

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

$$\begin{array}{l} X = u \\ y = v \\ z = u^2 + 4v^2 \\ \mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle u, v, u^2 + 4v^2 \rangle \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} X = x \\ y = y \\ z = x^2 + 4y^2 \\ \mathbf{r}(x, y) = \langle x, y, x^2 + 4y^2 \rangle \end{array} \right.$$

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

$$\begin{array}{l} X = z^2 + y^2 \\ y = y \\ z = z \\ \mathbf{r}(y, z) = \langle z^2 + y^2, y, z \rangle \end{array}$$

- Surface in cylindrical coordinates

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

$$x = 3 \cos \theta$$

$$y = 3 \sin \theta$$

$$z = t$$

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

$$0 \leq t \leq 2$$

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

- Surface in spherical coordinates

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

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

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

$$z = 2 \cos \phi$$

$$r(\phi, \theta) = \langle 2 \sin \phi \cos \theta, 2 \sin \phi \sin \theta, 2 \cos \phi \rangle$$

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

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

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

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

$$x = u^3$$

$$y = v^2$$

$$\frac{u=1 \quad v=2}{r(1,2) = \langle 1, 4, 5 \rangle \checkmark}$$

$$z = u^3$$

$$y = v^2$$

$$u=1$$

$$v = \pm 2$$

$$\times \frac{u=1 \quad v=-2}{r(1,-2) = \langle 1, 4, -3 \rangle}$$

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

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

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

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

$$r_u \times r_v = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (0 - 4)i - (6 - 0)j + (12 - 0)k$$

$$= \langle -4, -6, 12 \rangle$$

Tangent plane

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

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

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

$$r_x = \langle 1, 0, f_x \rangle$$

$$r_y = \langle 0, 1, f_y \rangle$$

normal vector  $\rightarrow$

$$r_x \times r_y = \langle -f_x, -f_y, 1 \rangle$$

$$\langle f_x, f_y, -1 \rangle$$

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

$$r(y, z) = \langle f(y, z), y, z \rangle$$

Cross product

$$\langle 1, -f_y, -f_z \rangle$$

**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

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

$$z = f(x, y)$$

$$\iint_D \sqrt{(f_x)^2 + (f_y)^2 + 1} dA$$

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

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle uv, u+v, u-v \rangle$$

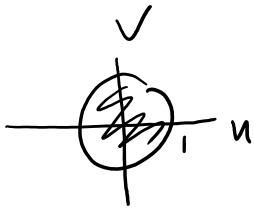
$$\mathbf{r}_u = \langle v, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}_v = \langle u, 1, -1 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ v & 1 & 1 \\ u & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-1-1)\mathbf{i} - (-v-u)\mathbf{j} + (v-u)\mathbf{k}$$

$$= \langle -2, v+u, v-u \rangle$$



$$A(S) = \iint_D \sqrt{4 + (u+v)^2 + (v-u)^2} dA$$

$$= \iint_D \sqrt{4 + v^2 + 2uv + u^2 + v^2 - 2uv + u^2} dA$$

$$= \iint_D \sqrt{4 + 2v^2 + 2u^2} dA = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^1 r \sqrt{4 + 2r^2} dr d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r \sqrt{4 + 2r^2} dr d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 1 d\theta \cdot \int_{r=0}^1 r \sqrt{4+2r^2} dr$$

$$= 2\pi \int_4^6 \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{A} dA$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot A^{3/2} \Big|_4^6 = \frac{\pi}{3} (6^{3/2} - 4^{3/2})$$

$$= 2\pi \left( \sqrt{6} - \frac{4}{3} \right)$$

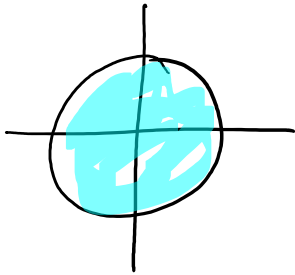
$$A = 4 + 2r^2$$

$$dA = 4r dr$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = r dr$$

$$z = 8 - 2x - 2y$$

Example: Find the surface area for the part of the plane  $2x + 2y + z = 8$  inside the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ .



$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$0 \leq r \leq 3$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

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

$$z = 8 - 2r \cos \theta - 2r \sin \theta$$

$$\mathbf{r}(r, \theta) = \langle r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, 8 - 2r \cos \theta - 2r \sin \theta \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}_r = \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta, -2 \cos \theta - 2 \sin \theta \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}_\theta = \langle -r \sin \theta, r \cos \theta, 2r \sin \theta - 2r \cos \theta \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}_r \times \mathbf{r}_\theta = \langle 2r, 2r, r \rangle$$

$$|\mathbf{r}_r \times \mathbf{r}_\theta| = \sqrt{4r^2 + 4r^2 + r^2} = \sqrt{9r^2} = 3r$$

$$A(S) = \iint_D |\mathbf{r}_r \times \mathbf{r}_\theta| \, dA = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^3 3r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 1 \, d\theta \cdot \int_0^3 3r \, dr = 2\pi \cdot \left. \frac{3r^2}{2} \right|_0^3$$



$$= 2\pi \cdot \frac{27}{2} = \underline{27\pi}$$

Example: Find the surface area for the part of the plane  $2x + 2y + z = 8$  inside the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ .

$$x = x$$

$$y = y$$

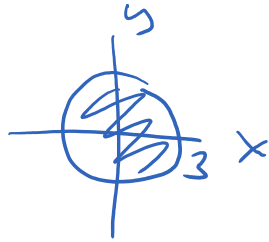
$$z = 8 - 2x - 2y$$

$$\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y = \langle -f_x, -f_y, 1 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 2, 2, 1 \rangle$$

$$|\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y| = \sqrt{4 + 4 + 1} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$A(S) = \iint_D |\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y| dA = \iint_D 3 dA$$



$$3 \iint_D dA = 3 (\text{Area of Region } D)$$

$$= 3 \pi (3)^2$$

$$= 27 \pi$$

$$\int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^3 3r dr d\theta$$

$$= 27 \pi$$

Example: Find the surface area of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$  between the planes  $z = 2$  and  $z = 2\sqrt{3}$ .

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

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

$$z = 4 \cos \phi$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

