

Tangent Planes

Goal: Find the tangent plane to the parametric surface S traced out by $\vec{r}(u,v) = \langle x(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v) \rangle$ at the point $P_0 = \vec{r}(u_0, v_0)$.

As we know, the tangent plane contains all tangent vectors \vec{v} to various curves on S passing through P_0 . Of particular interest are the so-called grid curves.

Fix $u = u_0 \Rightarrow C_1: \vec{r}(u_0, v)$ - a curve on S passing through P_0 .

The tangent vector to C_1 at P_0 is obtained by differentiating by v the position vector $\vec{r}(u_0, v)$:

$$\vec{r}_v = \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}(u_0, v_0)\vec{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}(u_0, v_0)\vec{j} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}(u_0, v_0)\vec{k}$$

Fix $v = v_0 \Rightarrow C_2: \vec{r}(u, v_0)$ - a curve on S passing through P_0 .

The tangent vector to C_2 at P_0 is obtained by differentiating by u the position vector $\vec{r}(u, v_0)$:

$$\vec{r}_u = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0)\vec{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0)\vec{j} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0)\vec{k}$$

Def: S - smooth if $\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v \neq 0$

If S is smooth, then the tangent plane to S at P_0 is determined by:

(1) it passes through P_0 .

(2) it has $\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v$ as a normal vector.

Ex1: Describe the surface S parametrized by $\vec{r}(u,v) = u^2\vec{i} + 2u\sin(v)\vec{j} + u\cos(v)\vec{k}$.

Find the tangent plane to S at the point P_0 given by $\vec{r}(1,0)$ ($u_0=1, v_0=0$)

(a) Note that $(2u\sin v)^2 + 4 \cdot (u\cos v)^2 = 4u^2 \Rightarrow 4x = y^2 + 4z^2$ - elliptic paraboloid.

It is easy to see that any (x,y,z) satisfying $4x = y^2 + 4z^2$ is on S .

(b) $\vec{r}_u = 2u\vec{i} + 2\sin(v_0)\vec{j} + \cos(v_0)\vec{k} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{k}$

$\vec{r}_v = 2u_0\cos(v_0)\vec{j} - u_0\sin(v_0)\vec{k} = 2\vec{j}$

$\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -2\vec{i} + 4\vec{k}$

Hence, the eq-n of the tangent plane is $-2(x-x_0) + 4(z-z_0) = 0$,

where $\langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle = \vec{r}(u_0, v_0) = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle \Rightarrow$ get $-2(x-1) + 4(z-1) = 0 \Rightarrow -2x + 2 + 4z - 4 = 0$.

$\Rightarrow \boxed{x - 2z = -1}$

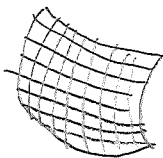
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• Surface Integrals

Goal: Integrate a function $f(x, y, z)$ over the surface S given by the parametric equation

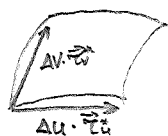
$$\vec{r}(u, v) = x(u, v)\vec{i} + y(u, v)\vec{j} + z(u, v)\vec{k}, (u, v) \in D$$

Idea: If we split D into small rectangles R_{ij}  with dimensions $\Delta u, \Delta v$,

then the surface S is divided into corresponding patches S_{ij} 

And we want to approximate $\sum_{i,j} \text{Area}(S_{ij}) \cdot f(P_{ij}^*)$

Key observation: The patch S_{ij} can be approximated by the vectors $\Delta u \cdot \vec{r}_u$ and $\Delta v \cdot \vec{r}_v$. Recall that the area of a parallelogram can be computed via cross-product, so that



$\text{Area}(S_{ij}) \approx \Delta u \cdot \Delta v \cdot |\vec{r}_u^* \times \vec{r}_v^*|$ (* denotes evaluated at left-bottom corner)

This motivates the following definition

Def 1: If a smooth parametric surface is given by the equation $\vec{r}(u, v) = x(u, v)\vec{i} + y(u, v)\vec{j} + z(u, v)\vec{k}, (u, v) \in D$, and S is covered just once as (u, v) ranges through D , then the surface area of S is

$$A(S) = \iint_D |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| dA$$

More generally, we have

Def 2: Under the same conditions and notations as in Def 1, the surface integral of f over the surface S is

$$\iint_S f(x, y, z) dS = \iint_D f(\vec{r}(u, v)) \cdot |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| dA$$

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Rmks: (1) $\iint_S \mathbf{1} dS = \iint_S |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| dA = \text{Area}(S)$

(2) Note the analogy with the line integral

$$\int_C f(x, y, z) ds = \int_a^b f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot |\vec{r}'(t)| dt.$$

Ex2: (a) Find the surface area of a sphere S of radius R .

(b) Find the surface integral $\iint_S x^2 dS$, where S is the same as in (a).

(a) Recall the parametrization of a sphere in spherical coordinates from last lecture:

$$x = R \sin \phi \cos \theta, \quad y = R \sin \phi \sin \theta, \quad z = R \cos \phi, \quad D = \{(\phi, \theta) \mid 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}$$

$$\vec{r}_\phi = \langle R \cos \phi \cos \theta, R \cos \phi \sin \theta, -R \sin \phi \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_\theta = \langle -R \sin \phi \sin \theta, R \sin \phi \cos \theta, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_\phi \times \vec{r}_\theta = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ R \cos \phi \cos \theta & R \cos \phi \sin \theta & -R \sin \phi \\ -R \sin \phi \sin \theta & R \sin \phi \cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \cdot R^2 \sin^2 \phi \cos \theta + \vec{j} \cdot R^2 \sin^2 \phi \sin \theta + \vec{k} \cdot R^2 \sin \phi \cos \phi.$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{r}_\phi \times \vec{r}_\theta| = \sqrt{R^4 \sin^4 \phi (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) + R^4 \sin^2 \phi \cos^2 \phi} = R^2 |\sin \phi| = R^2 \sin \phi \quad (0 \leq \phi \leq \pi)$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{So:}} \text{ Area}(S) = \iint_D R^2 \sin \phi dA = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi R^2 \sin \phi d\phi d\theta = \boxed{4\pi R^2}}$$

(b) As in part (a), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S x^2 dS &= \iint_D R^2 \sin^2 \phi \cos^2 \theta R^2 \sin \phi dA = R^4 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin^3 \phi \cos^2 \theta d\phi d\theta \\ &= R^4 \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 \theta d\theta \cdot \int_0^\pi \sin^3 \phi d\phi = R^4 \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta \cdot \int_0^\pi (1 - \cos^2 \phi) \cdot d(\cos \phi) \\ &= R^4 \cdot \pi \cdot \int_{-1}^1 (1 - u^2) du = R^4 \cdot \pi \cdot \left(u - \frac{u^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 = \boxed{\frac{4}{3} \pi R^4} \end{aligned}$$

Remark: One way to view the surface integral is as follows.

Consider the thin sheet of aluminium foil that has shape of a surface S and the density at point (x, y, z) is $\rho(x, y, z)$, then the total mass of the sheet is $m = \iint_S \rho(x, y, z) dS$, while the coordinates of the center of mass are:

$$\left(\frac{1}{m} \iint_S x \rho(x, y, z) dS, \frac{1}{m} \iint_S y \rho(x, y, z) dS, \frac{1}{m} \iint_S z \rho(x, y, z) dS \right)$$

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Special case: graphs of functions

One of the most common examples of surfaces are graphs of functions in two variables. In other words, let S be the graph of $f(x, y)$, $(x, y) \in D$. The canonical parametrization of S is:

$$\vec{r}(x, y) = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + f(x, y)\vec{k}, \quad (x, y) \in D$$

$$\text{Then: } \left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{r}_x = \vec{i} + f_x \cdot \vec{k} \\ \vec{r}_y = \vec{j} + f_y \cdot \vec{k} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 0 & f_x \\ 0 & 1 & f_y \end{vmatrix} = \boxed{-f_x \cdot \vec{i} - f_y \cdot \vec{j} + \vec{k}}$$

$$\text{Therefore: } \boxed{\text{Area}(S) = \iint_D \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2} dA}$$

and more generally

$$\boxed{\iint_S g(x, y, z) dS = \iint_D g(x, y, f(x, y)) \cdot \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2} dA}$$

Rule: Similar formulas apply when S is realized as a graph of functions in x, z or y, z , i.e. when $y = f(x, z)$ or $x = f(y, z)$.

Ex3: Find the area of the part of the paraboloid $y = x^2 + z^2$ that lies within the cylinder $x^2 + z^2 = 16$.

$$\text{Area}(S) = \iint_{D: x^2+z^2 \leq 16} \sqrt{1 + (2x)^2 + (2z)^2} dA = \iint_D \sqrt{1 + 4(x^2 + z^2)} dA.$$

Switching to polar coordinates (r, θ) instead of (x, z) , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}(S) &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^4 \sqrt{1+4r^2} \cdot r \, dr \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^{65} \sqrt{u} \cdot \frac{du}{8} \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(u^{3/2} \cdot \frac{1}{12} \Big|_{u=1}^{u=65} \right) d\theta \\ &= \boxed{\frac{\pi}{6} (65^{3/2} - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

Warning: We note that while here we got $r \, dr \, d\theta$ when using polar coordinates, we would not need factor "r" if we parametrize surface by r, θ .

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Ex 4: Evaluate the surface integral $\iint_S y \, dS$, where S is given by

$$\vec{r}(u,v) = \langle u \cos v, u \sin v, v \rangle, \quad \begin{matrix} 0 \leq u \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq v \leq \pi. \end{matrix}$$

$$\vec{r}_u = \langle \cos v, \sin v, 0 \rangle \\ \vec{r}_v = \langle -u \sin v, u \cos v, 1 \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \cos v & \sin v & 0 \\ -u \sin v & u \cos v & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \sin v \cdot \vec{i} - \cos v \cdot \vec{j} + u \cdot \vec{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| = \sqrt{1+u^2}$$

So: $\iint_S y \, dS = \iint_D u \sin v \cdot \sqrt{1+u^2} \, dA$, where $D = \{(u,v) \mid 0 \leq u \leq 1, 0 \leq v \leq \pi\}$

$$\int_0^1 u \sqrt{1+u^2} \, du \cdot \int_0^\pi \sin v \, dv = \int_1^2 \sqrt{w} \frac{dw}{2} \cdot (-\cos v \Big|_{v=0}^{v=\pi}) = w^{3/2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \Big|_{w=1}^{w=2} \cdot 2 =$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{2}{3}(2\sqrt{2} - 1)}$$

Oriented Surfaces

To define surface integrals of vector fields, we need to restrict our attention only to a certain class of surfaces, called oriented surfaces.

At every point (x,y,z) on the surface S there are two unit normal vectors (orthogonal to the tangent plane to S at (x,y,z)).

Def: If it is possible to choose a unit normal vector \vec{n} at every point $(x,y,z) \in S$, so that \vec{n} varies continuously over S , then S is called an oriented surface and the given choice of \vec{n} provides S with an orientation. (note: there are two orientations for oriented surfaces)

Basic example 1: S is given as a graph of function $z = f(x,y)$. Then S is naturally oriented with an upward orientation given by $\vec{n} = \frac{-f_x \vec{i} - f_y \vec{j} + \vec{k}}{\sqrt{1+f_x^2+f_y^2}}$ - see p.4.

Basic example 2: If S is a smooth orientable surface given by $\vec{r}(u,v)$ then it has a canonical orientation given by

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

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However: Möbius strip is one of the basic examples of a non-oriented surface.

Surface Integrals of vector fields

Def: If \vec{F} is a continuous vector field defined on an oriented surface S with unit normal vector \vec{n} (defining the orientation), then the surface integral of F over S is

$$\boxed{\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS}$$

This integral is also called the flux of F across S

In other words, if S is given by $\vec{r}(u,v)$ and we choose \vec{n} as on p. 5:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S \vec{F} \, dS &= \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v}{|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v|} \, dS = \iint_D (\vec{F}(\vec{r}(u,v)) \cdot \frac{\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v}{|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v|}) \cdot |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| \, dA \\ &= \boxed{\iint_D \vec{F}(\vec{r}(u,v)) \cdot (\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v) \, dA} \end{aligned}$$

Ex 5: Find the flux of the vector field $F(x,y,z) = \langle 3z, 3y, 3x \rangle$ across the sphere $S: x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2$.

► Choose the same parametrization as in Ex 2.

$$\vec{r}(\phi, \theta) = \langle R \sin \phi \cos \theta, R \sin \phi \sin \theta, R \cos \phi \rangle.$$

$$\text{Computed } \vec{r}_\phi \times \vec{r}_\theta = \langle R^2 \sin^2 \phi \cos \theta, R^2 \sin^2 \phi \sin \theta, R^2 \sin \phi \cos \phi \rangle.$$

$$\text{while } \vec{F}(\vec{r}(\phi, \theta)) = \langle 3R \cos \phi, 3R \sin \phi \sin \theta, 3R \sin \phi \cos \theta \rangle.$$

$$\text{Hence: } \vec{F}(\vec{r}(\phi, \theta)) \cdot (\vec{r}_\phi \times \vec{r}_\theta) = 3R^3 (\sin^2 \phi \cos \phi \cos \theta + \sin^3 \phi \sin^2 \theta + \sin^2 \phi \cos \phi \cos \theta)$$

$$\text{So: } \iint_S \vec{F} \, dS = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi 3R^3 (2\sin^2 \phi \cos \phi \cos \theta + \sin^3 \phi \sin^2 \theta) \, d\phi \, d\theta$$

$$(1) \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi 2\sin^2 \phi \cos \phi \cos \theta \, d\phi \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos \theta \, d\theta \cdot \int_0^\pi 2\sin^2 \phi \cos \phi \, d\phi = 0 \quad \text{as } \int_0^{2\pi} \cos \theta \, d\theta = 0.$$

$$(2) \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin^3 \phi \sin^2 \theta \, d\phi \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2} \, d\theta \cdot \int_0^\pi (1 - \cos^2 \phi) \sin \phi \, d\phi = \pi \cdot \int_{-1}^1 (1 - u^2) \, \frac{du}{-1} = \frac{4}{3} \pi$$

$$\text{So: } \boxed{\iint_S \vec{F} \, dS = 3R^3 \cdot \frac{4}{3} \pi = 4\pi R^3}$$