

## 16.7 Surface Integrals

Let  $f(x, y, z)$  be a func. with  $\text{dom } f \subset S$ , where  $S$  is a parametric surface w/eqn  $\vec{r}(u, v) = x(u, v)\vec{i} + y(u, v)\vec{j} + z(u, v)\vec{k}$ ,  $(u, v) \in D$ .

To define the surface integral of  $f$  over  $S$ ,

- subdivide  $D$  into rectangles  $R_{ij}$  of sides  $\Delta u, \Delta v \Rightarrow S_{ij}$  of  $S$ .
- evaluate  $f$  at a sample point  $P_{ij}^* \in S_{ij}$ .
- Riemann Sum:  

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(P_{ij}^*) \Delta S_{ij}$$
, where  $\Delta S_{ij}$  is the area of  $S_{ij}$ .

• Take limit of  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ .

• Recall  $\Delta S_{ij} \approx |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| \Delta u \Delta v$ . ( $\vec{r}_u$  and  $\vec{r}_v$  are tangent vectors)

$$\therefore \iint_S f(x, y, z) dS = \iint_D f(\vec{r}(u, v)) |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| dA.$$

Note: if  $f(x, y, z) = 1$ ,  $\iint_S 1 dS = \iint_D |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| dA = A(S)$ !

**Special Case:**  $S$  is the graph of a function  $g(x, y)$  parametrized:  $z = g(x, y)$ ,  $y = y$ ,  $x = x$ , so  $\vec{r}_x = 1\vec{i} + 0\vec{j} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}\vec{k}$

$$\vec{r}_y = 0\vec{i} + 1\vec{j} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}\vec{k}.$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}\vec{i} - \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}\vec{j} + 1\vec{k}$$

$$\text{and } |\vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y| = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial y}\right)^2}$$

$$\therefore \iint_S f(x, y, z) dS = \iint_D f(x, y, g(x, y)) \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial y}\right)^2} dA.$$

If  $S$  is piecewise-smooth (finite union of smooth surfaces that only intersect on their boundaries), then

$$\iint_S f(x, y, z) dS = \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{S_i} f(x, y, z) dS.$$



Mass and center of mass:

Suppose a thin sheet in the shape of surface  $S$  has density  $\rho(x, y, z)$ .

The total mass of the sheet is  $\iint_S \rho(x, y, z) dS$ .

center of mass:  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$  where  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{m} \iint_S x \rho(x, y, z) dS$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{m} \iint_S y \rho(x, y, z) dS$$

$$\bar{z} = \frac{1}{m} \iint_S z \rho(x, y, z) dS.$$

Oriented surfaces:

Let  $S$  be a surface that has a tangent plane at every pt. At each pt, there are 2 normal unit vectors:  $\vec{n}_1$  and  $\vec{n}_2 = -\vec{n}_1$ .

If it is possible to choose a unit normal vector  $\vec{n}$  at each pt so that  $\vec{n}$  varies continuously over  $S$ , then  $S$  is called an orientable surface. The given choice provides an orientation to  $S$ .

(non-orientable surfaces exist, like Möbius strips).

• If  $S$  is a closed surface (boundary of some solid region), the positive orientation is taken to be the one w/ normal vectors pointing outward. The negative orientation has normal vectors pointing inward.

• If  $S$  is the graph of a function  $g(x, y)$ , the positive orientation is given by:  $\vec{n} = \frac{-\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \vec{i} + -\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \vec{j} + 1 \vec{k}}{\sqrt{(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x})^2 + (\frac{\partial g}{\partial y})^2 + 1}}$   $\vec{n}$  points upward.

$$\sqrt{(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x})^2 + (\frac{\partial g}{\partial y})^2 + 1}$$

• If  $S$  is given by the vector function  $\vec{r}(u, v)$ , the orientation can be given by  $\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v}{|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v|}$  (opposite orientation is  $\vec{r}_v \times \vec{r}_u$ ).



Surface Integrals of Vector Fields:

Let  $\vec{F}$  be a continuous vector field on an oriented surface  $S$  w/ unit normal vector  $\vec{n}$ . The surface integral of  $\vec{F}$  over  $S$  is:

$$\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS$$

\* also called flux of  $\vec{F}$  across  $S$ .

If  $S$  has vector function  $\vec{r}(u,v)$ , then  $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$

$$= \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS = \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v}{|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v|} \, dS = \iint_D \vec{F} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v}{|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v|} |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| \, dA$$

$$\text{Thus, } \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS = \iint_D \vec{F} \cdot (\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v) \, dA$$

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 $\vec{F}(\vec{r}(u,v))$

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 $u=x$ ,  $v=y$ . Recall  $\vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \hat{i} - \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

If  $\vec{F} = P\hat{i} + Q\hat{j} + R\hat{k}$ , then  $\vec{F} \cdot (\vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y) = -P \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - Q \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + R\hat{k}$ .

$$\text{so } \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS = \iint_D (-P \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - Q \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + R) \, dA$$

Remark: Formulas similar to the ones derived can be obtained for surfaces  $y = h(x,z)$  or  $x = k(y,z)$ .