| = |y_i|^q$.
- (6) The smallest possible countable distance (3.1), $d_c = |\bigcup_{i=1}^n y_i|$, is the case of the largest intersection of the range sets, which is also the case of the largest possible number (the Cartesian product) of domain-to-range set mappings, in flat space: $d_c = f(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \cdot |y_i|) = f(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2)$. And applying the ruler to create countable sets of subintervals of domain and range intervals, the Cartesian product of domain-to-range set mappings yields the Euclidean distance equation.
- (7) Manhattan (largest) distance and Euclidean (largest) volume are both cases of disjoint range sets, $\bigcap_{i=1}^n y_i = \emptyset$, in flat space (where $|x_i| = |y_i|$):

$$d_c = |\bigcup_{i=1}^n y_i| : \bigcap_{i=1}^n x_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^n y_i = \emptyset \quad \wedge \quad |x_i| = |y_i|.$$

$$v_c = |\times_{i=1}^n y_i| : \bigcap_{i=1}^n x_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^n y_i = \emptyset \quad \wedge \quad |x_i| = |y_i|.$$

- (8) There are combinatorial relationships between countable sets of subintervals of intervals in statistics, probability, physics, etc., where the ruler is an applicable tool. For example, applying the ruler (2.1) and ruler convergence (2.2) to the Cartesian product of same-sized, infinitesimal charge forces and mass forces allowed deriving Coulomb's charge force (5.1) and Newton's gravity force (5.7) equations in a few steps each, without using other laws of physics, the inverse square law, or Gauss's divergence theorem.
- (9) **The Proportionate Interval Principle:** The derivations of the charge force, gravity force, and spacetime equations show that all Euclidean distance intervals having a size, r , have proportionately sized intervals of other types: $r = (r_C/q_C)q = (r_G/m_G)m = (r_c/t_c)t = ct$.
 - (a) The proportion ratios are also constant first derivatives, which means that the second derivatives (the curls) are always zero. This is why gravity, charge, etc. forces are conservative.
 - (b) As shown in the derivations of Coulomb's charge force (5.1) and Newton's gravity force (5.7) equations, the inverse square law is generated by proportionately sized intervals, which causes the geometric area,

- r^2 , to be proportionate to some other type of area, for example, mass area, $m_1 m_2$, or charge area, $q_1 q_2$.
- (c) Some constants like charge, vacuum magnetic permeability, fine structure, etc. contain the value 4π because the creators assumed flux divergence on the surface of a sphere having the area, $4\pi r^2$. Using Occam's razor, the mapping of rectangular geometric area to rectangular charge and mass areas provides more parsimonious derivations of the inverse square law, charge, and gravity force equations than using Gauss's flux divergence theorem. Therefore, those versions of the constants containing the value 4π might be incorrect.
 - (d) The phenomenon of quantum charge and mass values is the result of proportion ratios (first derivatives) with respect to the same distance.
 - (e) If there are quantum values of charge, q_C , and mass, m_G , then there are quantum distances, r_C and r_G , where the charge and gravity forces do not exist (are not defined) at smaller distances.
 - (f) Discrete, state values have no proportion ratio to varying distance and time interval lengths. For example, the change of spin values of two quantum entangled electrons and the change of polarization of two quantum entangled photons are independent of the distance and time between the entangled particles.
- (10) If there are higher dimensions of ordered and symmetric geometric space, then there is a set of three members (5.4), each member being an ordered and symmetric set of 3 dimensions (three balls), yielding a total of 9 ordered and symmetric dimensions of geometric space.
 - (11) Each ordered and symmetric ball can have at most 3 ordered and symmetric dimensions of discrete states of the same type, for example, a set of 3 binary values, 1 and -1, indicating vector orientation.
 - (12) Each dimension of discrete physical states can have at most 3 ordered and symmetric discrete state values, which allows $3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 27$ possible combinations of discrete values of the same type per ball, for example, spin values: -1, 0, 1 per orthogonal plane in the ball.
 - (13) Each of the 3 possible ordered and symmetric dimensions of discrete physical states could contain an unordered collection (bag) of discrete state values. Bags are non-deterministic. For example, every time an unordered binary state in a bag is measured, there is a 50 percent chance of having one of the binary values.

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