

Fall 2021 MATH241 Discussion

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- Section BDH: TR 3-4pm, 441 Altgeld.
- Section BDI: TR 4-5pm, 441 Altgeld.

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- The worksheets are long and you might not be able to finish them in calss, so you don't have to write down every single step.
- **Solutions will be avaiable on Moodle at 5pm** after discussion sections are done.
- Ask for hints when you get stuck on a problem.

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²See accommodation below for more information.

³Also see the grading section below.

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 - 4 Being late or leave early for 15 min
 - 3 Being late or leave early for 25 min
 - 2 Being late or leave early for 35 min
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Worksheet 1: Calculus II review

Chain rule

If $h(x) = g \circ f(x)$, then

$$h'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x).$$

Arc length of parameterized curve

Given a parameterized curve $(x(t), y(t))$, then the arc length between $(x(a), y(a))$ and $(x(b), y(b))$ is

$$s = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt.$$

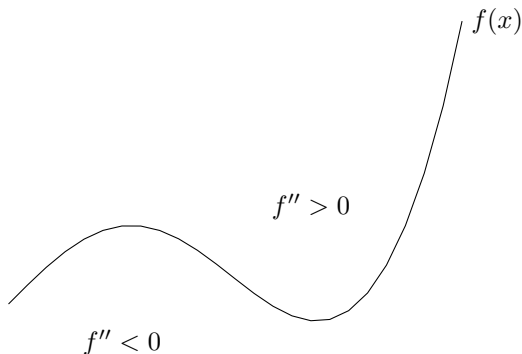
First and second derivative tests

We use the first and second derivative tests to determine local minimum and maximum.

First derivative tests. Compute $f'(x) = 0$ to find critical points.

Second derivative tests.

- If $f''(x) > 0$ for all x in the interval, then f is concave upward \implies local minimum.
- If $f''(x) < 0$ for all x in the interval, then f is concave downward \implies local maximum.



Taylor series

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n \\ &= f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!} (x-a)^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Substitution rule/Change of variable

Let $u = g(x)$, then

$$\int f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) dx = \int f(u) du.$$

Open discussion: Sep 2nd

1. Find the angle between the planes $2x + y + 2z = 3$ and $4y + 3z = 1$.

Hint: Use normal vectors.

2. Determine if the following vectors lie in the same plane or not:

$$\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 4, -7 \rangle, \mathbf{b} = \langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle \text{ and } \mathbf{c} = \langle 0, 9, -18 \rangle.$$

Hint: Consider $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$, draw a picture represent $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}$.

3. Find a counter example for the following:

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c} \implies \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}.$$

Hint: Consider a triangle ABC . Let $\overrightarrow{AB} = \mathbf{a}$, $\overrightarrow{CA} = \mathbf{b}$ and $\overrightarrow{CB} = \mathbf{c}$. What is $\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})$?

4. Derive the following formula:

- Area of a parallelogram determined by the vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} :

$$\text{Area} = |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|.$$

Hint: Notes that $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| \cdot |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta$.

- Volume of a parallelepiped determined by the vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} :

$$\text{Volume} = |\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})|.$$

Hint: Try to find the height of this parallelepiped.

Open discussion: Sep 16th & Exam 1 checklist

1. Find the following limit or explain why it does not exist.

- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$

DNE. Hint: Approach $(0, 0)$ along $x = 0$ and $y = 0$ respectively.

- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{2x^2 - xy - y^2}{x^2 - y^2}$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{2x^2 - xy - y^2}{x^2 - y^2} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{(2x+y)(x-y)}{(x-y)(x+y)} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{2x+y}{x+y} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 + \sin y}{3x^2 + y}$

DNE. Hint: Approach $(0, 0)$ along $x = 0$ we have

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 + \sin y}{3x^2 + y} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 1.$$

Approach $(0, 0)$ along $y = 0$ we have

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 + \sin y}{3x^2 + y} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 1}{3x^2} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

2. Determine whether the following functions are continuous at $(0, 0)$ or not.

- $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$

The function is not continuous at $(0, 0)$. Hint: use $y = ax$.

- $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{y} + y \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } xy \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } xy = 0 \end{cases}$

The function is continuous at $(0, 0)$:

$$\left| x \sin \frac{1}{y} + y \sin \frac{1}{x} \right| \leq |x| + |y| \xrightarrow{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} 0.$$

Exam 1 Checklist

magnitude \rightarrow distance between points
(scalar)

dot product (scalar) $\rightarrow \cos \theta$ \rightarrow angle between 2 planes/lines
cross product (vector) \rightarrow magnitude
 $=$ area of \square

triple product (scalar) \rightarrow volume of \square
 \rightarrow determine if $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ or A, B, C, D lie on the same plane

line \leftrightarrow directional vector \vec{v}
+
a point on the line P

plane \leftrightarrow normal vector \vec{n}
+
a point on the plane P

\hookrightarrow e.g. given a line l
find the plane \parallel to l and contain a certain pt

match level sets & figure

- check certain pts.
- symmetry (odd/even function, switch x and y)
- $f(x, y) \rightarrow \infty$ at some pt / $x, y \rightarrow \infty$.

know the equations of quadric surfaces
computing limits.

Open discussion: Sep 21st

1. Let $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$ and $g(x, y) = f(\sin(x^2 + y), x^3 + 2y + 1)$. Compute g_x .

Hint: This question really tests your understanding about composing functions. If you write

$$g(x, y) = e^{\sin(x^2+y)(x^3+2y+1)}$$

everything should be familiar.

2. Let $f(x, y) = x^2y$. Find the derivative of f in the direction of $\mathbf{v} = \langle 3, 4 \rangle$ at the point $P = (2, \frac{1}{4})$.

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \langle 2xy, x^2 \rangle, D_{\mathbf{v}}f(P) = \langle 1, 4 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 3, 4 \rangle}{|\langle 3, 4 \rangle|} = \frac{19}{5}.$$

3. Find the direction for which the directional derivative of $f(x, y) = 3x^2 - 4xy + 2y^2$ at $P = (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$. What is the maximum value?

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \langle 6x - 4y, -4x + y \rangle,$$

$$\nabla f(P) = \langle -1, 2 \rangle.$$

The maximum value of the directional derivative occurs when ∇f and the unit vector point in the same direction. Note that

$$D_{\mathbf{v}}f = |\nabla f| \cos \theta, \theta \in [-1, 1].$$

We can take $\cos \theta = 1$, i.e. $\theta = 0$ to maximize the directional derivative. The maximum is the magnitude $|\nabla f(P)| = \sqrt{5}$.

4. Given a differentiable function $f(u, v)$, and let $g(x, y) = f(x \cos y, \sin(x) + x^2y)$. Using the following information to compute ∇g at $P = (\pi, 2\pi)$.

	f	g	f_u	f_v
$(\pi, 2\pi)$	1	0	4	0
$(-\pi, 4\pi^3)$	3	-2	1	2

Chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla g(x, y) &= \langle g_x(x, y), g_y(x, y) \rangle \\ &= \langle f_u(u, v) \cdot u_x(x, y) + f_v(u, v) \cdot v_x(x, y), f_u(u, v) \cdot u_y(x, y) + f_v(u, v) \cdot v_y(x, y) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Note that you need to use the value of f_u, f_v at the point $(u(x, y), v(x, y)) = (-\pi, 4\pi^3)$ not at the point $(\pi, 2\pi)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla g(P) &= \langle 1 \cdot \cos 2\pi + 2 \cdot (\cos \pi + 2 \cdot \pi \cdot 2\pi), 1 \cdot \pi \cdot (-\sin 2\pi) + 2 \cdot \pi^2 \rangle \\ &= \langle 4\pi^2 - 1, 2\pi^2 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

5. Open-ended question:

- What is an intuitive explanation of the 1-dimensional chain rule? Could it be generalized to the chain rule in higher dimension?

We only care the value of f locally when finding its derivative. In a sufficiently small neighborhood U around x , f is approximately a linear function. And notice that the chain rule works for linear functions!

For higher dimension, chain rule is essentially matrix multiplication. It is beyond the this course but if you're interested search Jacobian matrix.

- What is a geometric intuition for directional derivatives? Say $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

If the domain is 1-dimensional, say $y = f(x)$ then we know $f'(x)$ gives the slope of the *tangent line*. The 2-dimensional generalization of a tangent line would be a *tangent plane* T .

Say we are considering the directional derivative $\nabla_{\mathbf{v}}f(P)$ The extra vector \mathbf{v} appear in the directional derivative gives a *slicing plane* A (the plane A is passing through the point P and parallel to the z -axis and \mathbf{v}). The directional derivative is given by the intersecting line of the tangent plane T and the slicing plane A .

To see a figure, visit [this clickable link](#).

Open discussion: Sep 23rd

1. Let P be a point in \mathbb{R}^2 . Given that $D_{\langle 1,0 \rangle} f(P) = \frac{1}{3}$ and $D_{\langle 0,-4 \rangle} f(P) = 4$. Compute $D_{\langle 3,-2 \rangle} f(P)$.

Using definition of directional derivatives, we have

$$\frac{1}{3} = D_{\langle 1,0 \rangle} f(P) = \nabla f(P) \cdot \langle 1, 0 \rangle,$$

$$4 = D_{\langle 0,-4 \rangle} f(P) = \nabla f(P) \cdot \frac{\langle 0, -4 \rangle}{|\langle 0, -4 \rangle|} = \nabla f(P) \cdot \langle 0, -1 \rangle.$$

Decomposing $\langle 3, -2 \rangle$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\langle 3,-2 \rangle} f(P) &= \nabla f \cdot \frac{\langle 3, -2 \rangle}{|\langle 3, -2 \rangle|} = \nabla f \cdot \frac{\langle 3, -2 \rangle}{\sqrt{13}} \\ &= \nabla f \cdot \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \langle 1, 0 \rangle + \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \langle 0, -1 \rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \cdot 4 = \frac{9}{\sqrt{13}}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Suppose f is a differentiable function. Let \mathbf{v} be some unit vector. At some point P , suppose $|\nabla f(P)| = 10$ and $D_{\mathbf{v}} f(P) = 5\sqrt{3}$. What is the angle between $\nabla f(P)$ and \mathbf{v} .

Let's call the angle θ , then

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\nabla f(P) \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\nabla f(P)| \cdot |\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{D_{\mathbf{v}} f(P)}{|\nabla f(P)|} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

3. Prove that magnitude of directional derivative $D_{\mathbf{v}} f$ is the same as component of its projection $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \nabla$ on \mathbf{v} . That is $\text{comp}_{\mathbf{v}} \nabla f = D_{\mathbf{v}} f$.

$$\text{comp}_{\mathbf{v}} \nabla f = |\nabla f| \cdot \cos \theta = |\nabla f| \cdot \frac{\nabla f \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\nabla f| \cdot |\mathbf{v}|} = \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{v} = D_{\mathbf{v}} f.$$

4. Let $z = f(x, y)$. Prove the gradient is always perpendicular to the level curves.

Take the level curve given by $c = f(x, y)$, where c is a constant. Suppose we parametrize the level curve using the variable t , then

$$c = f(x(t), y(t)).$$

Take derivative with respect to t on both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= f_x(x(t), y(t)) \cdot x'(t) + f_y(x(t), y(t)) \cdot y'(t) \\ &= \nabla f(x(t), y(t)) \cdot \langle x'(t), y'(t) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\langle x'(t), y'(t) \rangle$ gives the tangent direction of the level curve.

5. Use gradients and level surfaces to find the tangent plane of the graph of $z = f(x, y)$ at $P = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$.

Consider the function

$$g(x, y, z) = f(x, y) - z.$$

The graph of $z = f(x, y)$ is exactly the level set $g^{-1}(0) = \{(x, y, z) \mid g(x, y, z) = 0\}$. The previous question also generalizes to 3-dimension (you can prove this using the same method). We know the normal vector \mathbf{n} to the surface is given by

$$\nabla g = \langle g_x, g_y, g_z \rangle = \langle f_x, f_y, -1 \rangle.$$

So the equation of the tangent plane is

$$f_x(P) \cdot (x - x_0) + f_y(P) \cdot (y - y_0) - (z - z_0) = 0.$$

Open discussion: Oct 5th & Exam 2 checklist

I took the problems from an MIT open course. [Here](#) is the detailed solution. I won't type the solution again. The plan is to go through these two problems in detail on the blackboard.

For each problem ask yourself the following question:

- What is the function f we are trying to maximize/minimize?
- What is the constraint function g ? (We require $g = \text{const.}$)

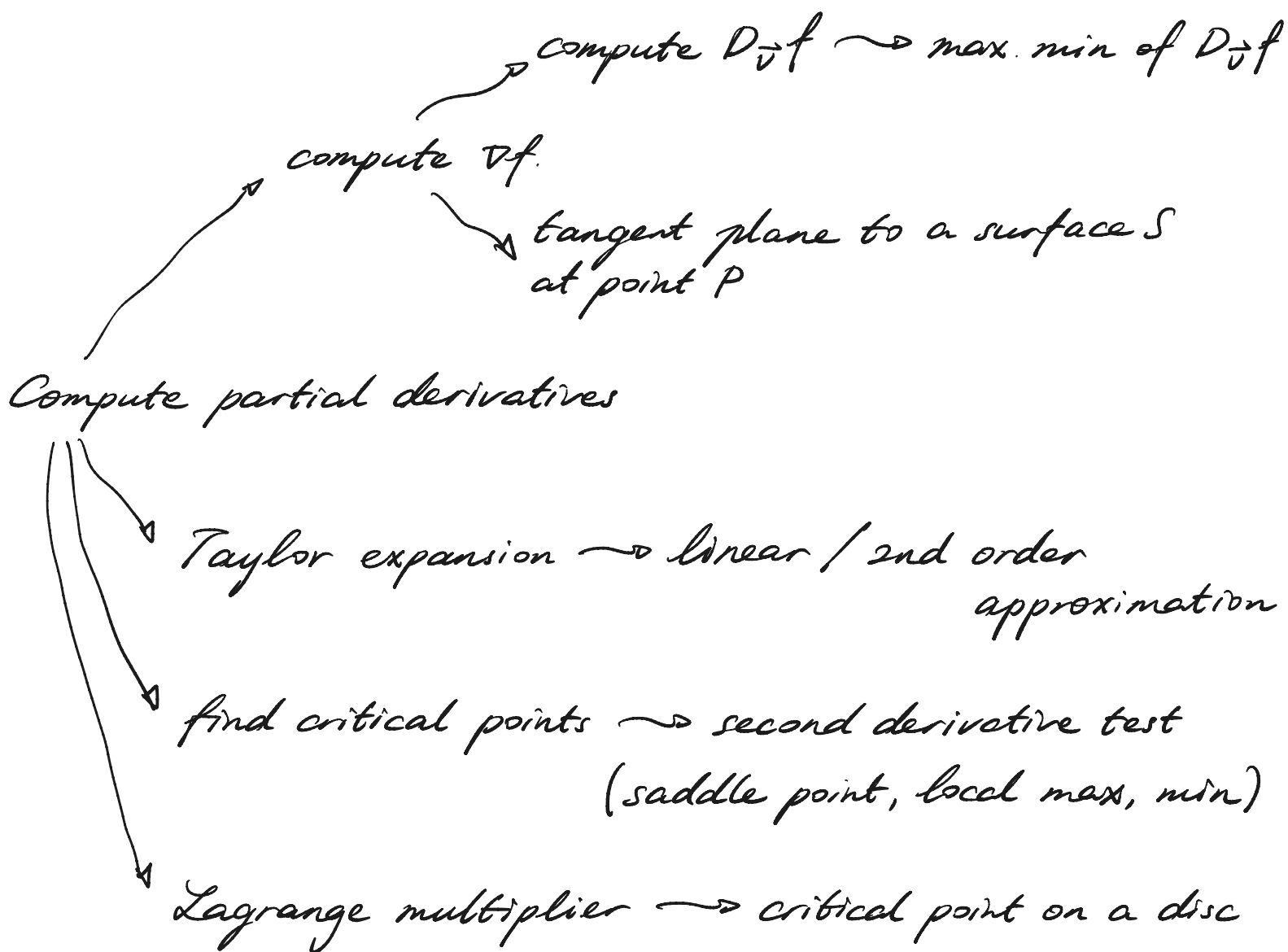
Then

- Set $L = f - \lambda g$ and write down the equation $\nabla L = \nabla f - \lambda \nabla g = 0$.
- Find critical points of L and determine if it gives the maximum/minimum.

1. Find the maximum and minimum values of $f(x, y) = x^2 + x + 2y^2$ on the unit circle.

2. Find the minimum and maximum values of $f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2$ on the quarter circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1, x, y \geq 0$.

Quantitative Question



Qualitative Question

Given a level curves diagram

determine the partial derivatives are $+$, $-$, 0

classify the critical points.

Open discussion: Oct 19th

1. Let C be the portion of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$ in the fourth quadrant, counter clockwise. Evaluate the line integral of $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle x + y, 1 - x \rangle$ along the curve C .

Parameterize the curve as $(2 \cos t, 3 \sin t)$, $t \in [\frac{3}{2}\pi, 2\pi]$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_C \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt \\ &= \int_{\frac{3}{2}\pi}^{2\pi} \langle 2 \cos t + 3 \sin t, 1 - 2 \cos t \rangle \cdot \langle -2 \sin t, 3 \cos t \rangle dt \\ &= \int_{\frac{3}{2}\pi}^{2\pi} (-2 \sin(2t) + 3 \cos t - 6) dt &&= 5 - 3\pi\end{aligned}$$

2. Find a potential function f for the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2x + 2y, 2x + 2y \rangle$.

Hint: Set $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$, and we obtain

$$f = x^2 + 2xy + y^2 = (x + y)^2.$$

3. Let C be the portion of the counter clockwise circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$, from $A = (5, 0)$ to $B = (3, 4)$. Using the above f and \mathbf{F} , verify the Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals, i.e.

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(B) - f(A).$$

Hint: Parameterize the curve as $(5 \cos t, 5 \sin t)$, $t \in [0, \theta]$ where $\theta = \arctan(\frac{4}{3})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}RHS &= (3 + 4)^2 - (5 + 0)^2 &&= 24, \\ LHS &= \int_0^\theta \langle 10 \cos t + 10 \sin t, 10 \cos t + 10 \sin t \rangle \cdot \langle -5 \sin t, 5 \cos t \rangle dt \\ &= \int_0^\theta 50(\cos^2 t - \sin^2 t) dt \\ &= \int_0^\theta 50 \cos(2t) dt = 50 \sin \theta \cos \theta &&= 24.\end{aligned}$$

The above computation used double angle formulae.

Open discussion: Oct 28th

1. Compute the following integrals

- $\int_0^1 \int_0^1 x \max(x, y) \, dA.$

Divided the unit square into two regions by the line $y = x$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 x \max(x, y) \, dA &= \int_0^1 \int_0^x x \cdot x \, dy \, dx + \int_0^1 \int_x^1 x \cdot y \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 x^3 \, dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x(1-x^2)}{2} \, dx \\ &= \frac{3}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

- $\int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \cos(x^2 + y^2) \, dy \, dx.$

Identify the integral region: R is the quarter disk in the first quadrant.

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R \cos(x^2 + y^2) \, dA &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^1 \cos(r^2) r \, dr \, d\theta \quad (\text{using polar coordinates}) \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \cos(u) \, du \, d\theta \quad (\text{change of variable } u = r^2) \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{2} (\sin(1) - \sin(0)) \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{\sin(1) \cdot \pi}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Identify the integration region.

- $\iiint_R dV = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-3\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{3\sqrt{1-x^2}} \int_{-2\sqrt{1-x^2-(y/3)^2}}^{2\sqrt{1-x^2-(y/3)^2}} dz \, dy \, dx$

R is an ellipsoid.

The integral with respect to x gives $x \in [-1, 1]$. Using the upper and lower bounds for y , we can write $y^2 \leq 9(1-x^2)$ i.e. $x^2 + \frac{y^2}{9} \leq 1$. Similarly, $z^2 \leq 4(1-x^2 - \frac{y^2}{9})$ gives $x^2 + \frac{y^2}{9} + \frac{z^2}{4} \leq 1$.

- $\iiint_R dV = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_r^{2-r^2} dz \, dr \, d\theta.$

R is the region bounded by a cone and a paraboloid.

- $z \in [r, 2-r^2]$ gives $x^2 + y^2 \leq z^2$ (cone) and $z \leq 2-x^2-y^2$ (paraboloid).
- $r \in [0, 1]$.
- $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$.

Exam 3 Checklist

⁴ **Line integral** $\int_C f(x, y) ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \cdot |\mathbf{r}'(t)| dt.$

- $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a scalar-valued function.
- $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is the parameterization of the curve C .
- \cdot is scalar multiplication.

Arc length. Take $f = 1$.

Vector integral $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_a^b \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt$

- $\mathbf{F} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a vector-valued function.
- $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is the parameterization of the curve C .
- \cdot is dot product.

Fundamental theorem of line integral. $\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(\mathbf{r}(b)) - f(\mathbf{r}(a)).$

Conservative vector field. If $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$ for some scalar-valued potential function f , line integral only depends on endpoints.

Double integral $\iint_R f dA$, where $dA = dx dy = r dr d\theta$.

- R is a 2d region
- Write the integrand f as $f(x, y)$ (in rectangular case) or $f(r, \theta)$ (in polar case).
- The upper and lower bounds of your variable can be non-constant values e.g.

$$\int_{y_1}^{y_2} \int_{x_1(y)}^{x_2(y)} f(x, y) dx dy.$$

However, the last integral always has constant bounds, as our final answer is a constant.

Change order of integration. Figure out the region of integration R first!!

Tripple integral $\iiint_R f dV$, where $dV = dx dy dz = r dr d\theta dz = \rho^2 \sin \varphi d\rho d\varphi d\theta$.

- R is a 3d solid body.
- Similar comments as in the double integral.

Transformation law $\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \iint_S f(x(u, v), y(u, v)) \cdot |\det J| dA$

- J is the Jacobian matrix given by $\begin{bmatrix} x_u & x_v \\ y_u & y_v \end{bmatrix}$.
- \cdot is scalar multiplication
- There also a transformation law for triple integral.

⁴Other topics required to know: how to parameterize a curve, compute potential function.

Worksheet: Nov 18

Comments on computing the flux integral in Q1.

Compute the normal vector using partial derivatives and make it a unit vector by dividing its magnitude. Note that we want the normal vector to be a unit to match the statement of the divergence theorem; and to match the physical meaning of flux.

Since the surface S_1 is a parameterized by $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$, using knowledge from Nov 8's lecture, the unit normal vector is given by

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v}{|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v|},$$

(Not to calculate the magnitude yet, as it will be cancelled later.)

and the infinitesimal element of surface area is given by

$$dS = |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| du dv.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{S_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dA &= \iint_{S_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v}{|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v|} |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| du dv && \text{(substitute in } \mathbf{n} \text{ and } dS) \\ &= \iint_{S_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v) du dv. \end{aligned}$$

As you may have noticed, I haven't used any explicit value of the parametrization \mathbf{r} . So the last line is valid in general when you have a parametrization for the surface.

Exam 4 & Final Exam Checklist

⁵ **Parametrization of a surface** Given a surface S parameterized by $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$.

Normal vector. $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$. (This may not be a unit vector.)

Infinitesimal element of surface area. $dS = |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| du dv$.

Divergence $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z}$.

- $\mathbf{F} = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle$.
- $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}$ is scalar-valued.

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

- $\mathbf{F} = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle$.
- $\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F}$ is vector-valued.

Green's theorem $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dS$.

- C is a curve that is positively oriented, piece smooth, simple, and closed.
- D is the region enclosed by C .
- $\mathbf{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ a vector field with continuous first order partial derivatives.

The divergence theorem $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \iiint_D \operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} dV$.

- S is a surface that is positively oriented, piece smooth, simple, and closed.
- D is the solid region enclosed by S .
- \mathbf{n} is the outward pointing, unit, normal vector to S .
- \mathbf{F} a vector field with continuous first order partial derivatives.
- The LHS is called the flux integral of \mathbf{F} .

Stokes' theorem $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_D \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$.

- C is a curve that is positively oriented, piece smooth, simple, and closed.
- D is the region enclosed by C .
- \mathbf{n} is the outward pointing, unit, normal vector to C .
- \mathbf{F} a vector field with continuous first order partial derivatives.

⁵Other topics required to know: how to parameterize a surface, compute divergence and curl of a vector field.

Changing order of integration without drawing

Let's take the following integral as an example.

$$\int_0^9 \int_0^{x^2} \int_0^y f(x, y, z) \, dz \, dy \, dx.$$

Now the integrating order is z, y, x . Using the integral, we obtain the following inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^y \dots \, dz &\implies 0 \leq z \leq y & (A) \\ \int_0^{x^2} \dots \, dy &\implies 0 \leq y \leq x^2 & (B) \\ \int_0^y \dots \, dz &\implies 0 \leq x \leq 9 & (C) \end{aligned}$$

Let's change the order of integration to be x, y, z :

Lower bound of x . Inequality (B) gives $\sqrt{y} \leq x$; inequality (C) gives $0 \leq x$. Since $0 \leq \sqrt{y}$, the lower bound of x is \sqrt{y} .⁶

Upper bound of x . Inequality (C) gives $x \leq 9$. So 9 is the upper bound.

$$\implies \int_{\sqrt{y}}^9 \dots \, dx.$$

Lower bound of y . Inequality (A) gives $z \leq y$; inequality (B) gives $0 \leq y$. Since $0 \leq z$, the lower bound of y is z .

Upper bound of y . Inequality (B) gives $y \leq x^2$.⁷ Substituting the upper bound of x gives $y \leq x^2 = 81$. So 81 is the upper bound.

$$\implies \int_z^{81} \dots \, dy.$$

Lower bound of z . Inequality (A) gives $0 \leq z$.

Upper bound of z . Inequality (A) gives $z \leq y$. Substituting the upper bound of y gives $z \leq y = 81$.

$$\implies \int_0^{81} \dots \, dz.$$

Hence⁸

$$\int_0^9 \int_0^{x^2} \int_0^y f(x, y, z) \, dz \, dy \, dx = \int_0^{81} \int_z^{81} \int_{\sqrt{y}}^9 f(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz.$$

⁶Intuitively once the variable reaches \sqrt{y} , it may not descent further.

⁷When we compute the definite integral with respect to x , the answer does not depend on x , since we substitute in the upper and lower bounds.

⁸Check it on a [triple integral calculator](#) if you don't believe it.