

Calculus III BPR

14 Vector-Valued Functions

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- Useful for objects in motion and arch length etc.
- Same calculus things
- 14.1 Vector valued functions

14.1 Vector-Valued functions

- A function of the form $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$
 - A set of three parametric equations that describe a curve in space
 - A vector valued function? There are 3 component variables (x, y, z) are components of $\vec{r}$, each component variable with respect to t .
- Circle in parametric
 - $x = a \cos t, y = a \sin t$ for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$
- Circle in vector function
 - $\vec{r} = \langle a \cos t, a \sin t \rangle$ for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

• Line

Given some points $\langle x, y, z \rangle, \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$

we got $x = x_0 + at$... sub x by y or z

① say $\langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle = \vec{PQ} = \vec{v}$ eq $(1, 1, 2)$

② Use P_0

$x = 2 + t, y = -1 + t$... $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x - 2t, \dots \rangle$

③ P_0 is parallel to $\vec{v}$

• Spiral

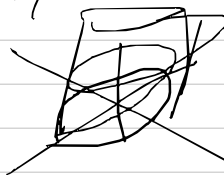
$$\vec{r}(t) = 4 \cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \hat{k}$$

① $z=0$ to determine the projection of the plane

② since $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

z rises to $\frac{1}{2}$

creating an elliptical coil



• Limit of a vector function

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow a} \vec{r}(t)$$

• how to use it

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow a} \vec{r}(t) = \langle \lim_{t \rightarrow a} x(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow a} y(t), \dots \rangle$$

for vectors in unit vector equation
just evaluate.

BPR 15 Functions of several variables

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- Partial derivatives, directional derivatives and gradient.
 - To find maximum and minimum of multivariable functions. Using tangent planes. Optimization problems.
- 15.1 Graphs and level curves
 - **ASK!** How do we define a "function" of several variables.
- Function of two variables
$$z = f(x, y) \quad \text{or implicitly} \quad 0 = f(x, y, z)$$
- **Definition** Function, Domain, Range with two independent variables

A function $z = f(x, y)$ assigns to each point (x, y) in a set D in $\mathbb{R}^2$ a unique real number z in a subset of $\mathbb{R}$. The D is the domain of f . The range is the set of real numbers z that are assumed as the points (x, y) vary of the domain.

17 Vector Calculus

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- Chapter Preview
 - Covers everything seen previously end of calculus series. 😊
- 17.1 Vector Fields
- Vector Field: A unique vector in each point in space.

- Vector Fields in two dimensions
 - A short step to understanding vectors in $\mathbb{R}^3$
- Definition Vector Fields in Two Dimensions

Let f and g be defined on a region R of $\mathbb{R}^2$. A vector field in $\mathbb{R}^2$ is a function F that assigns each point in R a vector $\langle f(x,y), g(x,y) \rangle$. The vector fields are written as

$$F = (x, y) = \langle f(x, y), g(x, y) \rangle$$

$$F = (x, y) = f(x, y)\hat{i} + g(x, y)\hat{j}$$

A vector field $F = \langle f, g \rangle$ is continuous or differentiable on a region R , respectively.

- E.g. $F(x, y) = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$

$$F(1, 1) = \langle 2, 2 \rangle$$
 - This is a vector $\langle 2, 2 \rangle$ starting at $(1, 1)$
- Flows

- Radial vector fields in $\mathbb{R}^2$ they point away from the origin parallel to the position vectors $r = \langle x, y \rangle$

$$F(x, y) = \frac{\bar{r}}{|\bar{r}|^p} = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{|\bar{r}|^p} = \frac{\bar{r}}{|\bar{r}|} \frac{1}{|\bar{r}|^{p-1}}$$

What exactly is p here?

- Definitions Radial vector fields in $\mathbb{R}^2$

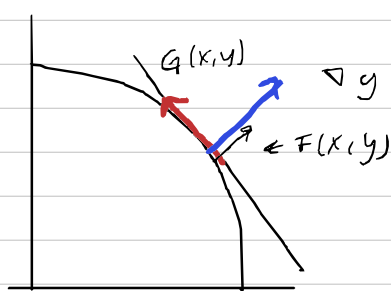
Let $\bar{r} = \langle x, y \rangle$. A vector field of the form $F = f(x, y)\bar{r}$ where f is a scalar valued function, is a radial vector field. Of the specific interest are the radial vector fields

$$F(x, y) = \frac{\bar{r}}{|\bar{r}|^p} = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{|\bar{r}|^p}$$

where p is a real number. At every point except the origin, the vectors of the field are directed outwards with a magnitude of $|F| = \frac{1}{|\bar{r}|^{p-1}}$.

- E.g. Let C be the circle $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ where $a > 0$
 - show that at each point C , the radial vector field $F(x, y) = \frac{\bar{r}}{|\bar{r}|} = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$ is orthogonal to the line tangent at C .

The gradient is orthogonal to the tangent at C . $\nabla g(x, y) = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$



Ask!

How?

- Vector Fields in Three Dimensions

- Definition

Let f, g , and h be defined on a region D of $\mathbb{R}^3$. A vector field in $\mathbb{R}^3$ is a function F that assigns to each point D a vector $\langle f(x, y, z), g(x, y, z), h(x, y, z) \rangle$. The vector field is written as.

$$\bar{F}(x, y, z) = \langle f(x, y, z), g(x, y, z), h(x, y, z) \rangle \text{ or } \bar{F}(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z)\hat{i} + g(x, y, z)\hat{j} + h(x, y, z)\hat{k}$$

A vector field $\bar{F} = \langle f, g, h \rangle$ is continuous or differentiable on a region D of $\mathbb{R}^3$ if f, g, h are continuous or differentiable on D , respectively. Of particular importance are radial vector fields

$$\bar{F}(x, y, z) = \frac{\bar{r}}{|\bar{r}|^p} = \frac{\langle x, y, z \rangle}{|\bar{r}|^p}$$

- Gradient Fields and Potential

- A way to generate a vector field
- Start with a differentiable scalar valued function ϕ is called a gradient field and ϕ is called a potential function.

- Definition Gradient fields and potential functions

Let ϕ be differentiable on a region of $\mathbb{R}^2$ or $\mathbb{R}^3$. The vector field $\bar{F} = \nabla \phi$ is a gradient field and the function ϕ is a potential function for $\bar{F}$.

- So just find the gradient is to derivate like before?

- Exponential cones and surfaces

- Equipotential curves (curves on which the potential function is constant)
Not sure!

- 17.6 Surface integrals