

1 SURFACES AND SURFACE INTEGRALS

1. Curves can be parametrised using one parameter. Surfaces on the other hand need two parameters to be described.
2. A *parametrised surface* is a map

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi : D &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ (u, v) &\mapsto (x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v))\end{aligned}$$

3. The surface itself is the image of the map, $\Phi(D)$.
4. Tangent vectors to the surface are given by

$$\mathbf{\Phi}_u = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u} = \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \right)$$

and

$$\mathbf{\Phi}_v = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial v} = \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial v}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right),$$

with a normal vector

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{T}_u \times \mathbf{T}_v.$$

5. The area of a surface is given by

$$A(S) = \iint_D \|\mathbf{T}_u \times \mathbf{T}_v\| \, du \, dv$$

6. The scalar surface area element is given by

$$dS = \|\mathbf{T}_u \times \mathbf{T}_v\| \, du \, dv,$$

and

7. For a sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2$, the element is $dS = R^2 \sin \phi \, d\phi \, d\theta$.
8. The natural parameterisation for the graph of a function $z = g(x, y)$ is

$$\Phi(x, y) = (x, y, g(x, y)),$$

where we use x and y themselves as the parameters. The scalar surface area element is

$$dS = \left[\sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right)^2 + 1} \right] dx \, dy.$$

2 PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. Consider the surface in \mathbb{R}^3 parametrised by

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, \theta) \quad 0 \leq r \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

- (a) Sketch and describe the surface.
 - (b) Show that the surface is regular and find an expression for the unit normal to the surface.
 - (c) Find the equation for the plane tangent to the surface at a point (x_0, y_0, z_0) on it.
 - (d) Compute the mass of the surface given that the mass density at a point (x, y, z) is equal to twice the distance of (x, y, z) to the central axis.
2. Compute the area of the region cut from the plane $x + y + z = a$ by the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$.
 3. Compute the area of that portion of the conical surface $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ which lies above the xy -plane and is cut off by the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2ax$.