

Mathematics Formulary

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Chapter 1

Basics

1.1 Goniometric functions

For the goniometric ratios for a point p on the unit circle holds:

$$\cos(\phi) = x_p \quad , \quad \sin(\phi) = y_p \quad , \quad \tan(\phi) = \frac{y_p}{x_p}$$

$$\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \cos^{-2}(x) = 1 + \tan^2(x).$$

$$\cos(a \pm b) = \cos(a) \cos(b) \mp \sin(a) \sin(b) \quad , \quad \sin(a \pm b) = \sin(a) \cos(b) \pm \cos(a) \sin(b)$$

$$\tan(a \pm b) = \frac{\tan(a) \pm \tan(b)}{1 \mp \tan(a) \tan(b)}$$

The **sum formulas** are:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(p) + \sin(q) &= 2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(p+q)\right) \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(p-q)\right) \\ \sin(p) - \sin(q) &= 2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(p+q)\right) \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(p-q)\right) \\ \cos(p) + \cos(q) &= 2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(p+q)\right) \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(p-q)\right) \\ \cos(p) - \cos(q) &= -2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(p+q)\right) \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(p-q)\right) \end{aligned}$$

From these equations can be derived that

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \cos^2(x) &= 1 + \cos(2x) \quad , \quad 2 \sin^2(x) = 1 - \cos(2x) \\ \sin(\pi - x) &= \sin(x) \quad , \quad \cos(\pi - x) = -\cos(x) \\ \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi - x\right) &= \cos(x) \quad , \quad \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi - x\right) = \sin(x) \end{aligned}$$

Conclusions from equalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sin(x) = \sin(a)}{\cos(x) = \cos(a)} &\Rightarrow x = a \pm 2k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad x = (\pi - a) \pm 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \\ \frac{\cos(x) = \cos(a)}{\tan(x) = \tan(a)} &\Rightarrow x = a \pm 2k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad x = -a \pm 2k\pi \\ &\Rightarrow x = a \pm k\pi \quad \text{and} \quad x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} \pm k\pi \end{aligned}$$

The following relations exist between the inverse goniometric functions:

$$\arctan(x) = \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}\right) = \arccos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}\right) \quad , \quad \sin(\arccos(x)) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

1.2 Hyperbolic functions

The hyperbolic functions are defined by:

$$\sinh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \quad , \quad \cosh(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \quad , \quad \tanh(x) = \frac{\sinh(x)}{\cosh(x)}$$

From this follows that $\cosh^2(x) - \sinh^2(x) = 1$. Further holds:

$$\operatorname{arsinh}(x) = \ln |x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}| \quad , \quad \operatorname{arcosh}(x) = \operatorname{arsinh}(\sqrt{x^2 - 1})$$

1.3 Calculus

The derivative of a function is defined as:

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Derivatives obey the following algebraic rules:

$$d(x \pm y) = dx \pm dy \quad , \quad d(xy) = xdy + ydx \quad , \quad d\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \frac{ydx - xdy}{y^2}$$

For the derivative of the inverse function $f^{\operatorname{inv}}(y)$, defined by $f^{\operatorname{inv}}(f(x)) = x$, holds at point $P = (x, f(x))$:

$$\left(\frac{df^{\operatorname{inv}}(y)}{dy}\right)_P \cdot \left(\frac{df(x)}{dx}\right)_P = 1$$

Chain rule: if $f = f(g(x))$, then holds

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{df}{dg} \frac{dg}{dx}$$

Further, for the derivatives of products of functions holds:

$$(f \cdot g)^{(n)} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(n-k)} \cdot g^{(k)}$$

For the *primitive function* $F(x)$ holds: $F'(x) = f(x)$. An overview of derivatives and primitives is:

$y = f(x)$	$dy/dx = f'(x)$	$\int f(x)dx$
ax^n	anx^{n-1}	$a(n+1)^{-1}x^{n+1}$
$1/x$	$-x^{-2}$	$\ln x $
a	0	ax
a^x	$a^x \ln(a)$	$a^x / \ln(a)$
e^x	e^x	e^x
${}^a \log(x)$	$(x \ln(a))^{-1}$	$(x \ln(x) - x) / \ln(a)$
$\ln(x)$	$1/x$	$x \ln(x) - x$
$\sin(x)$	$\cos(x)$	$-\cos(x)$
$\cos(x)$	$-\sin(x)$	$\sin(x)$
$\tan(x)$	$\cos^{-2}(x)$	$-\ln \cos(x) $
$\sin^{-1}(x)$	$-\sin^{-2}(x) \cos(x)$	$\ln \tan(\frac{1}{2}x) $
$\sinh(x)$	$\cosh(x)$	$\cosh(x)$
$\cosh(x)$	$\sinh(x)$	$\sinh(x)$
$\arcsin(x)$	$1/\sqrt{1-x^2}$	$x \arcsin(x) + \sqrt{1-x^2}$
$\arccos(x)$	$-1/\sqrt{1-x^2}$	$x \arccos(x) - \sqrt{1-x^2}$
$\arctan(x)$	$(1+x^2)^{-1}$	$x \arctan(x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2)$
$(a+x^2)^{-1/2}$	$-x(a+x^2)^{-3/2}$	$\ln x + \sqrt{a+x^2} $
$(a^2-x^2)^{-1}$	$2x(a^2-x^2)^{-2}$	$\frac{1}{2a} \ln (a+x)/(a-x) $

The curvature ρ of a curve is given by: $\rho = \frac{(1 + (y')^2)^{3/2}}{|y''|}$

The theorem of De l'Hôpital: if $f(a) = 0$ and $g(a) = 0$, then is $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$

1.4 Limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(x)}{x} = 1, \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} (1+k)^{1/k} = e, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{n}{x}\right)^x = e^n$$

$$\lim_{x \downarrow 0} x^a \ln(x) = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln^p(x)}{x^a} = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(x+a)}{x} = a, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^p}{a^x} = 0 \text{ als } |a| > 1.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (a^{1/x} - 1) = \ln(a), \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\arcsin(x)}{x} = 1, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[x]{x} = 1$$

1.5 Complex numbers and quaternions

1.5.1 Complex numbers

The complex number $z = a + bi$ with a and $b \in \mathbb{R}$. a is the *real part*, b the *imaginary part* of z . $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$. By definition holds: $i^2 = -1$. Every complex number can be written as $z = |z| \exp(i\varphi)$,

with $\tan(\varphi) = b/a$. The *complex conjugate* of z is defined as $\bar{z} = z^* := a - bi$. Further holds:

$$\begin{aligned}(a + bi)(c + di) &= (ac - bd) + i(ad + bc) \\ (a + bi) + (c + di) &= a + c + i(b + d) \\ \frac{a + bi}{c + di} &= \frac{(ac + bd) + i(bc - ad)}{c^2 + d^2}\end{aligned}$$

Goniometric functions can be written as complex exponents:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(x) &= \frac{1}{2i}(e^{ix} - e^{-ix}) \\ \cos(x) &= \frac{1}{2}(e^{ix} + e^{-ix})\end{aligned}$$

From this follows that $\cos(ix) = \cosh(x)$ and $\sin(ix) = i \sinh(x)$. Further follows from this that $e^{\pm ix} = \cos(x) \pm i \sin(x)$, so $e^{iz} \neq 0 \forall z$. Also the theorem of De Moivre follows from this: $(\cos(\varphi) + i \sin(\varphi))^n = \cos(n\varphi) + i \sin(n\varphi)$.

Products and quotients of complex numbers can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 \cdot z_2 &= |z_1| \cdot |z_2| (\cos(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2) + i \sin(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2)) \\ \frac{z_1}{z_2} &= \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|} (\cos(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2) + i \sin(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2))\end{aligned}$$

The following can be derived:

$$|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2| \quad , \quad |z_1 - z_2| \geq ||z_1| - |z_2||$$

And from $z = r \exp(i\theta)$ follows: $\ln(z) = \ln(r) + i\theta$, $\ln(z) = \ln(z) \pm 2n\pi i$.

1.5.2 Quaternions

Quaternions are defined as: $z = a + bi + cj + dk$, with $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ and $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$. The products of i, j, k with each other are given by $ij = -ji = k$, $jk = -kj = i$ and $ki = -ik = j$.

1.6 Geometry

1.6.1 Triangles

The sine rule is:

$$\frac{a}{\sin(\alpha)} = \frac{b}{\sin(\beta)} = \frac{c}{\sin(\gamma)}$$

Here, α is the angle opposite to a , β is opposite to b and γ opposite to c . The cosine rule is: $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos(\alpha)$. For each triangle holds: $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^\circ$.

Further holds:

$$\frac{\tan(\frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta))}{\tan(\frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta))} = \frac{a + b}{a - b}$$

The surface of a triangle is given by $\frac{1}{2}ab \sin(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2}ah_a = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$ with h_a the perpendicular on a and $s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c)$.

1.6.2 Curves

Cycloid: if a circle with radius a rolls along a straight line, the trajectory of a point on this circle has the following parameter equation:

$$x = a(t + \sin(t)) \quad , \quad y = a(1 + \cos(t))$$

Epicycloid: if a small circle with radius a rolls along a big circle with radius R , the trajectory of a point on the small circle has the following parameter equation:

$$x = a \sin\left(\frac{R+a}{a}t\right) + (R+a)\sin(t) \quad , \quad y = a \cos\left(\frac{R+a}{a}t\right) + (R+a)\cos(t)$$

Hypocycloid: if a small circle with radius a rolls inside a big circle with radius R , the trajectory of a point on the small circle has the following parameter equation:

$$x = a \sin\left(\frac{R-a}{a}t\right) + (R-a)\sin(t) \quad , \quad y = -a \cos\left(\frac{R-a}{a}t\right) + (R-a)\cos(t)$$

A hypocycloid with $a = R$ is called a **cardioid**. It has the following parameterequation in polar coordinates: $r = 2a[1 - \cos(\varphi)]$.

1.7 Vectors

The *inner product* is defined by: $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sum_i a_i b_i = |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}| \cos(\varphi)$

where φ is the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} . The *external product* is in \mathbb{R}^3 defined by:

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} a_y b_z - a_z b_y \\ a_z b_x - a_x b_z \\ a_x b_y - a_y b_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{e}_x & \vec{e}_y & \vec{e}_z \\ a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Further holds: $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}| \sin(\varphi)$, and $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c}$.

1.8 Series

1.8.1 Expansion

The Binomium of Newton is:

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$$

where $\binom{n}{k} := \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$.

By subtracting the series $\sum_{k=0}^n r^k$ and $r \sum_{k=0}^n r^k$ one finds:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n r^k = \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r}$$

and for $|r| < 1$ this gives the *geometric series*: $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} r^k = \frac{1}{1-r}$.

The *arithmetic series* is given by: $\sum_{n=0}^N (a+nV) = a(N+1) + \frac{1}{2}N(N+1)V$.

The expansion of a function around the point a is given by the *Taylor series*:

$$f(x) = f(a) + (x-a)f'(a) + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2}f''(a) + \cdots + \frac{(x-a)^n}{n!}f^{(n)}(a) + R$$

where the remainder is given by:

$$R_n(h) = (1-\theta)^n \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n+1)}(\theta h)$$

and is subject to:

$$\frac{mh^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \leq R_n(h) \leq \frac{Mh^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

From this one can deduce that

$$(1-x)^\alpha = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{n} x^n$$

One can derive that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} &= \frac{\pi^2}{6}, & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} &= \frac{\pi^4}{90}, & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^6} &= \frac{\pi^6}{945} \\ \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 &= \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1), & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} &= \frac{\pi^2}{12}, & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} &= \ln(2) \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2-1} &= \frac{1}{2}, & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} &= \frac{\pi^2}{8}, & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^4} &= \frac{\pi^4}{96}, & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^3} &= \frac{\pi^3}{32} \end{aligned}$$

1.8.2 Convergence and divergence of series

If $\sum_n |u_n|$ converges, $\sum_n u_n$ also converges.

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n \neq 0$ then $\sum_n u_n$ is divergent.

An alternating series of which the absolute values of the terms drop monotonously to 0 is convergent (Leibniz).

If $\int_p^\infty f(x)dx < \infty$, then $\sum_n f_n$ is convergent.

If $u_n > 0 \forall n$ then is $\sum_n u_n$ convergent if $\sum_n \ln(u_n + 1)$ is convergent.

If $u_n = c_n x^n$ the radius of convergence ρ of $\sum_n u_n$ is given by: $\frac{1}{\rho} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|c_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \right|$.

The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ is convergent if $p > 1$ and divergent if $p \leq 1$.

If: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = p$, then the following is true: if $p > 0$ then $\sum_n u_n$ and $\sum_n v_n$ are both divergent or both convergent, if $p = 0$ holds: if $\sum_n v_n$ is convergent, then $\sum_n u_n$ is also convergent.

If L is defined by: $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|n_n|}$, or by: $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right|$, then is $\sum_n u_n$ divergent if $L > 1$ and convergent if $L < 1$.

1.8.3 Convergence and divergence of functions

$f(x)$ is continuous in $x = a$ only if the upper - and lower limit are equal: $\lim_{x \uparrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \downarrow a} f(x)$. This is written as: $f(a^-) = f(a^+)$.

If $f(x)$ is continuous in a and: $\lim_{x \uparrow a} f'(x) = \lim_{x \downarrow a} f'(x)$, then $f(x)$ is differentiable in $x = a$.

We define: $\|f\|_W := \sup(|f(x)| \mid x \in W)$, and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$. Then holds: $\{f_n\}$ is uniform convergent if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\| = 0$, or: $\forall(\varepsilon > 0) \exists(N) \forall(n \geq N) \|f_n - f\| < \varepsilon$.

Weierstrass' test: if $\sum \|u_n\|_W$ is convergent, then $\sum u_n$ is uniform convergent.

We define $S(x) = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ and $F(y) = \int_a^b f(x, y) dx := F$. Then it can be proved that:

Theorem	For	Demands on W	Then holds on W
C	rows	f_n continuous, $\{f_n\}$ uniform convergent	f is continuous
	series	$S(x)$ uniform convergent, u_n continuous	S is continuous
	integral	f is continuous	F is continuous
I	rows	f_n can be integrated, $\{f_n\}$ uniform convergent	f_n can be integrated, $\int f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n dx$
	series	$S(x)$ is uniform convergent, u_n can be integrated	S can be integrated, $\int S dx = \sum \int u_n dx$
	integral	f is continuous	$\int F dy = \iint f(x, y) dx dy$
D	rows	$\{f_n\} \in C^{-1}$; $\{f'_n\}$ unif.conv $\rightarrow \phi$	$f' = \phi(x)$
	series	$u_n \in C^{-1}$; $\sum u_n$ conv; $\sum u'_n$ u.c.	$S'(x) = \sum u'_n(x)$
	integral	$\partial f / \partial y$ continuous	$F_y = \int f_y(x, y) dx$

1.9 Products and quotients

For $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ holds:

The **distributive property**: $(a + b)(c + d) = ac + ad + bc + bd$

The **associative property**: $a(bc) = b(ac) = c(ab)$ and $a(b + c) = ab + ac$

The **commutative property**: $a + b = b + a$, $ab = ba$.

Further holds:

$$\frac{a^{2n} - b^{2n}}{a \pm b} = a^{2n-1} \pm a^{2n-2}b + a^{2n-3}b^2 \pm \dots \pm b^{2n-1} \quad , \quad \frac{a^{2n+1} - b^{2n+1}}{a + b} = \sum_{k=0}^n a^{2n-k}b^{2k}$$

$$(a \pm b)(a^2 \pm ab + b^2) = a^3 \pm b^3 \quad , \quad (a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2 \quad , \quad \frac{a^3 \pm b^3}{a + b} = a^2 \mp ba + b^2$$

1.10 Logarithms

Definition: ${}^a \log(x) = b \Leftrightarrow a^b = x$. For logarithms with base e one writes $\ln(x)$.

Rules: $\log(x^n) = n \log(x)$, $\log(a) + \log(b) = \log(ab)$, $\log(a) - \log(b) = \log(a/b)$.

1.11 Polynomials

Equations of the type

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k = 0$$

have n roots which may be equal to each other. Each polynomial $p(z)$ of order $n \geq 1$ has at least one root in \mathbb{C} . If all $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$ holds: when $x = p$ with $p \in \mathbb{C}$ a root, then p^* is also a root. Polynomials up to and including order 4 have a general analytical solution, for polynomials with order ≥ 5 there does not exist a general analytical solution.

For $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a \neq 0$ holds: the 2nd order equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ has the general solution:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

For $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a \neq 0$ holds: the 3rd order equation $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ has the general analytical solution:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= K - \frac{3ac - b^2}{9a^2K} - \frac{b}{3a} \\ x_2 = x_3^* &= -\frac{K}{2} + \frac{3ac - b^2}{18a^2K} - \frac{b}{3a} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(K + \frac{3ac - b^2}{9a^2K} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } K = \left(\frac{9abc - 27da^2 - 2b^3}{54a^3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{4ac^3 - c^2b^2 - 18abcd + 27a^2d^2 + 4db^3}}{18a^2} \right)^{1/3}$$

1.12 Primes

A *prime* is a number $\in \mathbb{N}$ that can only be divided by itself and 1. There are an infinite number of primes.

Proof: suppose that the collection of primes P would be finite, then construct the number $q = 1 + \prod_{p \in P} p$,

then holds $q = 1(p)$ and so Q cannot be written as a product of primes from P . This is a contradiction.

If $\pi(x)$ is the number of primes $\leq x$, then holds:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x)}{x / \ln(x)} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x)}{x \int_2^x \frac{dt}{\ln(t)}} = 1$$

For each $N \geq 2$ there is a prime between N and $2N$.

The numbers $F_k := 2^k + 1$ with $k \in \mathbb{N}$ are called *Fermat numbers*. Many Fermat numbers are prime.

The numbers $M_k := 2^k - 1$ are called *Mersenne numbers*. They occur when one searches for *perfect numbers*, which are numbers $n \in \mathbb{N}$ which are the sum of their different dividers, for example $6 = 1 + 2 + 3$. There are 23 Mersenne numbers for $k < 12000$ which are prime: for $k \in \{2, 3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 19, 31, 61, 89, 107, 127, 521, 607, 1279, 2203, 2281, 3217, 4253, 4423, 9689, 9941, 11213\}$.

To check if a given number n is prime one can use a sieve method. The first known sieve method was developed by Eratosthenes. A faster method for large numbers are the 4 Fermat tests, who don't prove that a number is prime but give a large probability.

1. Take the first 4 primes: $b = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$,
2. Take $w(b) = b^{n-1} \bmod n$, for each b ,
3. If $w = 1$ for each b , then n is probably prime. For each other value of w , n is certainly not prime.

Chapter 3

Calculus

3.1 Integrals

3.1.1 Arithmetic rules

The primitive function $F(x)$ of $f(x)$ obeys the rule $F'(x) = f(x)$. With $F(x)$ the primitive of $f(x)$ holds for the definite integral

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

If $u = f(x)$ holds:

$$\int_a^b g(f(x))df(x) = \int_{f(a)}^{f(b)} g(u)du$$

Partial integration: with F and G the primitives of f and g holds:

$$\int f(x) \cdot g(x)dx = f(x)G(x) - \int G(x)\frac{df(x)}{dx}dx$$

A derivative can be brought under the intergal sign (see section 1.8.3 for the required conditions):

$$\frac{d}{dy} \left[\int_{x=g(y)}^{x=h(y)} f(x, y)dx \right] = \int_{x=g(y)}^{x=h(y)} \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} dx - f(g(y), y) \frac{dg(y)}{dy} + f(h(y), y) \frac{dh(y)}{dy}$$

3.1.2 Arc lengths, surfaces and volumes

The arc length ℓ of a curve $y(x)$ is given by:

$$\ell = \int \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy(x)}{dx} \right)^2} dx$$

The arc length ℓ of a parameter curve $F(\vec{x}(t))$ is:

$$\ell = \int Fds = \int F(\vec{x}(t))|\dot{\vec{x}}(t)|dt$$

with

$$\vec{t} = \frac{d\vec{x}}{ds} = \frac{\dot{\vec{x}}(t)}{|\dot{\vec{x}}(t)|}, \quad |\vec{t}| = 1$$

$$\int (\vec{v}, \vec{t}) ds = \int (\vec{v}, \dot{\vec{x}}(t)) dt = \int (v_1 dx + v_2 dy + v_3 dz)$$

The surface A of a solid of revolution is:

$$A = 2\pi \int y \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy(x)}{dx}\right)^2} dx$$

The volume V of a solid of revolution is:

$$V = \pi \int f^2(x) dx$$

3.1.3 Separation of quotients

Every rational function $P(x)/Q(x)$ where P and Q are polynomials can be written as a linear combination of functions of the type $(x - a)^k$ with $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, and of functions of the type

$$\frac{px + q}{((x - a)^2 + b^2)^n}$$

with $b > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. So:

$$\frac{p(x)}{(x - a)^n} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{A_k}{(x - a)^k}, \quad \frac{p(x)}{((x - b)^2 + c^2)^n} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{A_k x + B}{((x - b)^2 + c^2)^k}$$

Recurrent relation: for $n \neq 0$ holds:

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 1)^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2n} \frac{x}{(x^2 + 1)^n} + \frac{2n - 1}{2n} \int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 1)^n}$$

3.1.4 Special functions

Elliptic functions

Elliptic functions can be written as a power series as follows:

$$\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2(x)} = 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n - 1)!!}{(2n)!!(2n - 1)} k^{2n} \sin^{2n}(x)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2(x)}} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n - 1)!!}{(2n)!!} k^{2n} \sin^{2n}(x)$$

with $n!! = n(n - 2)!!$.

The Gamma function

The gamma function $\Gamma(y)$ is defined by:

$$\Gamma(y) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} x^{y-1} dx$$

One can derive that $\Gamma(y+1) = y\Gamma(y) = y!$. This is a way to define faculties for non-integers. Further one can derive that

$$\Gamma(n + \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^n} (2n-1)!! \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma^{(n)}(y) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} x^{y-1} \ln^n(x) dx$$

The Beta function

The betafunction $\beta(p, q)$ is defined by:

$$\beta(p, q) = \int_0^1 x^{p-1} (1-x)^{q-1} dx$$

with p and $q > 0$. The beta and gamma functions are related by the following equation:

$$\beta(p, q) = \frac{\Gamma(p)\Gamma(q)}{\Gamma(p+q)}$$

The Delta function

The delta function $\delta(x)$ is an infinitely thin peak function with surface 1. It can be defined by:

$$\delta(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} P(\varepsilon, x) \quad \text{with} \quad P(\varepsilon, x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } |x| > \varepsilon \\ \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} & \text{when } |x| < \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

Some properties are:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) dx = 1 \quad , \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) \delta(x) dx = F(0)$$

3.1.5 Goniometric integrals

When solving goniometric integrals it can be useful to change variables. The following holds if one defines $\tan(\frac{1}{2}x) := t$:

$$dx = \frac{2dt}{1+t^2} \quad , \quad \cos(x) = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2} \quad , \quad \sin(x) = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$$

Each integral of the type $\int R(x, \sqrt{ax^2 + bx + c})dx$ can be converted into one of the types that were treated in **section 3.1.3**. After this conversion one can substitute in the integrals of the type:

$$\begin{aligned} \int R(x, \sqrt{x^2 + 1})dx & : x = \tan(\varphi), dx = \frac{d\varphi}{\cos(\varphi)} \text{ of } \sqrt{x^2 + 1} = t + x \\ \int R(x, \sqrt{1 - x^2})dx & : x = \sin(\varphi), dx = \cos(\varphi)d\varphi \text{ of } \sqrt{1 - x^2} = 1 - tx \\ \int R(x, \sqrt{x^2 - 1})dx & : x = \frac{1}{\cos(\varphi)}, dx = \frac{\sin(\varphi)}{\cos^2(\varphi)}d\varphi \text{ of } \sqrt{x^2 - 1} = x - t \end{aligned}$$

These definite integrals are easily solved:

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n(x) \sin^m(x)dx = \frac{(n-1)!!(m-1)!!}{(m+n)!!} \cdot \begin{cases} \pi/2 & \text{when } m \text{ and } n \text{ are both even} \\ 1 & \text{in all other cases} \end{cases}$$

Some important integrals are:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x dx}{e^{ax} + 1} = \frac{\pi^2}{12a^2}, \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2 dx}{(e^x + 1)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{3}, \quad \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 dx}{e^x + 1} = \frac{\pi^4}{15}$$

3.2 Functions with more variables

3.2.1 Derivatives

The *partial derivative* with respect to x of a function $f(x, y)$ is defined by:

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_{x_0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

The *directional derivative* in the direction of α is defined by:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha} = \lim_{r \downarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + r \cos(\alpha), y_0 + r \sin(\alpha)) - f(x_0, y_0)}{r} = (\vec{\nabla} f, (\sin \alpha, \cos \alpha)) = \frac{\nabla f \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|}$$

When one changes to coordinates $f(x(u, v), y(u, v))$ holds:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$$

If $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ depend only on one parameter t holds:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

The *total differential* df of a function of 3 variables is given by:

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} dz$$

So

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dx}$$

The *tangent* in point \vec{x}_0 at the surface $f(x, y) = 0$ is given by the equation $f_x(\vec{x}_0)(x-x_0) + f_y(\vec{x}_0)(y-y_0) = 0$.

The *tangent plane* in \vec{x}_0 is given by: $f_x(\vec{x}_0)(x-x_0) + f_y(\vec{x}_0)(y-y_0) = z - f(\vec{x}_0)$.

3.2.2 Taylor series

A function of two variables can be expanded as follows in a Taylor series:

$$f(x_0 + h, y_0 + k) = \sum_{p=0}^n \frac{1}{p!} \left(h \frac{\partial^p}{\partial x^p} + k \frac{\partial^p}{\partial y^p} \right) f(x_0, y_0) + R(n)$$

with $R(n)$ the residual error and

$$\left(h \frac{\partial^p}{\partial x^p} + k \frac{\partial^p}{\partial y^p} \right) f(a, b) = \sum_{m=0}^p \binom{p}{m} h^m k^{p-m} \frac{\partial^p f(a, b)}{\partial x^m \partial y^{p-m}}$$

3.2.3 Extrema

When f is continuous on a compact boundary V there exists a global maximum and a global minimum for f on this boundary. A boundary is called compact if it is limited and closed.

Possible extrema of $f(x, y)$ on a boundary $V \in \mathbb{R}^2$ are:

1. Points on V where $f(x, y)$ is not differentiable,
2. Points where $\vec{\nabla} f = \vec{0}$,
3. If the boundary V is given by $\varphi(x, y) = 0$, than all points where $\vec{\nabla} f(x, y) + \lambda \vec{\nabla} \varphi(x, y) = 0$ are possible for extrema. This is the multiplier method of Lagrange, λ is called a multiplier.

The same as in \mathbb{R}^2 holds in \mathbb{R}^3 when the area to be searched is constrained by a compact V , and V is defined by $\varphi_1(x, y, z) = 0$ and $\varphi_2(x, y, z) = 0$ for extrema of $f(x, y, z)$ for points (1) and (2). Point (3) is rewritten as follows: possible extrema are points where $\vec{\nabla} f(x, y, z) + \lambda_1 \vec{\nabla} \varphi_1(x, y, z) + \lambda_2 \vec{\nabla} \varphi_2(x, y, z) = 0$.

3.2.4 The ∇ -operator

In cartesian coordinates (x, y, z) holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{e}_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{e}_y + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{e}_z \\ \text{grad } f &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \vec{e}_x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \vec{e}_y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \vec{e}_z \\ \text{div } \vec{a} &= \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial a_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{curl} \vec{a} &= \left(\frac{\partial a_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial a_y}{\partial z} \right) \vec{e}_x + \left(\frac{\partial a_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial x} \right) \vec{e}_y + \left(\frac{\partial a_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial y} \right) \vec{e}_z \\ \nabla^2 f &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}\end{aligned}$$

In cylindrical coordinates (r, φ, z) holds:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \vec{e}_\varphi + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{e}_z \\ \operatorname{grad} f &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi} \vec{e}_\varphi + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \vec{e}_z \\ \operatorname{div} \vec{a} &= \frac{\partial a_r}{\partial r} + \frac{a_r}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial a_\varphi}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial z} \\ \operatorname{curl} \vec{a} &= \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{\partial a_\varphi}{\partial z} \right) \vec{e}_r + \left(\frac{\partial a_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial r} \right) \vec{e}_\varphi + \left(\frac{\partial a_\varphi}{\partial r} + \frac{a_\varphi}{r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial a_r}{\partial \varphi} \right) \vec{e}_z \\ \nabla^2 f &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \varphi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}\end{aligned}$$

In spherical coordinates (r, θ, φ) holds:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \vec{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \vec{e}_\varphi \\ \operatorname{grad} f &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \vec{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi} \vec{e}_\varphi \\ \operatorname{div} \vec{a} &= \frac{\partial a_r}{\partial r} + \frac{2a_r}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial a_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{a_\theta}{r \tan \theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial a_\varphi}{\partial \varphi} \\ \operatorname{curl} \vec{a} &= \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial a_\varphi}{\partial \theta} + \frac{a_\theta}{r \tan \theta} - \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial a_\theta}{\partial \varphi} \right) \vec{e}_r + \left(\frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial a_r}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{\partial a_\varphi}{\partial r} - \frac{a_\varphi}{r} \right) \vec{e}_\theta + \\ &\quad \left(\frac{\partial a_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{a_\theta}{r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial a_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \vec{e}_\varphi \\ \nabla^2 f &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{r^2 \tan \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \varphi^2}\end{aligned}$$

General orthonormal curvilinear coordinates (u, v, w) can be derived from cartesian coordinates by the transformation $\vec{x} = \vec{x}(u, v, w)$. The unit vectors are given by:

$$\vec{e}_u = \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial \vec{x}}{\partial u}, \quad \vec{e}_v = \frac{1}{h_2} \frac{\partial \vec{x}}{\partial v}, \quad \vec{e}_w = \frac{1}{h_3} \frac{\partial \vec{x}}{\partial w}$$

where the terms h_i give normalization to length 1. The differential operators are then given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{grad} f &= \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \vec{e}_u + \frac{1}{h_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \vec{e}_v + \frac{1}{h_3} \frac{\partial f}{\partial w} \vec{e}_w \\ \operatorname{div} \vec{a} &= \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u} (h_2 h_3 a_u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial v} (h_3 h_1 a_v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial w} (h_1 h_2 a_w) \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{curl} \vec{a} &= \frac{1}{h_2 h_3} \left(\frac{\partial(h_3 a_w)}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial(h_2 a_v)}{\partial w} \right) \vec{e}_u + \frac{1}{h_3 h_1} \left(\frac{\partial(h_1 a_u)}{\partial w} - \frac{\partial(h_3 a_w)}{\partial u} \right) \vec{e}_v + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{h_1 h_2} \left(\frac{\partial(h_2 a_v)}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial(h_1 a_u)}{\partial v} \right) \vec{e}_w \\ \nabla^2 f &= \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left(\frac{h_2 h_3}{h_1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left(\frac{h_3 h_1}{h_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left(\frac{h_1 h_2}{h_3} \frac{\partial f}{\partial w} \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Some properties of the ∇ -operator are:

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{div}(\phi \vec{v}) &= \phi \operatorname{div} \vec{v} + \operatorname{grad} \phi \cdot \vec{v} & \operatorname{curl}(\phi \vec{v}) &= \phi \operatorname{curl} \vec{v} + (\operatorname{grad} \phi) \times \vec{v} & \operatorname{curl} \operatorname{grad} \phi &= \vec{0} \\ \operatorname{div}(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) &= \vec{v} \cdot (\operatorname{curl} \vec{u}) - \vec{u} \cdot (\operatorname{curl} \vec{v}) & \operatorname{curl} \operatorname{curl} \vec{v} &= \operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div} \vec{v} - \nabla^2 \vec{v} & \operatorname{div} \operatorname{curl} \vec{v} &= 0 \\ \operatorname{div} \operatorname{grad} \phi &= \nabla^2 \phi & \nabla^2 \vec{v} &\equiv (\nabla^2 v_1, \nabla^2 v_2, \nabla^2 v_3)\end{aligned}$$

Here, \vec{v} is an arbitrary vectorfield and ϕ an arbitrary scalar field.

3.2.5 Integral theorems

Some important integral theorems are:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Gauss:} & \quad \oint (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}) d^2 A = \iiint (\operatorname{div} \vec{v}) d^3 V \\ \text{Stokes for a scalar field:} & \quad \oint (\phi \cdot \vec{e}_t) ds = \iint (\vec{n} \times \operatorname{grad} \phi) d^2 A \\ \text{Stokes for a vector field:} & \quad \oint (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{e}_t) ds = \iint (\operatorname{curl} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}) d^2 A \\ \text{this gives:} & \quad \oint (\operatorname{curl} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}) d^2 A = 0 \\ \text{Ostrogradsky:} & \quad \oint (\vec{n} \times \vec{v}) d^2 A = \iiint (\operatorname{curl} \vec{v}) d^3 A \\ & \quad \oint (\phi \vec{n}) d^2 A = \iiint (\operatorname{grad} \phi) d^3 V\end{aligned}$$

Here the orientable surface $\iint d^2 A$ is bounded by the Jordan curve $s(t)$.

3.2.6 Multiple integrals

Let A be a closed curve given by $f(x, y) = 0$, than the surface A inside the curve in \mathbb{R}^2 is given by

$$A = \iint d^2 A = \iint dx dy$$

Let the surface A be defined by the function $z = f(x, y)$. The volume V bounded by A and the xy plane is than given by:

$$V = \iint f(x, y) dx dy$$

The volume inside a closed surface defined by $z = f(x, y)$ is given by:

$$V = \iiint d^3V = \iint f(x, y) dx dy = \iiint dx dy dz$$

3.2.7 Coordinate transformations

The expressions d^2A and d^3V transform as follows when one changes coordinates to $\vec{u} = (u, v, w)$ through the transformation $x(u, v, w)$:

$$V = \iiint f(x, y, z) dx dy dz = \iiint f(\vec{x}(\vec{u})) \left| \frac{\partial \vec{x}}{\partial \vec{u}} \right| du dv dw$$

In \mathbb{R}^2 holds:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{x}}{\partial \vec{u}} = \begin{vmatrix} x_u & x_v \\ y_u & y_v \end{vmatrix}$$

Let the surface A be defined by $z = F(x, y) = X(u, v)$. Then the volume bounded by the xy plane and F is given by:

$$\iint_S f(\vec{x}) d^2A = \iint_G f(\vec{x}(\vec{u})) \left| \frac{\partial X}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial X}{\partial v} \right| du dv = \iint_G f(x, y, F(x, y)) \sqrt{1 + \partial_x F^2 + \partial_y F^2} dx dy$$

3.3 Orthogonality of functions

The inner product of two functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ on the interval $[a, b]$ is given by:

$$(f, g) = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx$$

or, when using a weight function $p(x)$, by:

$$(f, g) = \int_a^b p(x)f(x)g(x)dx$$

The *norm* $\|f\|$ follows from: $\|f\|^2 = (f, f)$. A set functions f_i is *orthonormal* if $(f_i, f_j) = \delta_{ij}$.

Each function $f(x)$ can be written as a sum of orthogonal functions:

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i g_i(x)$$

and $\sum c_i^2 \leq \|f\|^2$. Let the set g_i be orthogonal, than it follows:

$$c_i = \frac{(f, g_i)}{(g_i, g_i)}$$

3.4 Fourier series

Each function can be written as a sum of independent base functions. When one chooses the orthogonal basis $(\cos(nx), \sin(nx))$ we have a Fourier series.

A periodical function $f(x)$ with period $2L$ can be written as:

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right]$$

Due to the orthogonality follows for the coefficients:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) dt \quad , \quad a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt \quad , \quad b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt$$

A Fourier series can also be written as a sum of complex exponents:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}$$

with

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

The *Fourier transform* of a function $f(x)$ gives the transformed function $\hat{f}(\omega)$:

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx$$

The inverse transformation is given by:

$$\frac{1}{2} [f(x^+) + f(x^-)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega$$

where $f(x^+)$ and $f(x^-)$ are defined by the lower - and upper limit:

$$f(a^-) = \lim_{x \uparrow a} f(x) \quad , \quad f(a^+) = \lim_{x \downarrow a} f(x)$$

For continuous functions is $\frac{1}{2} [f(x^+) + f(x^-)] = f(x)$.

Chapter 4

Differential equations

4.1 Linear differential equations

4.1.1 First order linear DE

The general solution of a linear differential equation is given by $y_A = y_H + y_P$, where y_H is the solution of the *homogeneous equation* and y_P is a *particular solution*.

A first order differential equation is given by: $y'(x) + a(x)y(x) = b(x)$. Its homogeneous equation is $y'(x) + a(x)y(x) = 0$.

The solution of the homogeneous equation is given by

$$y_H = k \exp\left(\int a(x)dx\right)$$

Suppose that $a(x) = a = \text{constant}$.

Substitution of $\exp(\lambda x)$ in the homogeneous equation leads to the *characteristic equation* $\lambda + a = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -a$.

Suppose $b(x) = \alpha \exp(\mu x)$. Then one can distinguish two cases:

1. $\lambda \neq \mu$: a particular solution is: $y_P = \exp(\mu x)$
2. $\lambda = \mu$: a particular solution is: $y_P = x \exp(\mu x)$

When a DE is solved by *variation of parameters* one writes: $y_P(x) = y_H(x)f(x)$, and then one solves $f(x)$ from this.

4.1.2 Second order linear DE

A differential equation of the second order with constant coefficients is given by: $y''(x) + ay'(x) + by(x) = c(x)$. If $c(x) = c = \text{constant}$ there exists a particular solution $y_P = c/b$.

Substitution of $y = \exp(\lambda x)$ leads to the characteristic equation $\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$.

There are now 2 possibilities:

1. $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$: then $y_H = \alpha \exp(\lambda_1 x) + \beta \exp(\lambda_2 x)$.
2. $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$: then $y_H = (\alpha + \beta x) \exp(\lambda x)$.

If $c(x) = p(x) \exp(\mu x)$ where $p(x)$ is a polynomial there are 3 possibilities:

1. $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \neq \mu$: $y_P = q(x) \exp(\mu x)$.
2. $\lambda_1 = \mu, \lambda_2 \neq \mu$: $y_P = xq(x) \exp(\mu x)$.
3. $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \mu$: $y_P = x^2q(x) \exp(\mu x)$.

where $q(x)$ is a polynomial of the same order as $p(x)$.

When: $y''(x) + \omega^2 y(x) = \omega f(x)$ and $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ follows: $y(x) = \int_0^x f(x) \sin(\omega(x-t)) dt$.

4.1.3 The Wronskian

We start with the LDE $y''(x) + p(x)y'(x) + q(x)y(x) = 0$ and the two initial conditions $y(x_0) = K_0$ and $y'(x_0) = K_1$. When $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are continuous on the open interval I there exists a unique solution $y(x)$ on this interval.

The general solution can then be written as $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$ and y_1 and y_2 are linear independent. These are also *all* solutions of the LDE.

The *Wronskian* is defined by:

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'$$

y_1 and y_2 are linear independent if and only if on the interval I when $\exists x_0 \in I$ so that holds: $W(y_1(x_0), y_2(x_0)) = 0$.

4.1.4 Power series substitution

When a series $y = \sum a_n x^n$ is substituted in the LDE with constant coefficients $y''(x) + py'(x) + qy(x) = 0$ this leads to:

$$\sum_n [n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2} + p n a_n x^{n-1} + q a_n x^n] = 0$$

Setting coefficients for equal powers of x equal gives:

$$(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + p(n+1)a_{n+1} + q a_n = 0$$

This gives a general relation between the coefficients. Special cases are $n = 0, 1, 2$.

4.2 Some special cases

4.2.1 Frobenius' method

Given the LDE

$$\frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{b(x)}{x} \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + \frac{c(x)}{x^2} y(x) = 0$$

with $b(x)$ and $c(x)$ analytical at $x = 0$. This LDE has at least one solution of the form

$$y_i(x) = x^{r_i} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad \text{with } i = 1, 2$$

with r real or complex and chosen so that $a_0 \neq 0$. When one expands $b(x)$ and $c(x)$ as $b(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots$ and $c(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots$, it follows for r :

$$r^2 + (b_0 - 1)r + c_0 = 0$$

There are now 3 possibilities:

1. $r_1 = r_2$: then $y(x) = y_1(x) \ln|x| + y_2(x)$.
2. $r_1 - r_2 \in \mathbb{N}$: then $y(x) = ky_1(x) \ln|x| + y_2(x)$.
3. $r_1 - r_2 \notin \mathbb{Z}$: then $y(x) = y_1(x) + y_2(x)$.

4.2.2 Euler

Given the LDE

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + ax \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + by(x) = 0$$

Substitution of $y(x) = x^r$ gives an equation for r : $r^2 + (a - 1)r + b = 0$. From this one gets two solutions r_1 and r_2 . There are now 2 possibilities:

1. $r_1 \neq r_2$: then $y(x) = C_1 x^{r_1} + C_2 x^{r_2}$.
2. $r_1 = r_2 = r$: then $y(x) = (C_1 \ln(x) + C_2) x^r$.

4.2.3 Legendre's DE

Given the LDE

$$(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + n(n - 1)y(x) = 0$$

The solutions of this equation are given by $y(x) = aP_n(x) + by_2(x)$ where the *Legendre polynomials* $P(x)$ are defined by:

$$P_n(x) = \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \left(\frac{(1 - x^2)^n}{2^n n!} \right)$$

For these holds: $\|P_n\|^2 = 2/(2n + 1)$.

4.2.4 The associated Legendre equation

This equation follows from the θ -dependent part of the wave equation $\nabla^2 \Psi = 0$ by substitution of $\xi = \cos(\theta)$. Then follows:

$$(1 - \xi^2) \frac{d}{d\xi} \left((1 - \xi^2) \frac{dP(\xi)}{d\xi} \right) + [C(1 - \xi^2) - m^2]P(\xi) = 0$$

Regular solutions exists only if $C = l(l + 1)$. They are of the form:

$$P_l^{|m|}(\xi) = (1 - \xi^2)^{m/2} \frac{d^{|m|} P^0(\xi)}{d\xi^{|m|}} = \frac{(1 - \xi^2)^{|m|/2}}{2^l l!} \frac{d^{|m|+l}}{d\xi^{|m|+l}} (\xi^2 - 1)^l$$

For $|m| > l$ is $P_l^{|m|}(\xi) = 0$. Some properties of $P_l^0(\xi)$ zijn:

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_l^0(\xi) P_{l'}^0(\xi) d\xi = \frac{2}{2l+1} \delta_{ll'} \quad , \quad \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} P_l^0(\xi) t^l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 2\xi t + t^2}}$$

This polynomial can be written as:

$$P_l^0(\xi) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\xi + \sqrt{\xi^2 - 1} \cos(\theta))^l d\theta$$

4.2.5 Solutions for Bessel's equation

Given the LDE

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + (x^2 - \nu^2) y(x) = 0$$

also called *Bessel's equation*, and the Bessel functions of the first kind

$$J_{\nu}(x) = x^{\nu} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m+\nu} m! \Gamma(\nu + m + 1)}$$

for $\nu := n \in \mathbb{N}$ this becomes:

$$J_n(x) = x^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m+n} m! (n + m)!}$$

When $\nu \neq \mathbb{Z}$ the solution is given by $y(x) = aJ_{\nu}(x) + bJ_{-\nu}(x)$. But because for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ holds: $J_{-n}(x) = (-1)^n J_n(x)$, this does not apply to integers. The general solution of Bessel's equation is given by $y(x) = aJ_{\nu}(x) + bY_{\nu}(x)$, where Y_{ν} are the *Bessel functions of the second kind*:

$$Y_{\nu}(x) = \frac{J_{\nu}(x) \cos(\nu\pi) - J_{-\nu}(x)}{\sin(\nu\pi)} \quad \text{and} \quad Y_n(x) = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow n} Y_{\nu}(x)$$

The equation $x^2 y''(x) + xy'(x) - (x^2 + \nu^2)y(x) = 0$ has the modified Bessel functions of the first kind $I_{\nu}(x) = i^{-\nu} J_{\nu}(ix)$ as solution, and also solutions $K_{\nu} = \pi [I_{-\nu}(x) - I_{\nu}(x)] / [2 \sin(\nu\pi)]$.

Sometimes it can be convenient to write the solutions of Bessel's equation in terms of the Hankel functions

$$H_n^{(1)}(x) = J_n(x) + iY_n(x) \quad , \quad H_n^{(2)}(x) = J_n(x) - iY_n(x)$$

4.2.6 Properties of Bessel functions

Bessel functions are orthogonal with respect to the weight function $p(x) = x$.

$J_{-n}(x) = (-1)^n J_n(x)$. The Neumann functions $N_m(x)$ are defined as:

$$N_m(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} J_m(x) \ln(x) + \frac{1}{x^m} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n x^{2n}$$

The following holds: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} J_m(x) = x^m$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} N_m(x) = x^{-m}$ for $m \neq 0$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} N_0(x) = \ln(x)$.

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} H(r) = \frac{e^{\pm ikr} e^{i\omega t}}{\sqrt{r}} \quad , \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} J_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos(x - x_n) \quad , \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} J_{-n}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin(x - x_n)$$

with $x_n = \frac{1}{2}\pi(n + \frac{1}{2})$.

$$J_{n+1}(x) + J_{n-1}(x) = \frac{2n}{x} J_n(x) \quad , \quad J_{n+1}(x) - J_{n-1}(x) = -2 \frac{dJ_n(x)}{dx}$$

The following integral relations hold:

$$J_m(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \exp[i(x \sin(\theta) - m\theta)] d\theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(x \sin(\theta) - m\theta) d\theta$$

4.2.7 Laguerre's equation

Given the LDE

$$x \frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + (1-x) \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + ny(x) = 0$$

Solutions of this equation are the Laguerre polynomials $L_n(x)$:

$$L_n(x) = \frac{e^x}{n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^n e^{-x}) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{m!} \binom{n}{m} x^m$$

4.2.8 The associated Laguerre equation

Given the LDE

$$\frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + \left(\frac{m+1}{x} - 1 \right) \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + \left(\frac{n + \frac{1}{2}(m+1)}{x} \right) y(x) = 0$$

Solutions of this equation are the associated Laguerre polynomials $L_n^m(x)$:

$$L_n^m(x) = \frac{(-1)^m n!}{(n-m)!} e^{-x} x^{-m} \frac{d^{n-m}}{dx^{n-m}} (e^{-x} x^n)$$

4.2.9 Hermite

The differential equations of Hermite are:

$$\frac{d^2 H_n(x)}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dH_n(x)}{dx} + 2nH_n(x) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2 \text{He}_n(x)}{dx^2} - x \frac{d\text{He}_n(x)}{dx} + n\text{He}_n(x) = 0$$

Solutions of these equations are the Hermite polynomials, given by:

$$H_n(x) = (-1)^n \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}x^2\right) \frac{d^n(\exp(-\frac{1}{2}x^2))}{dx^n} = 2^{n/2} \text{He}_n(x\sqrt{2})$$

$$\text{He}_n(x) = (-1)^n (\exp(x^2)) \frac{d^n(\exp(-x^2))}{dx^n} = 2^{-n/2} H_n(x/\sqrt{2})$$

4.2.10 Chebyshev

The LDE

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2 U_n(x)}{dx^2} - 3x \frac{dU_n(x)}{dx} + n(n+2)U_n(x) = 0$$

has solutions of the form

$$U_n(x) = \frac{\sin[(n+1) \arccos(x)]}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

The LDE

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2 T_n(x)}{dx^2} - x \frac{dT_n(x)}{dx} + n^2 T_n(x) = 0$$

has solutions $T_n(x) = \cos(n \arccos(x))$.

4.2.11 Weber

The LDE $W_n''(x) + (n + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}x^2)W_n(x) = 0$ has solutions: $W_n(x) = \text{He}_n(x) \exp(-\frac{1}{4}x^2)$.

4.3 Non-linear differential equations

Some non-linear differential equations and a solution are:

$y' = a\sqrt{y^2 + b^2}$	$y = b \sinh(a(x - x_0))$
$y' = a\sqrt{y^2 - b^2}$	$y = b \cosh(a(x - x_0))$
$y' = a\sqrt{b^2 - y^2}$	$y = b \cos(a(x - x_0))$
$y' = a(y^2 + b^2)$	$y = b \tan(a(x - x_0))$
$y' = a(y^2 - b^2)$	$y = b \coth(a(x - x_0))$
$y' = a(b^2 - y^2)$	$y = b \tanh(a(x - x_0))$
$y' = ay \left(\frac{b-y}{b}\right)$	$y = \frac{b}{1 + Cb \exp(-ax)}$

4.4 Sturm-Liouville equations

Sturm-Liouville equations are second order LDE's of the form:

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left(p(x) \frac{dy(x)}{dx} \right) + q(x)y(x) = \lambda m(x)y(x)$$

The boundary conditions are chosen so that the operator

$$L = -\frac{d}{dx} \left(p(x) \frac{d}{dx} \right) + q(x)$$

is Hermitean. The normalization function $m(x)$ must satisfy

$$\int_a^b m(x)y_i(x)y_j(x)dx = \delta_{ij}$$

When $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are two linear independent solutions one can write the Wronskian in this form:

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = \frac{C}{p(x)}$$

where C is constant. By changing to another dependent variable $u(x)$, given by: $u(x) = y(x)\sqrt{p(x)}$, the LDE transforms into the *normal form*:

$$\frac{d^2 u(x)}{dx^2} + I(x)u(x) = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad I(x) = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{p'(x)}{p(x)} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{p''(x)}{p(x)} - \frac{q(x) - \lambda m(x)}{p(x)}$$

If $I(x) > 0$, than $y''/y < 0$ and the solution has an oscillatory behaviour, if $I(x) < 0$, than $y''/y > 0$ and the solution has an exponential behaviour.

4.5 Linear partial differential equations

4.5.1 General

The *normal derivative* is defined by:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = (\vec{\nabla} u, \vec{n})$$

A frequently used solution method for PDE's is *separation of variables*: one assumes that the solution can be written as $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$. When this is substituted two ordinary DE's for $X(x)$ and $T(t)$ are obtained.

4.5.2 Special cases

The wave equation

The *wave equation* in 1 dimension is given by

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

When the initial conditions $u(x, 0) = \varphi(x)$ and $\partial u(x, 0)/\partial t = \Psi(x)$ apply, the general solution is given by:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\varphi(x + ct) + \varphi(x - ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \Psi(\xi) d\xi$$

The diffusion equation

The *diffusion equation* is:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 u$$

Its solutions can be written in terms of the propagators $P(x, x', t)$. These have the property that $P(x, x', 0) = \delta(x - x')$. In 1 dimension it reads:

$$P(x, x', t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi Dt}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - x')^2}{4Dt}\right)$$

In 3 dimensions it reads:

$$P(x, x', t) = \frac{1}{8(\pi Dt)^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')^2}{4Dt}\right)$$

With initial condition $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ the solution is:

$$u(x, t) = \int_{\mathcal{G}} f(x') P(x, x', t) dx'$$

The solution of the equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = g(x, t)$$

is given by

$$u(x, t) = \int dt' \int dx' g(x', t') P(x, x', t - t')$$

The equation of Helmholtz

The equation of Helmholtz is obtained by substitution of $u(\vec{x}, t) = v(\vec{x}) \exp(i\omega t)$ in the wave equation. This gives for v :

$$\nabla^2 v(\vec{x}, \omega) + k^2 v(\vec{x}, \omega) = 0$$

This gives as solutions for v :

1. In cartesian coordinates: substitution of $v = A \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x})$ gives:

$$v(\vec{x}) = \int \dots \int A(k) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} dk$$

with the integrals over $\vec{k}^2 = k^2$.

2. In polar coordinates:

$$v(r, \varphi) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (A_m J_m(kr) + B_m N_m(kr)) e^{im\varphi}$$

3. In spherical coordinates:

$$v(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l [A_{lm} J_{l+\frac{1}{2}}(kr) + B_{lm} J_{-l-\frac{1}{2}}(kr)] \frac{Y(\theta, \varphi)}{\sqrt{r}}$$

4.5.3 Potential theory and Green's theorem

Subject of the potential theory are the *Poisson equation* $\nabla^2 u = -f(\vec{x})$ where f is a given function, and the *Laplace equation* $\nabla^2 u = 0$. The solutions of these can often be interpreted as a potential. The solutions of Laplace's equation are called *harmonic functions*.

When a vector field \vec{v} is given by $\vec{v} = \text{grad}\varphi$ holds:

$$\int_a^b (\vec{v}, \vec{t}) ds = \varphi(\vec{b}) - \varphi(\vec{a})$$

In this case there exist functions φ and \vec{w} so that $\vec{v} = \text{grad}\varphi + \text{curl}\vec{w}$.

The *field lines* of the field $\vec{v}(\vec{x})$ follow from:

$$\dot{\vec{x}}(t) = \lambda \vec{v}(\vec{x})$$

The *first theorem of Green* is:

$$\iiint_{\mathcal{G}} [u \nabla^2 v + (\nabla u, \nabla v)] d^3 V = \iint_S u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} d^2 A$$

The *second theorem of Green* is:

$$\iiint_{\mathcal{G}} [u \nabla^2 v - v \nabla^2 u] d^3 V = \iint_S \left(u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} - v \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \right) d^2 A$$

A harmonic function which is 0 on the boundary of an area is also 0 within that area. A harmonic function with a normal derivative of 0 on the boundary of an area is constant within that area.

The *Dirichlet problem* is:

$$\nabla^2 u(\vec{x}) = -f(\vec{x}) \quad , \quad \vec{x} \in R \quad , \quad u(\vec{x}) = g(\vec{x}) \quad \text{for all } \vec{x} \in S.$$

It has a unique solution.

The *Neumann problem* is:

$$\nabla^2 u(\vec{x}) = -f(\vec{x}) \quad , \quad \vec{x} \in R \quad , \quad \frac{\partial u(\vec{x})}{\partial n} = h(\vec{x}) \quad \text{for all } \vec{x} \in S.$$

The solution is unique except for a constant. The solution exists if:

$$-\iiint_R f(\vec{x})d^3V = \iint_S h(\vec{x})d^2A$$

A *fundamental solution* of the Laplace equation satisfies:

$$\nabla^2 u(\vec{x}) = -\delta(\vec{x})$$

This has in 2 dimensions in polar coordinates the following solution:

$$u(r) = \frac{\ln(r)}{2\pi}$$

This has in 3 dimensions in spherical coordinates the following solution:

$$u(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi r}$$

The equation $\nabla^2 v = -\delta(\vec{x} - \vec{\xi})$ has the solution

$$v(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi|\vec{x} - \vec{\xi}|}$$

After substituting this in Green's 2nd theorem and applying the sieve property of the δ function one can derive Green's 3rd theorem:

$$u(\vec{\xi}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \iiint_R \frac{\nabla^2 u}{r} d^3V + \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_S \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - u \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \right] d^2A$$

The *Green function* $G(\vec{x}, \vec{\xi})$ is defined by: $\nabla^2 G = -\delta(\vec{x} - \vec{\xi})$, and on boundary S holds $G(\vec{x}, \vec{\xi}) = 0$. Then G can be written as:

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{\xi}) = \frac{1}{4\pi|\vec{x} - \vec{\xi}|} + g(\vec{x}, \vec{\xi})$$

Then $g(\vec{x}, \vec{\xi})$ is a solution of Dirichlet's problem. The solution of Poisson's equation $\nabla^2 u = -f(\vec{x})$ when on the boundary S holds: $u(\vec{x}) = g(\vec{x})$, is:

$$u(\vec{\xi}) = \iiint_R G(\vec{x}, \vec{\xi}) f(\vec{x}) d^3V - \iint_S g(\vec{x}) \frac{\partial G(\vec{x}, \vec{\xi})}{\partial n} d^2A$$