

# MULTIVARIABLE CALCULUS

MATH S-21A

## Unit 17: Triple integrals

### LECTURE

**17.1.** Integrating over higher dimensional regions is done in the same way than in two dimensions. Three dimensional regions are referred to as **solids**.

**Definition:** If  $f(x, y, z)$  is continuous and  $E$  is a **bounded solid** in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dx dy dz$  is defined as the  $n \rightarrow \infty$  limit of the Riemann sum

$$\frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{(\frac{i}{n}, \frac{j}{n}, \frac{k}{n}) \in E} f\left(\frac{i}{n}, \frac{j}{n}, \frac{k}{n}\right).$$

Triple integrals can be evaluated by iterated single integrals:

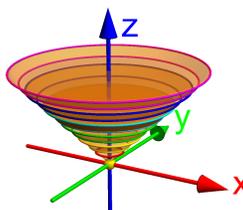
**17.2.** If  $E$  is the box  $\{x \in [1, 2], y \in [0, 1], z \in [0, 1]\}$  and  $f(x, y, z) = 24x^2y^3z$ .

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 24x^2y^3z dz dy dx.$$

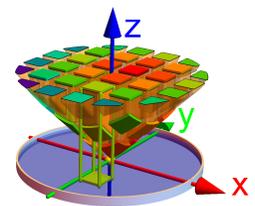
To evaluate the integral, start from the inside  $\int_0^1 24x^2y^3z dz = 12x^3y^3$ , then then integrate the middle layer,  $\int_0^1 12x^3y^3 dy = 3x^2$  and finally and finally handle the most outer layer:  $\int_1^2 3x^2 dx = 7$ .

For the inner integral,  $x = x_0$  and  $y = y_0$  are fixed. The middle integral now computes the contribution over a slice  $z = z_0$  intersected with  $R$ . The outer integral sums up all these slice contributions.

**17.3.** There are two reductions possible to compute triple integrals:



The **burger method** slices the solid a line and computes  $\int_a^b \iint_{R(z)} f(x, y, z) dA dz$ , where  $g(z)$  is a double integral giving the values when integrating over cheese, meat or tomato. The **fries method** eats up fries going from  $g(x, y)$  to  $h(x, y)$  over a region  $R$ . We have  $\iint_R [\int_{g(x,y)}^{h(x,y)} f(x, y, z) dz] dA$ .



**17.4.** A special case is the **signed volume**

$$\int \int_R \int_0^{f(x,y)} 1 \, dz dx dy .$$

below the graph of a function  $f(x, y)$  and above a region  $R$ , considered part of the  $xy$ -plane. It is the integral  $\int \int_R f(x, y) \, dA$ . The triple integral which is more natural when considering physical units as volume is measured in cubic meters for example. The triple integral also allows for flexibility: we can replace 1 with a function  $f(x, y, z)$ . If interpreted as a **charge density**, then the integral is the total charge.

**17.5.** The problem of computing volumes has been tackled early. **Archimedes (287-212 BC)** already developed an integration method which allowed him to find areas, volumes and surface areas in many cases without calculus. His method of **exhaustion** is close to the numerical method of integration by Riemann sum. In our terminology, Archimedes used the **washer method** to reduce the problem to a single variable problem. The **Archimedes principle** states that any body submerged in a water is acted upon by an upward force which is equal to the weight of the displaced water. This provides a practical way to compute volumes of complicated bodies. A second method, the **displacement method** is a **comparison technique**: the area of a sphere is the area of the cylinder enclosing it. The volume of a sphere is the volume of the complement of a cone in that cylinder. Modern rearrangement techniques use this still today in modern analysis. Heureka! **Cavalieri (1598-1647)** would build on Archimedes ideas and determine area and volume using tricks now called the **Cavalieri principle**. An example already due to Archimedes is the computation of the volume the half sphere of radius  $R$ , cut away a cone of height and radius  $R$  from a cylinder of height  $R$  and radius  $R$ . At height  $z$ , this body has a cross section with area  $R^2\pi - r^2\pi$ . If we cut the half sphere at height  $z$ , we obtain a disc of area  $(R^2 - r^2)\pi$ . Because these areas are the same, the volume of the half-sphere is the same as the cylinder minus the cone:  $\pi R^3 - \pi R^3/3 = 2\pi R^3/3$  and the volume of the sphere is  $4\pi R^3/3$ . **Newton (1643-1727)** and **Leibniz (1646-1716)** developed calculus independently. It provided a new tool which made it possible to compute integrals through "anti-derivation". Suddenly, it became possible to find integrals using analytic tools. We can do this also in higher dimensions.

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**17.6.** Find the volume of the unit sphere. **Solution:** The sphere is sandwiched between the graphs of two functions obtained by solving for  $z$ . Let  $R$  be the unit disc in the  $xy$  plane. If we use the **sandwich method**, we get

$$V = \int \int_R \left[ \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}} 1 dz \right] dA .$$

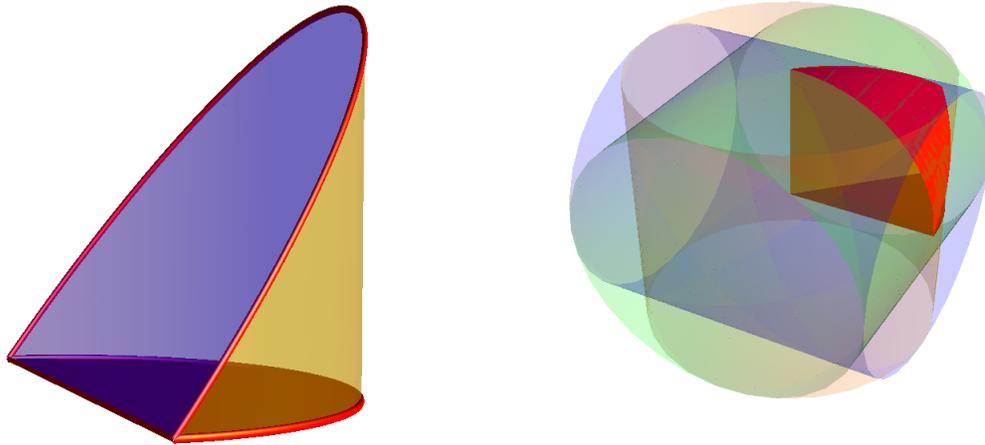
which gives a double integral  $\int \int_R 2\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2} \, dA$  which is of course best solved in polar coordinates. We have  $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \sqrt{1-r^2} r \, dr d\theta = 4\pi/3$ .

With the **washer method** which is in this case also called **disc method**, we slice along the  $z$  axes and get a disc of radius  $\sqrt{1-z^2}$  with area  $\pi(1-z^2)$ . This is a method suitable for single variable calculus because we get directly  $\int_{-1}^1 \pi(1-z^2) \, dz = 4\pi/3$ .

**17.7.** The mass of a body with mass density  $\rho(x, y, z)$  is defined as  $\int \int \int_R \rho(x, y, z) dV$ . For bodies with constant density  $\rho$ , the mass is  $\rho V$ , where  $V$  is the volume. Compute the mass of a body which is bounded by the parabolic cylinder  $z = 4 - x^2$ , and the planes  $x = 0, y = 0, y = 6, z = 0$  if the density of the body is  $z$ . **Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 \int_0^6 \int_0^{4-x^2} z dz dy dx &= \int_0^2 \int_0^6 (4-x^2)^2/2 dy dx \\ &= 6 \int_0^2 (4-x^2)^2/2 dx = 6 \left( \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{8x^3}{3} + 16x \right) \Big|_0^2 = 2 \cdot 512/5 \end{aligned}$$

**17.8.** The solid region bound by  $x^2 + y^2 = 1, x = z$  and  $z = 0$  is called the **hoof of Archimedes**. It is historically significant because it is one of the first examples, on which Archimedes probed a Riemann sum integration technique. It appears in every calculus text book. Find the volume of the hoof. **Solution.** Look from the situation from above and picture it in the  $x - y$  plane. You see a half disc  $R$ . It is the floor of the solid. The roof is the function  $z = x$ . We have to integrate  $\int \int_R x dx dy$ . We got a double integral problems which is best done in polar coordinates;  $\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_0^1 r^2 \cos(\theta) dr d\theta = 2/3$ .



**17.9.** Finding the volume of the solid region bound by the three cylinders  $x^2 + y^2 = 1, x^2 + z^2 = 1$  and  $y^2 + z^2 = 1$  is one of the most famous volume integration problems going back to Archimedes.

**Solution:** look at  $1/16$ 'th of the body given in cylindrical coordinates  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/4, r \leq 1, z > 0$ . The roof is  $z = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$  because above the "one eighth disc"  $R$  only the cylinder  $x^2 + z^2 = 1$  matters. The polar integration problem

$$16 \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 - r^2 \cos^2(\theta)} r dr d\theta$$

has an inner  $r$ -integral of  $(16/3)(1 - \sin(\theta)^3)/\cos^2(\theta)$ . Integrating this over  $\theta$  can be done by integrating  $(1 + \sin(x)^3)\sec^2(x)$  by parts using  $\tan'(x) = \sec^2(x)$  leading to the anti derivative  $\cos(x) + \sec(x) + \tan(x)$ . The result is  $16 - 8\sqrt{2}$ .

## HOMEWORK

This homework is due on Tuesday, 7/30/2019.

**Problem 17.1:** Evaluate the triple integral

$$\int_0^3 \int_0^z \int_0^{4y} 7e^{-y^2} z \, dx dy dz .$$

**Problem 17.2:** Find the volume of the solid bounded by the paraboloids  $z = x^2 + y^2$  and  $z = 36 - (x^2 + y^2)$  and satisfying  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ .

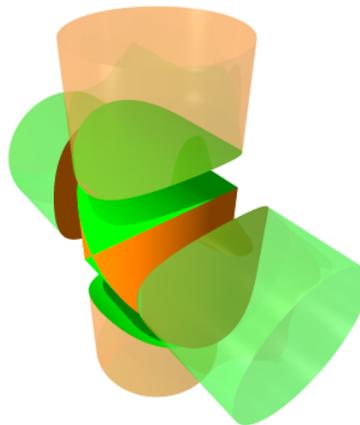
**Problem 17.3:** Find the **moment of inertia**  $\int \int \int_E (x^2 + y^2) \, dV$  of a cone

$$E = \{x^2 + y^2 \leq z^2 \ 0 \leq z \leq 15\} ,$$

which has the  $z$ -axis as its center of symmetry.

**Problem 17.4:** Integrate  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z$  over the tetrahedron with vertices  $(0, 0, 0), (4, 4, 0), (0, 4, 0), (0, 0, 12)$ .

**Problem 17.5:** This is a classic problem of Archimedes: What is the volume of the body obtained by intersecting the solid cylinders  $x^2 + z^2 \leq 9$  and  $y^2 + z^2 \leq 9$ ?



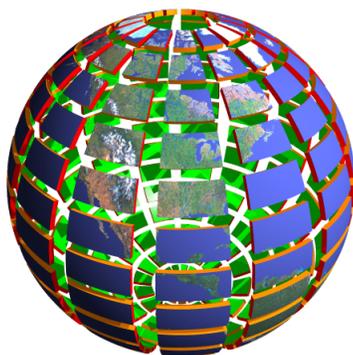
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## Unit 18: Spherical integrals

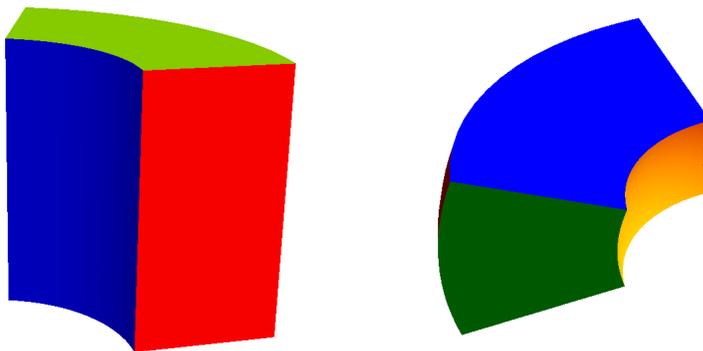
### LECTURE

17.1. Cylindrical and spherical coordinate systems help to integrate in many situations.



**Definition:** Cylindrical coordinates are space coordinates where polar coordinates are used in the  $xy$ -plane and where the  $z$ -coordinate is untouched. The coordinate change transformation  $T(r, \theta, z) = (r \cos(\theta), r \sin(\theta), z)$ , produces the integration factor  $\boxed{r}$ . It is the same factor than the factor used in polar coordinates.

$$\iint_{T(R)} f(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz = \iint_R g(r, \theta, z) \boxed{r} \, dr \, d\theta \, dz$$



**Definition: Spherical coordinates** use  $\rho$ , the distance to the origin as well as two **Euler angles**:  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$  the polar angle and  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$ , the angle between the vector and the  $z$  axis. The coordinate change is

$$T : (x, y, z) = (\rho \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi), \rho \sin(\theta) \sin(\phi), \rho \cos(\phi)) .$$

The integration factor measures the volume of a **spherical wedge** which is  $d\rho, \rho \sin(\phi) d\theta, \rho d\phi = \rho^2 \sin(\phi) d\theta d\phi d\rho$ .

$$\iiint_{T(R)} f(x, y, z) dx dy dz = \iiint_R g(\rho, \theta, z) \boxed{\rho^2 \sin(\phi)} d\rho d\theta d\phi$$

A sphere of radius  $R$  has the volume

$$\int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \rho^2 \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta d\rho .$$

The most inner integral  $\int_0^\pi \rho^2 \sin(\phi) d\phi = -\rho^2 \cos(\phi)|_0^\pi = 2\rho^2$ . The next layer is, because  $\phi$  does not appear:  $\int_0^{2\pi} 2\rho^2 d\phi = 4\pi\rho^2$ . The final integral is  $\int_0^R 4\pi\rho^2 d\rho = 4\pi R^3/3$ .

**Definition: The moment of inertia** of a body  $G$  with respect to an axis  $L$  is defined as the triple integral  $\int \int \int_G r(x, y, z)^2 dz dy dx$ , where  $r(x, y, z) = \rho \sin(\phi)$  is the distance from the axis  $L$ .

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**17.2.** For a sphere of radius  $R$  we obtain with respect to the  $z$ -axis:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \rho^2 \sin^2(\phi) \rho^2 \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta d\rho \\ &= \left( \int_0^\pi \sin^3(\phi) d\phi \right) \left( \int_0^R \rho^4 dr \right) \left( \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \right) \\ &= \left( \int_0^\pi \sin(\phi)(1 - \cos^2(\phi)) d\phi \right) \left( \int_0^R \rho^4 dr \right) \left( \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \right) \\ &= (-\cos(\phi) + \cos(\phi)^3/3)|_0^\pi (L^5/5)(2\pi) = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{R^5}{5} \cdot 2\pi = \frac{8\pi R^5}{15} . \end{aligned}$$

**17.3.** If the sphere rotates with angular velocity  $\omega$ , then  $I\omega^2/2$  is the **kinetic energy** of that sphere. The moment of inertia of the earth for example is  $8 \cdot 10^{37} \text{kgm}^2$ . The angular velocity is  $\omega = 2\pi/\text{day} = 2\pi/(86400\text{s})$ . The rotational energy is  $8 \cdot 10^{37} \text{kgm}^2 / (7464960000\text{s}^2) \sim 10^{29} \text{J} \sim 2.510^{24} \text{kcal}$ .

**17.4.** Find the volume and the center of mass of a diamond, the intersection of the unit sphere with the cone given in cylindrical coordinates as  $z = \sqrt{3}r$ .

**Solution:** we use spherical coordinates to find the center of mass

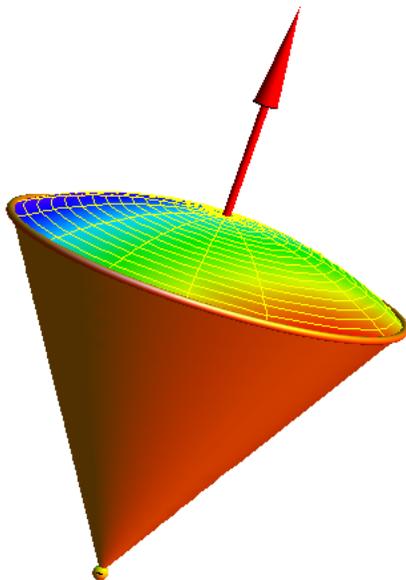
$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x} &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/6} \rho^3 \sin^2(\phi) \cos(\theta) d\phi d\theta d\rho \frac{1}{V} = 0 \\ \bar{y} &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/6} \rho^3 \sin^2(\phi) \sin(\theta) d\phi d\theta d\rho \frac{1}{V} = 0 \\ \bar{z} &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/6} \rho^3 \cos(\phi) \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta d\rho \frac{1}{V} = \frac{2\pi}{32V}\end{aligned}$$

**17.5.** Find  $\int \int \int_R z^2 dV$  for the solid obtained by intersecting  $\{1 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 4\}$  with the double cone  $\{z^2 \geq x^2 + y^2\}$ .

**Solution:** since the result for the double cone is twice the result for the single cone, we work with the diamond shaped region  $R$  in  $\{z > 0\}$  and multiply the result at the end with 2. In spherical coordinates, the solid  $R$  is given by  $1 \leq \rho \leq 2$  and  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/4$ . With  $z = \rho \cos(\phi)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}& \int_1^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \rho^4 \cos^2(\phi) \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta d\rho \\ &= \left(\frac{2^5}{5} - \frac{1^5}{5}\right) 2\pi \left(\frac{-\cos^3(\phi)}{3}\right) \Big|_0^{\pi/4} = 2\pi \frac{31}{5} (1 - 2^{-3/2}).\end{aligned}$$

The result for the double cone is  $\boxed{4\pi(31/5)(1 - 1/\sqrt{2^3})}$ .



# Homework

This homework is due on Tuesday, 7/30/2019.

**Problem 18.1:** Assume the density of a solid  $E = x^2 + y^2 - z^2 < 1, -1 < z < 1$  is given by the 10's power of the distance to the  $z$ -axis:  $\sigma(x, y, z) = r^{10} = (x^2 + y^2)^5$ . Find its mass

$$M = \int \int \int_E (x^2 + y^2)^5 dx dy dz .$$

**Problem 18.2:** Find the moment of inertia  $\int \int \int_E (x^2 + y^2) dV$  of the body  $E$  whose volume is given by the integral

$$\text{Vol}(E) = \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^3 \rho^2 \sin(\phi) d\rho d\theta d\phi .$$

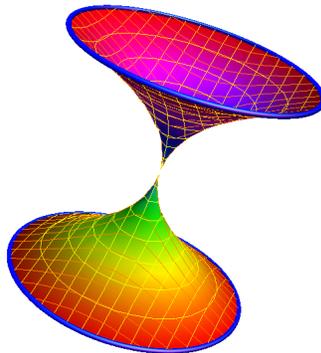
**Problem 18.3:** A solid is described in spherical coordinates by the inequality  $\rho \leq 2 \sin(\phi)$ . Find its volume.

**Problem 18.4:** Integrate the function

$$f(x, y, z) = e^{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}}$$

over the solid which lies between the spheres  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  and  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ , which is in the first octant and which is above the cone  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ .

**Problem 18.5:** Find the volume of the solid  $x^2 + y^2 \leq z^4, z^2 \leq 4$ .



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## Unit 19: Vector fields

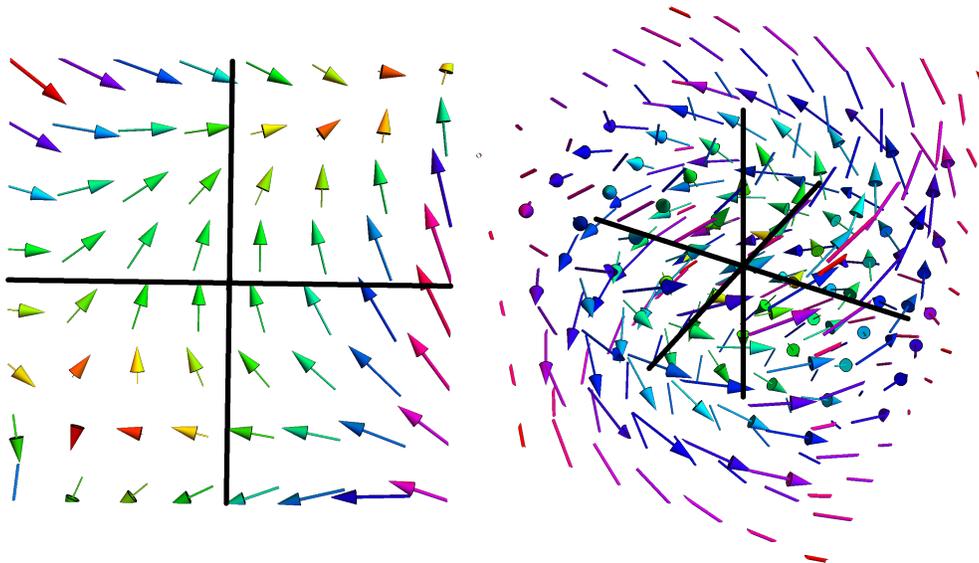
### LECTURE

**17.1.** We have already seen geometries like curves, surfaces or solids. Then we have seen functions, which we consider to be scalar fields. If the function becomes vector valued we have **vector field**.

**Definition:** A **planar vector field** is a map  $F$  which assigns to a point  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  a vector  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [P(x, y), Q(x, y)]^T$ . A **vector field in space** is a map, which assigns to each point  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  a vector  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = [P(x, y, z), Q(x, y, z), R(x, y, z)]^T$ .

**17.2.** Here are examples of vector fields in two and three dimensions

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} y - \sin(x) \\ x^3 + \cos(2y) \end{bmatrix}, \vec{F}(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} -y \\ x \\ \sin(z) \end{bmatrix}.$$



**Definition:** If  $f(x, y)$  is a function of two variables, then  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y)$  is called a **gradient field**. Gradient fields in space are of the form  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \nabla f(x, y, z)$ . They are important!

**17.3.** When is a vector field a gradient field?  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [P(x, y), Q(x, y)]^T = \nabla f(x, y)$  implies  $Q_x(x, y) = P_y(x, y)$ . If this does not hold at some point,  $\vec{F}$  is no gradient field.

**Clairaut test:** If  $Q_x(x, y) - P_y(x, y)$  is not zero at some point, then  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [P(x, y), Q(x, y)]^T$  is not a gradient field.

**17.4.** We will see next week that  $\text{curl}(\vec{F}) = Q_x - P_y = 0$  is also sufficient for  $\vec{F}$  to be a gradient field if  $\vec{F}$  is defined everywhere. How do we get  $f$  the function with  $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ ? We will look at examples in class.

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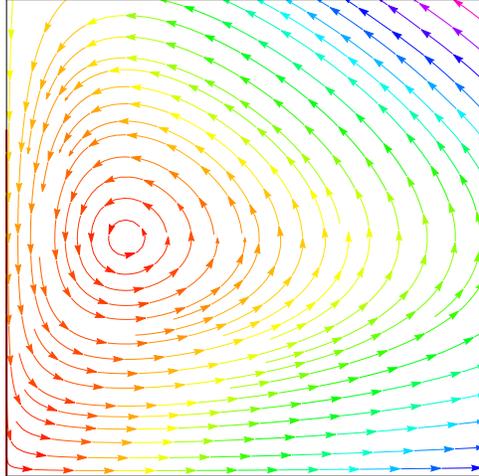
**17.5.** Is the vector field  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [P, Q]^T = [3x^2y + y + 2, x^3 + x - 1]^T$  a gradient field? **Solution:** the Clairaut test shows  $Q_x - P_y = 0$ . We integrate the equation  $f_x = P = 3x^2y + y + 2$  and get  $f(x, y) = 2x + xy + x^3y + c(y)$ . Now take the derivative of this with respect to  $y$  to get  $x + x^3 + c'(y)$  and compare with  $x^3 + x - 1$ . We see  $c'(y) = -1$  and so  $c(y) = -y + c$ . We see the solution  $\boxed{x^3y + xy - y + 2x}$ .

**17.6.** Is the vector field  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [xy, 2xy^2]^T$  a gradient field? **Solution:** No:  $Q_x - P_y = 2y^2 - x$  is not zero. Vector fields appear naturally when studying differential equations. Here is an example in population dynamics:

**17.7.** If  $x(t)$  is the population of a “prey species” like tuna fish and  $y(t)$  is the population size of a “predator” like sharks. We have  $x'(t) = ax(t) - bx(t)y(t)$  with positive  $a, b$  because both more predators and more prey species will lead to prey consumption. The rate of change of  $y(t)$  is  $y'(t) = -cy(t) + dxy$ , where  $c, d$  are positive. This can be written using a vector field  $\vec{r}' = \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t))$ . We have a negative sign in the first part because predators would die out without food. The second term is explained because both more predators as well as more prey leads to a growth of predators through reproduction. A concrete example is the **Volterra-Lotka system**

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= 0.4x - 0.4xy \\ \dot{y} &= -0.1y + 0.2xy,\end{aligned}$$

where  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [0.4x - 0.4xy, -0.1y + 0.2xy]^T$ . Volterra explained with such systems the oscillation of fish populations in the Mediterranean sea. At any specific point  $\vec{r}(x, y) = [x(t), y(t)]^T$ , there is a curve  $= \vec{r}(t) = [x(t), y(t)]^T$  through that point for which the tangent  $\vec{r}'(t) = (x'(t), y'(t))$  is the vector field.

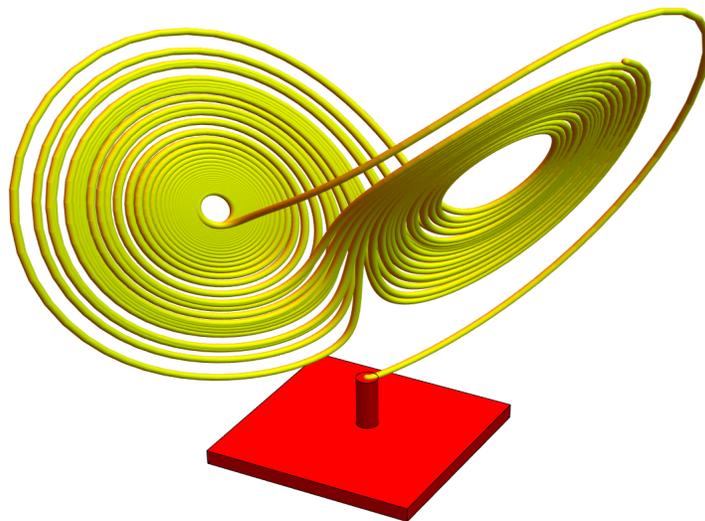


**17.8.** In mechanics the class of **Hamiltonian fields** plays an important role: if  $H(x, y)$  is a function of two variables, then  $[H_y(x, y), -H_x(x, y)]^T$  is called a **Hamiltonian vector field**. An example is the harmonic oscillator  $H(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2)/2$ . Its vector field  $(H_y(x, y), -H_x(x, y)) = (y, -x)$ . The flow lines of a Hamiltonian vector fields are located on the level curves of  $H$ .

**17.9.** Here is a famous example. It is the **Lorenz vector field**

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} 10y - 10x \\ -xz + 28x - y \\ xy - \frac{8}{3}z \end{bmatrix} .$$

It features a so called **strange attractor**.



## HOMEWORK

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**Problem 19.1:**

- a) Draw the gradient vector field of  $f(x, y) = \sin(x^2 - y^2)$ .  
 b) Draw the gradient vector field of  $f(x, y) = (x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2$ .  
 In both cases, draw a contour map of  $f$  and use gradients to draw the vector field  $F(x, y) = \nabla f$ .

**Problem 19.2:** The vector field

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{(x^2+y^2)^{(3/2)}} \\ \frac{y}{(x^2+y^2)^{(3/2)}} \end{bmatrix}$$

appears in electrostatics. Find a function  $f(x, y)$  such that  $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ .

**Problem 19.3:**

- a) Is the vector field  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} xy \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix}$  a gradient field?  
 b) Is the vector field  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(x) + y \\ \cos(y) + x \end{bmatrix}$  a gradient field?

In both cases, find  $f(x, y)$  satisfying  $\nabla f(x, y) = \vec{F}(x, y)$  or give a reason, why it does not exist.

**Problem 19.4:** Find conditions such that a vector field  $\vec{F}(x, y, z)$  is a gradient field. Then check it in the following cases. If there is a gradient field, find  $f$  such that  $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ .

- a)  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = [x^{11}, y^9, z]^T$ .  
 b)  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = [y, x, z^3]^T$ .  
 c)  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = [10y + 10x, 10x + 10y, x]^T$ .  
 d)  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [y, z, x]^T$ .

**Problem 19.5:** Find the potential  $f$  to

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = [5x^4y + z^4 + y \cos(xy), x^5 + x \cos(xy), 4xz^3]^T .$$

# MULTIVARIABLE CALCULUS

MATH S-21A

## Unit 20: Line integral theorem

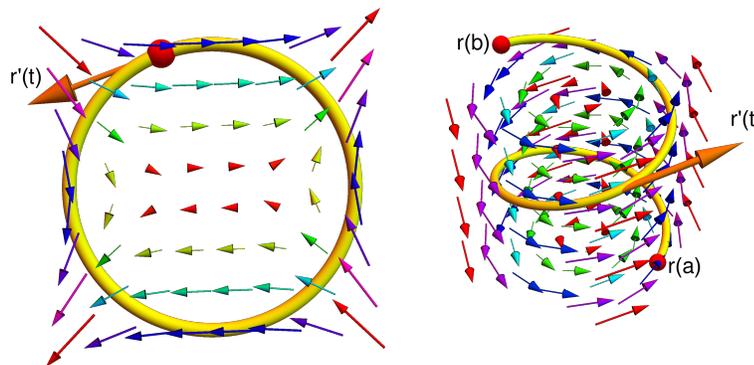
### LECTURE

**17.1.** Vector fields can be integrated along curves. If the vector field is a derivative, that is if it is a gradient field, then there is a fundamental theorem of line integrals which generalizes the fundamental theorem of calculus.

**Definition:** If  $\vec{F}$  is a vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $C : t \mapsto \vec{r}(t)$  is a curve, then

$$\int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

is called the **line integral** of  $\vec{F}$  along the curve  $C$ .



**17.2.** We use also the short-hand notation  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ . In physics, if  $\vec{F}(x, y, z)$  is a **force field**, then  $\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)$  is called **power** and the line integral  $\int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$  is **work**. In electrodynamics, if  $\vec{F}(x, y, z)$  is an electric field, then the line integral  $\int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$  is the **electric potential**.

**17.3.** Let  $C : t \mapsto \vec{r}(t) = [\cos(t), \sin(t)]^T$  be a circle with parameter  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$  and let  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [-y, x]^T$ . Calculate the line integral  $I = \int_C \vec{F}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{r}$ .

**Solution:** We have  $I = \int_0^{2\pi} \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt = \int_0^{2\pi} (-\sin(t), \cos(t)) \cdot (-\sin(t), \cos(t)) dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t) dt = 2\pi$

**17.4.** Let  $\vec{r}(t)$  be a curve given in polar coordinates as  $\vec{r}(t) = (\cos(t), \sin(t))$  defined on  $[0, \pi]$ . Let  $\vec{F}$  be the vector field  $\vec{F}(x, y) = (-xy, 0)$ . Calculate the line integral  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ .

**Solution:** In Cartesian coordinates, the curve is  $r(t) = (\cos^2(t), \cos(t)\sin(t))$ . The velocity vector is then  $\vec{r}'(t) = [-2\sin(t)\cos(t), -\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t)] = (x(t), y(t))^T$ . The line integral is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt &= \int_0^\pi (\cos^3(t)\sin(t), 0) \cdot (-2\sin(t)\cos(t), -\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t)) dt \\ &= -2 \int_0^\pi \sin^2(t)\cos^4(t) dt = -2(t/16 + \sin(2t)/64 - \sin(4t)/64 - \sin(6t)/192)|_0^\pi = -\pi/8. \end{aligned}$$

**17.5.** The first generalization of the fundamental theorem of calculus to higher dimensions is the **fundamental theorem of line integrals**.

**Theorem: Fundamental theorem of line integrals:** If  $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ , then

$$\int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a)).$$

**17.6.** In other words, the line integral is the potential difference between the end points  $\vec{r}(b)$  and  $\vec{r}(a)$ , if  $\vec{F}$  is a gradient field.

### EXAMPLES

**17.7.** Let  $f(x, y, z)$  be the temperature distribution in a room and let  $\vec{r}(t)$  the path of a fly in the room, then  $f(\vec{r}(t))$  is the temperature, the fly experiences at the point  $\vec{r}(t)$  at time  $t$ . The change of temperature for the fly is  $\frac{d}{dt}f(\vec{r}(t))$ . The line-integral of the temperature gradient  $\nabla f$  along the path of the fly coincides with the temperature difference between the end point and initial point.

**17.8.** Here are some special cases: If  $\vec{r}(t)$  is parallel to the level curve of  $f$ , then  $d/dt f(\vec{r}(t)) = 0$  and  $\vec{r}'(t)$  orthogonal to  $\nabla f(\vec{r}(t))$ . If  $\vec{r}(t)$  is orthogonal to the level curve, then  $|d/dt f(\vec{r}(t))| = |\nabla f| |\vec{r}'(t)|$  and  $\vec{r}'(t)$  is parallel to  $\nabla f(\vec{r}(t))$ .

**17.9.** The proof of the fundamental theorem uses the chain rule in the second equality and the fundamental theorem of calculus in the third equality of the following identities:

$$\int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt = \int_a^b \nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt = \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} f(\vec{r}(t)) dt = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a)).$$

**Theorem:** For a gradient field, the line-integral along any closed curve is zero.

**17.10.** When is a vector field a gradient field?  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y)$  implies  $P_y(x, y) = Q_x(x, y)$ . If this does not hold at some point,  $\vec{F} = [P, Q]^T$  is no gradient field. This is called the **component test** or Clairaut test. We will see later that the condition  $\text{curl}(\vec{F}) = Q_x - P_y = 0$  implies that the field is conservative, if the region satisfies a certain property.

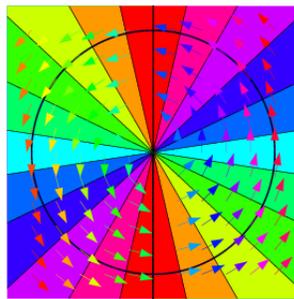
**17.11.** Let  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [2xy^2 + 3x^2, 2yx^2]^T$ . Find a potential  $f$  of  $\vec{F} = [P, Q]^T$ .  
 Solution: The potential function  $f(x, y)$  satisfies  $f_x(x, y) = 2xy^2 + 3x^2$  and  $f_y(x, y) = 2yx^2$ . Integrating the second equation gives  $f(x, y) = x^2y^2 + h(x)$ . Partial differentiation with respect to  $x$  gives  $f_x(x, y) = 2xy^2 + h'(x)$  which should be  $2xy^2 + 3x^2$  so that we can take  $h(x) = x^3$ . The potential function is  $f(x, y) = x^2y^2 + x^3$ . Find  $g, h$  from  $f(x, y) = \int_0^x P(x, y) dx + h(y)$  and  $f_y(x, y) = g(x, y)$ .

**17.12.** Let  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [P, Q]^T = [\frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}]^T$ . It is a gradient field because  $f(x, y) = \arctan(y/x)$  has the property that  $f_x = (-y/x^2)/(1 + y^2/x^2) = P, f_y = (1/x)/(1 + y^2/x^2) = Q$ . However, the line integral  $\int_\gamma \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ , where  $\gamma$  is the unit circle is

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{-\sin(t)}{\cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t)}, \frac{\cos(t)}{\cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t)} \right]^T \cdot [-\sin(t), \cos(t)]^T dt$$

which is  $\int_0^{2\pi} 1 dt = 2\pi$ . What is wrong?

**Solution:** note that the potential  $f$  as well as the vector-field  $F$  are not differentiable everywhere. The curl of  $F$  is zero except at  $(0, 0)$ , where it is not defined.



**17.13.** A device which implements a non gradient force field is called a **perpetual motion machine**. It realizes a force field for which the energy gain is positive along some closed loop. The first law of thermodynamics forbids the existence of such a machine. It is informative to contemplate some of the ideas people have come up and to see why they don't work. Here is an example: consider a O-shaped pipe which is filled only on the right side with water. A wooden ball falls on the right hand side in the air and moves up in the water. You find plenty of other futile attempts on youtube.



## HOMEWORK

This homework is due on Tuesday, 7/30/2019.

**Problem 20.1:** Let  $C$  be the space curve  $\vec{r}(t) = [\cos(t), \sin(\sin(t)), t]^T$  for  $t \in [0, \pi]$  and let  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = [y, x, 15]^T$ . Find the value of the line integral  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ . You might want to use a theorem.

**Problem 20.2:** What is the work done by moving in the force field  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [2x^3 + 1, 2y^4]^T$  along the parabola  $y = x^2$  from  $(-1, 1)$  to  $(1, 1)$ ?  
a) compute it directly b) use the theorem.

**Problem 20.3:** Let  $\vec{F}$  be the vector field  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [-y, x]^T/2$ . Compute the line integral of  $F$  along an ellipse  $\vec{r}(t) = [a \cos(t), b \sin(t)]^T$  with width  $2a$  and height  $2b$ . The result should depend on  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Problem 20.4:** It is hot. You unpack your portable swimming pool and place it in Harvard yard. Now, you swim along curve  $C$  given by part of the curve  $x^{40} + y^{40} = 1$  in the first quadrant, oriented counter clockwise. There is a hose filling in fresh water to the tub so that there is a velocity field  $\vec{F}(x, y) = [2x + 5y, 10y^4 + 5x]^T$  inside. Calculate the line integral  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ , the energy you gain from the fluid force when dislocating from  $(1, 0)$  to  $(0, 1)$ . Be lazy.

**Problem 20.5:** Find a closed curve  $C : \vec{r}(t)$  for which the vector field

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = [P(x, y), Q(x, y)]^T = [xy, x^2]^T$$

satisfies  $\int_C \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt \neq 0$ .