

Lecture 24

Theorem 24.0.1

Let, $f : \mathcal{O}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a C^1 function and γ be a piecewise smooth C^1 curve on $\mathcal{O}_n$, joining two points A and B . Then

$$\int_c \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(B) - f(A)$$

Which means the above line integral is “independent of parametrization”.

Proof.

Let, r be a parametrization of the curve γ and $r : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_n$ such that $r(a) = A$ and $r(b) = B$.

Evaluating the LHS gives,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_c \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} &\stackrel{(23.1)}{=} \int_a^b \nabla f(r(t)) \cdot r'(t) dt \\ &= \int_a^b \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial r_i} \times r'_i(t) \right) dt \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} (f(r(t))) dt \\ &= f(r(b)) - f(r(a)) \\ &= f(B) - f(A) \end{aligned}$$

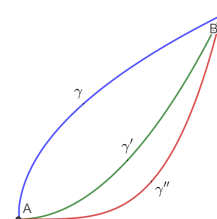


Figure 24.1: Paths from A to B

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This result has an important consequence that we often use in Physics.

“Work done by a conservative force always depends on the **starting point** and the **end point**, not on the path followed by the particle.”

We know if the force is conservative then we can define potential energy U as $\vec{F} = -\nabla U$. Work done by the force is simply the change of potential.

Now we will recall the basics of the Planes and Normals.

24.1 Planes and Normals

Let, $\vec{P}_0 = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$ be a fixed vector in $\mathbb{R}^3$. $\vec{N} = \langle a, b, c \rangle \neq \vec{0}$. The plane through $\vec{P}_0$ with $\vec{N}$ as normal to this plane is,

$$\left\{ \vec{P}_0 + \vec{P} \mid \vec{P} \cdot \vec{N} = 0 \right\} = \left\{ \vec{r} \mid (\vec{r} - \vec{P}_0) \cdot \vec{N} = 0 \right\}$$

Equation of the plane: Consider an arbitrary point $\vec{P} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$ on the plane then,

$$\langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle \cdot \langle a, b, c \rangle = 0$$

So, equation of the plane is

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0 \quad (24.1)$$

Let $\vec{Q}_1, \vec{Q}_2$ be independent in $\mathbb{R}^3$ and also satisfying $\vec{Q}_i \cdot \vec{N} = 0$. Clearly, $\vec{Q}_1 \times \vec{Q}_2 \neq \vec{0}$. We can see $(\vec{Q}_1 \times \vec{Q}_2) \cdot \vec{Q}_i = 0$, i.e., $\{\vec{Q}_1, \vec{Q}_2, \vec{Q}_1 \times \vec{Q}_2\}$ form a basis of $\mathbb{R}^3$.

$$\therefore \vec{Q}_1 \times \vec{Q}_2 = c\vec{N}$$

So, $\{\vec{P}_0 + r_1\vec{Q}_1 + r_2\vec{Q}_2 \mid r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ describes the same plane as (24.1).

24.2 Surface and Surface Integrals

Definition 24.2.1 ► Region

A subset $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ is called a “Region” if $\mathcal{R}$ is Open and $\mathcal{R}$ has an area (i.e. $\partial\mathcal{R}$ is **content zero**)

Definition 24.2.2 ► Parametrized Surface

Let $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ be a region. A C^1 function $r : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ said to be a “Parametrized Surface” if :

- The component functions r_i have bounded partials
- r is 1 – 1 function
- $\frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial v} \neq \vec{0}$ for all $(u, v) \in \mathcal{R}$. This means total derivative of r has rank 2.

We will call range of r as a **Surface**, $\mathcal{S} = \text{ran}(r)$.

Let, η be a map defined on $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ that maps $t \xrightarrow{\eta} r(u_0 = 0 + t, v_0)$. Clearly, η defines smooth curve on $\mathcal{S}$. Similarly, we can define $\tilde{\eta}$ on $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ that maps $t \xrightarrow{\tilde{\eta}} r(u_0, v_0 + t)$.

Thus, $\tilde{\eta}$ also defines a smooth curve on $\mathcal{S}$.

From the Figure 24.2 we can see η and $\tilde{\eta}$ are the curves. $r_u(u_0, v_0) = \frac{d\eta}{dt} \big|_{t=0}$, which gives the tangent of the curve η at point (u_0, v_0) along x axis.

Similarly, for $\tilde{\eta}$, $r_v(u_0, v_0)$ gives the tangent of $\tilde{\eta}$ along y axis. The vectors $r_u(u_0, v_0), r_v(u_0, v_0)$ spanned together to form a plane. This plane is known as **Tangent Plane**.

Since r is C^1 , both $\vec{r}_u$ and $\vec{r}_v$ are continuous and hence $\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v$ is continuous. Also, $\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v$ is along the normal vector of $\mathcal{S}$ at $r(u_0, v_0)$ which follows from the previous section.

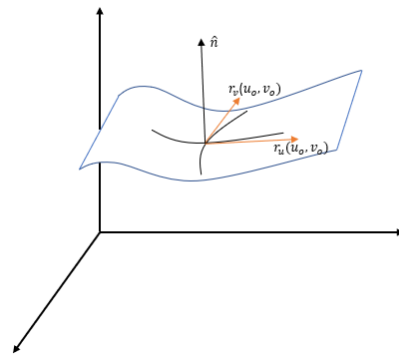


Figure 24.2

Now we will move towards a very important definition.

Definition 24.2.3 ► Tangent Plane

For a Parametrized Surface r , let $\text{ran}(r) = \mathcal{S}$ and $r(u_0, v_0) = P$, then the plane generated by $r_u(u_0, v_0)$ and $r_v(u_0, v_0)$ through $r(u_0, v_0)$ is called the **Tangent Plane** of $\mathcal{S}$ through P .

We denote it by $T_P\mathcal{S}$.

Every element of $T_P\mathcal{S}$ is called **Tangent Vectors** at P on $\mathcal{S}$.

It can be shown that $T_P\mathcal{S}$ is independent of parametrization of $\mathcal{S}$, i.e., $T_P\mathcal{S}$ is independent of r (**Exercise**). Actually, for different $\tilde{r}$ of $\mathcal{S}$ the basis for $T_P\mathcal{S}$ will be changed. But they still generate the same plane.

24.3 Examples

We will go through some examples.

Example 24.3.1 (Graph of Function)

Let $f : \mathcal{O}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a C^1 function then the graph of f is $\mathcal{G}(f) = \{(x, y, f(x, y)) : (x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_2\}$. Under the conditions $\mathcal{O}_2$ is bounded and partial derivatives of f is bounded, we want to find a parametrization of this Surface $\mathcal{G}(f)$.

Answer. Here, we use the trivial parametrization $r : \mathcal{O}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ that is $r(x, y) = (x, y, f(x, y))$.

Clearly, r is one - one. Now, $r_u(u, v) = (1, 0, f_u)$ and $r_v(u, v) = (0, 1, f_v)$.

So, $r_u \times r_v = (-f_u, -f_v, 1) \neq \vec{0}$. So, it is a parametrization of the surface.

Example 24.3.2 (Torus)

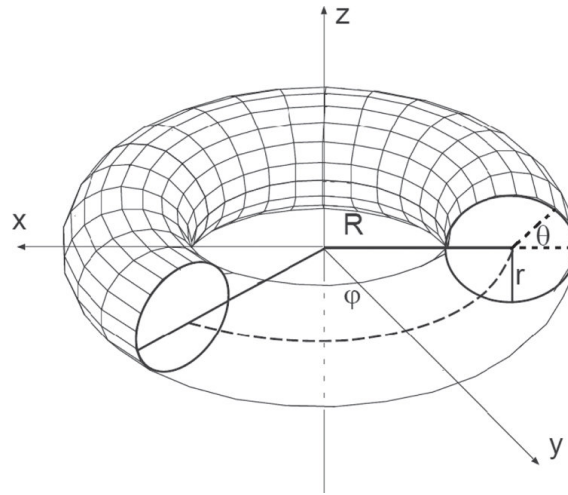


Figure 24.3: Torus.

Parametrization is given by, $(0 < r < R)$

$$r(\theta, \varphi) = ((R + r \cos \theta) \cos \varphi, (R + r \cos \theta) \sin \varphi, r \sin \theta); 0 \leq \theta, \varphi \leq 2\pi \quad (24.2)$$

Example 24.3.3 (Surface of Revolution)

Let f, g be C^1 functions on $[0, b]$. Consider the curve $t \mapsto (0, f(t), g(t))$ is a C^1 curve. If we rotate the curve with respect to z axis, we must get a surface. Parametrization of the surface is given by,

$$r(u, v) = (f(u) \cos v, f(u) \sin v, g(u)) \quad ; u \in [0, b], v \in [0, 2\pi]$$

Exercise. Find the Parametrization of a sphere of radius R .