

Math 240: Vector Calc. Review

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Outline

- 1 Review
- 2 Today's Goals
- 3 Vector-Valued Functions
- 4 Del, Div, Curl, Grad

Review for Last Time

- 1 Learned how to model spring/mass systems with damped motion.
- 2 Learned how to model spring/mass systems with driven motion.

Spring/Mass Example

Suppose 16 N of force stretches a spring 1 meter from equilibrium. If a mass of 4 kg is attached to the spring and subjected to a driving force given by $f(t) = \cos(t)$, then find the equation that models the position of the system in the absence of a damping force.

Today's Goals

- 1 Review vector valued functions.
- 2 Review del , grad, curl and div.
- 3 Review line integrals.

Vector-Valued Functions

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Important: These are the parameterized curves we will integrate along

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(Chain Rule) If \mathbf{r} is a differentiable vector function and $s = u(t)$ is a differentiable scalar function, then

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt} = \mathbf{r}'(s)u'(t).$$

Integrating Vector-Valued Functions

Theorem

If f , g and h are integrable and $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$, then

$$\int \mathbf{r}(t) dt = \left\langle \int f(t) dt, \int g(t) dt, \int h(t) dt \right\rangle$$

$$\int_a^b \mathbf{r}(t) dt = \left\langle \int_a^b f(t) dt, \int_a^b g(t) dt, \int_a^b h(t) dt \right\rangle$$

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Example: Guess the gradient of $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ at $(1, 1, 1)$ by interpreting the function as volume of a box.

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Curl measures the tendency of a vector field to rotate. Divergence measures the tendency of a vector field to expand or contract.

Compositions

It is important to note

- 1 $\text{grad}(\text{scalar function}) = \text{vector field}$
- 2 $\text{div}(\text{vector field}) = \text{scalar function}$
- 3 $\text{curl}(\text{vector field}) = \text{vector field}$

Line Integrals in 2D

If $G(x,y)$ is a scalar valued function and C is a smooth curve in the plane defined by the parametric equations $x = f(t)$ and $y = g(t)$ where $a \leq t \leq b$ then we can define the following line integrals

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Line Integrals in 3D

If $G(x,y,z)$ is a scalar valued function and C is a smooth curve in 3-space defined by the parametric equations $x = f(t)$, $y = g(t)$ and $z = h(t)$ where $a \leq t \leq b$ then we can define the following line integrals

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