

MA2104 Multivariable Calculus

Basic Vectors

- **Thm 1:** $\|c\mathbf{u}\| = |c| \|\mathbf{u}\|$
- **Thm 2:** (unit vector in direction of \mathbf{a}) $= \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|}$
- **Thm 3 [Dot product properties]:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} &= \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} & (d\mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{b} &= d(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot (d\mathbf{b}) \\ \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) &= \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} & \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{a} &= 0 \\ (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c} &= \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} & \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} &= \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$
- **Thm 4 [Dot product & angle]:** $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta$
- **Thm 5 [Orthogonality]:** $\mathbf{a} \perp \mathbf{b} \iff \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$
- **Component (signed scalar):** $\text{comp}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|}$
- **Projection (vector):** $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} = \text{comp}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} \times \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}} \mathbf{a}$
- **Cross product:** $\langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle \times \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle := \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} = \langle a_2b_3 - a_3b_2, a_3b_1 - a_1b_3, a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \rangle$
- **Thm 6:** $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \perp \mathbf{a}$ and $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \perp \mathbf{b}$
- **Thm 7 [Cross prod. & angle]:** $\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \sin \theta$
- **Thm 8 [Cross product properties]:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} &= -(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}) & (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \times \mathbf{c} &= \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) &= \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c} & (d\mathbf{a}) \times \mathbf{b} &= d(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a} \times (d\mathbf{b}) \end{aligned}$$
- **Scalar triple product** (= signed vol. of parallelepiped):
$$\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) := \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2c_3 - b_3c_2) + a_2(b_3c_1 - b_1c_3) + a_3(b_1c_2 - b_2c_1)$$
- **Thm 10 & 11 [Plane]:**

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r}_0 \iff ax + by + cz = ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0 = d$$
- **Thm 13 [Derivative properties for vectors]:**

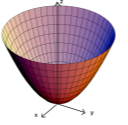
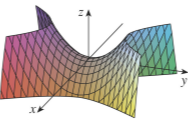
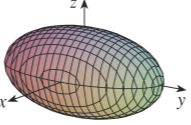
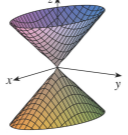
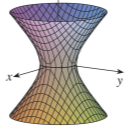
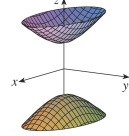
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{r}(t) + \mathbf{s}(t)) &= \mathbf{r}'(t) + \mathbf{s}'(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt}(c\mathbf{r}(t)) &= c\mathbf{r}'(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt}(f(t)\mathbf{r}(t)) &= f'(t)\mathbf{r}(t) + f(t)\mathbf{r}'(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{s}(t)) &= \mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{s}(t) + \mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{s}'(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{s}(t)) &= \mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{s}(t) + \mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{s}'(t) \end{aligned}$$
- **Thm 14 [Arc length]:** (length from a to b) $= \int_a^b \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt$
- **Vector rotation:**

$$\begin{aligned} 90^\circ \text{ anticlockwise: } & \langle x, y \rangle \rightarrow \langle -y, x \rangle \\ 90^\circ \text{ clockwise: } & \langle x, y \rangle \rightarrow \langle y, -x \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Surfaces

- **Level curve** of $f(x, y)$ = horizontal trace (for functions in two vars) = 2-D graph of $f(x, y) = k$ for some constant k
Contour plot = numerous level curves on the same graph
- **Level surface** of $f(x, y, z)$ = 3-D graph of $f(x, y, z) = k$ for some constant k .

Quadric surfaces

- Cylinder = infinite prism
- **Elliptic paraboloid:** $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \frac{z}{c}$ 
- **Hyperbolic paraboloid:** $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \frac{z}{c}$ 
- **Ellipsoid:** $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ 
- **Elliptic cone:** $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 0$ 
- **Hyperboloid of one sheet:** $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ 
- **Hyperboloid of two sheets:** $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = -1$ 

Limits

- **Limit:** $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = L$
iff for any $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(x, y) - L| < \epsilon$ whenever $0 < \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2} < \delta$
- **Thm 15:** To show limit does not exist, take the limit via two different paths that have different limits
- **Thm 16 & 17 [Limit theorems]:** Limits may be taken into addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- **Thm 18 [Squeeze theorem]:**
If $|f(x, y) - L| \leq g(x, y) \forall (x, y)$ close to (a, b) and $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} g(x, y) = 0$
then $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = L$
- **Continuity:** f is continuous at (a, b)
 $\iff \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = f(a, b)$
i.e. the limit exists and the f is valid at (a, b)
- **Thm 20 & 21 [Continuity theorems]:**
If two functions are continuous (at (a, b)), then their sum, difference, product, quotient, and composition are continuous too (quotient requires denominator $\neq 0$)
- All polynomials, trigonometric, exponential, and rational functions are continuous

Partial Derivatives

- **Thm 2 [Clairaut's theorem]:** If f_{xy} and f_{yx} are both continuous on disk containing (a, b) then $f_{xy}(a, b) = f_{yx}(a, b)$
- **Thm 3 [Tangent plane eqn]:**
Given surface $z = f(x, y)$ with point (a, b) :
- normal vector: $\langle f_x(a, b), f_y(a, b), -1 \rangle$
- tangent plane: $z = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x-a) + f_y(a, b)(y-b)$
- **Multivariable differentiability:**
 $z = f(x, y)$ is differentiable at (a, b) if $\Delta z = f_x(a, b)\Delta x + f_y(a, b)\Delta y + \epsilon_1\Delta x + \epsilon_2\Delta y$ (with vanishing ϵ_1 and ϵ_2) i.e. *zooming in to (a, b) will make surface approximate tangent plane*
- f_x & f_y are continuous at $(a, b) \implies f$ is diff.able at (a, b)
- f is differentiable at $(a, b) \implies f$ is continuous at (a, b)

Differentiation Techniques

- **Chain rule:** For $z = f(x, y)$ and $x = x(t), y = y(t)$:
$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

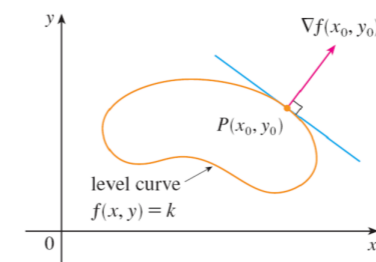
For $z = f(x, y)$ and $x = x(s, t), y = y(s, t)$:
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$
- **Thm 11 [Implicit differentiation]:** Given $F(x, y, z) = 0$ that defines z implicitly as a function of x and y , then:
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x(x, y, z)}{F_z(x, y, z)}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y(x, y, z)}{F_z(x, y, z)}$$

provided $F_z(x, y, z) \neq 0$
- **Quotient rule:**
$$f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)} \implies f'(x) = \frac{g'(x)h(x) - g(x)h'(x)}{[h(x)]^2}$$
- $F(x, y, z) = 0 \implies$ normal vector $= \langle F_x, F_y, F_z \rangle$

Gradient Vectors

- **Thm 13 [Dir. derivatives]:** $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y) \cdot \mathbf{u}$ where $\nabla f(x, y) := \langle f_x, f_y \rangle =$ gradient vector at (x, y) and $\mathbf{u} :=$ direction (as unit vector)
- Direction of $\nabla f(x, y)$ = steepest upward direction
 $\|\nabla f(x, y)\| =$ steepest upward gradient
- **Thm 1 [Level curve $\perp \nabla f$]:** $\mathbf{0} \neq \nabla f(x_0, y_0)$ is normal to the level curve $f(x, y) = k$ that contains (x_0, y_0)



- **Thm 2 [Level surface $\perp \nabla F$]:** $\mathbf{0} \neq \nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is normal to the level surface $F(x, y, z) = k$ that contains (x_0, y_0, z_0)

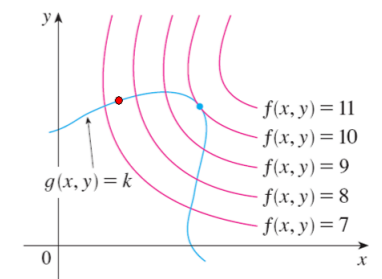
Critical Points, Minimum, Maximum

given $f(x, y): D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- **Local maximum:** (a, b) is a local maximum if $f(x, y) \leq f(a, b)$ for all points (x, y) near (a, b)
- **Local minimum:** (a, b) is a local minimum if $f(x, y) \geq f(a, b)$ for all points (x, y) near (a, b)
- **Saddle point:** (a, b) is a saddle point if $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$ and every neighbourhood at (a, b) contains points $(x, y) \in D$ for which $f(x, y) < f(a, b)$ and points $(x, y) \in D$ for which $f(x, y) > f(a, b)$
- **Critical point:** (a, b) is a critical point if $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$
(If point P is a local maximum/minimum then: $f_x(P)$ and $f_y(P)$ both exist $\implies P$ is a critical point)
- *Local maximum/minimum and critical points cannot be boundary points*
- **Absolute maximum:** f has an absolute max. at (a, b) if $\forall (x, y) \in D, f(x, y) \leq f(a, b)$
- **Absolute minimum:** f has an absolute min. at (a, b) if $\forall (x, y) \in D, f(x, y) \geq f(a, b)$
- **Boundary point of R :** point (a, b) such that every disk with center (a, b) both contains points in R and not in R
- **Closed set:** Set that contains all its boundary points
- **Bounded set:** Set that is contained in some (finite) disk
- **Thm 14 [Extreme Value Theorem]:**
If $f(x, y)$ is continuous on a closed & bounded set D , then the absolute maximum & minimum must exist
- To find absolute maximum/minimum of f with domain D :
1) Find the values of f at all critical points in D
2) Find the extreme values of f on the boundary of D
3) Take largest/smallest of the values of Steps 1 & 2

Lagrange Multipliers

- Suppose $f(x, y)$ and $g(x, y)$ are differentiable functions such that $\nabla g(x, y) \neq \mathbf{0}$ on the constraint curve $g(x, y) = k$.
If (x_0, y_0) is a (local) maximum/minimum of $f(x, y)$ constrained by $g(x, y) = k$, then $\nabla f(x_0, y_0) = \lambda \nabla g(x_0, y_0)$ for some constant λ (the Lagrange multiplier).



- To find the maximum/minimum points of $f(x, y)$ constrained by $g(x, y) = k$, we solve

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f(x_0, y_0) = \lambda \nabla g(x_0, y_0) \\ g(x_0, y_0) = k \end{cases}$$

for x_0, y_0, λ .

