

Functions, Limits and continuity

Def (Real-valued and vector-valued functions)

A function is a rule that assigns to each element in the domain an element in the range.

A function whose domain is a subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$, $m \geq 1$ and whose range is contained in \mathbb{R}^n is called a **real valued function** of m variables if $n = 1$ and a **vector valued function** of m variables if $n > 1$.

- A real valued function is usually written as $y = f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$.

A vector valued function F is usually given by :

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_m) = (F_1(x_1, \dots, x_m), F_2(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, F_n(x_1, \dots, x_m))$$

The function F_i 's are called components (or component functions of F).

Example (Dot product and Cross product)

Let $\vec{x} = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $\vec{y} = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ be two 3-dimensional vectors.

Then the dot product of \vec{x} and \vec{y} is the number $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + x_3 y_3$

In terms of coordinates, it can be viewed as a function from \mathbb{R}^6 to \mathbb{R}

$$f(x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2) = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + x_3 y_3$$

The cross product can be viewed as a vector valued function from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^3 given by :

$$F(x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2) = (x_2 y_3 - y_3 x_2, x_3 y_1 - y_1 x_3, x_1 y_2 - y_2 x_1)$$

Remember $\vec{x} \times \vec{y} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \end{vmatrix}$

Def A function $F: U \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is called a vector field on U .

Def A graph of a real valued function $f: U \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the set

$$\{(x_1, \dots, x_m, y) \mid y = f(x_1, \dots, x_m), (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in U\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$$

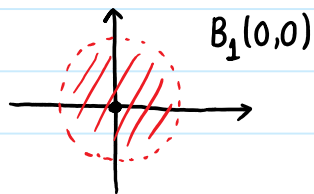
Limits and continuity

DEF An open ball centered at \vec{a} in \mathbb{R}^n of radius R ,

$$B_R(\vec{a}) = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\| < R \}$$

Ex What is $B_1(0,0)$?

It consists of points $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ s.t. $(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2 < 1 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 < 1$

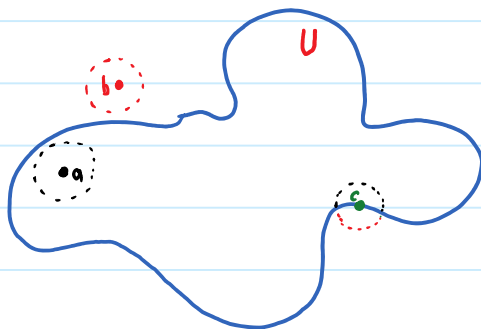


DEF A point \vec{a} in \mathbb{R}^n is called an interior point of a set $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, if there is an open ball centered at \vec{a} that is completely contained in U .

DEF A point \vec{a} in \mathbb{R}^n is called an exterior point of set $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, if there is an open ball centered at \vec{a} that is completely outside U .

DEF If every open ball centered at $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ consists of points in U and points outside of U , then we call \vec{a} a boundary point of U .

Ex



a is an interior point,
 b is an exterior point & c is a boundary point

" ϵ - δ " definition of limit :

Let f be defined on a subset D of \mathbb{R}^n .

$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} f(\vec{x}) = L$ means that for every $\epsilon > 0$, there is a corresponding number $\delta > 0$ such that if $\vec{x} \in D$ and $0 < \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\| < \delta$ then $\|f(\vec{x}) - L\| < \epsilon$.

Prop If the limit $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} f(\vec{x}) = L$ holds, the limit of f along any path in U approaching \vec{a} must be L . (Analogous to limit from left and right in a single variable).

Ex Compute $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 - 4y^2}{x^2 + 2y^2}$

Let's first approach the point $(0,0)$ along the x -axis.

Then $y = 0$ which gives $f(x,0) = \frac{x^4}{x^2} = x^2$ (for $x \neq 0$)

Then, $f(x,y) \rightarrow 0$ as $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$ along the axis.

Next approach $(0,0)$ along the y -axis.

So $x = 0$, $f(0,y) = \frac{-4y^2}{2y^2} = -2$ (for $y \neq 0$)

So $f(x,y) \rightarrow -2$ as $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$ along the y -axis.

Since f has two different limits along two different lines, the given limit does not exist.

DEF (Limit of a vector valued functions)

Let $F(\vec{x}) = (F_1(\vec{x}), \dots, F_n(\vec{x}))$ and $\vec{L} = (L_1, L_2, \dots, L_n)$

We say that $F(\vec{x})$ has limit \vec{L} as \vec{x} approaches \vec{a}

$$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} F(\vec{x}) = \vec{L} \quad \text{if and only if}$$

$$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} F_1(\vec{x}) = L_1, \dots, \lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} F_n(\vec{x}) = L_n.$$

Limit Laws

If the limits of $f, g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $F, G : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ exist as \vec{x} approaches \vec{a} then

$$1) \lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} (F(\vec{x}) \pm G(\vec{x})) = \lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} F(\vec{x}) \pm \lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} G(\vec{x})$$

$$2) \lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} (f(\vec{x})g(\vec{x})) = \left(\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} f(\vec{x}) \right) \left(\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} g(\vec{x}) \right)$$

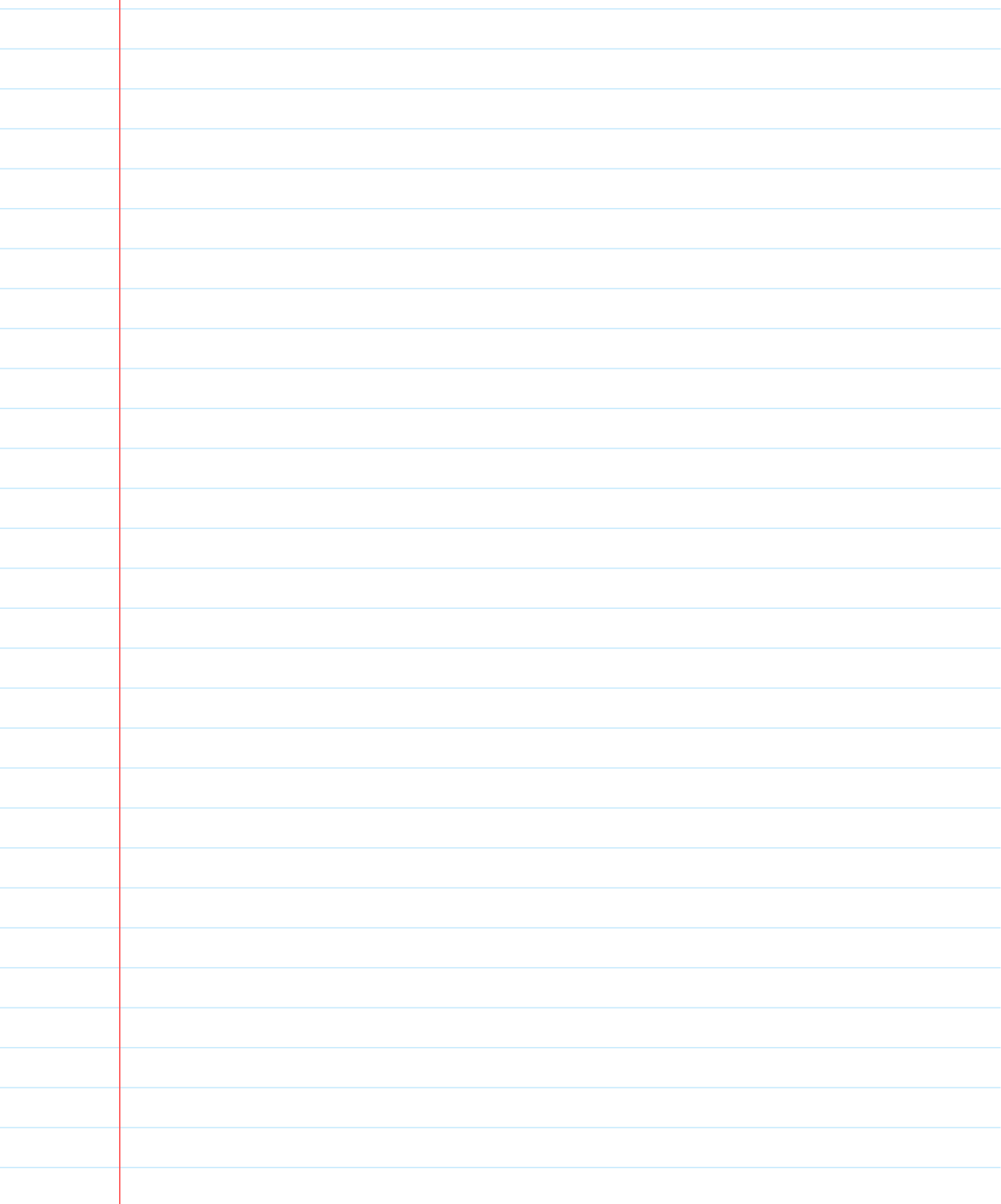
$$3) \lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} cF(\vec{x}) = c \lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} F(\vec{x})$$

4) If $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} g(\vec{x}) \neq 0$, then

$$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} \frac{f(\vec{x})}{g(\vec{x})} = \frac{\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} f(\vec{x})}{\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} g(\vec{x})}$$

DEF A function $F : U \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous at $\vec{a} \in U$ if and only if

$$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} F(\vec{x}) = F(\vec{a}).$$



Derivatives

Let f be a function of n variables x_1, \dots, x_n defined on an open set U . The partial derivative of f with respect to x_i is defined as

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_i+h, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)}{h} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{x})$$

For a function of f two variables $f(x, y)$

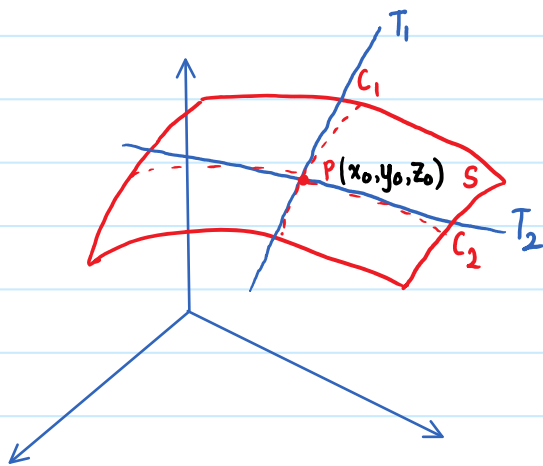
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f_x = D_1 f = D_x f = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

Remark One can compute partial derivatives wrt to one variable by regarding the other variables as constant (since we fix the values of all other variables in the limit above).

Ex $f(x, y, z) = e^{xy} \sin(y^2 + z^2)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x e^{xy} \sin(y^2 + z^2) + e^{xy} \cos(y^2 + z^2) \cdot 2y$$

Interpretation of partial derivatives



- Suppose a surface S has an equation $z = f(x, y)$, and say $f(x_0, y_0) = z_0$ i.e. (x_0, y_0, z_0) .
- Let C_1 be the curve on S w/ $y = y_0$. (so the curve C_1 is where the vertical plane $y = y_0$ intersects S).
- Similarly, C_2 be the curve where the plane $x = x_0$ intersects S .
- Note that C_1 is the graph of the function $g(x) = f(x, y_0)$, so the slope of the tangent T_1 at P is $g'(x_0) = f_x(x_0, y_0)$.
- Similar for C_2 .
- Partial derivatives can be interpreted as rates of change. If $z = f(x, y)$, then $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ represents the rate of change wrt x when z is fixed.

Tangent plane

One of the most important idea in single variable Calculus is that if we zoom into a point on a graph of a differentiable function, the graph becomes indistinguishable from its tangent line and therefore we can approximate the function by a linear function.

The similar idea in 3-dim'l picture is that if we zoom in towards a point on the surface, the graph of a diff function of two variables, the surface looks more and more like a plane (it's tangent plane).

Def Suppose a surface has equation $z = f(x,y)$, where f has continuous partial derivatives.

The the tangent plane to the surface at point P is defined to be the plane that contains both Tangent lines T_1 and T_2 .

Recall A line in space is determined by a point and a direction. For instance, a line passing through point \vec{r}_0 and parallel to \vec{v} is given by

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v}$$

For a plane we know that a plane in space is determined by a point $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ in the plane and a vector \vec{n} that is orthogonal to the plane.

Let $P(x, y, z)$ be an arbitrary point in the plane, and let \vec{r}_0 and \vec{r} be the position vectors of P_0 and P .

Then the vector $\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0$ (represented by $\overrightarrow{P_0P}$) is orthogonal to \vec{n} so we have $\vec{n} \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) = 0$ or if we write \vec{n} as $\langle a, b, c \rangle$, we get

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

Now back to the tangent plane, we know that plane passing through $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is given by

$$A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) + C(z - z_0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z - z_0 = a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0)$$

If the equation represents the tangent plane, then its intersection w/ plane $y = y_0$ must be the tangent line T_1 .

Setting $y = y_0$, we get

$z - z_0 = a(x - x_0)$ and we recognize its slope is a . And since we know the slope of line T_1 is $f_x(x_0, y_0)$, we conclude that $a = f_x(x_0, y_0)$.

Similar reasoning shows that $b = f_y(x_0, y_0)$ and therefore the equation of the tangent plane is

$$z - z_0 = f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

Def The gradient of a function $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ is the vector

$$\nabla f(\vec{x}) = \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_m} \right]$$

15.6 Surface Area.

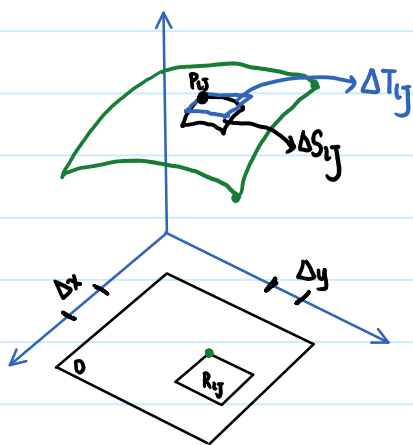
If f is positive and has a continuous derivative, we define the surface area of the surface obtained by rotating $y = f(x)$, $a \leq x \leq b$, about the x -axis.

$$S = \int_a^b 2\pi f(x) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx$$

We want to compute area of a surface w/ eqⁿ $z = f(x,y)$, the graph of a func. of two variables.

$S \equiv$ surface w/ eqn $z = f(x,y)$, where f has continuous partial derivatives.

To simplify derivation, assume $f(x,y) \geq 0$ and domain D of f is a rectang. le



Divide D into small rectangles R_{ij} w/ area $\Delta A = \Delta x \Delta y$.

Let (x_i, y_j) be the corner of the rectangle closest to the origin.

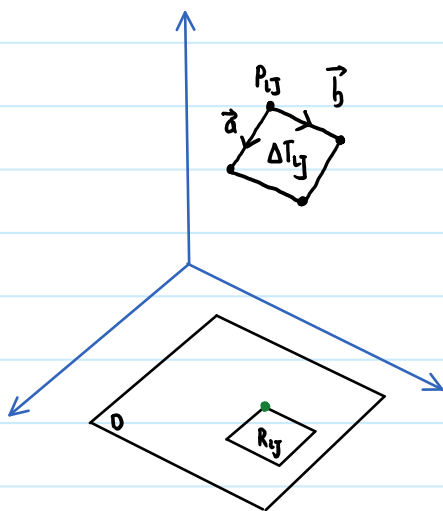
Let $P_{ij} (x_i, y_j, f(x_i, y_j))$ be the point closest on S directly above point (x_i, y_j) .

- The tangent plane to S at P_{ij} is an approximation to S near P_{ij} . So the area ΔT_{ij} of the part of this tangent plane (a parallelogram) that lies directly above R_{ij} is an approximation to the area ΔS_{ij} of the part of S that directly lies above R_{ij} .

Then, $\sum \sum T_{ij}$ is an approximation of the total area of S and

$$A(S) = \lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \Delta T_{ij}$$

We need a more convenient formula :



- Let \vec{a} and \vec{b} be the vectors that start at P_{ij} , and lie along the sides of the parallelogram w/ area ΔT_{ij} .

- Then $\Delta T_{ij} = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$.

Note that $f_x(x,y)$ and $f_y(x,y)$ are the slopes of the tangent lines through P_{ij} in the

direction of \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \vec{a} &= \Delta x \hat{i} + f_x(x_i, y_j) \Delta x \hat{k} \\ \vec{b} &= \Delta y \hat{j} + f_y(x_i, y_j) \Delta y \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \Delta x & 0 & f_x(x_i, y_j) \Delta x \\ 0 & \Delta y & f_y(x_i, y_j) \Delta y \end{vmatrix} = [-f_x(x_i, y_j) \hat{i} - f_y(x_i, y_j) \hat{j} + \hat{k}] \Delta A$$

$$\text{and therefore } \Delta T_{ij} = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{[f_x(x_i, y_j)]^2 + [f_y(x_i, y_j)]^2 + 1} \Delta A$$

$$\text{Then, } A(S) = \lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \sqrt{[f_x(x_i, y_j)]^2 + [f_y(x_i, y_j)]^2 + 1} \Delta A$$

and then using the definition of a double integral we get the following formula :

The area of the surface with equation $z = f(x, y)$, $(x, y) \in D$, where f_x and f_y are continuous is :

$$A(S) = \iint_D \sqrt{[f_x(x, y)]^2 + [f_y(x, y)]^2 + 1} \, dA$$

Remark Similar to formula for arc-length $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} \, dx$

Ex Find the area of the part of the hyperbolic paraboloid $z = y^2 - x^2$ that lies between $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 4$.

Soln $z = f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$ with $1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$

$$f_x(x, y) = -2x$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 2y$$

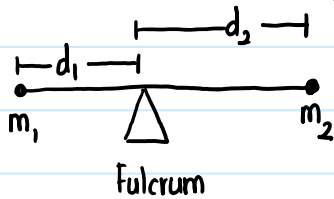
$$\text{Then } A(S) = \iint_D \sqrt{4x^2 + 4y^2 + 1} \, dA$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 \sqrt{1 + 4r^2} \, r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_1^2 r \sqrt{1 + 4r^2} \, dr = 2\pi \int_5^{17} \frac{1}{8} u^{1/2} \, du = \frac{2\pi}{8} \left[\frac{2}{3} (17)^{3/2} - \frac{2}{3} (5)^{3/2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6} (17^{3/2} - 5^{3/2}).$$

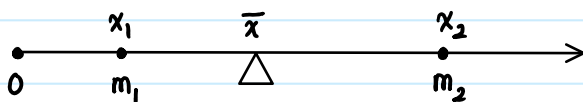
Moments and Center of mass



Let's say two masses are attached to a bar of negligible mass on the opposite sides of the fulcrum, and at distances d_1 and d_2 from the Fulcrum.

Archimedes show that the rod will balance if $m_1 d_1 = m_2 d_2$

- Now let's say that rod lies on the x-axis with m_1 at x_1 and m_2 at x_2 and center of mass.



Then we see that $m_1(\bar{x} - x_1) = m_2(x_2 - \bar{x}) \Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2}$

- $m_1 x_1$ & $m_2 x_2$ are called moments of masses m_1 and m_2 (wrt 0) and the above equation shows that center of mass \bar{x} is obtained by adding the moment of masses and dividing by the total mass $m = m_1 + m_2$.

Now, if we have a system of n particles w/ masses m_1, \dots, m_n located at points x_1, \dots, x_n on the x-axis, we can show that the center of mass of the system is located at

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i} \quad \text{and} \quad M = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i \quad \text{is called the moment of the system about the origin.}$$

Now we consider a system of n particles w/ masses m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n located at the points $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ in the xy -plane

The moment of the system about the y -axis is defined to be

$$M_y = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i$$

and the moment of the system about the x -axis as

$$M_x = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i y_i$$

Then the coordinates (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) of the center of mass are given by the formula

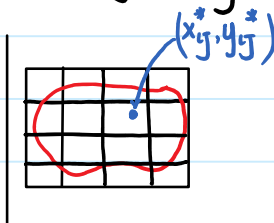
$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{m}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{m}, \quad \text{where } m = \sum m_i$$

- The center of mass (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) is the point where a single particle of mass m would have the same moments as the system.
- Now consider a lamina (thin plate) that occupies a region D of the xy -plane and its density (in unit mass per unit area) is given by $\rho(x, y)$, where ρ is a continuous function.

This means that $\rho(x, y) = \lim \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta A}$ where Δm and ΔA are the mass and

area of a small rectangle that contains (x, y) and limit is taken as dimension of rectangle approach 0.

To find the total mass of the lamina, divide a rectangle R containing D into subrectangles R_{ij} and $\rho(x, y) = 0$ outside of D .



If we choose a point (x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) in R_{ij} , then the mass of the part of the lamina that occupies R_{ij} is approximately

$$\rho(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A_{ij}$$

Then if we add all the masses we get

$$m \approx \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l \rho(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A$$

and if we take smaller and smaller rectangles we see that

$$m = \lim_{k, l \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l \rho(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A = \iint_D \rho(x, y) dA.$$

- Now the mass of R_{ij} is approximately $\rho(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A$, so we can approximate the moment of R_{ij} wrt to the x-axis as

$[\rho(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A_{ij}] \cdot y_{ij}^*$ and add these all up and take limit of smaller and smaller rectangles to obtain the moment of the entire lamina about the x-axis :

$$M_x = \lim_{k, l \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l y_{ij}^* \rho(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A = \iint_D y \rho(x, y) dA$$

Similarly,

$$M_y = \iint_D x \rho(x, y) dA.$$

Then we can deduce that the center of mass (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) of a lamina occupying the region D and having density function $\rho(x, y)$ are :

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{m} = \frac{\iint_D x \rho(x, y) dA}{\iint_D \rho(x, y) dA} ; \bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{m} = \frac{\iint_D y \rho(x, y) dA}{\iint_D \rho(x, y) dA} ;$$

Moment of inertia

The moment of inertia (also called the second moment) of a particle of mass m about an axis is defined to be mr^2 , where r is the distance from the particle to the axis.

Then we can use the ideas from before to conclude that

$$I_x = \iint_D y^2 \rho(x,y) dA \quad ; \quad I_y = \iint_D x^2 \rho(x,y) dA$$

Moment of inertia about the origin

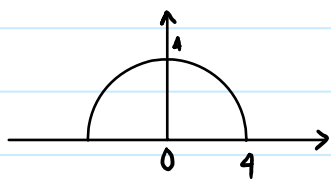
$$I_o = \iint_D (x^2 + y^2) \rho(x,y) dA$$

In particular $I_o = I_x + I_y$

(Idea : Determines the torque needed for a desired angular acceleration)
of radius 6

Ex The density at any point on a semicircular lamina is twice the distance from the center of the circle. Find the center of mass of the lamina.

Solution Place the lamina as the upper half of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 16$.



The distance from a point (x,y) to the center of the circle to the origin is $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$.

Then $\rho(x,y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

Then,

$$m = \iint_D 2\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \, dA$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^4 2r \, r \, dr \, d\theta = \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \int_0^4 2r^2 \, dr = \pi \frac{4^3}{3} = \frac{64\pi}{3}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{m} \iint_D y^3(x,y) \, dA = \frac{3}{64\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^4 r^3 \sin\theta \, 2r \, r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{3}{64\pi} \cdot \left[-\cos\theta \right]_0^{\pi} \cdot \left[\frac{r^4}{4} \right]_0^4 = \frac{3}{64\pi} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{64 \cdot 4}{4} = \frac{6}{\pi}.$$

$$\bar{x} = 0.$$