

## 16.6 Parametric Surfaces and their Areas

Let  $\vec{r}(u,v) = x(u,v)\hat{i} + y(u,v)\hat{j} + z(u,v)\hat{k}$  be a vector function defined on a region  $D$  of the  $uv$  plane.

The set

$$S = \{(x,y,z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x=x(u,v), y=y(u,v), z=z(u,v) \text{ for some } (u,v) \in D\}$$

is a parametric surface. Its parametric eqns:

$$x=x(u,v) \quad y=y(u,v) \quad z=z(u,v) \quad \leftarrow 2 \text{ parameters.}$$

As  $(u,v)$  varies in  $D$ , the tip of  $\vec{r}(u,v)$  traces  $S$ .

\*  $\vec{r}(u,v)$  is not a vector field.

## Grid Curves:

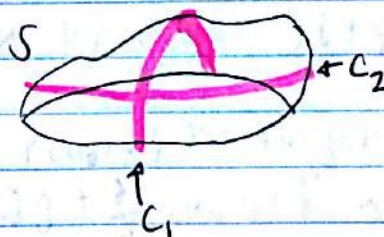
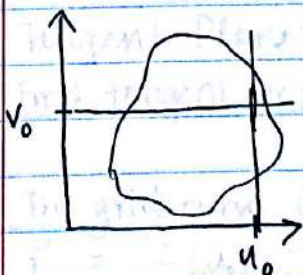
$S$ , our parametric surface, has grid curves.

(2 families - 1 has  $u$  constant and the other,  $v$ ).

• If  $u=u_0$ ,  $\vec{r}(u_0,v)$  is a vector that traces a curve  $C_1$  lying on  $S$ .

• If  $v=v_0$ ,  $\vec{r}(u,v_0)$  traces a curve  $C_2$  lying on  $S$ .

$C_1$  and  $C_2$  intersect at  $\vec{r}(u_0,v_0)$ .



Grid curves are helpful for sketching parametric surfaces and for obtaining tangent planes.

Special case:  $z=f(x,y)$ :

-  $x, y$  are equivalent of  $u, v$ .

- Domain is domain of  $f$ .

- Parametric eqns:  $x=x$   $y=y$   $z=f(x,y)$

$$\vec{r}(x,y) = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + f(x,y)\hat{k}$$

The grid curves are the traces of  $S$  in the vertical planes  $x=x_0$  and  $y=y_0$ !

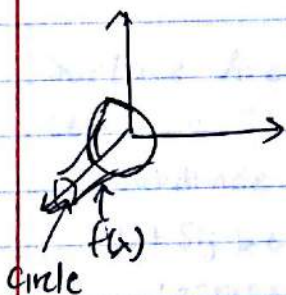
Special Case: Surface of Revolution:

Let  $S$  be the surface obtained by rotating the curve  $y=f(x)$ ,  $a \leq x \leq b$  about the  $x$ -axis.

If  $\theta$  is angle of rot,  $x$  and  $\theta$  can be parameters.

So, parametric eqns:  $x=x$   $y=f(x)\cos\theta$   $z=f(x)\sin\theta$   
 $a \leq x \leq b$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

The grid curves  $x=x_0$  are circles  
 $\theta=\theta_0$  are rotated images of curve  $f(x)$



Tangent Planes:

Find tangent plane to  $S$  given by  $\vec{r}(u,v) = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  at  $P_0 = \text{tip of } \vec{r}(u_0, v_0)$

The grid curve  $C_1$  given by  $\vec{r}(u_0, v)$  has tangent vector

$$\vec{r}_v = \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}(u_0, v_0)\hat{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}(u_0, v_0)\hat{j} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}(u_0, v_0)\hat{k} \text{ at } P_0.$$

The grid curve  $C_2$  given by  $\vec{r}(u, v_0)$  has tangent vector

$$\vec{r}_u = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0)\hat{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0)\hat{j} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0)\hat{k} \text{ at } P_0.$$

The tangent plane to  $S$  at  $P_0$  has  $\vec{r}_v$  and  $\vec{r}_u$ , so its normal vector is  $\vec{r}_v \times \vec{r}_u$ .

(assume  $\neq \vec{0}$ , or else  $S$  is smooth at  $P_0$ )

In the special case  $z=f(x,y)$ ,

$$x=x \quad y=y \quad z=f(x,y).$$

$$\vec{r}_u = \vec{r}_x = \langle 1, 0, f_x(x_0, y_0) \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_v = \vec{r}_y = \langle 0, 1, f_y(x_0, y_0) \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 0 & f_x(x_0, y_0) \\ 0 & 1 & f_y(x_0, y_0) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{n} = -f_x(x_0, y_0) \hat{i} - f_y(x_0, y_0) \hat{j} + 1 \hat{k}.$$

$$\text{and } \vec{n} = f_x(x_0, y_0) \hat{i} + f_y(x_0, y_0) \hat{j} - 1 \hat{k}.$$

Equation of plane:

$$f_x(x_0, y_0)(x-x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y-y_0) - (z-z_0) = 0$$

Surface Area:

Let  $S$  be  $\vec{r}(u,v) = x(u,v) \hat{i} + y(u,v) \hat{j} + z(u,v) \hat{k}$ ,  $(u,v) \in D$ .

- Subdivide  $D$  into small rectangles  $R_{ij}$  with sides  $\Delta u, \Delta v$
- Let  $S_{ij}$  be the image of  $R_{ij}$  (can be approx. with a parallelogram)
  - approx w/  $\Delta u \vec{r}_u$  and  $\Delta v \vec{r}_v$ . ( $\vec{r}_u$  &  $\vec{r}_v$  are tang. vectors)
- The area of the parallelogram is:

$$|\Delta u \vec{r}_u \times \Delta v \vec{r}_v| = |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| \Delta u \Delta v.$$

$$A(S) = \iint_D |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| dA \quad \text{where} \quad \vec{r}_u = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \hat{k}$$
$$\vec{r}_v = \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \hat{k}.$$

note:

In the special case where  $z=f(x,y)$ , we saw  $\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v = \vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y = -f_x \hat{i} + f_y \hat{j} + 1 \hat{k}$ .

$$\text{So, } A(S) = \iint_D \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2} dA. \quad (\text{sec. 15.6!})$$

note 2: In the special case where  $S$  is the surface of revolution obtained by rotating the curve  $y = f(x)$  about the  $x$ -axis,

$$x = x \quad y = f(x) \cos \theta \quad z = f(x) \sin \theta \quad a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi.$$

$$\vec{r}_x = \hat{i} + f'(x) \cos \theta \hat{j} + f'(x) \sin \theta \hat{k} \quad \text{and} \\ \vec{r}_\theta = 0 \hat{i} + f(x) \sin \theta \hat{j} + f(x) \cos \theta \hat{k}.$$

$$\vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_\theta = f(x) f'(x) \hat{i} - f(x) \cos \theta \hat{j} - f(x) \sin \theta \hat{k}.$$

$$|\vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_\theta| = f(x) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2}. \quad A(s) = \iint_D f(x) \sqrt{1 + f'(x)^2} dA \\ = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_a^b f(x) \sqrt{1 + f'(x)^2} dx d\theta$$

$$A(s) = 2\pi \int_a^b f(x) \sqrt{1 + f'(x)^2} dx$$