

# The Set Properties Generating Geometry and Physics

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**ABSTRACT.** Volume and distance equations (for example, Euclidean distance) are derived from a set and limit-based foundation, without referencing the primitives and relations of geometry. An Euclidean volume proof provides an alternative to second derivative-based methods for measuring the curvature of a space and provides simpler derivations of Newton's gravity force and Coulomb's charge force equations that do not use the inverse square law or Gauss's divergence theorem. The derivations of the gravity and charge forces exposes a ratio (constant first derivative) principle that allows simpler derivations of the spacetime and some general relativity equations. A symmetry property can limit a totally ordered set to 3 members (for example, 3 dimensions). All proofs are verified in Coq.

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## 1. Introduction

Mathematical (real) analysis can construct differential calculus from a set and limit-based foundation, without the need to reference the primitives and relations of geometry, like side, angle, slope, etc. But the vector norm and metric space are defined as the Euclidean distance and its properties. Integrals (Riemann and Lebesgue) and measure theory (for example, Hilbert spaces and the Lebesgue measure) use the Euclidean volume equation as a definition [Gol76] [Rud76].

Deriving distance and volume from a set and limit-based foundation is trivial. But together, the trivial proofs provide some insights into geometry and physics.

Here, “countable volume”,  $v_c$ , is defined as the cardinal of an ordered, countable set of n-tuples, where each n-tuple is an ordered set of integer indexes into disjoint, countable, sets:  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Therefore, the cardinal,  $v_c$ , is equal to the product of the domain set cardinals,  $|x_i| : v_c = \prod_{i=1}^n |x_i|$ .

Where a real value,  $v$ , is proportionate to the countable number of n-tuples,  $v_c$ ,  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R} : v = v_c \cdot c$ . Proving that  $\lim_{c \rightarrow 0} v_c \cdot c = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (\prod_{i=1}^n |x_i|) \cdot c$  is the Euclidean volume equation provides an alternative to second derivative-based methods, like the Laplacian and tensors, for measuring the curvature of a space. And the proof has other applications to physics.

All n-dimensional volumes (n-volumes) are magnitudes, which have corresponding cuboid volumes,  $d^n$ , where each domain interval has the size,  $d \in \mathbb{R}$ . And there are also countable cuboid volumes,  $d_c^n$ , where each domain set has the cardinal,  $d_c$ .

All n-volumes can only be the sum of n-volumes. And all countable cuboid volumes,  $d_c^n$ , can only be the sum of countable cuboid volumes,  $|x_i|^n : d_c^n = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^n$ . It will be proved that the  $L_p$  norms (Minkowski distances),  $d = (\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^n)^{1/n}$ , are instances of the countable cuboid volume. All “geometric” distances have corresponding Minkowski distances, which have the properties of metric space.

Constructing the volume n-tuples requires totally ordered domain sets (totally ordered dimensions of  $\mathbb{R}$ ). Sequencing through a totally ordered set of n number of members in all n-at-time permutations requires that each set member is sequentially adjacent, either a successor or predecessor, to every other member (a “symmetry” property), which limits the number of members in a totally ordered set.

All the proofs in this article are trivial. But to ensure confidence, all the proofs have been verified 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

In order to compute areas and volumes, Riemann and Lebesgue integrals divide all intervals into the *same* number subintervals (infinitesimals, for example:  $dx, dy, dz$ ), where the size of the infinitesimals *vary* with the size of the intervals. The varying size of infinitesimals makes it difficult for integrals (and differential equations) to directly express the Cartesian mappings between the  $p_x$  number of size  $c$  infinitesimals in one domain interval and the  $p_y$  number of the *same* size  $c$  infinitesimals in a different-sized domain interval. Further, using integrals that define Euclidean volume to derive Euclidean volume would be circular logic.

Therefore, a different tool is used here. A ruler (measuring stick) measures the size of each interval *approximately* as the sum of the nearest integer number,  $p$ , of whole subintervals (infinitesimals), where each infinitesimal has the *same* size,  $c$ . The ruler is both an inner and outer measure of an interval.

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

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

The formal proof, “limit.c.0\_M\_eq\_exact\_size,” in the Coq file, euclidrelations.v.

PROOF. (epsilon-delta proof)

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

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

Multiply both sides of inequality 2.1 by  $c$ :

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

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

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

LEMMA 2.3.  $\forall n \geq 1, 0 < c < 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} c^n = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} c$ .

PROOF. The formal proof, “`lim_c.to_n.eq.lim_c`,” is in the Coq file, `euclidrelations.v`.

$$(2.4) \quad n \geq 1 \wedge 0 < c < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < c^n < c \Rightarrow |c - c^n| < |c| = |c - 0|.$$

$$(2.5) \quad \forall \epsilon = \delta \wedge |c - c^n| < |c - 0| < \delta \\ \Rightarrow |c - 0| < \delta \wedge |c - c^n| < \delta = \epsilon \quad := \quad \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} c^n = 0.$$

$$(2.6) \quad \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} c^n = 0 \wedge \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} c = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} c^n = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} c. \quad \square$$

### 3. Euclidean Volume

DEFINITION 3.1. Countable volume,  $v_c$  is the number of Cartesian product mappings (n-tuples) between the members of  $n$  number of disjoint, countable domain sets:

$$\exists n, v_c \in \mathbb{N}, x_1, \dots, x_n : v_c = \prod_{i=1}^n |x_i|, \quad \bigcap_{i=1}^n x_i = \emptyset$$

THEOREM 3.2. *Euclidean volume,  $v = \prod_{i=1}^n s_i$ , where  $v$  is the size of the range interval and  $s_i$  is the size of a domain interval, is the case of the number of  $n$ -tuples,  $v_c$ , times an interval size,  $c$ .*

$$v_c = \prod_{i=1}^n |x_i| \Rightarrow v = \prod_{i=1}^n s_i, \quad v = v_a - v_b, \quad s_i = b_i - a_i.$$

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  $|x_i|$  number of size  $c$  subintervals and apply ruler convergence (2.2):

$$(3.1) \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}, i \in [1, n], c > 0 \wedge \text{floor}(s_i/c) = |x_i| \Rightarrow s_i = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (|x_i| \cdot c).$$

$$(3.2) \quad s_i = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (|x_i| \cdot c) \Leftrightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n s_i = \prod_{i=1}^n \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (|x_i| \cdot c).$$

$$(3.3) \quad \prod_{i=1}^n s_i = \prod_{i=1}^n \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (|x_i| \cdot c) \Leftrightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n s_i = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (\prod_{i=1}^n |x_i|) \cdot c^n.$$

Apply lemma 2.3 to equation 3.3:

$$(3.4) \quad \prod_{i=1}^n s_i = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (\prod_{i=1}^n |x_i|) \cdot c^n \quad \wedge \quad \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} c^n = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} c \\ \Leftrightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n s_i = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (\prod_{i=1}^n |x_i|) \cdot c.$$

Apply the ruler (2.1) and ruler convergence (2.2):

$$(3.5) \quad \exists v \in \mathbb{R} : v_c = \text{floor}(v/c) \Leftrightarrow v = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} v_c \cdot c.$$

Apply the definition of the countable volume (3.1):

$$(3.6) \quad v_c = \prod_{i=1}^n |x_i| \Leftrightarrow \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} v_c \cdot c = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (\prod_{i=1}^n |x_i|) \cdot c.$$

Combine equations 3.5, 3.6, and 3.4:

$$(3.7) \quad v = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} v_c \cdot c \quad \wedge \quad \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} v_c \cdot c = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (\prod_{i=1}^n |x_i|) \cdot c \quad \wedge \\ \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (\prod_{i=1}^n |x_i|) \cdot c = \prod_{i=1}^n s_i \Leftrightarrow v = \prod_{i=1}^n s_i. \quad \square$$

## 4. Distance

### 4.1. Countable cuboid volume.

DEFINITION 4.1. The countable cuboid volume,  $d_c^n$ , is the sum of m number of sets of countable cuboid volumes.

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad d_c \in \{0, \mathbb{N}\} \quad \exists m \in \mathbb{N}, \quad x_1, \dots, x_m \in X, \quad \bigcap_{i=1}^m x_i = \emptyset : \\ d_c^n = \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i|^n.$$

### 4.2. Minkowski distance ( $L_p$ norm).

The formal proof, “Minkowski\_distance,” is in the Coq file, euclidrelations.v.

THEOREM 4.2. *Minkowski distance ( $L_p$  norm) is an instance of the countable cuboid volume (4.1).*

$$d_c^n = \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i|^n \Rightarrow \exists d, s_1, \dots, s_m \in \mathbb{R} : \quad d = (\sum_{i=1}^m s_i^n)^{1/n}.$$

PROOF. Apply the ruler (2.1):

$$(4.1) \quad \exists d, s_1, \dots, s_m \in \mathbb{R} : d_c = \text{floor}(d/c) \quad \wedge \quad |x_i| = \text{floor}(s_i/c).$$

Apply the ruler convergence (2.2):

$$(4.2) \quad d_c^n = \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i|^n \Rightarrow d^n = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (d_c \cdot c)^n = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^m (|x_i| \cdot c)^n = \sum_{i=1}^m s_i^n.$$

$$(4.3) \quad d^n = \sum_{i=1}^m s_i^n \Leftrightarrow d = (\sum_{i=1}^m s_i^n)^{1/n}. \quad \square$$

**4.3. Distance inequality.** Proving that all Minkowski distances ( $L_p$  norms) satisfy the metric space triangle inequality requires another inequality. The formal proof, distance\_inequality, is in the Coq file, euclidrelations.v.

THEOREM 4.3. *Distance inequality*

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad v_a, v_b \geq 0 : \quad (v_a + v_b)^{1/n} \leq v_a^{1/n} + v_b^{1/n}.$$

PROOF. Expand the n-volume,  $(v_a^{1/n} + v_b^{1/n})^n$ , using the binomial expansion:

$$(4.4) \quad \forall v_a, v_b \geq 0 : \quad v_a + v_b \leq (v_a + v_b + \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} (v_a^{1/n})^{n-k} (v_b^{1/n})^k + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} (v_a^{1/n})^k (v_b^{1/n})^{n-k}) = (v_a^{1/n} + v_b^{1/n})^n.$$

Take the  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of both sides of the inequality:

$$(4.5) \quad \forall v_a, v_b \geq 0, n \in \mathbb{N} : v_a + v_b \leq (v_a^{1/n} + v_b^{1/n})^n \Rightarrow (v_a + v_b)^{1/n} \leq v_a^{1/n} + v_b^{1/n}. \quad \square$$

**4.4. Distance sum inequality.** The formal proof, `distance_sum_inequality`, is in the Coq file, `euclidrelations.v`.

**THEOREM 4.4.** *Distance sum inequality*

$$\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad a_i, b_i \geq 0 : \quad (\sum_{i=1}^m (a_i^n + b_i^n))^{1/n} \leq (\sum_{i=1}^m a_i^n)^{1/n} + (\sum_{i=1}^m b_i^n)^{1/n}.$$

**PROOF.** Apply the distance inequality (4.3):

$$(4.6) \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad v_a, v_b \geq 0 : \quad v_a = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i^n \quad \wedge \quad v_b = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i^n \quad \wedge \\ (v_a + v_b)^{1/n} \leq v_a^{1/n} + v_b^{1/n} \quad \Rightarrow \quad ((\sum_{i=1}^m a_i^n) + (\sum_{i=1}^m b_i^n))^{1/n} = \\ (\sum_{i=1}^m (a_i^n + b_i^n))^{1/n} \leq (\sum_{i=1}^m a_i^n)^{1/n} + (\sum_{i=1}^m b_i^n)^{1/n}. \quad \square$$

**4.5. Metric Space.** All Minkowski distances ( $L_p$  norms) have the properties of metric space.

The formal proofs: `triangle_inequality`, `symmetry`, `non_negativity`, and `identity_of_indiscernibles` are in the Coq file, `euclidrelations.v`.

**THEOREM 4.5.** *Triangle Inequality:*

$$d(s_1, s_2) = (\sum_{i=1}^2 s_i^p)^{1/p} \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(u, w) \leq d(u, v) + d(v, w).$$

**PROOF.**  $\forall p \geq 1, \quad k > 1, \quad u = s_1, \quad w = s_2, \quad v = w/k$ :

$$(4.7) \quad (u^p + w^p)^{1/p} \leq ((u^p + w^p) + 2v^p)^{1/p} = ((u^p + v^p) + (v^p + w^p))^{1/p}.$$

Apply the distance inequality (4.3) to the inequality 4.7:

$$(4.8) \quad (u^p + w^p)^{1/p} \leq ((u^p + v^p) + (v^p + w^p))^{1/p} \quad \wedge \quad (v_a + v_b)^{1/n} \leq v_a^{1/n} + v_b^{1/n} \\ \wedge \quad v_a = u^p + v^p \quad \wedge \quad v_b = v^p + w^p \\ \Rightarrow \quad (u^p + w^p)^{1/p} \leq ((u^p + v^p) + (v^p + w^p))^{1/p} \leq (u^p + v^p)^{1/p} + (v^p + w^p)^{1/p} \\ \Rightarrow \quad d(u, w) = (u^p + w^p)^{1/p} \leq \\ (u^p + v^p)^{1/p} + (v^p + w^p)^{1/p} = d(u, v) + d(v, w). \quad \square$$

**THEOREM 4.6.** *Symmetry:*  $d(s_1, s_2) = (\sum_{i=1}^2 s_i^p)^{1/p} \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(u, v) = d(v, u)$ .

**PROOF.** By the commutative law of addition:

$$(4.9) \quad \forall p : p \geq 1, \quad d(s_1, s_2) = (\sum_{i=1}^2 s_i^p)^{1/p} = (s_1^p + s_2^p)^{1/p} \\ \Rightarrow \quad d(u, v) = (u^p + v^p)^{1/p} = (v^p + u^p)^{1/p} = d(v, u). \quad \square$$

**THEOREM 4.7.** *Non-negativity:*  $d(s_1, s_2) = (\sum_{i=1}^2 s_i^p)^{1/p} \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(u, w) \geq 0$ .

**PROOF.** By definition, the length of an interval is always  $\geq 0$ :

$$(4.10) \quad \forall [a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2], \quad u = b_1 - a_1, \quad v = b_2 - a_2, \quad \Rightarrow \quad u \geq 0, \quad v \geq 0.$$

$$(4.11) \quad p \geq 1, \quad u, v \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(u, v) = (u^p + v^p)^{1/p} \geq 0. \quad \square$$

**THEOREM 4.8.** *Identity of Indiscernibles:*  $d(u, u) = 0$ .

PROOF. From the non-negativity property (4.7):

$$(4.12) \quad d(u, w) \geq 0 \quad \wedge \quad d(u, v) \geq 0 \quad \wedge \quad d(v, w) \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \quad \exists d(u, w) = d(u, v) = d(v, w) = 0.$$

$$(4.13) \quad d(u, w) = d(v, w) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u = v.$$

$$(4.14) \quad d(u, v) = 0 \quad \wedge \quad u = v \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(u, u) = 0. \quad \square$$

## 5. Applications to physics

**5.1. Newton's gravity force equation.**  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , are the sizes of two independent mass intervals, where each size  $c$  component of a mass interval exerts a force on each size  $c$  component 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,  $p_1 \cdot p_2$ , and proportionate to the size,  $c$ , of each component. Applying the ruler (2.1) and volume proof (3.2), where the force,  $F$ , is defined as the rest mass,  $m_0$ , times acceleration,  $a$ :

$$(5.1) \quad p_1 = \text{floor}(m_1/c) \quad \wedge \quad p_2 = \text{floor}(m_2/c) \quad \wedge \quad F := m_0 a \propto (p_1 \cdot p_2)c \\ \Rightarrow \quad F := m_0 a \propto \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_1 \cdot p_2)c = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_1 \cdot p_2)c^2 = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} p_1 c \cdot p_2 c = m_1 m_2,$$

$$(5.2) \quad F := m_0 a := m_0 r/t^2 \propto m_1 m_2 \quad \wedge \quad m_0 = m_1 \Rightarrow r \propto m_2 \Rightarrow \\ \exists m_G, r_c \in \mathbb{R} : r = (dr/dm)m_2 = (r_c/m_G)m_2,$$

where:  $r$  is Euclidean distance,  $t$  is time, and  $r_c/m_G$  is a unit-factoring ratio.

$$(5.3) \quad m_0 = m_1 \quad \wedge \quad r = (m_G/r_c)m_2 \quad \wedge \quad F = m_0 r/t^2 \\ \Rightarrow \quad F = m_0 r/t^2 = (r_c/m_G)m_1 m_2/t^2.$$

At any distance and time there is a constant velocity (conversion factor),  $r_c/t_c$ :

$$(5.4) \quad \exists t_c, r_c \in \mathbb{R} : r/t = (dr/dt) = r_c/t_c \Rightarrow t = (t_c/r_c)r.$$

$$(5.5) \quad t = (t_c/r_c)r \quad \wedge \quad F = (r_c/m_G)m_1 m_2/t^2 \Rightarrow \\ F = (r_c/m_G)(r_c^2/t_c^2)m_1 m_2/r^2 = (r_c^3/m_G t_c^2)m_1 m_2/r^2 = G m_1 m_2/r^2,$$

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

**5.2. Coulomb's charge force.**  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ , are the sizes of two independent charge intervals, where each size  $c$  component of a charge interval exerts a force on each size  $c$  component 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,  $p_1 \cdot p_2$ , and proportionate to the size,  $c$ , of each component. Applying the ruler (2.1) and volume proof (3.2), where the force,  $F$ , is defined as the rest mass,  $m_0$ , times acceleration,  $a$ :

$$(5.6) \quad p_1 = \text{floor}(q_1/c) \quad \wedge \quad p_2 = \text{floor}(q_2/c) \quad \wedge \quad F \propto (p_1 \cdot p_2)c \\ \Rightarrow \quad F := m_0 a \propto \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_1 \cdot p_2)c = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_1 \cdot p_2)c^2 = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} p_1 c \cdot p_2 c = q_1 q_2,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.7) \quad F &:= m_0 a := m_0 r / t^2 \propto q_1 q_2 \quad \wedge \\
 m_0 &= (dm/dq) q_1 = (m_G/q_C) q_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r \propto q_2 \\
 &\Rightarrow \quad \exists q_C, r_c \in \mathbb{R} : r = (dr/dq) q_2 = (r_c/q_C) q_2,
 \end{aligned}$$

where:  $r$  is Euclidean distance,  $t$  is time,  $m_G/q_C$  and  $r_c/q_C$  are unit-factoring ratios.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.8) \quad m_0 &= (m_G/q_C) q_1 \quad \wedge \quad r = (q_C/r_c) q_2 \quad \wedge \quad F = m_0 r / t^2 \\
 &\Rightarrow \quad F = m_0 r / t^2 = (m_G/q_C) (r_c/q_C) q_1 q_2 / t^2 = (m_G r_c / q_C^2) q_1 q_2 / t^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

At any distance and time there is a constant velocity (conversion factor),  $r_c/t_c$ :

$$(5.9) \quad \exists t_c, r_c \in \mathbb{R} : r/t = (dr/dt) = r_c/t_c \Rightarrow t = (t_c/r_c) r.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.10) \quad t &= (t_c/r_c) r \quad \wedge \quad a_G = r_c/t_c^2 \quad \wedge \quad F = (m_G r_c / q_C^2) q_1 q_2 / t^2 \Rightarrow \\
 F &= (r_c^2/t_c^2) (m_G r_c / q_C^2) q_1 q_2 / r^2 = ((m_G a_G) r_c^2 / q_C^2) q_1 q_2 / r^2 = k_C q_1 q_2 / r^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

where the charge constant,  $k_C = (m_G a_G) r_c^2 / q_C^2$ , has the SI units:  $N m^2 C^{-2}$ .

**5.3. Spacetime equations.** As shown in the derivations of Newton's gravity force (5.1) and Coulomb's charge force (5.2) equations:  $r = (r_c/t_c) t = ct$ , where  $r$  is the Euclidean distance and  $r_c/t_c = c$  is a unit-factoring proportion ratio. And, the smallest distance (and time) spanning the two inertial (independent, non-accelerating) frames of reference,  $[0, r_1]$  and  $[0, r_2]$ , is the Euclidean distance,  $r$ .

$$(5.11) \quad r = ct \Rightarrow (ct)^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 \Leftrightarrow r_1^2 = (ct)^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2),$$

where  $r_2^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , which is one form of Minkowski's flat spacetime interval equation [Bru17]. And the length contraction and time dilation equations also follow directly from  $(ct)^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2$ , where  $v = r_1/t$ :

$$(5.12) \quad r_2^2 = (ct)^2 - r_1^2 \wedge L = r_2 \Rightarrow L^2 = c^2 t^2 - r_1^2 \Rightarrow L = ct \sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}.$$

$$(5.13) \quad L = ct \sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2} \wedge L_0 = ct \Rightarrow L = L_0 \sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}.$$

$$(5.14) \quad L = ct \sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2} \wedge t' = L/c \Rightarrow t' = t \sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}.$$

**5.4. Some general relativity equations:** Combining the ratio (constant first derivative) equations into partial differential equations:  $r = (r_c/m_G) m = ct \Rightarrow (r_c/m_G) m \cdot ct = r^2 \Rightarrow m = (m_G/r_c) r^2/t = (m_G/r_c) r v$ . For a constant mass,  $m$ , a decrease in the distance,  $r$ , between two mass centers causes a decrease in time,  $t$ , (time slows down).  $v$  is the relativistic orbital velocity at distance,  $r$ .  $(r_c/m_G) m \cdot (ct)^2 = r^3 \Rightarrow E = mc^2 = (m_G/r_c) r^3/t^2$ . And  $(ct)^2 = r^2 \Rightarrow c^2 = v^2 \Rightarrow (r_c/m_G) m v^2 = c^2 r \Rightarrow KE = mv^2/2 = (m_G c^2 / 2 r_c) r$ .

$c = r_c/t_c \approx 3 \cdot 10^8 m s^{-1}$  and  $G = r_c^3 / m_G t_c^2 = (r_c/m_G) (r_c/t_c)^2 \approx 6.7 \cdot 10^{-11} m^3 kg^{-1} s^{-2} \Rightarrow r_c/m_G \approx 6.7 \cdot 10^{-11} m^3 kg^{-1} s^{-2} / (3 \cdot 10^8 m s^{-1})^2 \approx 7.4 \cdot 10^{-28} m kg^{-1}$ , which can be used to quantify the constants in the previously derived equations. For example,  $m = (m_G/r_c) r v \approx (1/((7.4 \cdot 10^{-28} m kg^{-1})(3 \cdot 10^8 m s^{-1}))) r v \approx (4.5 \cdot 10^{18} kg s m^{-2}) r v$ .

Likewise, for charge,  $r = (r_c/q_C) q = ct \Rightarrow q = (q_C/r_c) r^2/t = (q_C/r_c) r v$ ,  $E = q c^2 = (q_C/r_c) r^3/t^2$ , and  $KE = q v^2/2 = (q_C c^2 / 2 r_c) r$ . And if the ratio of an electron's mass to charge is  $m_G/q_C$ , then  $m_G/q_C \approx 9.1 \cdot 10^{-31} kg / 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} C \approx 5.7 \cdot 10^{-12} kg C^{-1}$ . And using Coulomb's constant in ratio form:  $k_C = (r_c/t_c)^2 (m_G r_c / q_C^2) \approx 9 \cdot 10^9 N m^2 C^{-2} \approx (3 \cdot 10^8 m s^{-1})^2 (5.7 \cdot 10^{-12} kg C^{-1}) (r_c/q_C) \Rightarrow$

$r_c/q_C \approx 1.7 \cdot 10^5 m \text{ } C^{-1}$ . Therefore,  $q = (q_C/r_c c)rv \approx (1/((1.7 \cdot 10^5 m \text{ } C^{-1})(3 \cdot 10^8 m \text{ } s^{-1})))rv \approx (1.9 \cdot 10^{-13} C \text{ } s \text{ } m^{-2})rv$ .

### 5.5. 3 dimensional balls.

DEFINITION 5.1. Totally ordered set:

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

DEFINITION 5.2. Symmetry (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. A totally 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 property (5.2):

$$(5.15) \quad i = n \ \wedge \ j = 1 \ \wedge \ \text{successor } x_i = x_j \ \Rightarrow \ \text{successor } x_n = x_1.$$

Applying the definition of the symmetry property (5.2) to conclusion 5.15:

$$(5.16) \quad \text{successor } x_i = x_j \ \Rightarrow \ \text{predecessor } x_j = x_i \ \Rightarrow \ \text{predecessor } x_1 = x_n. \quad \square$$

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

The 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), which makes 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  $n$ :

$$(5.17) \quad \text{Successor}(m, n, \text{setsize}) \leftarrow (m = \text{setsize} \wedge n = 1) \vee (n = m + 1 \leq \text{setsize}).$$

DEFINITION 5.6. Predecessor of  $m$  is  $n$ :

$$(5.18) \quad \text{Predecessor}(m, n, \text{setsize}) \leftarrow (m = 1 \wedge n = \text{setsize}) \vee (n = m - 1 \geq 1).$$

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:

$$(5.19) \quad \text{Adjacent}(m, n, \text{setsize}) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(m, n, \text{setsize}) \vee \text{Predecessor}(m, n, \text{setsize}).$$



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

$$(5.20) \quad Adjacent(1, 1, 1) \leftarrow Successor(1, 1, 1) \leftarrow (m = setsize \wedge n = 1).$$

$$(5.21) \quad Adjacent(1, 2, 2) \leftarrow Successor(1, 2, 2) \leftarrow (n = m + 1 \leq setsize).$$

$$(5.22) \quad Adjacent(2, 1, 2) \leftarrow Successor(2, 1, 2) \leftarrow (n = setsize \wedge m = 1).$$

$$(5.23) \quad Adjacent(1, 2, 3) \leftarrow Successor(1, 2, 3) \leftarrow (n = m + 1 \leq setsize).$$

$$(5.24) \quad Adjacent(2, 1, 3) \leftarrow Predecessor(2, 1, 3) \leftarrow (n = m - 1 \geq 1).$$

$$(5.25) \quad Adjacent(3, 1, 3) \leftarrow Successor(3, 1, 3) \leftarrow (n = setsize \wedge m = 1).$$

$$(5.26) \quad Adjacent(1, 3, 3) \leftarrow Predecessor(1, 3, 3) \leftarrow (m = 1 \wedge n = setsize).$$

$$(5.27) \quad Adjacent(2, 3, 3) \leftarrow Successor(2, 3, 3) \leftarrow (n = m + 1 \leq setsize).$$

$$(5.28) \quad Adjacent(3, 2, 3) \leftarrow Predecessor(3, 2, 3) \leftarrow (n = m - 1 \geq 1).$$

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

$$(5.29) \quad \forall setsize > 3: \quad \neg Successor(1, 3, setsize > 3) \\ \leftarrow Successor(1, 2, setsize > 3) \leftarrow (n = m + 1 \leq setsize).$$

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

$$(5.30) \quad \forall setsize > 3: \quad \neg Predecessor(1, 3, setsize > 3) \\ \leftarrow Predecessor(1, setsize, setsize > 3) \leftarrow (m = 1 \wedge n = setsize > 3).$$

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

$$(5.31) \quad \forall setsize > 3: \quad \neg Adjacent(1, 3, setsize > 3) \\ \leftarrow \neg Successor(1, 3, setsize > 3) \wedge \neg Predecessor(1, 3, setsize > 3). \quad \square$$

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

## 6. Insights and implications

- (1) The second derivative is the traditional way of measuring the curvature of a space, for example, the Laplacian and tensors. The Euclidean volume proof (3.2) suggests a measure of curvature is the ratio of adjacent range infinitesimals, where a set of  $n$ -tuples of size  $c$  domain infinitesimals map bijective to the set of range infinitesimals. Flat space is where the range ratio is one and where the second derivative would be zero.

In other words, the derivative-based measures are the ratio of a range infinitesimal to a domain infinitesimal, where the domain infinitesimal size varies with the length of domain interval. And, here, the ratio of two range infinitesimals are measured, where the domain infinitesimals are all the same size,  $c$ , independent of the domain interval lengths.

- (2) There are 2 set properties that generate geometry:

- (a) Total order:
  - (i) The set of real values in an interval are totally ordered, which causes the set of subintervals (infinitesimals) in an interval to be totally ordered.
  - (ii) The set of geometric dimensions are totally ordered.
- (b) The set of geometric dimensions are also symmetric (5.2).
- (3) Every n-volume, both Euclidean and non-Euclidean, is a magnitude with a corresponding cuboid n-volume magnitude,  $d^n$ . Therefore, if the definition of a complete metric space allows functions that do not have a corresponding Minkowski distance, a cuboid function of the sum of n-volumes, then the definition of a complete metric space is not a sufficient filter to obtain only “geometric” distances. In Euclidean space, all geometric distance measures can be reduced to Minkowski distances.
- (4) Propositional logic proofs that Euclidean distance is the smallest distance between two distinct points equate Euclidean distance to a straight line (equation), where it is assumed that the straight line length is the smallest distance [Joy98]. And proofs that a straight line (equation) is the smallest distance have equated the straight line to the Euclidean distance.

All distance measures in Euclidean space have equivalent Minkowski distances (4.2). In the Minkowski distance equation,  $d = (\sum_{i=1}^m s_i^n)^{1/n}$ , if  $m$  represents the number of domain intervals, one interval from each dimension, then  $1 \leq n \leq m$ . And  $m = 2 \Rightarrow 1 \leq n \leq 2$ , which constrains all Minkowski distances to a range from Manhattan distance (the largest distance) to Euclidean distance (the smallest distance) in Euclidean (flat) 2-space.

- (5) The derivations of volume and distance used disjoint domain sets. Hilbert spaces allow fractional (fractal) dimensions, which is the case of intersecting domain sets. Therefore, Hilbert spaces would require generalizing the countable volume definition (3.1) to:  $v_c = \prod_{i=1}^n (|x_i| - |x_i \cap (\bigcup_{j=1, i \neq j}^n x_j)|)$ .
- (6) Compare the distance sum inequality (4.4):

$$(\sum_{i=1}^m (a_i^n + b_i^n))^{1/n} \leq (\sum_{i=1}^m a_i^n)^{1/n} + (\sum_{i=1}^m b_i^n)^{1/n}.$$

to Minkowski’s sum inequality:

$$(\sum_{i=1}^m (a_i^n + b_i^n)^n)^{1/n} \leq (\sum_{i=1}^m a_i^n)^{1/n} + (\sum_{i=1}^m b_i^n)^{1/n}.$$

Note the difference in the left side of the two inequalities:

$$(\sum_{i=1}^m (a_i^n + b_i^n))^{1/n} \quad \text{vs.} \quad (\sum_{i=1}^m (a_i^n + b_i^n)^n)^{1/n}.$$

Minkowski’s sum inequality proof depends on: convexity and the  $L_p$  space inequalities (for example, Hölder’s inequality or Mahler’s inequality) or the triangle inequality. In contrast, the distance (sum) inequality is a more fundamental inequality that does not require the assumptions of the Minkowski sum inequality.

- (7) Applying the ruler (2.1) and volume proof (3.2) to the Cartesian product of same-sized, infinitesimal mass forces and charge forces to derive Newton’s gravity force (5.1) and Coulomb’s charge force (5.2) equations provide several firsts and some insights into physics:
  - (a) These are the first derivations to not use the inverse square law or Gauss’s divergence theorem.

- (b) These are the first derivations to show that the definition of force,  $F := m_0 a$ , containing acceleration,  $a = r/t^2$ , where  $r$  is a distance that is proportionate to time,  $t$  generates the inverse square law. Using the same derivation steps as for Coulomb's charge force (5.2):  $F := m_0 a := m_0 r/t^2 = (r_c/t_c)^2 (m_y r_c/x_1^2) x_1 x_2/r^2 = k_y x_1 x_2/r^2$ .
  - (c) Using Occam's razor, those versions of constants like: charge, vacuum magnetic permeability, fine structure, etc. that contain the value  $4\pi$  might be incorrect because those constants are based on the less parsimonious assumption that the inverse square law is due to Gauss's flux divergence on a sphere having the surface area,  $4\pi r^2$ .
  - (d) These are the first derivations to show that the gravity force, charge force, spacetime, and general relativity equations all depend on time being proportionate to distance:  $r = (r_c/t_c)t = ct$ , where  $c$  is the speed of light.
  - (e) The derivations of the gravity and charge force equations expose a ratio (constant first derivative) principle. Combining the constant first derivatives (ratios) into equations allows simple algebraic derivations of some general relativity equations (5.4) without the need for solving second derivative (spacetime curvature) tensors.
  - (f) A state is represented by a constant value. And a constant value, by definition, cannot vary with distance and time interval lengths. Therefore, the spin states of two quantum entangled electrons and the polarization states of two quantum entangled photons are independent of the amount of distance and time between the entangled particles.
- (8) It was proved that sequencing through a totally ordered set of  $n$  members in all  $n$ -at-time permutations, a symmetric set, requires a cyclic set with at most 3 members (5.3). And empirical observation indicates that geometric space is a totally ordered set of dimensions and allows sequencing from one dimension directly (without jumping over other members) to every other dimension.
- (a) Using Occam's razor, a cyclic set of at most 3 members is the most parsimonious explanation of only observing 3 dimensions of geometric distance and volume.
  - (b) It is the successor and predecessor relations within the cyclic set of 3 dimensions of physical space that creates chirality.
  - (c) If there are higher dimensions of ordered and symmetric geometric space, then there is a set of at most three members (5.4), each member being an ordered and symmetric set of 3 dimensions (three balls).
  - (d) Each dimension of discrete physical states can have at most 3 ordered and symmetric discrete state values of the same type, which allows  $3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 27$  possible combinations of discrete values of the same type per 3-dimensional ball, for example, vector orientation values: -1, 0, 1 per orthogonal direction in the ball.
  - (e) 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 is "pulled" from a bag, there is a 50 percent

chance of getting one of the binary values.

- (9) It was shown that some fundamental geometry (volume and the Minkowski distances/ $L_p$  norms) and physics (gravity force and charge force) are derived from the combinatorial mappings between the infinitesimals of real-valued intervals. The proofs and derivations in this article show that the ruler (2.1) is a tool to directly express and solve some combinatorial relations in geometry, probability, physics, etc. that are difficult to directly express with differential equations and integrals.

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