

Section 16.6: Parametric Surfaces and Their Areas

A space curve is parametrized by the vector function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$ .

A surface,  $z = f(x, y)$ , is parametrized by a vector function of two variables.  $\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v) \rangle$  with  $(u, v)$  in region D.

Useful Parametrizations

- Surface given by  $z = f(x, y)$ .

Example:  $z = x^2 + 4y^2$

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Example:  $x = z^2 + y^2$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= u \\ z &= v \\ x &= v^2 + u^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle v^2 + u^2, u, v \rangle$$



$$\mathbf{r}(y, z) = \langle z^2 + y^2, y, z \rangle$$

- Surface in cylindrical coordinates

Example:  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$  for  $0 \leq z \leq 2$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$z = z$$

$$x = 3 \cos \theta$$

$$y = 3 \sin \theta$$

$$z = z$$

$$r(z, \theta) = \langle 3 \cos \theta, 3 \sin \theta, z \rangle$$

$$0 \leq z \leq 2$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

- Surface in spherical coordinates

Example:  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$

$$x = 2 \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

$$y = 2 \sin \phi \sin \theta$$

$$z = 2 \cos \phi$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$$

Example: Identify the surface with the given vector equation.

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle \underbrace{u+2}_x, \underbrace{9+u^2+v^2+4u}_y, \underbrace{v}_z \rangle$$

$$x = u + 2$$

$$\underline{x-2 = u}$$

$$y = 9 + u^2 + v^2 + 4u$$

$$\underline{z = v}$$

$$y = 9 + (x-2)^2 + z^2 + 4(x-2)$$

$$= \underbrace{9} + x^2 - \underbrace{4x} + \underbrace{4} + z^2 + \underbrace{4x} - \underbrace{8}$$

$$y = x^2 + z^2 + 5$$

paraboloid centered on y-axis  
opens in the positive y direction

Example: Find the tangent plane to the surface with parametric equations given below at the point  $(1, 4, 5)$ .

$$r(u, v) = \langle u^3, v^2, u + 2v \rangle$$

$$u^3 = 1$$

$$u = 1$$

$$v^2 = 4$$

$$u + 2v = 5$$

$$1 + 2v = 5$$

$$2v = 4$$

$$v = 2$$

$$r_u = \langle 3u^2, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$r_v = \langle 0, 2v, 2 \rangle$$

$$r_u(1, 2) = \langle 3, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$r_v(1, 2) = \langle 0, 4, 2 \rangle$$

$$r_u(1, 2) \times r_v(1, 2) = \dots = \langle -4, -6, 12 \rangle$$

normal  
vector

$$-4(x-1) - 6(y-4) + 12(z-5) = 0$$

Note: In the special case the surface is defined by  $z = f(x, y)$  and is parametrized by

$\mathbf{r}(x, y) = \langle x, y, f(x, y) \rangle$ . Then a normal vector is

Example: Find a normal vector for the surface defined as  $x = f(y, z)$

**Definition:** If a smooth parametric surface  $S$  is given by the equation  $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$  and  $S$  is covered just once as  $(u, v)$  ranges throughout the parametric domain  $D$ , then the surface area of  $S$  is

$$A(S) = \iint_D dS = \iint_D |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| dA$$

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Example: Find the surface area for the surface given by  $x = uv$ ,  $y = u + v$ , and  $z = u - v$  where  $u^2 + v^2 \leq 1$

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$$x = 4 \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

$$y = 4 \sin \phi \sin \theta$$

$$z = 4 \cos \phi$$

where  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$  and  $\frac{\pi}{6} \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$

$$r_\phi \times r_\theta = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 4 \cos \phi \cos \theta & 4 \cos \phi \sin \theta & -4 \sin \phi \\ -4 \sin \phi \sin \theta & 4 \sin \phi \cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$r_\phi \times r_\theta = \langle 16 \sin^2 \phi \cos \theta, 16 \sin^2 \phi \sin \theta, 16 \sin \phi \cos \phi \cos^2 \theta + 16 \sin \phi \cos \phi \sin^2 \theta \rangle$$

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$$|r_\phi \times r_\theta| = \sqrt{16^2 \sin^4 \phi \cos^2 \theta + 16^2 \sin^4 \phi \sin^2 \theta + 16^2 \sin^2 \phi \cos^2 \phi}$$

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$$|r_\phi \times r_\theta| = \sqrt{16^2 \sin^2 \phi (\sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi)} = \sqrt{16^2 \sin^2 \phi} = 16 \sin \phi$$

Note:  $\sin \phi > 0$  on the given interval of  $\phi$ .

$$S = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\phi=\pi/6}^{\pi/3} |r_\phi \times r_\theta| d\phi d\theta = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\phi=\pi/6}^{\pi/3} 16 \sin \phi d\phi d\theta = \dots = 16\pi(\sqrt{3} - 1)$$

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$$r(x, y) = \langle x, y, \sqrt{16 - x^2 - y^2} \rangle$$

if  $z = 2$  then this gives  $x^2 + y^2 + 4 = 16$  or  $x^2 + y^2 = 12$ . A circle of radius  $2\sqrt{3}$ .

if  $z = 2\sqrt{3}$  then this gives  $x^2 + y^2 + 12 = 16$  or  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ . A circle of radius 2.

$$r_x \times r_y = \left\langle \frac{x}{\sqrt{16 - x^2 - y^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{16 - x^2 - y^2}}, 1 \right\rangle$$

$$|r_x \times r_y| = \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{16 - x^2 - y^2} + \frac{y^2}{16 - x^2 - y^2} + 1}$$

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$$|r_x \times r_y| = \sqrt{\frac{16}{16 - x^2 - y^2}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{16 - x^2 - y^2}}$$

$$S = \iint_D |r_x \times r_y| dA = \iint_D \frac{4}{\sqrt{16 - x^2 - y^2}} dA = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=2}^{2\sqrt{3}} \frac{4r}{\sqrt{16 - r^2}} dr d\theta = \dots = 16\pi(\sqrt{3} - 1)$$