

Section 13.2: Projectile motion

Example

Find the position **r** and velocity functions **v** of a particle moving with an acceleration $\mathbf{a}(t) = \langle 0, 0, -10 \rangle \ m/sec^2$. The initial velocity and position are, $\mathbf{v}(0) = \langle 0, 2, 1 \rangle \ m/sec$ and $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 2 \rangle \ m$.

Solution: Since $\mathbf{a}(t) = \langle 0, 0, -10 \rangle$,

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle v_{0x}, v_{0y}, -10 t + v_{0z} \rangle, \\ \mathbf{v}(0) = \langle 0, 2, 1 \rangle,$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} v_{0x} = 0, \\ v_{0y} = 2, \\ v_{0z} = 1. \end{cases}$$

The velocity is $\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle 0, 2, -10 \ t + 1 \rangle$. the position is

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle r_{0x}, 2t + r_{0y}, -5t^2 + t + r_{0z} \rangle, \\ \mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 2 \rangle,$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} r_{0x} = 0, \\ r_{0y} = 0, \\ r_{0z} = 2. \end{cases}$$

We conclude that $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 0, 2t, -5t^2 + t + 2 \rangle$.



Example

Reparametrize with respect to its arclength, starting at t = 0, the position function **r** corresponding to the acceleration $\mathbf{a}(t) = \langle [-\sin(t) - \cos(t)], [\cos(t) - \sin(t)], 0 \rangle$ and initial velocity $\mathbf{v}_0 = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$ and initial position $\mathbf{r}_0 = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$.

Solution: First, we need to find $\mathbf{r}(t)$. Then, we reparametrize.

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle [\cos(t) - \sin(t) + v_{0x}], [\sin(t) + \cos(t) + v_{0y}], v_{0z} \rangle.$$

The initial condition implies

 $\langle 1 + v_{0x}, 1 + v_{0y}, v_{0z} \rangle = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_{0x} = 0 = v_{0y}, \quad v_{0z} = 1.$

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Solution: Recall: $\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle [\cos(t) - \sin(t)], [\sin(t) + \cos(t)], 1 \rangle$.

The position function is

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle [\sin(t) + \cos(t) + r_{0x}], [-\cos(t) + \sin(t) + r_{0y}], t + r_{0z} \rangle.$$

The initial condition implies

$$\langle 1 + r_{0x}, -1 + r_{0y}, r_{0z} \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle \implies r_{0x} = -1, r_{0y} = 1, r_{0z} = 0.$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle [\sin(t) + \cos(t) - 1], [-\cos(t) + \sin(t) + 1], t \rangle.$$

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Reparametrize with respect to its arclength, starting at t = 0, the position function **r**.

Solution: Recall:
$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle [\cos(t) - \sin(t)], [\sin(t) + \cos(t)], 1 \rangle$$
,
and recall $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle [\sin(t) + \cos(t) - 1], [-\cos(t) + \sin(t) + 1], t \rangle$.
Then, $|\mathbf{v}(t)|^2 = [\cos(t) - \sin(t)]^2 + [\cos(t) + \sin(t)]^2 + 1$
 $|\mathbf{v}(t)|^2 = \cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t) - 2\sin(t)\cos(t)$
 $+ \cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t) + 2\sin(t)\cos(t) + 1$
 $|\mathbf{v}(t)| = \sqrt{3}$, therefore $\ell(t) = \int_0^t \sqrt{3} d\tau$ implies $\ell = \sqrt{3} t$.
 $\hat{\mathbf{r}}(\ell) = \Big\langle \left[\sin\left(\frac{\ell}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \cos(\frac{\ell}{\sqrt{3}}\right) - 1 \right], \left[-\cos\left(\frac{\ell}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\ell}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 1 \right], \frac{\ell}{\sqrt{3}} \Big\rangle$.

Example

Reparametrize the curve $\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{3}{2}\sin(t^2), 2t^2, \frac{3}{2}\cos(t^2) \right\rangle$ with respect to its arc length measured from t = 1 in the direction of increasing t.

Solution:

We first compute the arc length function. We start with the derivative

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 3t\cos(t^2), 4t, -3\sin(t^2) \rangle,$$

We now need its magnitude,

$$|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{9t^2\cos^2(t^2) + 16t^2 + 9\sin^2(t^2)},$$

$$|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{9t^2 + 16t^2} = (\sqrt{9 + 16}) t \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\mathbf{r}'(t)| = 5t.$$

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Solution: Recall: $|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = 5t$. The arc length function is

$$s(t) = \int_{1}^{t} 5\tau \, d\tau = \frac{5}{2} \left(\tau^{2} \Big|_{1}^{t} \right) = \frac{5}{2} (t^{2} - 1).$$

Inverting this function for t^2 , we obtain $t^2 = \frac{2}{5}s + 1$. The reparametrization of $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}}(s) = \left\langle \frac{3}{2} \sin\left(\frac{2}{5}s+1\right), 2\left(\frac{2}{5}s+1\right), \frac{3}{2} \cos\left(\frac{2}{5}s+1\right) \right\rangle. \quad \triangleleft$$

Example

Find an equation for the level surface of $f(x, y, z) = z - x^2 - y^2$ containing the point $P_0 = (3, -1, 1)$.

Solution: Any level surface is the set of points is space solution of

 $z-x^2-y^2=k, \qquad k\in\mathbb{R}.$

To find k, we evaluate the equation above at P_0 ,

$$1-9-1=k \quad \Rightarrow \quad k=-9.$$

We conclude that $z - x^2 - y^2 = -9$.

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Example

Compute the limit $\lim_{(x,y)\to(4,3)} \frac{\sqrt{x}-\sqrt{y+1}}{x-y-1}$.

Solution: Remark: $f(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y+1}}{x - y - 1}$ is not defined at (4,3). Recall from Calculus I: Multiply by the conjugate.

$$f(x,y) = \left[\frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y+1}}{x - y - 1}\right] \left[\frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y+1}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y+1}}\right]$$

$$f(x,y) = \frac{[x - (y + 1)]}{(x - y - 1)[\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y + 1}]} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y + 1}}$$

We conclude that, $\lim_{(x,y)\to(4,3)} f(x,y) = \frac{1}{4}$.

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Section 14.2 Example Compute the limit $\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{x^2 + y^2}{xy}$. Solution: Remark: $f(x,y) = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{xy}$ is not defined at (0,0). Recall: It is often easier to prove that a limit does not exist. The two paths theorem. Paths x = 0 or y = 0 are not useful. First path, y = x. Then $\lim_{x\to 0} f(x,x) = \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x^2 + x^2}{x^2} = \lim_{x\to 0} 2 = 2$. Second path, y = 2x. Then $\lim_{x\to 0} f(x,2x) = \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x^2 + 4x^2}{x(2x)} = \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{5}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$. Therefore, $\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} f(x,y)$ DNE.

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Example

Given a function z defined by the equation $xy + z^3x - 2yz = 0$, find $\partial_x z$ in terms of x, y and z.

Solution: We use implicit differentiation:

$$y + z^3 + 3z^2 \, z_x \, x - 2y \, z_x = 0$$

$$z_x\left(3xz^2-2y\right)=-y-z^3$$

$$z_x = -\frac{(y+z^3)}{(3xz^2-2y)}.$$

Example

Given $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$, and the coordinate transformation $x = r \cos(\theta)$ and $y = r \sin(\theta)$, find \hat{f}_r and \hat{f}_{θ} , where $\hat{f}(r, \theta) = f(x(r, \theta), y(r, \theta))$.

Solution: The chain rule implies

$$\hat{f}_{r} = f_{x} x_{r} + f_{y} y_{r}, \qquad \hat{f}_{\theta} = f_{x} x_{\theta} + f_{y} y_{\theta}.$$

$$\hat{f}_{r} = y e^{xy} x_{r} + x e^{xy} y_{r} \implies \hat{f}_{r} e^{xy} (y x_{r} + x y_{r});$$

$$\hat{f}_{r} = e^{r^{2} \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)} [r \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) + r \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta)].$$

$$\hat{f}_{\theta} = y e^{xy} x_{\theta} + x e^{xy} y_{\theta} \implies \hat{f}_{\theta} = e^{xy} (y x_{\theta} + x y_{\theta}).$$

$$\hat{f}_{\theta} = e^{r^{2} \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)} [-r^{2} \sin(\theta) \sin(\theta) + r^{2} \cos(\theta) \cos(\theta)]. \qquad \triangleleft$$
Also:
$$\hat{f}_{r} = r \sin(2\theta) e^{r^{2} \sin(2\theta)/2}, \text{ and } \hat{f}_{\theta} = r^{2} \cos(2\theta) e^{r^{2} \sin(2\theta)/2}.$$

Section 14.5

Example

Find all directions **u** such that $(D_{\mathbf{u}}f)(1,1) = 0$, where $f(x,y) = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$.

Solution: Recall: The $D_{\mathbf{u}}f = 0$ iff $\mathbf{u} \perp \nabla f$. The gradient is

$$f_{x} = \frac{2x(x^{2} + y^{2})}{(x^{2} + y^{2})^{2}} - \frac{(x^{2} - y^{2})2x}{(x^{2} + y^{2})^{2}} \Rightarrow f_{x} = \frac{4xy^{2}}{(x^{2} + y^{2})^{2}}.$$

$$f_{y} = \frac{-2y(x^{2} + y^{2})}{(x^{2} + y^{2})^{2}} - \frac{(x^{2} - y^{2})2y}{(x^{2} + y^{2})^{2}} \Rightarrow f_{y} = \frac{-4yx^{2}}{(x^{2} + y^{2})^{2}}.$$

$$\nabla f = \frac{4xy}{(x^{2} + y^{2})^{2}} \langle y, -x \rangle. \Rightarrow (\nabla f)(1, 1) = \langle 1, -1 \rangle.$$

Example

Find all directions **u** such that $(D_u f)(1, 1) = 0$, where $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$.

Solution: Recall: $(\nabla f)(1,1) = \langle 1,-1 \rangle$.

We find all **u**, unit, such that $\mathbf{u} \perp \langle 1, -1 \rangle$.

$$\langle u_x, u_y \rangle \cdot \langle 1, -1 \rangle = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u_x = u_y.$$

Since \mathbf{u} is unit, then

$$u_x^2 + u_y^2 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2u_x^2 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u_x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

We conclude: $\mathbf{u} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 1, 1 \rangle.$

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Example

Find the direction of most rapid increase of the function $f(x, y, z) = \ln(x^3 + y^3 - 1) - y + 3z$ at the point $P_0 = (1, 1, 4)$.

Solution: Recall: The direction of most rapid increase is the direction of the gradient vector at P_0 .

$$\nabla f = \frac{3x^2}{x^3 + y^3 - 1} \,\mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{3y^2}{x^3 + y^3 - 1} - 1\right) \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}.$$

The direction of maximum increase is

$$(\nabla f)(1,1,4) = \langle 3,2,3 \rangle$$

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Example

- (a) Find the direction in which $f(x, y) = x^2 e^{3y}$ decreases the most rapidly at $P_0 = (-1, 0)$, and also find the directional derivative of f(x, y) at P_0 along that direction.
- (b) Find the directional derivative of f(x, y) above at the point P_0 in the direction given by $\mathbf{v} = \langle -1, 1 \rangle$.

Solution:

(a) The direction f decreases the most rapidly is given by $-\nabla f$,

$$\nabla f(x,y) = \langle 2xe^{3y}, 3x^2e^{3y} \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\nabla f(-1,0) = \langle 2,-3 \rangle.$$

The value of the directional derivative along this direction is, $-|\nabla f(-1,0)| = -\sqrt{9+4} = -\sqrt{13}.$

(b) A unit vector along
$$\langle -1, 1 \rangle$$
 is $\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle -1, 1 \rangle$, then,
 $D_u f(-1, 0) = \nabla f(-1, 0) \cdot \mathbf{u} = \langle -2, 3 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle -1, 1 \rangle = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}.$

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Example

Find the linear approximation of $f(x, y) = x \cos(\pi y/2) - y^2 e^x$ at the point (0, -1), and use it to approximate f(0.1, -0.9).

Solution:
$$f(x, y) = x \cos(\pi y/2) - y^2 e^x$$
, $f(0, -1) = -1$.

$$f_x(x,y) = \cos(\pi y/2) - y^2 e^x, \quad f_x(0,-1) = \cos(-\pi/2) - 1 = -1.$$

$$f_y(x,y) = -x\sin(\pi y/2)\frac{\pi}{2} - 2ye^x$$
 $f_y(0,-1) = 2,$

Then, the linear approximation L(x, y) is given by $L(x, y) = -(x - 0) + 2(y + 1) - 1, \Rightarrow L(x, y) = -x + 2y + 1.$

The linear approximation of f(0.1, -0.9) is L(0.1, -0.9), L(0.1, -0.9) = -0.1 + 2(0.1) - 1 = 0.1 - 1 = -0.9.

Example

- (a) Find the linear approximation L(x, y) of the function $f(x, y) = \sin(2x + 3y) + 1$ at the point (-3, 2).
- (b) Use the approximation above to estimate the value of f(-2.9, 2.1).

Solution:

(a) $L(x, y) = f_x(-3, 2) (x + 3) + f_y(-3, 2) (y - 2) + f(-3, 2).$ Since $f_x(x, y) = 2\cos(2x + 3y)$ and $f_y(x, y) = 3\cos(2x + 3y),$ $f_x(-3, 2) = 2\cos(-6 + 6) = 2, \quad f_y(-3, 2) = 3\cos(-6 + 6) = 3,$ $f(-3, 2) = \sin(-6 + 6) + 1 = 1.$

the linear approximation is L(x, y) = 2(x+3) + 3(y-2) + 1.

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- (b) Use the approximation above to estimate the value of f(-2.9, 2.1).

Solution: Recall: L(x, y) = 2(x + 3) + 3(y - 2) + 1.

(b) We use L to find the a linear approximation to f(-2.9, 2.1).

We need to compute L(-2.9, 2.1).

$$L(-2.9, 2.1) = 2(-2.9 + 3) + 3(2.1 - 2) + 2$$

$$L(-2.9, 2.1) = 2(0.1) + 3(0.1) + 1 \Rightarrow L(-2.9, 2.1) = 1.5.$$

Exact value is close to 1.479.

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Example

(a) Find all the critical points of f(x, y) = 12xy - 2x³ - 3y².
(b) For each critical point of f, determine whether f has a local maximum, local minimum, or saddle point at that point.

Solution:

(a) ∇f(x, y) = ⟨12y - 6x², 12x - 6y⟩ = ⟨0, 0⟩, then,

 $x^2 = 2y, \quad y = 2x, \quad \Rightarrow \quad x(x-4) = 0.$

There are two solutions, $x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$, and $x = 4 \Rightarrow y = 8$. That is, there are two critical points, (0,0) and (4,8).

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Example

- (a) Find all the critical points of $f(x, y) = 12xy 2x^3 3y^2$.
- (b) For each critical point of *f*, determine whether *f* has a local maximum, local minimum, or saddle point at that point.

Solution:

(b) Recalling
$$\nabla f(x,y) = \langle 12y - 6x^2, 12x - 6y \rangle$$
, we compute

$$f_{xx} = -12x, \quad f_{yy} = -6, \quad f_{xy} = 12.$$

$$D(x, y) = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = 144\left(\frac{x}{2} - 1\right),$$

Since D(0,0) = -144 < 0, the point (0,0) is a saddle point of f. Since D(4,8) = 144(2-1) > 0, and $f_{xx}(4,8) = (-12)4 < 0$, the point (4,8) is a local maximum of f.

Example

Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum of $f(x,y) = 2 + xy - 2x - \frac{1}{4}y^2$ in the closed triangular region with vertices given by (0,0), (1,0), and (0,2).

Solution:

We start finding the critical points inside the triangular region.

$$abla f(x,y) = \left\langle y-2, x-\frac{1}{2}y \right\rangle = \langle 0,0 \rangle, \quad \Rightarrow \quad y=2, \quad y=2x.$$

The solution is (1,2). This point is outside in the triangular region given by the problem, so there is no critical point inside the region.

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Example

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Solution:

We now find the candidates for absolute maximum and minimum on the borders of the triangular region. We first record the boundary vertices:

$$(0,0)$$
 \Rightarrow $f(0,0)=2,$

$$1,0) \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(1,0)=0,$$

Example

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Solution:

• The horizontal side of the triangle, y = 0, $x \in (0, 1)$. Since

$$g(x) = f(x,0) = 2-2x, \quad \Rightarrow \quad g'(x) = -2 \neq 0.$$

there are no candidates in this part of the boundary.

• The vertical side of the triangle is x = 0, $y \in (0, 2)$. Then,

$$g(y) = f(0, y) = 2 - \frac{1}{4}y^2, \quad \Rightarrow \quad g'(y) = -\frac{1}{2}y = 0,$$

so y = 0 and we recover the point (0, 0).

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Example

Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum of $f(x, y) = 2 + xy - 2x - \frac{1}{4}y^2$ in the closed triangular region with vertices given by (0,0), (1,0), and (0,2).

Solution:

• The hypotenuse of the triangle y = 2 - 2x, $x \in (0, 1)$. Then,

$$g(x) = f(x, 2 - 2x) = 2 + x(2 - 2x) - 2x - \frac{1}{4}(2 - 2x)^2,$$

= 2 + 2x - 2x² - 2x - (x² - 2x + 1),
= 1 + 2x - 3x².

Then, g'(x) = 2 - 6x = 0 implies $x = \frac{1}{3}$, hence $y = \frac{4}{3}$. The candidate is $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3}\right)$.

Example

Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum of $f(x, y) = 2 + xy - 2x - \frac{1}{4}y^2$ in the closed triangular region with vertices given by (0, 0), (1, 0), and (0, 2).

Solution:

• Recall that we have obtained a candidate point $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3}\right)$. We evaluate f at this point,

$$f\left(\frac{1}{3},\frac{4}{3}\right) = 2 + \frac{4}{9} - \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\frac{16}{9} = \frac{4}{3}$$

Recalling that f(0,0) = 2, f(1,0) = 0, and f(0,2) = 1, the absolute maximum is at (0,0), and the minimum is at (1,0).