

This represents a very brief outline of most of the topics covered MA261

## I. VECTORS, LINES AND PLANES

1. Vector arithmetic; directed vector  $\overline{P_0P_1}$  from  $P_0$  to  $P_1$ ; dot product of vectors  $(a_1\vec{i}+a_2\vec{j}+a_3\vec{k}) \cdot (b_1\vec{i}+b_2\vec{j}+b_3\vec{k}) = a_1b_1+a_2b_2+a_3b_3$ ; angle between two vectors,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|}; \text{ cross product } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \text{ and their properties:}$$

$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is perpendicular to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}\|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\| =$  area of triangle spanned by  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ ; projections  $\text{pr}_{\vec{a}}\vec{b} = \left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\|^2}\right)\vec{a}$ ;  $\vec{v} = \|\vec{v}\|(\cos \theta \vec{i} + \sin \theta \vec{j})$ .

2. Equation of line containing  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ , direction vector  $\vec{L} = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + c\vec{k}$ :

(a) Vector Form:  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{L}$ , where  $\vec{r}_0 = x_0\vec{i} + y_0\vec{j} + z_0\vec{k}$

(b) Parametric Form: 
$$\begin{cases} x = x_0 + at \\ y = y_0 + bt \\ z = z_0 + ct \end{cases}$$

(c) Symmetric Form: 
$$\frac{x-x_0}{a} = \frac{y-y_0}{b} = \frac{z-z_0}{c}$$
  
(if say  $b = 0$ , then  $\frac{x-x_0}{a} = \frac{z-z_0}{c}$ ;  $y = y_0$ )

3. Equation of plane containing  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ , normal vector  $\vec{N} = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + c\vec{k}$ :

$$\vec{N} \cdot \overline{P_0P} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad a(x-x_0) + b(y-y_0) + c(z-z_0) = 0.$$

4. Sketching planes (look at intercepts :  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$ ).

## II. VECTOR-VALUED FUNCTIONS

1. Differentiating and integrating vector-valued functions and sketching the corresponding curves.

2. Parameterizing curves of the form say  $y = f(x)$ ,  $a \leq x \leq b$   
( $C : \vec{r}(t) = t\vec{i} + f(t)\vec{j}$ ,  $a \leq t \leq b$ ).

3. Unit tangent vector  $\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}$ ; length of a curve  $\int_a^b \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt$ .

### III. PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

1. Domains of functions of several variables; level curves  $f(x, y) = C$ , level surfaces  $f(x, y, z) = C$ ; sketching surfaces using level curves.
2. Quadric surfaces.
3. Computing limits, determining when limits exist.
4. Partial derivatives; CHAIN RULE (consider tree diagrams).
5. Implicit Differentiation, for example :

(a) If  $y = y(x)$  is defined implicitly by  $F(x, y) = 0$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}$

(b) If  $z = z(x, y)$  is defined implicitly by  $F(x, y, z) = 0$ , then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}.$$

6. Gradients:  $\nabla f(x, y, z) = f_x \vec{\mathbf{i}} + f_y \vec{\mathbf{j}} + f_z \vec{\mathbf{k}}$ ; the gradient  $\nabla f(x, y)$  is perpendicular to level curve  $f(x, y) = C$  and  $\nabla f(x, y, z)$  is perpendicular to level surface  $f(x, y, z) = C$ .
7. Directional derivative :  $D_{\vec{\mathbf{u}}}f(x, y, z) = \nabla f(x, y, z) \cdot \vec{\mathbf{u}}$ , where  $\vec{\mathbf{u}}$  is a UNIT vector;  $-\|\nabla f\| \leq D_{\vec{\mathbf{u}}}f \leq \|\nabla f\|$ ;  
 $f(x, y, z)$  increases fastest in the direction  $\nabla f$ .
8. Normal vector  $\vec{\mathbf{n}}$  to surfaces  $\Sigma$  :
  - (a)  $\Sigma$  is a level surface,  $F(x, y, z) = C$ , then a normal is  $\vec{\mathbf{n}} = \nabla F(x, y, z)$ .
  - (b)  $\Sigma$  is the graph of  $z = f(x, y)$ , then a normal is  $\vec{\mathbf{n}} = -f_x \vec{\mathbf{i}} - f_y \vec{\mathbf{j}} + \vec{\mathbf{k}}$
9. Tangent planes to surfaces; Tangent Plane Approximation Formula:

$$f(x + h, y + k) \approx f(x, y) + f_x(x, y) h + f_y(x, y) k.$$

10. Critical points of  $f(x, y, z)$  : points where  $\nabla f(x, y, z) = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$  or  $\nabla f(x, y, z)$  does not exist.

11. Finding relative extrema of  $f(x, y)$  at those particular critical points  $(x_0, y_0)$  where  $\nabla f(x_0, y_0) = \vec{0}$  using  $2^{nd}$  Partials Test: let  $D(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix}$
- (a) If  $D(x_0, y_0) > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) > 0 \Rightarrow f$  has rel minimum value at  $(x_0, y_0)$
- (b) If  $D(x_0, y_0) > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) < 0 \Rightarrow f$  has rel maximum value at  $(x_0, y_0)$
- (c) If  $D(x_0, y_0) < 0 \Rightarrow f$  has a saddle point at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .
12. Finding absolute extrema over closed, bounded regions: find interior critical points, find points on the boundary where extrema may occur, make a table of values of  $f$  at all these points.
13. Constrained extremal problems: Maximize and/or minimize  $f(x, y)$  subject to the condition  $g(x, y) = C$ ; Lagrange Multipliers:  $\begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \\ g(x, y) = C \end{cases}$

#### IV. MULTIPLE INTEGRALS

- Double integrals; vertically and horizontally simple regions, iterated integrals; double integrals in polar coordinates ( $dA = r dr d\theta$ )
- Applications of double integrals: areas between curves, volumes, surface area  $S = \int \int_R \sqrt{f_x^2 + f_y^2 + 1} dA$ .
- Changing the order of integration in double integrals.
- Triple integrals; iterated triple integrals; applications of triple integrals: volumes, mass  $m = \int \int \int_D \delta(x, y, z) dV$ .
- Triple integrals in Rectangular, Cylindrical, and Spherical Coordinates:
  - Rectangular Coordinates:  $dV = dz dy dx$  or  $dV = dz dx dy$ , etc
  - Cylindrical Coordinates:  $\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \\ z = z \end{cases} \quad dV = r dz dr d\theta$
  - Spherical Coordinates:  $\begin{cases} x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\ z = \rho \cos \phi \end{cases} \quad dV = \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\phi d\theta$

## V. VECTOR FIELDS

1. Vector fields  $\vec{\mathbf{F}} = M\vec{\mathbf{i}} + N\vec{\mathbf{j}} + P\vec{\mathbf{k}}$ ; divergence and curl of a vector field  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}$ :

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{\mathbf{F}} = \nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{F}} = M_x + N_y + P_z$$

$$\operatorname{curl} \vec{\mathbf{F}} = \nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{F}} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{\mathbf{i}} & \vec{\mathbf{j}} & \vec{\mathbf{k}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ M & N & P \end{vmatrix};$$

Laplacian of  $f = \operatorname{div} \nabla f = \nabla^2 f = f_{xx} + f_{yy} + f_{zz}$ .

2. Conservative vector fields  $\vec{\mathbf{F}} = \nabla f$ ; how to determine if  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}$  is conservative: check that  $\operatorname{curl} \vec{\mathbf{F}} = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$  (if region has no "holes"); given that  $\vec{\mathbf{F}} = \nabla f$ , know how to determine the potential function  $f(x, y, z)$ .

3. Line integrals of functions  $\int_C f(x, y, z) ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \|\vec{\mathbf{r}}'(t)\| dt$ ;  
line integrals of vector fields  $\vec{\mathbf{F}} = M\vec{\mathbf{i}} + N\vec{\mathbf{j}} + P\vec{\mathbf{k}}$ :

$$\int_C \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{r}} = \int_a^b \vec{\mathbf{F}}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}(t)) \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}}'(t) dt$$

or equivalently  $\int_C M dx + N dy + P dz = \int_a^b Mx' dt + Ny' dt + Pz' dt$ ,  
where  $C : \vec{\mathbf{r}}(t) = x(t)\vec{\mathbf{i}} + y(t)\vec{\mathbf{j}} + z(t)\vec{\mathbf{k}}$ ,  $a \leq t \leq b$ .

4. Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals:  $\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{r}} = f(P_1) - f(P_0)$ ; independence of path (check if  $\vec{\mathbf{F}} = \nabla f$  or  $\operatorname{curl} \vec{\mathbf{F}} = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$ ); applications to work  $W = \int_C \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{r}}$ .

5. GREEN'S THEOREM: If  $C$  is a closed curve traversed counterclockwise, then

$$\int_C M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = \iint_R \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA.$$

6. Surface integrals: if  $\Sigma$  is the graph of  $z = f(x, y)$  with  $(x, y) \in R$ , then  
 $\int \int_{\Sigma} g(x, y, z) dS = \int \int_R g(x, y, f(x, y)) \sqrt{f_x^2 + f_y^2 + 1} dA$ .

7. Flux integral of  $\vec{\mathbf{F}} = M\vec{\mathbf{i}} + N\vec{\mathbf{j}} + P\vec{\mathbf{k}}$  over the surface  $\Sigma$ , the graph of  $z = f(x, y)$  with  $(x, y) \in R$ , and  $\vec{\mathbf{n}}$  = upper unit normal vector to  $\Sigma$  :

$$\int \int_{\Sigma} \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{n}} \, dS = \int \int_R \{-M f_x - N f_y + P\} \, dA.$$

8. DIVERGENCE THEOREM (GAUSS' THEOREM) : If  $D$  is a solid region and  $\Sigma$  is its closed boundary surface,  $\vec{\mathbf{n}}$  = outer unit normal to  $\Sigma$ , then

$$\int \int_{\Sigma} \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{n}} \, dS = \int \int \int_D \operatorname{div} \vec{\mathbf{F}} \, dV.$$