

2A03 Leg 1



e.g.  $f(x) = |x|$   
 i.e.  $f(x,y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$

$U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 e.g. temp at a point in this room

$U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$   
 $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   
 e.g. temp, humidity

$f(x,y,z) = (x+y+z, x^2y^2z)$

$f(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = (x+y+z, 2x^2y^2z)$

$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

vector fields

$f(x,y) = (-y, x)$  Fig 2.3

$f(x,y,z) = \frac{(x,y,z)}{\|(x,y,z)\|} \in \text{unit sphere}$   
 i.e.  $f(r) = \frac{r}{\|r\|}$   
 vectors pointing directly away from 0  
 all of same length



draw 2d version

Example 1 gravitational force field

planet of mass  $M$

mass of  $M$  at 0

test mass of 1kg feels force of  $\frac{GM}{d^2}$  Newtons in direction of the mass

i.e.  $F(r) := \frac{GM}{\|r\|^2} \frac{r}{\|r\|}$  is force felt by test mass at  $r$

Suppose a planet of mass  $M_p$  orbits a star of mass  $M_s$   
 Describe the resulting force field when the planet is  $d_p$  metres from the star.

$M_p = 10^{24}$   
 $M_s = 10^{30}$   
 $d_p = 10^{12}$

Sol: Establish co-ordinates s.t. star is at 0 and planet is at  $r_p = (d_p, 0, 0)$

Force at  $r$  due to star on test mass of 1kg is  $F_s(r) = -\frac{GM_s}{\|r\|^2} \frac{r}{\|r\|}$

Force at  $r$  due to planet is  $F_p(r) = -\frac{GM_p}{\|r-r_p\|^2} \frac{r-r_p}{\|r-r_p\|}$

$F_p(r) = -\frac{GM_p}{\|r-r_p\|^2} \frac{r-r_p}{\|r-r_p\|}$

total force is sum

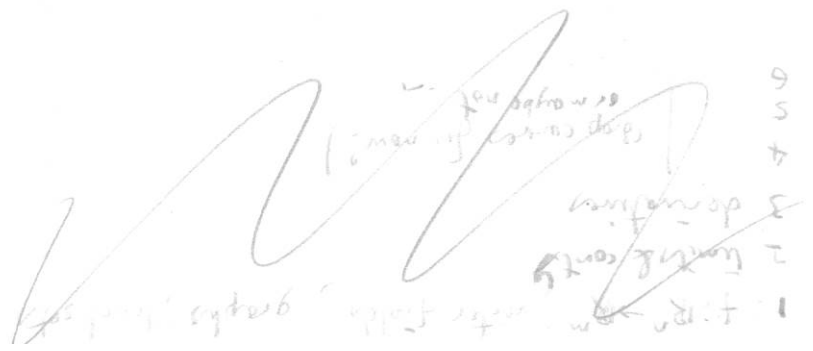
$F(r) = F_s(r) + F_p(r)$  (no simplification!)

Graphs, level sets

$f: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Graph of  $f := \{(x,y,z) \mid z = f(x,y)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$   
 sq dist. obj  $\{(x,y, f(x,y)) \mid (x,y) \in U\}$

level set of  $f$  at value  $c = \{(x,y) \mid f(x,y) = c\} \subseteq U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$



Limits & cont<sup>y</sup> 2A03 Lec 2

- Balls
- $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  limits for  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , cont<sup>y</sup>
- specialisation to 1-var,  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued multivar
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x) = b$  iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \|F(x) - b\| = 0$
- +,  $\cdot$  cont<sup>s</sup>; hence limit laws
- cont<sup>y</sup> of 0s, hence  $\nabla F, G, f, F$

Notation:  $f, g, h$  are real-valued f<sup>n</sup>s of 1-or-more var<sup>s</sup>  
 $F, G, H$  are  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued f<sup>n</sup>s of  $n \geq 1$

If  $F: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$   
 write  $F_i: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $i=1, \dots, n$  for the comp<sup>s</sup>  
 so  $F(x) = (F_1(x), \dots, F_n(x))$   
 $= (F_1(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, F_n(x_1, \dots, x_m))$

e.g.  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $(x_1, \dots, x_m) \mapsto A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix}$  just do  $2 \times 3$   
 $A_i$  =  $i$ th row  
 $A_i(x_1, \dots, x_m) = a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{im}x_m$

$\forall \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^m \epsilon > 0$  ball  $B_\epsilon(a)$   
 $B_\epsilon(a) = \{x \mid \|x - a\| < \epsilon\}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x) = b$  iff  $\forall \epsilon > 0. \exists \delta > 0$   
 for every  $x \in U$  st.  
 $0 < \|x - a\| < \delta$ ,  
 we have  $\|F(x) - b\| < \epsilon$

In other words:

let  $B_\epsilon(b) :=$  ball of radius  $\epsilon$  around  $b$   
 $= \{y \mid \|y - b\| < \epsilon\}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x) = b$  iff  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ .  $\forall$  ball  $B_\epsilon(b)$  sufficiently close  
 so, but not equal to  $a$ , map under  $F$   
 $\mathbb{R}^m$  into  $B_\epsilon(b)$

- $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = e^{-x}$
- 1d, 2d vect<sup>r</sup> examples
- Agree with usual notion for real-valued f<sup>n</sup>s
- $F$  is cont<sup>y</sup> at  $a$  iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x) = F(a)$   
 (in particular, both exist)

so  $F$  is cont<sup>y</sup> at  $a$  iff  $x \in \text{dom}(F)$  and  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ .  $\exists \delta > 0$ .  $x \in B_\delta(a) \cap U$   
 $\Rightarrow F(x) \in B_\epsilon(F(a))$

Theorem 12.3: if  $F: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, G: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$   
 can  $F \subseteq V = \text{dom } G$   $F$  cont<sup>y</sup> at  $a$   
 then  $G \circ F$  is cont<sup>y</sup> at  $a$   $G$  cont<sup>y</sup> at  $F(a)$



not on syllabus

$\delta$ : Let  $a \in U, \epsilon > 0$

Since  $G$  is cont<sup>y</sup> exists  $\delta$  st.

$G$  maps  $B_\delta(F(a)) \cap V$  into  $B_\epsilon(G(F(a)))$

but then since  $F$  is cont<sup>y</sup> (using  $\delta$  as  $\delta$ !)  
 exists  $\eta > 0$  st.  $F$  maps  $B_\eta(a) \cap U$  into  $B_\delta(F(a))$

$$B_\eta(a) \xrightarrow{F} B_\delta(F(a)) \xrightarrow{G} B_\epsilon(G(F(a)))$$

so  $G \circ F$  is cont<sup>y</sup>!

Remark: can also define  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x)$   
 componentwise:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x) = (\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F_1(x), \dots, \lim_{x \rightarrow a} F_n(x))$$

when all exist,  
 and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x)$  exists iff all  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F_i(x)$  exist.

So  $F$  cont<sup>y</sup> iff all  $F_i$  cont<sup>y</sup>

Examples:

vector addition

$$+: (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n)$$

$$+: (x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n) \mapsto (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n)$$

is cont<sup>y</sup>, so is scalar mult<sup>y</sup>

$$\cdot: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$(c, x) \mapsto cx$$

if  $F, G$  are cont<sup>y</sup> at  $a$ , so is  $F+G$

$$\left( \mathbb{R}^m \xrightarrow{F, G} \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m \xrightarrow{+} \mathbb{R}^m \right)$$

$$x \mapsto (F(x), G(x)) \mapsto F(x) + G(x)$$

and  $cF, fG$  (if cont<sup>y</sup> at  $a$ )

$f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$  has no limit at 0  
 indeed:  $f(0, y) = 0$  any  $y \neq 0$  so limit could only be 0  
 $f(x, x) = \frac{x^2}{2x^2} = \frac{1}{2}$  any  $x \neq 0$   
 so limit could only be  $\frac{1}{2}$

~~$f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$~~

$f(x) = \frac{x}{\|x\|}$  has no limit at 0

but  $\frac{x}{\|x\|^{1/2}}$  does

and  $f(x, y) = (-y, x)$  does

Note:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x) = b$

means precisely that if we set  $F(a) := b$   
 then  $F$  becomes cont<sup>y</sup> at  $a$

so we get limit laws -

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (F+G)(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} G(x)$$

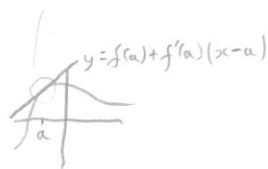
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)G(x) = \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right) \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow a} G(x) \right)$$

when RHS limits exist

Plan: Linear approximations of  $f$   
 • Jacobian

Recall: for  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$f'(a) = b$   
 means  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a) - bh}{|h|} = 0$



i.e.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|f(a+h) - (f(a) + bh)|}{|h|} = 0$

i.e. error in the approximation  $f(a) + bh$  ("tangent line")  
 to  $f(a+h)$   
 tends to 0 faster than  $|h|$  does  
 as  $h \rightarrow 0$

call this a "good linear approximation" to  $f$  at  $a$   
 so  $f$  diff'ble at  $a \Leftrightarrow$  exists good linear approx  
 and derivative  $f'(a) = b$

Now consider  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Again, say  $f(a) + b_1 h_1 + b_2 h_2$

is a good linear approx

if  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|f(a+h) - (f(a) + b_1 h_1 + b_2 h_2)|}{\|h\|} = 0$

we say  $f$  is diff'ble at  $a$  if such an approx exists,  
 and then  $b_1 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a)$ ,  $b_2 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a)$

e.g.  $f(x,y) = xy$   $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y$   $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x$

$a = (1, 2)$

$f(1+h_1, 2+h_2) \approx f(1,2) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1,2) h_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1,2) h_2 = 2 + 2h_1 + h_2$   
 $= 2 + \nabla f(a) \cdot h$

Let  $\nabla f(a) := \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a) \right)$   $\nabla f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$f$  diff'ble at  $a \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a)$  exist

and  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|f(a+h) - (f(a) + \nabla f(a) \cdot h)|}{\|h\|} = 0$

$F: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

again, the same, but with matrices

linear approx to  $F$  at  $a$  will be of form

$F(a) + Mh$   $M \in \text{Mat}_{n,m}$   $M: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
 (termed as col vec)

Again, can say what  $M$  will be if it exists:

$DF(a) := \left( \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j} \right)_{i,j} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_m} \end{pmatrix}$

"Jacobian matrix"

So

$F$  is diff'ble at  $a$

$\Leftrightarrow$  all  $\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j}$  exist

then call  $DF$  the derivative!

and  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|F(a+h) - (F(a) + DF(a)h)|}{\|h\|} = 0$

Fact: if all  $\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j}$  cont'd at  $a$ , then  $F$  diff'ble at  $a$

e.g.  $F(x,y) = (-y, x)$  already linear!  
 $DF(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  constant

Fact: diff'ble at  $a \Rightarrow$  cont'd at  $a$

$F(x,y) = (xy, y)$   $DF(x) = \begin{pmatrix} y & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$F(x,y) = \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right)$



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$\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

Suppose an object moves in space and is at position  $\underline{c}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  at time  $t_{min}$

the object

e.g. if we fire a cannon ball from  $(0,0,10)$  at  $t=0$  such that it has initial velocity  $\frac{dc}{dt} = \underline{c}' = D\underline{c} \in \text{Mat}_{3,1}$  column vector  $(1,1,0)$ , then its position is given by  $\underline{c}(t) = (t, t, 10 - gt^2)$



$\underline{c}$  traces out a curve  
 $\underline{c}$  gives a parametrisation of the curve (more on which later).

$\underline{c}: U \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

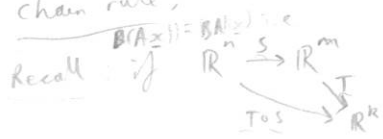
$D\underline{c}(t)$  is velocity at time  $t$

e.g.  $D\underline{c}(t) = (1, 1, -2gt)$

$\underline{c}'' = D(D\underline{c})(t)$  is accel

$D^2\underline{c}(t) = (0, 0, -g)$  Notation:  
 $\underline{c} = (x, y, z) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

chain rule:

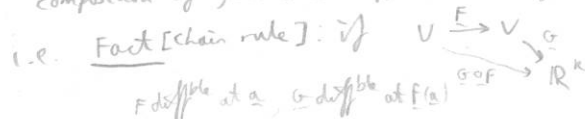


$S, T$  linear transformations  
 $S\underline{x} = A\underline{x}$   $A \in \text{Mat}_{m,n}$   
 $T\underline{y} = B\underline{y}$   $B \in \text{Mat}_{k,m}$

then  $T \circ S$  is the linear transformation  $(BA)\underline{x}$   $BA \in \text{Mat}_{k,n}$

i.e. composition  $\rightarrow$  matrix mult for linear  $f$   
 (chain rule says) sim for affine linear -  $\text{Mat}_{k,n} = A\underline{x} + a$   $T\underline{y} = B\underline{y} + b$   
 $T \circ S = \text{Mat}_{k,n} = B(A\underline{x} + a) + b = (BA)\underline{x} + Ba + b$

chain rule says: composition of good linear approx is a good linear approx



then  $G \circ F$  diff'ble at  $a$

and  $D(G \circ F)(a) = D\underline{G}(F(a)) \cdot D\underline{F}(a)$

$D(G \circ F) = (D\underline{G} \circ F) D\underline{F}$

Properties Formulae for derivatives

• linearity:  $D(\underline{F} + \underline{G}) = D\underline{F} + D\underline{G}$   $f, g, F, G$  diff'ble  
 $D(c\underline{F}) = cD\underline{F}$   $c \in \mathbb{R}$

• product rules:  $\nabla(fg) = f \nabla g + g \nabla f$   $f, g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $\nabla(\underline{v} \cdot \underline{w}) = \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{w} + (\nabla \underline{v}) \cdot \underline{w}$   $\underline{v}, \underline{w}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $\nabla(\underline{v} \times \underline{w}) = \underline{v} \times \nabla \underline{w} + (\nabla \underline{v}) \times \underline{w}$

(all hold pointwise)

e.g.  $F, G$  diff'ble at  $a$   
 $\Rightarrow D(\underline{F} + \underline{G})(a) = D\underline{F}(a) + D\underline{G}(a)$

Example 1:

Suppose  $\underline{r}(t)$  = position of object, assume diff'ble.

$\frac{d}{dt} \|\underline{r}(t)\|^2 = \frac{d}{dt} (\underline{r}(t) \cdot \underline{r}(t)) = \underline{r}'(t) \cdot \underline{r}(t) + \underline{r}(t) \cdot \underline{r}'(t) = 2\underline{r}(t) \cdot \underline{v}(t)$

so velocity is orthogonal to position vector

$\underline{r}(t) \cdot \underline{v}(t) = 0$

$\frac{d}{dt} \|\underline{r}(t)\|^2 = 0$

$\|\underline{r}(t)\|^2$  is constant

$\|\underline{r}(t)\|$  is constant

object moves on surface of a sphere



parabola



slope



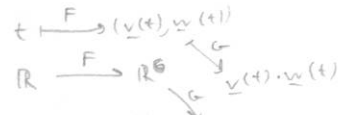
Sol: (a)

(b)

Example 2: let's prove  $(\underline{v} \cdot \underline{w})' = \underline{v} \cdot \underline{w}' + \underline{v}' \cdot \underline{w}$

$(\underline{v} \cdot \underline{w})(t) = (G \circ F)(t)$

$\underline{F}(t) = (v_1(t), v_2(t), v_3(t), w_1(t), w_2(t), w_3(t))$   
 $\underline{G}(x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2) = (x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2)$



$D\underline{F} = (v_1', v_2', v_3', w_1', w_2', w_3')^T = (\underline{v}', \underline{w}')^T$   $\text{Mat}$

$D\underline{G} = (x_2, y_2, z_2, x_1, y_1, z_1)$

so  $D(G \circ F) = (D\underline{G} \circ F) D\underline{F} = (\underline{w}, \underline{v}) (\underline{v}', \underline{w}')^T = \underline{w} \cdot \underline{v}' + \underline{v} \cdot \underline{w}'$  ✓

Example 1:  $\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$   $f(x) = \|\underline{x}\|$   
 $\underline{v}(t) = (t, t^2)$

then  $D(\underline{v} \circ f) = (D\underline{v} \circ f) Df$

$= (1, 2t) \cdot (1, 2t)$

$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2t \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2t \\ 2t & 4t^2 \end{pmatrix}$

change of variables:

~~Let  $f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$~~   
~~be a function on the plane~~  
~~expressed in cartesian co-ords~~

$x = r \cos \theta$   
 $y = r \sin \theta$

$P: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $(r, \theta) \mapsto (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$

Let  $f$  a function on the plane expressed in cartesian co-ords  
 e.g.  $f(x,y) = x^2 + xy + y^2$

so in terms of polar co-ords, it's the function

$(r, \theta) \mapsto f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$   
 $= r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta$   
 $(= r^2 (1 + \sin 2\theta))$

call it  $g(r, \theta)$

so  $g = f \circ P$



Warning: often, people will write  ~~$f(r, \theta)$~~  to mean  $g = f \circ P$

Confusing!

Now, what are  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial r}$  and  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta}$ ? ("df/dr", "df/dθ")

$\nabla g = (\nabla f \circ P) \cdot DP$   
 $(\frac{\partial g}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta}) = \nabla f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$

if  $f(x,y) = x^2 + xy + y^2$   
 then  $\nabla f(x,y) = (2x+y, x+2y)$

so  $\nabla g(r, \theta) = (2r \cos \theta + r \sin \theta, r \cos \theta + 2r \sin \theta) \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= (2r \cos^2 \theta + r \sin \theta \cos \theta + r \cos \theta \sin \theta + 2r \sin^2 \theta, r^2 \cos^2 \theta - r^2 \sin^2 \theta)$   
 $= (2r(1 + \sin 2\theta), r^2 \cos 2\theta)$

Example 2 simplified

$v, w: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$v \cdot w = f \circ u$   
 where  $u(t) = (v_1(t), v_2(t), w_1(t), w_2(t))$   
 $f(x,y,z,w) = xz + yw$

$u' = (v_1', v_2', w_1', w_2')$   
 $\nabla f = (z, w, x, y)$

$(v \cdot w)' = (f \circ u)' = (\nabla f \circ u) \cdot u'$   
 $= (w_1, w_2, v_1, v_2) \begin{pmatrix} v_1' \\ v_2' \\ w_1' \\ w_2' \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= w_1 v_1' + w_2 v_2' + v_1 w_1' + v_2 w_2'$   
 $= \underline{w \cdot v' + v \cdot w'}$

Directional derivatives:

$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$a \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$u \in \mathbb{R}^n$  a unit vector ( $\|u\|=1$ )

let  $c(t) := a + tu$

so  $f(c(t))$  gives values of  $f$  as we "walk" at constant speed in direction of  $u$  from  $a$ .



Def:  $D_u f(a) := \frac{d}{dt} (f \circ c)(t) \Big|_{t=0}$

so by chain rule if  $f$  is diff'ble at  $a$  then  $D_u f(a)$  exists and  $D_u f(a) = \nabla f(c(0)) \cdot c'(0)$  (dot product)  $= \nabla f(a) \cdot u$

Recall:  $\nabla f(a) \cdot u = \|\nabla f(a)\| \|u\| \cos \theta$   
 so  $D_u f(a) = \|\nabla f(a)\| \cos \theta$   
 where  $\theta$  is angle between  $\nabla f(a)$  and  $u$

so  $\nabla f(a)$  is in direction of maximal rate of change of  $f$  from  $a$  and  $\|\nabla f(a)\|$  is that maximum.

if  $u \cdot \nabla f(a) = 0$   
 i.e.  $u \perp \nabla f(a)$

then  $D_u f(a) = 0$   
 i.e.  $f$  is (instantaneously) constant in dir  $u$

so for diff'ble  $f$   
 $\nabla f(a)$  is perpendicular to the level set  $\{x \mid f(x) = f(a)\}$

e.g.  $f(x) = \|x\|$   $x = (x,y,z)$   
 level sets are spheres

~~$\nabla f(x)$~~  is normal  
 indeed,  $\nabla f(x) = (\frac{x}{\|x\|}, \frac{y}{\|y\|}, \frac{z}{\|z\|}) = \frac{x}{\|x\|}$   
 ("steepest" direction is straight out from  $\emptyset$  constant "steepness")

# 2A03 Lec 7 Higher order Derivatives

$$f: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\nabla f: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Recall: if  $f$  is diff<sup>ble</sup> at  $a$  and  $\|u\|=1$ ,

$$u \cdot \nabla f(a) = D_u f(a) = \text{directional derivative at } a \text{ in dir } u$$

= rate of change of  $f$  at  $a$  as move from  $a$  in dir  $u$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} f(a+tu)$$

Remark: if  $f$  is diff<sup>ble</sup> and  $u$  "points along" a level set  $f(x) = c$  (in target to)

$$\text{then } u \cdot \nabla f(a) = 0$$

$$\text{so } \nabla f(a) \perp u$$

so  $\nabla f(a)$  is perpendicular (normal) to the level set at  $a$  ( $f(x) = c$ )

e.g.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\|x\|^2}$  level sets are spheres  
 $x$  is indeed normal to the sphere of radius  $\|x\|$

Now  $\nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right)$

each  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$  is a  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

so we can try to differentiate it

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = f_{x_i x_j}$$

"second derivatives"

e.g.  $f(x,y) = x e^{xy}$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = f_{yx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 e^{xy}) = 2x e^{xy} + x^2 y e^{xy}$$

$$f_{xy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (e^{xy} + x y e^{xy}) = x e^{xy} + x e^{xy} + x^2 y e^{xy} = 2x e^{xy} + x^2 y e^{xy}$$

$$f_{xy} = f_{yx}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = f_{xx} = y e^{xy} + y e^{xy} + x y^2 e^{xy} = (y + x y^2) e^{xy}$$

$$f_{yy} = x^3 e^{xy}$$

Note:  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has  $\frac{1}{m^2}$  second derivatives

Jacobian of  $\nabla f$  matrix of 2nd deriv<sup>s</sup> of  $f$

Def<sup>n</sup>:  $f: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $C^1$  if all 1<sup>st</sup> derivatives exist and are cont<sup>s</sup> on  $U$

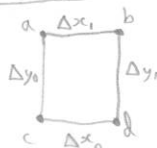
$$f \text{ is } C^2 \dots 2^{-k}$$

$$C^2 \Rightarrow C^1 \Rightarrow \text{diff}^{\text{ble}}$$

Fact: if  $f$  is  $C^2$  then  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}$  (all  $i, j$ )

(as we saw with  $x e^{xy}$  above)

Rough idea:



$$\Delta x_1 := f(b) - f(a)$$

$$\Delta x_0 := f(d) - f(c)$$

$$\Delta y_1 := f(b) - f(d)$$

$$\Delta y_0 := f(a) - f(c)$$

$$\Delta_x \Delta y := \Delta y_1 - \Delta y_0$$

$$\Delta_y \Delta x := \Delta x_1 - \Delta x_0$$

$$\text{then } \Delta_x \Delta y = \Delta_y \Delta x$$

now ~~take~~ shrink and take limits... if all cont<sup>s</sup> work nicely.

## Heat Equation:

Rod of conductive metal  
 $T(x,t)$  := heat at  $x$  along rod at time  $t$

no external heating or cooling

Fact (1d heat equation):

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

Rough idea why: divide rod into cells and time into steps, and say at each time step each cell gives  $\Delta T$ 's its heat to its left neighbour ~~and~~ to right, keeps  $\frac{1}{2}$  so the heat gained by a cell is  $\frac{1}{2}(\Delta T)^2$  the difference between the differences

$$T_{x,t+1} := \frac{1}{2}(T_{x-1,t} + T_{x,t} + T_{x+1,t})$$

$$T_{x,t+1} - T_{x,t} = \frac{1}{2}(T_{x-1,t} - T_{x,t}) - \frac{1}{2}(T_{x,t} - T_{x+1,t})$$

e.g.  $T(x,t) = 7x$  is a "steady state sol<sup>n</sup>"

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 0 = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

dynamic sol<sup>n</sup>:  $T(x,t) = \sin x e^{-t}$

## 2d heat eq<sup>n</sup>

$T(x,y,t)$  = temp in a sheet of metal at  $(x,y)$  at time  $t$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

steady state sol<sup>n</sup>:

$$x^2 - y^2$$

## More conventional explanation of heat eq<sup>n</sup>:

2A03. Lec 8 Taylor's Th<sup>m</sup>

$H_f$ : Hessian of  $f$   
 $H_f = D^2 f = (f_{x_i x_j})_{i,j}$

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $C^2$

$$\int_0^h (h-t) f''(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^h \frac{d}{dt} (h-t) f'(t) + f(t) dt$$

$$= [h-t f'(t) + f(t)]_0^h$$

$$= f(h) - (h f'(0) + f(0))$$

$$f(h) = f(0) + h f'(0) + \int_0^h (h-t) f''(t) dt$$

$$f(x_0+h) = \underbrace{f(x_0) + h f'(x_0)}_{\text{Linear approx } T_1(x_0, h)} + \underbrace{\int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} (x_0+h-t) f''(t) dt}_{\text{remainder } R_1(x_0, h)}$$

$f \in C^2$ , so  $f''(t)$  is cont<sup>d</sup> on  $[x_0, x_0+h]$   
 here  $b=1$   
 so  $|f''(t)| \leq M$

then  $|R_1(x_0, h)| = \left| \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} (x_0+h-t) f''(t) dt \right|$   
 $\leq \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} M dt = M|h|^2$  for any  $x_0, h$  s.t.  $x_0 \leq t \leq x_0+h$

$f \in C^3$

$$R_2(0, h) = \int_0^h \frac{(h-t)^2}{2} f'''(t) dt = \int_0^h \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{(h-t)^2}{2} f''(t) + (h-t) f'(t) + f(t) \right) dt$$

$$= f(h) - \left( \frac{h^2}{2} f''(0) + h f'(0) + f(0) \right)$$

$T_2(0, h)$

$f(x_0+h) = \dots$

$R_2(x_0, h) \leq M|h|^3$

$\Rightarrow \frac{f(x_0+h) - T_2(x_0, h)}{|h|^2} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0$

$T_2$  is quad<sup>c</sup> approx

$f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $C^3$   
 want linear & quad<sup>c</sup> approx<sup>s</sup> with error estimates

$$f(h) = F_h(1) \quad F_h(t) := f(th) \quad F_h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad F_h'(t) = \nabla f(th) \cdot h$$

$$= F_h(0) + F_h'(0) + [\text{remainder}]$$

$$= f(0) + h \nabla f(0) + \frac{R(h)}{h}$$

again  $M^2 \Rightarrow 2^{\text{nd}}$  derivs bndd on disc of radius  $c$   
 $\Rightarrow R(h) \leq |h|^2 M$   
 so  $\frac{R(h)}{\|h\|} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0$

We know this.

$$f(h) = F_h(1) = F_h(0) + F_h'(0) + \frac{1}{2} F_h''(0) + R_2(h)$$

$$= f(0) + h \nabla f(0) + \frac{1}{2} (D^2 f(0) \cdot h) \cdot h + R_2(h)$$

eg  $m=2$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx}(0) & f_{xy}(0) \\ f_{yx}(0) & f_{yy}(0) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + R_2(x, y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (f_{xx}(0)x^2 + 2xy f_{xy}(0) + y^2 f_{yy}(0)) + R_2(x, y)$$

So  $\uparrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> order Taylor's formula in two vars

$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $C^3$

$$f(x_0+h) = f(x_0+x, y_0+y) = f(x_0, y_0) + x f_x(x_0, y_0) + y f_y(x_0, y_0) + x^2 f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) + 2xy f_{xy}(x_0, y_0) + y^2 f_{yy}(x_0, y_0) + R_2(x_0, h)$$

where  $\frac{R_2(x_0, h)}{\|h\|^2} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0$

Notation:  $H_f(x) := D^2 f(x)$  "Hessian"

$\Rightarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> order in  $m$  vars  $f(x_0+h) = f(x_0) + h \nabla f(x_0) + \frac{1}{2} h^t H_f(x_0) h + R_2(x_0, h)$

$F_h''(t) = \frac{d}{dt} (\nabla f(th) \cdot h) = \frac{d}{dt} (\nabla f(th)) \cdot h$  (product rule)

$$F_h''(t) = \frac{d}{dt} (\nabla f(th) \cdot h) = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix} (th) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (H_f(th) \cdot h) \cdot h$$

$$= h^t H_f(th) h$$

## 2A03 Lec 9 Examples of Taylor

$$f(x, y) = e^{xy}$$

$$\nabla f = (f_x, f_y) = (ye^{xy}, xe^{xy})$$

$$Hf = \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y^2 e^{xy} & (1+xy)e^{xy} \\ (1+xy)e^{xy} & x^2 e^{xy} \end{pmatrix}$$

So 2nd order Taylor approx at  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$f(x_0+h) = f(x_0) + \nabla f(x_0) \cdot h + \frac{1}{2} h^T Hf(x_0) h + R_2$$

$$= f(x_0) + h_1 y_0 e^{x_0 y_0} + h_2 x_0 e^{x_0 y_0}$$

at  $x_0 := (0, 1)$ :

$$f(x, 1+y) = f(0, 1) + \nabla f(0, 1) \cdot h + \frac{1}{2} h^T Hf(0, 1) h + R_2(h)$$

$$= 1 + (1, 0) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + R_2(h)$$

$$= 1 + x + \frac{1}{2} (x+y) \begin{pmatrix} x+y \\ x \end{pmatrix} + R_2(h)$$

$$= 1 + x + \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + 2xy) + R_2(h)$$

$$f(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^3 + z^3$$

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 3x^2 & 3y^2 & 3z^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Hf = \begin{pmatrix} 6x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f(x_0+h) = f(x_0) + 3x_0^2 x + 3y_0^2 y + 3z_0^2 z$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (6x_0 x^2 + 6y_0 y^2 + 6z_0 z^2)$$

$$+ R_2$$



2A03 Lec 10, Optimisation & Extreme values

$f: X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  at  $x_0$

$f$  has a local minimum at  $x_0$ .

If for some open ball  $B$  around  $x_0$ ,  $f(x_0) \leq f(x)$  for all  $x \in B$ .

$x_0$  is a global absolute minimum of  $f$  if  $f(x_0) \leq f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Obviously, global min  $\Rightarrow$  local min.

"extreme" means "min" or "max".

If  $f$  has a local extremum at  $x_0$  and  $f$  is differentiable at  $x_0$ , then  $\nabla f(x_0) = 0$ .

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Def<sup>n</sup>:  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  is bounded if it is contained in some ball.

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$$= f(x_0,y_0) + \frac{1}{2} Hf(x_0,y_0) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}^2$$

$$H = Hf(x_0,y_0) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \quad \det H = ac - b^2$$

$$\text{Eigenvalues: } \frac{1}{2}(a+c \pm \sqrt{(a-c)^2 + 4b^2})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 - (a+c)\lambda + ac - b^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda = \frac{a+c \pm \sqrt{(a-c)^2 + 4(ac-b^2)}}{2}$$

$$D := ac - b^2 = f_{xx}(x_0)f_{yy}(x_0) - f_{xy}(x_0)^2$$

Extreme: e-values are of same sign if  $D > 0$  diff  $D < 0$

and are distinct in either case.

Very sketchy proof: after rotating co-ordinates, every  $H$  is of form  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$ , and it follows that  $f(x,y) = f(x_0,y_0) + \frac{1}{2}(ax^2 + cy^2)$  where  $(x,y) \leftrightarrow (x_0,y_0)$  is a rotation centred at  $x_0$ .

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the restriction of  $f$  to  $Y$   
is the function  $f|_Y$   
whose domain is  $Y$   
and whose values are those of  $f$   
 $(f|_Y)(x) = f(x)$  for  $x \in Y$   
(undefined elsewhere)

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  c'

let  $C$  be a curve in  $X$

consider the problem of finding  
extreme values of  $f|_C$

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let  $\partial X$  be the boundary of  $X$   
being the points of  $X$  not interior to  $X$ .

For "nice"  $X$ ,  $\partial X$  is a curve.

Proof:  $f$  may have extrema on  $\partial X$   
and these will be extrema of  $f|_X$

e.g. Suppose we want to 3d-print a  
cylindrical cup, but we only have  
so much plastic to extrude.  
what radius and height should we choose  
to maximize the volume?

constraint on materials  $\Rightarrow$

$(r, h)$  lies on a curve, say

$$\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h = 10$$

want to maximize the restriction

$$V(r, h) = \pi r^2 h$$

to this curve.

Approach 1:

parametrise the curve  
as  $c(t) \subseteq I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

so every point of  $C$   
is  $c(t)$  for some  $t \in I$

e.g. parametrise  
semicircle as  
 $c(t) = (\sqrt{1-t^2}, t) \quad t \in [-1, 1]$

then  $f \circ c: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
for  $c: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

use 1-var techniques to find extrema

Approach 2:

If  $C$  is a level curve of  
a  $c'$  function  $g(x, y)$

$$i.e. C = \{(x, y) \mid g(x, y) = k\}$$

can use Lagrange multipliers;

Th [Lagrange multipliers]:

$f, g, C$  as above

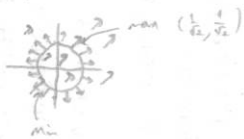
suppose  $x \in C$  is a local extremum  
of  $f|_C$ , and  $\nabla g(x) \neq 0$

then  $\nabla f(x)$  is collinear with  $\nabla g(x)$   
i.e. for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\nabla f(x) = \lambda \nabla g(x)$

e.g.  $C = \{\|x\| = 1\}$ ,  $f(x, y) = x + y$

$$g(x) = \|x\|^2$$

$$\nabla g(x) = \frac{x}{\|x\|} \quad \nabla f(x) = (1, 1)$$



Idea of Pf

Recall: a level curve is orthogonal  
to  $\nabla g$

so STS that at a local extremum of  $f|_C$ ,  
 $\nabla f$  is  $\perp$  to the curve.

fact we can find a  $c'$  parametrisation of  
part of the curve near  $x$

$$c: I \rightarrow C \quad s.t. \quad c(t) = x$$

$c'(t) \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} f(c(t)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(c(t)) \cdot c'(t) = 0$$

set  $\nabla f(x) = \lambda \nabla g(x)$  which points to the curve  
out also  $\nabla f(x) = \lambda \nabla g(x) = 0$  (level curves  $\perp$  to grad)

Example:

maximise  $V(r, h) = \pi r^2 h$

subject to the constraint

$$A(r, h) = \pi r^2 + 2\pi r h = 10, \quad r > 0, h > 0$$

~~Note: the constraint is not a level set of a  $c'$  function~~

Let  $(r, h)$  be a local max.

$$\nabla V = (2\pi r h, \pi r^2)$$

$$\nabla A = (-2\pi r, 2\pi r) \quad \nabla A(r, h) = (2\pi r + 2\pi h, 2\pi r)$$

$r=0$  blatantly not a max.

so  $\nabla A(r, h) \neq 0$

on  $A, V$   $c'$

so by Lagrange multipliers

$$\nabla V(r, h) = \lambda \nabla A(r, h) \quad \text{some } \lambda$$

$$i.e. \textcircled{1} 2\pi r h = \lambda(2\pi r + 2\pi h) \quad A = 10$$

$$\text{and } \textcircled{2} \pi r^2 = \lambda 2\pi r \quad \Rightarrow r = 2\lambda = 2h$$

$$\text{meanwhile, } \textcircled{3} A(r, h) = \pi r^2 + 2\pi r h = 10$$

$$A(2h, h) = A(h, 2h) = 10$$

$$\pi (2h)^2 + 2\pi (2h)h = 10$$

$$h^2(4\pi + 4\pi) = 10$$

$$h = \sqrt{\frac{10}{8\pi}}$$

$$r = 2\sqrt{\frac{10}{8\pi}}$$

only local max and closed  $\perp$  build

so must be global max

Solve:  $\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow r = 2h$

so  $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow 2\pi r h = \pi(r^2 + r h)$

$$\Rightarrow r h = r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r = h$$

then  $\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow \pi r^2 + 2\pi r^2 = 10$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = \frac{10}{3\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \sqrt{\frac{10}{3\pi}} \quad (\text{+ve square root, since we know } r > 0!)$$

$$\text{so } (r, h) = \left(\sqrt{\frac{10}{3\pi}}, \sqrt{\frac{10}{3\pi}}\right)$$

is a local extremum, and the only one with  $r > 0$

so this must be the global max,

since  $V(r, h) \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$  or  $h \rightarrow 0$

Def<sup>n</sup>: a path in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a function

$$\underline{c}: I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ where } I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \text{ is an interval}$$

eg.  $\underline{c}(t) = (t, \sin t, \cos t)$    
 dom  $\underline{c} = [0, \infty)$    
increasing

a path  $\underline{c}$  parametrises the curve it traces out

Not all curves come parametrised!

e.g. level curves

(book graphs)

The graph of a fcn  $f$    
 {eg.  $y=f(x)$ } is a curve with an obvious   
 parametrisation:  $\underline{c}(t) = (t, f(t))$

Implicit fcn th<sup>m</sup> for plane curves

If  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $C^1$ ,  $f(a,b)=0$ ,  $f_y(a,b) \neq 0$    
 then  $C := \{(x,y) | f(x,y)=0\}$  "looks locally   
 like the graph of a  $C^1$  fcn"

(ie. there exists an open interval  $U \ni a$    
 and  $g: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $C^1$

st.  $g(a)=b$    
 $(x, g(x)) \in C \quad \forall x \in U$    
 $g'(x) = -\frac{f_x(x, g(x))}{f_y(x, g(x))}$

for  $x \in U$    


eg.  $y^2 = x^3 + x^2$    
 $f(x,y) = y^2 - x^3 - x^2$    
 $\nabla f = (-3x^2 - 2x, 2y)$

at e.g.  $(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}})$

$f_y \neq 0$    
 graph of  $g$    
 $\nabla f = (\frac{3}{4} + 1, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$

$g'(a) = \frac{-\frac{3}{4} - 1}{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{7}{4}}{1}$

Smooth Parametrisations and arc-length

A curve can have many parametrisations

eg.  $\underline{c}_1(\theta) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta) \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$

$\underline{c}_2(\theta) = (\cos \theta^2, \sin \theta^2) \quad \theta \in [0, \sqrt{2\pi}]$

$\underline{c}_3(\theta) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta) \quad \theta \in [0, 3\pi]$

$\underline{c}_4(x) = \begin{cases} (x, \sqrt{1-x^2}) & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ (x-2, -\sqrt{1-(x-2)^2}) & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases} \quad x \in [-1, 3]$

A smooth parametrisation of a curve  $C$

is a path  $\underline{c}: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

each point of  $C$  appears as

$\underline{c}(t)$  for a unique  $t$

("no doubling up")

$\underline{c}$  is  $C^1$

$\underline{c}'(t) \neq 0$  for any  $t$

A smooth curve is a curve which   
 has a smooth parametrisation.

e.g. a circle is smoothly parametrised by  $\underline{c}_1$

the graph of a  $C^1$  fcn  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$    
 is smoothly parametrised by  $(x, f(x))$

$(t, \sin t, \cos t) \quad t \in [0, 5]$

Recall: If we think of the parameter as time

$\underline{c}(t)$  = position on curve at time  $t$

then  $\underline{c}'(t)$  = velocity

$\underline{c}''(t)$  = acceleration

$\|\underline{c}'(t)\|$  = speed

Def<sup>n</sup>: The length of a smooth curve

is  $\int_a^b \|\underline{c}'(t)\| dt$

where  $\underline{c}: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is any smooth param<sup>n</sup>

Example:

arc of a circle



could parametrise as

$\underline{c}(\theta) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta) \quad \theta \in [-\pi/4, \pi/4]$

$\|\underline{c}'(\theta)\| = \sqrt{(-\sin \theta)^2 + (\cos \theta)^2} = 1$

$\int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} 1 d\theta = \pi/2$

or as  $\underline{c}(y) = (\sqrt{1-y^2}, y) \quad y \in [-1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2}]$

$\underline{c}'(y) = (-\frac{y}{\sqrt{1-y^2}}, 1)$

$\|\underline{c}'(y)\| = \sqrt{\frac{y^2}{1-y^2} + 1^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1-y^2}}$

$\int_{-1/\sqrt{2}}^{1/\sqrt{2}} \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{dy}{\cos \theta} = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} d\theta = \pi$    
 $y = \sin \theta$    
 $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \cos \theta$

pt of Lagrange: If  $(a,b)$  local ext<sup>m</sup> of  $f(x,y)$  on  $g(x,y)=k$

and  $\nabla g(a,b) \neq 0$

suppose  $(a,b)$  is not a local extremum

by implicit fcn th<sup>m</sup> have local param<sup>n</sup>

$\underline{c}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad g(\underline{c}(t)) = k, \quad \underline{c}(0) = (a,b), \quad \underline{c}'(0) \neq 0$

$x$  local extremum  $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} f(\underline{c}(t)) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \nabla f(\underline{c}(0)) \cdot \underline{c}'(0) = 0$

$g(\underline{c}(t)) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} g(\underline{c}(t)) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \nabla g(\underline{c}(0)) \cdot \underline{c}'(0) = 0$

$\underline{c}'(0) \neq 0$ , implies so  $\nabla f(a,b)$  collinear with  $\nabla g(a,b)$   $\square$

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Canonical way to parametrise a smooth curve;

Def: if  $c$  is a smooth curve, the parametrization by arc-length is

$$\underline{r}(s) = \underline{c}(t^{-1}(s))$$

where  $\underline{c}$  is a smooth pair of  $c$  and  $t(t) = \int_a^t \|\underline{c}'(t)\| dt$

(Note: not quite unique - need to pick an orientation and a start point)

Note:  $\underline{c}(t) = \underline{r}(t(t))$

over 0 by smoothness

$$\text{so } \underline{c}'(t) = \underline{r}'(t(t)) t'(t) = \underline{r}'(t(t)) \|\underline{c}'(t)\|$$

$$\text{so } \underline{r}'(s) = \frac{\underline{c}'(t^{-1}(s))}{\|\underline{c}'(t^{-1}(s))\|} = \underline{c}'(t^{-1}(s))$$

$$\text{so length from } \underline{r}(0) = \underline{c}(a) \text{ to } \underline{r}(s) = \int_0^s \|\underline{r}'(t)\| dt = \int_0^s dx = s$$

Example:  $\underline{a}(t) = (\sqrt{1-t^2}, t) \in [-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}]$

$$t(t) = \int_{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^t \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} = \int_{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^t \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} d\theta = \text{arcsin}(t) - (-\frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$\text{so } t'(s) = \sin(s - \frac{\pi}{4}) \quad (\text{solve } \text{arcsin}(t) = s - \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow t = \sin(s - \frac{\pi}{4}))$$

so arc-length param is

$$\underline{c}(s) = \underline{a}(t^{-1}(s)) = (\sqrt{1 - \sin^2(s - \frac{\pi}{4})}, \sin(s - \frac{\pi}{4})) = (\cos(s - \frac{\pi}{4}), \sin(s - \frac{\pi}{4}))$$

Warning:  $\underline{r}(s)$  often written " $\underline{c}(s)$ "

### Curvature

If  $\underline{r}$  is an arc-length param of  $c$

$$\|\underline{r}'(s)\| = 1 \text{ for all } s$$

$\underline{r}'(s)$  is unit tangent vector at  $\underline{r}(s)$

$$\|\underline{r}''(s)\| = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} \underline{r}'(s) \cdot \underline{r}'(s) = 2 \underline{r}'(s) \cdot \underline{r}''(s)$$

$$\text{so } \underline{r}''(s) \perp \underline{r}'(s)$$

$$K(s) := \|\underline{r}''(s)\| \text{ is the curvature at } \underline{r}(s) \text{ of } c$$

### Example:

Helix  $\underline{c}(t) = (t, \cos t, \sin t) \quad [0, 6\pi]$

$$t(t) = \int_0^t \|\underline{c}'(x)\| dx = \int_0^t \sqrt{2} dx = \sqrt{2} t$$

$$\text{so } \underline{r}(s) = \underline{c}(t^{-1}(s)) = \underline{c}(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}})$$

$$\underline{r}'(s) = \underline{c}'(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}) = \frac{(1, -\sin(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}), \cos(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}))}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\underline{r}''(s) = \frac{d}{ds} \underline{r}'(s) = (0, -\frac{\cos(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}})}{2}, -\frac{\sin(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}})}{2})$$

$$K(s) = \|\underline{r}''(s)\| = \frac{1}{2}$$

Often convenient to find curvature in terms of  $\underline{c}(t)$  without going via  $\underline{r}(s)$

$$\underline{T}_c(t) = \underline{r}'(t(t)) = \frac{\underline{c}'(t)}{\|\underline{c}'(t)\|}$$

$$\underline{T}_c(t) = \underline{c}'(t) / \|\underline{c}'(t)\| = \text{unit tangent vector at } \underline{c}(t)$$

$$\text{so } \underline{T}_c'(t) = \underline{r}''(t(t)) \|\underline{c}'(t)\|$$

Let  $K_c(t) := K(t(t)) = \text{curvature at } \underline{c}(t)$

$$\text{so } K_c(t) = \frac{\|\underline{T}_c'(t)\|}{\|\underline{c}'(t)\|} \quad (\text{note rad smoothness!})$$

Warning:  $\underline{T}_c(t)$  and  $K_c(t)$

often just written  $\underline{T}(t)$  and  $K(t)$

and

### Example

what is the curvature of the graph of  $\sin$ ?

Parametrise by  $x$ :  $\underline{c}(x) = (x, \sin x)$

$$\underline{c}'(x) = (1, \cos x) \quad \|\underline{c}'(x)\| = \sqrt{1 + \cos^2 x}$$

$$\underline{T}_c(x) = \frac{(1, \cos x)}{\sqrt{1 + \cos^2 x}} \quad \underline{T}_c'(x) = \left( \frac{-\sin x \cos x (1 + \cos^2 x)^{-3/2}}{1 + \cos^2 x} - \sin x (1 + \cos^2 x)^{-3/2} - \sin x \cos^2 x (1 + \cos^2 x)^{-3/2} \right)$$

$$\|\underline{T}_c'(x)\| = \left( \frac{\sin^2 x \cos^2 x (1 + \cos^2 x)^{-3}}{1 + \cos^2 x} + \frac{\sin^2 x}{1 + \cos^2 x} + \frac{\sin^2 x \cos^4 x}{1 + \cos^2 x} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|\underline{b}(t)\| = \frac{d}{dt} \sqrt{\underline{b}(t) \cdot \underline{b}(t)} = \frac{\underline{b}'(t) \cdot \underline{b}(t)}{\|\underline{b}(t)\|}$$

$$= \frac{\sin^2 x \cos^2 x (1 + \cos^2 x)^{-3/2}}{(1 + \cos^2 x)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sin^2 x \cos^2 x}{(1 + \cos^2 x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\sin^2 x}{(1 + \cos^2 x)^2}$$

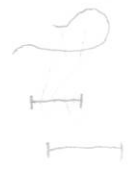
$$= \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos^2 x}$$

$$\text{so } K_c(x) = \frac{\|\underline{T}_c'(x)\|}{\|\underline{c}'(x)\|} = \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos^2 x}$$

Plot:



Def<sup>n</sup> If  $\epsilon: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a  $C^1$  path,  
 a reparametrisation of  $\epsilon$   
 is a path  $\gamma = \epsilon \circ \phi: [c,d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
 where  $\phi: [c,d] \rightarrow [a,b]$  is a bijection.



Example.  $\epsilon(t) = k \circ t$   
 any smooth ~~path~~ <sup>path</sup> is a reparametrisation  
 of a parametrisation by arc length.

Note: two arc-length param<sup>s</sup>

IM If  $\phi: [a,b] \rightarrow [c,d]$  is a bij<sup>n</sup>, then either  
 either (i)  $\phi$  is strictly increasing,  $\phi(a)=c, \phi(b)=d$   
 or (ii) strictly decreasing,  $\phi(a)=d, \phi(b)=c$

IM in case (i), we say the reparam<sup>n</sup>  $\gamma = \epsilon \circ \phi$   
 is orientation-preserving  
 (ii) orientation-reversing

Example  $\epsilon(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$  ( $=k(t)$ )  
 $\phi_1(t) = 2t$   
 $\phi_2(t) = -t$   
 $\phi_3(t) = t - \pi$

Note:  $\epsilon$  is orientation-preserving

Def<sup>n</sup>: a smooth curve is closed  
 if  $\epsilon(a) = \epsilon(b)$  where  
 $\epsilon: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a smooth ~~param<sup>n</sup>~~ <sup>param<sup>n</sup></sup>

Fact: any two ~~param<sup>s</sup>~~ smooth param<sup>s</sup>  
 of a smooth curve (assuming, in  
 the case of a closed curve, that  
 they have the same endpoints)  
 are reparam<sup>s</sup> of each other.  
 (p.s. go via arc-length param<sup>s</sup>)

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 § 3.3 26  
 § 3.1 20

Example:

Suppose a straight thin rod, placed in the plane along the x-axis,  $0 \leq x \leq 10$  has (cross-sectional) density  $\rho(x) \text{ kgm}^{-1}$ . what is its mass?  
 Answer:  $\int_0^{10} \rho(x) dx$ .

Now suppose a curved thin rod, describing a parabolic arch  $y = x^2$ ,  $-5 \leq x \leq 5$ , has (cross-sectional) density  $\rho(x, y)$  at  $(x, y)$  e.g.  $\rho(x, y) = 1 + y$ .

what is its mass?  
 Or: give a loop of wire and its temp at  $(x, y)$ , what is its average temp?

Def<sup>n</sup>: If  $\underline{c}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a  $C^1$  path and if  $f$  is a  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued st. f. on  $[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is cont<sup>n</sup> then the path integral of  $f$  along  $\underline{c}$  is

$$\int_{\underline{c}} f ds := \int_a^b f(\underline{c}(t)) \|\underline{c}'(t)\| dt$$

Def<sup>n</sup>: If  $C$  is a smooth curve and if  $f: C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is cont<sup>n</sup> then the integral of  $f$  on  $C$  is

$$\int_C f ds = \int_{\underline{c}} f ds$$

where  $\underline{c}$  is any smooth para<sup>n</sup> of  $C$ .

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e.g. if  $\rho(x) = \text{density at } x$   
 $\int_C \rho ds$  is total mass

$$\int_C ds = \int_a^b \|\underline{c}'(t)\| dt = \text{length}$$

$$\text{Average value of } f \text{ on } C = \frac{\int_C f ds}{\int_C ds} = \frac{\int_C f ds}{\text{length}}$$

Explanation

\*\*\* Say  $[a, b] = [0, 1]$ . Then  $\int_0^1 f dx$

$$= \int_0^1 f(\underline{c}(t)) \|\underline{c}'(t)\| dt$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(\underline{c}(\frac{i}{n})) \|\underline{c}'(\frac{i}{n})\| \frac{1}{n}$$

consider  $[\frac{i}{n}, \frac{i+1}{n}]$  for a large corresponding to segment of curve between  $\underline{c}(\frac{i}{n})$  and  $\underline{c}(\frac{i+1}{n})$

For large  $n$  approx straight, of length  $\|\underline{c}'(\frac{i}{n})\| \cdot \frac{1}{n}$

and value of  $f$  is approx constant. so  $f(\underline{c}(\frac{i}{n})) \|\underline{c}'(\frac{i}{n})\| \frac{1}{n} \approx \text{mass of this segment}$ .

Example:  $C = \{y = x^2, x \in [-5, 5]\}$ ,  $\rho(x, y) = 1 + y$

$$\underline{c}(t) = (t, t^2) \quad t \in [-5, 5]$$

$$\underline{c}'(t) = (1, 2t)$$

$$\|\underline{c}'(t)\| = \sqrt{1 + 4t^2}$$

$$\int_C \rho ds = \int_{-5}^5 (1 + t^2) \sqrt{1 + 4t^2} dt$$

$$= \int_{-5}^5 (1 + t^2) \sqrt{1 + 4t^2} dt$$

$$= \dots$$

Th<sup>m</sup>: If  $\gamma$  is a reparametrisation of  $\underline{c}$

$$\text{then } \int_{\gamma} f ds = \int_{\underline{c}} f ds$$

(so  $\int_C f ds$  is well-defined)

Pr<sup>o</sup>: Say  $\underline{c}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\phi: [c, d] \rightarrow [a, b]$

$$\underline{\gamma} = \phi \circ \underline{c}: [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\int_{\underline{\gamma}} f ds = \int_c^d f(\underline{\gamma}(t)) \|\underline{\gamma}'(t)\| dt$$

$$= \int_c^d f(\underline{c}(\phi(t))) \|\underline{c}'(\phi(t))\| |\phi'(t)| dt$$

Suppose  $\phi$  increasing so  $\phi(c) = a$ ,  $\phi(d) = b$

$$= \int_a^b f(\underline{c}(u)) \|\underline{c}'(u)\| du$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} u = \phi(t) \\ \frac{du}{dt} = \phi'(t) \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \int_{\underline{c}} f ds$$

else  $\phi$  is decreasing  $\phi'(t) = -|\phi'(t)|$   
 $\phi(c) = b$ ,  $\phi(d) = a$

$$= \int_b^a f(\underline{c}(u)) \|\underline{c}'(u)\| (-1) du$$

$$= \int_a^b f(\underline{c}(u)) \|\underline{c}'(u)\| du = \int_{\underline{c}} f ds \quad \square$$

Lec 18 Path integrals of vector fields

Def<sup>n</sup>: If  $\underline{c}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a  $C^1$  path and  $\underline{F}$  is a vector field st.  $\underline{F} \circ \underline{c}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is cont<sup>n</sup> then the path integral of  $\underline{F}$  along  $\underline{c}$  is

$$\int_{\underline{c}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} := \int_a^b \underline{F}(\underline{c}(t)) \cdot \underline{c}'(t) dt$$

Example:

$$\text{Let } \underline{F}(\underline{x}) = \frac{-\underline{x}}{\|\underline{x}\|^3} \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{Let } \underline{c}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t) \quad t \in [0, \pi/2]$$

$$\int_{\underline{c}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{-\underline{c}(t)}{\|\underline{c}(t)\|^3} \cdot \underline{c}'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} 0 dt \quad \text{since } \underline{c}(t) \cdot \underline{c}'(t) = 0 \quad \forall t$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{Let } \underline{\gamma}(t) = (2 \cos t, \sin t) \quad t \in [0, \pi/2]$$

$$\underline{\gamma}'(t) = (-2 \sin t, \cos t)$$

$$\underline{\gamma}(t) \cdot \underline{\gamma}'(t) = -3 \cos t \sin t$$

$$\|\underline{\gamma}(t)\| = \sqrt{4 \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} = \sqrt{3 \cos^2 t + 1}$$

$$\int_{\underline{\gamma}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{-\underline{\gamma}(t)}{\|\underline{\gamma}(t)\|^3} \cdot \underline{\gamma}'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{3 \cos t \sin t}{(3 \cos^2 t + 1)^{3/2}} dt$$

$$= (6 \cdot 2) \mathbf{k}$$

Physics terminology:

If  $\underline{F}(\underline{x})$  is a force field and  $\underline{c}(t)$  is the trajectory of a particle

$\int_{\underline{c}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$  is the "work done" by the force on the particle along the path.

$m = \text{"change in energy"}$

If  $\underline{F}$  is the only force acting on a rigid body, work done = change in kinetic energy ( $= \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ )

$$\text{Indeed, } \int_{\underline{c}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_a^b \underline{F}(\underline{c}(t)) \cdot \underline{c}'(t) dt \quad \underline{c}(t) = \text{pos<sup>n</sup> at time } t$$

$$= \int_a^b m \underline{a}(t) \cdot \underline{v}(t) dt \quad (\text{NZL})$$

$$= \int_a^b \text{Prd. v.} dt = \frac{1}{2} m (\|\underline{v}(b)\|^2 - \|\underline{v}(a)\|^2)$$

Th<sup>n</sup>: If  $\underline{x} = \underline{c}\phi$  is a reparam of  $\underline{c}$

then  $\int_{\underline{x}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \begin{cases} \int_{\underline{c}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} & \text{if } \phi \text{ is orientation preserving} \\ -\int_{\underline{c}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} & \text{reversing} \end{cases}$

PS:  $\int_{\underline{x}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_a^b \underline{F}(\underline{x}(t)) \cdot \underline{x}'(t) dt$   
 $= \int_{\phi(a)}^{\phi(b)} \underline{F}(\underline{c}(\phi(t))) \cdot \underline{c}'(\phi(t)) \phi'(t) dt$   
 $= \int_{\phi(a)}^{\phi(b)} \underline{F}(\underline{c}(u)) \cdot \underline{c}'(u) \phi'(t) du$   $u = \phi(t)$   
 $= \begin{cases} \int_a^b \underline{F}(\underline{c}(u)) \cdot \underline{c}'(u) du & \text{if } \phi \text{ is orientation preserving} \\ -\int_a^b \underline{F}(\underline{c}(u)) \cdot \underline{c}'(u) du & \text{reversing} \end{cases}$

So e.g. in elliptic orbit example; would have got same answer if parametrised with time so change in kinetic energy is 6.2 J

Def<sup>n</sup>: An oriented smooth curve  $\underline{c}$  is a smooth curve with a choice of orientation. So  $\int_{\underline{c}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$  makes sense for  $\underline{F}$  a cont<sup>n</sup> vector field.  $\{t: 0, 5\}$

Lee 18 curl and circulation  
 Def<sup>n</sup>: The scalar curl of a vector field  $\underline{F}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is the scalar  $\text{curl } \underline{F} = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y}$

e.g. if  $\underline{F}(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = (ax+by, cx+dy)$  then curl is  $d-b$  constantly

Def<sup>n</sup>: The curl of a diff<sup>n</sup> vector field  $\underline{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is the vector field  $\text{curl } \underline{F} = \nabla \times \underline{F} = \left( \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \right)$

Mnemonic:  $\nabla \times \underline{F} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{pmatrix}$  (cf. " $\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{pmatrix}$ ")

Example: If  $\underline{F}(x,y,z) = (G_1(x,y), G_2(x,y), 0)$  then  $\text{curl } \underline{F} = (0, 0, \text{scalar curl } \underline{G})$

Example: rigid body is spinning around an axis through the origin

If a rigid body is spinning around an axis through the origin then the velocity at a point is  $\underline{v}(\underline{x}) = \underline{\omega} \times \underline{x}$  where  $\underline{\omega}$  (the "angular velocity") points along the axis of rotation then  $\text{curl } \underline{v}(\underline{x}) = \text{curl} (w_2 x_3 - w_3 x_2, w_3 x_1 - w_1 x_3, w_1 x_2 - w_2 x_1)$   
 $= (w_1 - (-w_1), w_2 - (-w_2), w_3 - (-w_3))$   
 $= 2 \underline{\omega}$

Example: If  $\underline{F}$  is a force field it exerts a torque on a small object placed at  $\underline{x}$  proportional to  $\text{curl } \underline{F}$

Circulation

Def<sup>n</sup>: A smooth curve  $\underline{c}$  is closed if it has a smooth param  $\underline{c}: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\underline{c}(a) = \underline{c}(b)$ .

Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $C$  be a smooth closed oriented curve. The integral  $\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$  of a vector field is called the circulation of  $\underline{F}$  around  $C$ .

Fact: "curl is infinitesimal circulation"

If  $\hat{u}$  is a unit vector,  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\underline{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  if we take smooth closed curves  $C_i$  in the plane through  $\underline{x}$  orthogonal to  $\hat{u}$ , oriented right-handedly around  $\hat{u}$ , with the maximal distance from  $\underline{x}$  on  $C_i$  tending to 0 as  $i \rightarrow \infty$  then  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\text{area}(C_i)} \int_{C_i} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \hat{u} \cdot \text{curl}(\underline{F})$

Fact: For  $S$  domain  $\text{curl}(\underline{F}) = 0$  everywhere if all circulations are 0. "irrotational"

These are consequences of Stokes' Th<sup>m</sup>



Def<sup>n</sup>: A vector field  $\underline{F}$  is a gradient vector field if  $\underline{F} = \nabla f$  for some  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

Example: A force field  $\underline{F}$  is conservative iff it is a gradient vector field.

Then  $\underline{F} = -\nabla \phi$  for some  $\phi$ ; such a  $\phi$  is called a potential for the force

e.g.  $\underline{F} = -k \frac{\underline{x}}{\|\underline{x}\|^3} = -\nabla \left( \frac{-k}{\|\underline{x}\|} \right)$

$\frac{-k}{\|\underline{x}\|}$  is "gravitational potential energy"

Example: Let  $\underline{v}(\underline{x}, t)$  be the velocity of a fluid at  $\underline{x}$  at time  $t$ .

Understanding  $\underline{v}$  is the subject of fluid mechanics.

A fluid is said to be under "potential flow" if  $\underline{v}(\underline{x}, t) = \nabla \phi(\underline{x}, t)$  for some  $\phi(\underline{x}, t)$

i.e. if  $\underline{v}(\underline{x}, t)$  for  $\underline{x}$  any  $t$ ,  $\underline{v}(\underline{x}, t)$  is a gradient vector field.

(so problem reduced to understanding evolution of  $\phi$ ...)

Lemma 2: If  $\underline{F}$  is a  $C^1$  gradient vector field

then  $\text{curl } \underline{F} = \underline{0}$

Proof: say  $\underline{F} = \nabla f$

Then e.g.  $(\text{curl } \underline{F})_1 = \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial z \partial y} = 0$

(since  $f$  is  $C^2$ , since  $\underline{F} \in C^1$ )  $\square$

converse not quite true, e.g.

$\underline{F}(x, y, z) = \left( \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}, 0 \right); \underline{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{x=0=y\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$\text{curl } \underline{F} = \left( 0, 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \right) \right)$   
 $= \left( 0, 0, \frac{x^2+y^2 - 2x^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2} + \frac{x^2+y^2 - 2y^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \right)$   
 $= \underline{0}$  everywhere on  $\text{dom } \underline{F} = \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{x=0=y\}$

but let  $\underline{c}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{x=0=y\}$

then  $\int_{\underline{c}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_0^{2\pi} (-\sin t, \cos t, 0) \cdot (-\sin t, \cos t, 0) dt = 2\pi$

Lemma 1: The circulation of a gradient vector field around any closed curve is 0

Proof:  $\int_{\underline{c}} \nabla f \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_a^b \nabla f \cdot \underline{c}'(t) dt = f(\underline{c}(b)) - f(\underline{c}(a)) = 0$

In particular, all circulations are 0

Proof:  $\int_{\underline{c}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_{\underline{c}} \nabla f \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_a^b \nabla f \cdot \underline{c}'(t) dt = \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} (f(\underline{c}(t))) dt = f(\underline{c}(b)) - f(\underline{c}(a))$  (FTC)  $\square$

Def<sup>n</sup>:  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is simply connected (s.c.) if (i) any two points of  $X$  are connected by a path in  $X$  ("path-connected") and (ii) any closed path in  $X$  can be "contracted" to a point  $\underline{x} \in X$  without leaving  $X$

Examples:  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is s.c.

$\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  is not s.c.

$\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{x=0=y\}$  is not s.c.

$\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$  is s.c.

A torus is not s.c.

A sphere is s.c.

Fact: If  $\underline{F}: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $U = \text{dom } \underline{F}$  is s.c. then  $\text{curl } \underline{F} = \underline{0}$  on  $U$

then any circulation  $\int_{\underline{c}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$   $\underline{c}$  a closed oriented smooth curve, is 0.

("irrotational on s.c.  $\Rightarrow$  circulation-free")

This is a consequence of Stokes' theorem, which we'll hopefully eventually (mostly) prove.

Example

If  $\underline{F}$  is a conservative force field, say  $\underline{F} = -\nabla \phi = \nabla(\phi)$

then work of a particle is acted on by  $\underline{F}$  as it moves along a trajectory  $\underline{c}$  from  $\underline{c}(a)$  to  $\underline{c}(b)$ , then the work done is

$\int_{\underline{c}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = -\phi(\underline{c}(b)) - (-\phi(\underline{c}(a))) = \phi(\underline{c}(a)) - \phi(\underline{c}(b))$

(doesn't depend on the curve!) Recall this is the change in kinetic energy so if we interpret  $\phi$  as potential energy, we have

Initial energy = final energy  
 change in energy = change in kinetic energy + change in potential energy  
 $= (\phi(\underline{c}(a)) - \phi(\underline{c}(b))) + (\phi(\underline{c}(b)) - \phi(\underline{c}(a))) = 0$

so total energy (potential energy + kinetic energy) is conserved