

# Math 32A Review Sheet

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# 1 Parametric Equation

Parametric Equations: describe a particle's motion over time.

If a particle follows a 2-D curve described by  $C(t)$ , its motion can also be described by the coordinates  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$ :

$$C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$$

When parametrizing any function or curve, the goal is to isolate a variable and to express the isolated variable in terms of  $t$ .

## 1.1 Line

Line can be described as:

$$y = mx + b$$

where  $m$  stands for the slope and  $b$  represents a constant (the value of  $y$  when  $x=0$ ).

If a line passes through a point  $(a,b)$  with a slope of  $m$  its motion can be described as:

$$x(t) = a + rt; \quad y(t) = b + st$$

such that  $m = \frac{s}{r}$ ,  $r \neq 0$

$r$  and  $s$  represent how much  $x$  and  $y$  vary with  $t$ ; and  $a$  and  $b$  represent the value of  $x$  when  $y$  is 0,  $(x(0))$  and the value of  $y$  when  $x$  is 0,  $(y(0))$ .

If a line passes through two points  $M(a,b)$  and  $N(c,d)$  with unknown slope, the slope can be found as:

$$m = \frac{s}{r} = \frac{b-d}{c-a}$$

Therefore, the descriptions turn to:

$$x(t) = a + (c-a)t$$

$$y(t) = b + (b-d)t$$

## 1.2 Circle

A circle can be described as:

$$x(t) = a + R\cos(t); \quad y(t) = b + R\sin(t)$$

where  $R$  is the radius of the circle.

## 1.3 Ellipse

Similar to a circle, an ellipse can be expressed as:

$$x(t) = a + C\cos(t); \quad y(t) = b + D\sin(t)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  represent the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates of the center of the ellipse, and  $C$  and  $D$  represent the horizontal and vertical distance from the center to the edge respectively.

## 1.4 Cycloid

A cycloid is formed by the motion of a point on a circle as the circle rolls without slipping.

$$x(t) = t - \sin(t); \quad y(t) = 1 - \cos(t)$$

## 2 Vectors in the Plane

### 2.1 Vectors in the Plane

Two dimensional vector  $v$  is determined by two points in a plane (an initial point + a terminal point):

$$v = \vec{PQ}$$

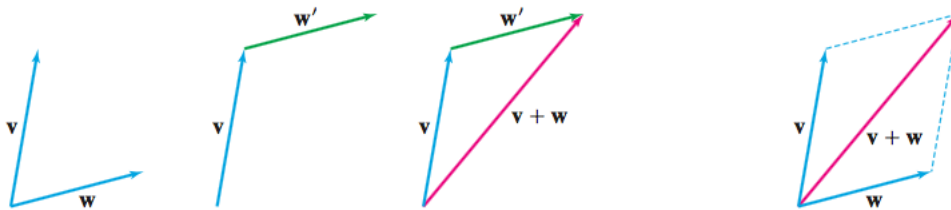
where  $P = (a_1, b_1)$  and  $Q = (a_2, b_2)$

Length of magnitude:  $\|v\|$ . *And can be calculated by:*  $\|v\| = \|PQ\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ .

Parallel: The lines through  $v$  and  $w$  are parallel.

Translation: When a vector is moved to begin at a new point without changing its length or direction. (If a vector is the translation of another vector, aka. have the same components, these two vectors are defined as equivalent to each other).

### 2.2 Vector Algebra



(A) The vector sum  $v + w$

(B) Addition via the Parallelogram Law

Basic Properties of Vector Algebra For all vectors  $u, v, w$  and for all scalars  $\lambda$

Commutative Law:  $v + w = w + v$

Associative Law:  $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$

Distributive Law for Scalars:  $\lambda(v + w) = \lambda v + \lambda w$

Linear Combination: Every vector is a linear combination of other vectors.

For every vector  $\vec{u}, \vec{u} = \lambda\vec{v} + \mu\vec{w}$ , forming a parallelogram.

Unit Vector:  $e_v = \frac{1}{\|v\|}v$ .  $\|e_v\| = 1$ .

Triangle Inequality:  $\|v + w\| \geq \|v\| + \|w\|$ .

### 2.3 Vectors in 3D

Right Hand Rule: Sphere of radius  $R$  and center  $(a, b, c)$ :

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2 = R^2$$

Cylinder of radius  $R$  with vertical axis through  $(a, b, 0)$ :

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = R^2$$

Distance Formula:

$$P = (a_1, b_1, c_1) \text{ and } Q = (a_2, b_2, c_2)$$

$$\|P - Q\| = \|v\| = \|PQ\| = \sqrt{(a_2 - a_1)^2 + (b_2 - b_1)^2 + (c_2 - c_1)^2}$$

Vector Parametrization:

Equations for the line through  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  with direction vector  $v = (a, b, c)$ :

Vector parametrization:  $r(t) = (x_0, y_0, z_0) + t(a, b, c)$

Parametric equations:  $x = x_0 + at, y = y_0 + bt, z = z_0 + ct$

## 2.4 Dot Product

The dot product of  $v = (a_1, b_1, c_1)$  and  $w = (a_2, b_2, c_2)$  is

$$v \cdot w = a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2$$

Basic Properties:

- Commutativity:  $v \cdot w = w \cdot v$
- Pulling out scalars:  $(\lambda v) \cdot w = v \cdot (\lambda w) = \lambda(v \cdot w)$
- Distributive Law:  $u \cdot (v + w) = u \cdot v + u \cdot w$   
 $(v + w) \cdot u = v \cdot u + w \cdot u$
- $v \cdot v = \|v\|^2$  -  $v \cdot w = \|v\| \cdot \|w\| \cos(\theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $v$  and  $w$

### 2.4.1 Angles Between Lines

- Perpendicular:  $v \cdot w = 0$ .
- Acute: if  $v \cdot w > 0$ .
- obtuse if  $v \cdot w < 0$ .
- Every vector  $u$  has a decomposition  $u = u_{\parallel v} + u_{\perp v}$ , where  $u_{\parallel v}$  is parallel to  $v$ , and  $u_{\perp v}$  is orthogonal to  $v$ . The vector  $u_{\parallel v}$  is called the projection of  $u$  along  $v$ .
- Let  $e_v = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$ , Then

$$u_{\parallel v} = \left(\frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v}\right)v = \left(\frac{u \cdot v}{\|v\|^2}\right)v = \left(\frac{u \cdot v}{\|v\|}\right)e_v$$

- The coefficient  $\frac{u \cdot v}{\|v\|}$  is called the component of  $u$  along  $v$ .

## 2.5 Cross Product

Determinants:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

Cross Product:

The cross Product between  $v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  and  $w = \langle w_1, w_2, w_3 \rangle$  is the symbolic determinant:

$$v \times w = \begin{vmatrix} v_2 & v_3 \\ w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} v_1 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_3 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} v_1 & v_2 \\ w_1 & w_2 \end{vmatrix} k$$

Basic Properties:

- $v \times w$  is orthogonal to  $v$  and  $w$ .
- $v \times w$  has length  $|v| \cdot |w| \cdot \sin\theta$ . ( $\theta$  is the angle between  $v$  and  $w$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ ).
- $v, w, v \times w$  is a right-handed system.
- $w \times v = -v \times w$
- $v \times w = 0$  iff  $w = \lambda v$  for some scalar or  $v = 0$ .
- $(\lambda v) \times w = v \times (\lambda w) = \lambda(v \times w)$
- $(u + v) \times w = u \times w + v \times w$       $v \times (u + w) = v \times u + v \times w$
- For standard basis vectors:  $i \times j = k, j \times k = i, k \times i = j$

Geometries:

- Parallelogram spanned by  $v$  and  $w$  has area:  $\|v \times w\|$
- Triangle spanned by  $v$  and  $w$  has area:  $\frac{\|v \times w\|}{2}$
- Parallelepiped spanned by  $u, v$ , and  $w$  has volume:  $|u \cdot (v \times w)|$

## 2.6 Planes in 3D

- Equation of plane through  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  with normal vector  $n = (a, b, c)$ :

Vector form:  $n \cdot (x, y, z) = d$

Scalar forms:  $a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$      $ax + by + cz = d$

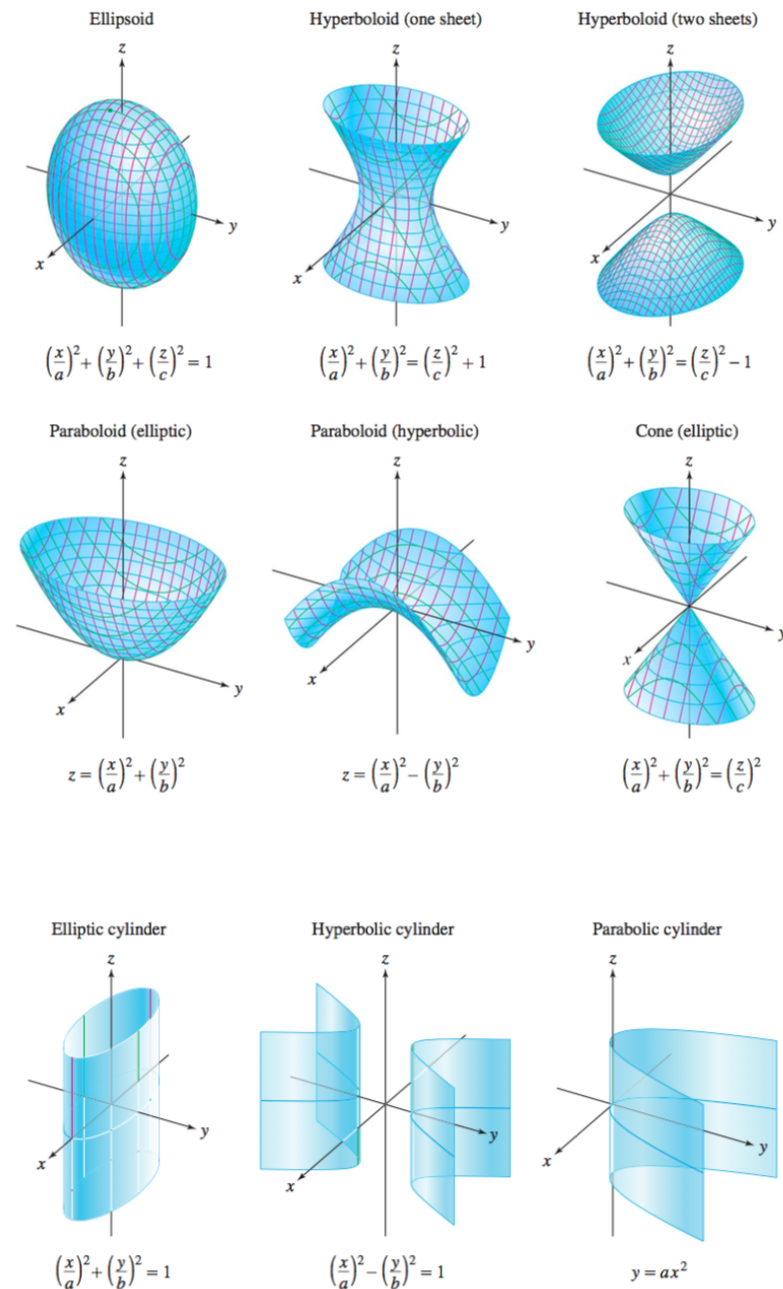
where  $d = n \cdot (x_0, y_0, z_0) = ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0$ .

- For a plane through three points  $P, Q, R$  that are not collinear:

$$n = \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}, \quad d = n \cdot (x_0, y_0, z_0), \text{ where } P = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

## 2.7 Quadratic Surfaces

- Quadric surfaces in standard position:



### 3 Calculus of Vector-Valued Functions

Vector-valued function: a function of the form

$$r(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t)) = x(t)i + y(t)j + z(t)k$$

#### 3.1 Calculation Rules

• Differentiation rules:

- Sum Rule:  $(r_1(t) + r_2(t))' = r_1'(t) + r_2'(t)$
- Constant Multiple Rule:  $(cr(t))' = cr'(t)$
- Chain Rule:  $\frac{d}{dt}r(g(t)) = g'(t)r'(g(t))$

• Product Rules:

Scalar times vector:  $\frac{d}{dt} = f'(t)r(t) + f(t)r'(t)$

Dot product:  $\frac{d}{dt} = r_1(t) \cdot r_2(t) = r_1'(t) \cdot r_2(t) + r_1(t) \cdot r_2'(t)$

Cross product:  $\frac{d}{dt} = r_1(t) \times r_2(t) = r_1'(t) \times r_2(t) + r_1(t) \times r_2'(t)$

- The tangent vector or velocity vector: derivative  $r'(t_0)$ .
- The Fundamental Theorem for vector-valued functions: If  $r(t)$  is continuous and  $R(t)$  is an antiderivative of  $r(t)$ , then:

$$\int_a^b r(t)dt = R(b) - R(a)$$

#### 3.2 Arc Length, Speed, and Curvature

• Arc length function:  $s(t) = \int_a^b \|r'(u)\|du$

• Speed:  $v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} = \int_a^b \|r'(t)\|dt$

•  $r(s)$  is an arc length parametrization if  $\|r'(s)\| = 1$  for all  $s$ . In this case, the length of the path for  $a \leq s \leq b$  is  $b - a$ .

• Regular parametrization  $r(t)$ :  $r'(t) \neq 0$  for all  $t$ . The unit tangent vector for regular  $r(t)$ :  $T(t) = \frac{r'(t)}{\|r'(t)\|}$

• Curvature:  $k(s) = \frac{dT}{ds}$ , where  $r(s)$  is an arc length parametrization or  $k(s) = \frac{1}{v(t)} \left\| \frac{dT}{dt} \right\|$  if  $r(t)$  is not an arc length parametrization.

• Formula valid for arbitrary regular parametrizations:

$$k(t) = \frac{\|r'(t) \times r''(t)\|}{\|r''(t)\|^3}$$

• The curvature at a point on a graph  $y = f(x)$  in the plane:

$$k(x) = \frac{|f''(x)|}{(1 + f'(x)^2)^{3/2}}$$

• Unit normal vector  $N(t) = \frac{T'(t)}{\|T'(t)\|}$ .

•  $T'(t) = k(t)v(t)N(t)$  • The binormal vector:  $B = T \times N$ .

#### 3.3 Motion in 3D

For an object whose path is described by a vector-valued function  $r(t)$ ,

$$v(t) = r'(t), v(t) = \|v(t)\|, a(t) = r''(t)$$

The acceleration vector  $a$  is the sum of a tangential component (reflecting change in speed) and a normal component (reflecting change in direction):

$$a(t) = a_T(t)T(t) + a_N(t)N(t)$$

- Unit tangent vector:  $T(t) = \frac{v(t)}{\|v(t)\|}$  - Unit normal vector:  $N(t) = \frac{T'(t)}{\|T'(t)\|}$  - Tangential component:

$$a_T = v'(t) = a \cdot T = \frac{a \cdot v}{\|v\|}$$

$$a_T T = \left( \frac{a \cdot v}{v \cdot v} \right) v$$

- Normal component:

$$a_N = k(t)v(t)^2 = \sqrt{\|a\|^2 - |a_T|^2}$$

$$a_N N = a - a_T T = a - \left( \frac{a \cdot v}{v \cdot v} \right) v$$

## 4 Differentiation in Several Variables

### 4.1 Limits and Continuity

• The limit of a product  $f(x, y) = h(x)g(y)$  is a product of limits:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) \right) \left( \lim_{y \rightarrow b} g(y) \right)$$

• A function  $f$  of two variables is continuous at  $P = (a, b)$  if:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = f(a, b)$$

• To prove that a limit does not exist, it is enough to show that the limits obtained along two different paths are not equal.

### 4.2 Partial Derivatives

• The partial derivatives of  $f(x, y)$  are defined as the limits

$$f_x(a, b) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h, b) - f(a, b)}{h}$$

(Compute  $f_x$  by holding  $y$  constant, and compute  $f_y$  by holding  $x$  constant.)

• For small changes  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$ ,

$$f(a + \Delta x, b) - f(a, b) = f_x(a, b) \Delta x$$

$$f(a, b + \Delta y) - f(a, b) = f_y(a, b) \Delta y$$

• The second-order partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f = f_{xx}, \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial x} f = f_{xy}, \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} f = f_{yx}, \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f = f_{yy}$$

• Clairaut's Theorem: mixed partials are equal ( $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$ ) provided that  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are continuous.

• More generally, higher order partial derivatives may be computed in any order. For example,  $f_{xyyz} = f_{yxzy}$  if  $f$  is a function of  $x, y, z$  whose fourth-order partial derivatives are continuous.

### 4.3 Gradient of a Function

- The gradient of a function  $f$  is the vector of partial derivatives:

$$\nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \text{ or } \nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right)$$

- Chain Rule for Paths:

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(r(t)) = \nabla f_{r(t)} \cdot r'(t)$$

- Basic geometric properties of the gradient (assume  $\nabla f_P \neq 0$ ):
  - $\nabla f_P$  points in the direction of maximum rate of increase. The maximum rate of increase is  $\|\nabla f_P\|$ .
  - $-\nabla f_P$  points in the direction of maximum rate of decrease. The maximum rate of decrease is  $-\|\nabla f_P\|$ .
  - $\nabla f_P$  is orthogonal to the level curve (or surface) through  $P$ .
- Equation of the tangent plane to the level surface  $F(x, y, z) = k$  at  $P = (a, b, c)$ :

$$\nabla f_P \cdot (x - a, y - b, z - c) = 0$$

$$F_x(a, b, c)(x - a) + F_y(a, b, c)(y - b) + F_z(a, b, c)(z - c) = 0$$

### 4.4 Optimization in Several Variables

- $P = (a, b)$  is a critical point of  $f(x, y)$  if
  - $f_x(a, b) = 0$  or  $f_x(a, b)$  does not exist, and
  - $f_y(a, b) = 0$  or  $f_y(a, b)$  does not exist.
- The local minimum or maximum values of  $f$  occur at critical points.
- The discriminant of  $f(x, y)$  at  $P = (a, b)$  is the quantity

$$D(a, b) = f_{xx}(a, b)f_{yy}(a, b) - f_{xy}^2(a, b)$$

- Second Derivative Test: If  $P = (a, b)$  is a critical point of  $f(x, y)$ , then

$$D(a, b) > 0, \quad f_{xx}(a, b) > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(a, b) \text{ is a local minimum}$$

$$D(a, b) > 0, \quad f_{xx}(a, b) < 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(a, b) \text{ is a local maximum}$$

$$D(a, b) < 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{saddle point}$$

$$D(a, b) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{test inconclusive}$$

- A point  $P$  is an interior point of a domain  $D$  if  $D$  contains some open disk  $D(P, r)$  centered at  $P$ . A point  $P$  is a boundary point of  $D$  if every open disk  $D(P, r)$  contains points in  $D$  and points not in  $D$ . The interior of  $D$  is the set of all interior points, and the boundary is the set of all boundary points. A domain is closed if it contains all of its boundary points and open if it is equal to its interior.
- Existence and location of global extrema: If  $f$  is continuous and  $D$  is closed and bounded, then
  - $f$  takes on both a minimum and a maximum value on  $D$ .
  - The extreme values occur either at critical points in the interior of  $D$  or at points on the boundary of  $D$ .