

Basic Knowledge

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Chapter 12

Section 12.2

- Definition of \mathbb{R}^n and its vector space operations.

Section 12.3

- Definition of parallel.

Section 12.5

- Definition of the dot product in \mathbb{R}^n .
- Properties of the dot product in \mathbb{R}^n .
- The Cauchy-Schwartz inequality.

Section 12.6

- Norm, or length, of a vector.
- Properties of the norm.
- The Triangle inequality.

Section 12.7

- Definition of orthogonality.

Section 12.9

- Definition of the projection of \vec{b} onto \vec{a} : $\text{Proj}_{\vec{a}}\vec{b}$.
- Definition of the angle between two vectors, via $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \|\vec{v}\|\|\vec{w}\| \cos \theta$.

Section 12.10

- Standard unit vectors for \mathbb{R}^n .

- Definition of linear combination.

Section 12.12

- Definition of linear span of a set of vectors.
- Definition of “span uniquely.”

Section 12.13

- Definition of linear independence.
- Definition of orthogonal set.

Section 12.14

- Definition of the term “basis.”
- The fact that every basis of \mathbb{R}^n has precisely n vectors.

Section 12.16

- Definition of the vector space \mathbb{C}^n .
- Definition of the sesquilinear (or Hermitian) inner product on \mathbb{C}^n .
- Definition of parallel and orthogonal vectors in \mathbb{C}^n .
- Definition of the norm in \mathbb{C}^n .
- Definition of the angle between two vectors in \mathbb{C}^n .

Chapter 13

Sections 13.1–13.10 (Recall we worked a little differently from the book)

- The meaning of “ k -plane through \vec{P} in \mathbb{R}^n .”
- The notation $M(P; \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k)$.
- The terms *parallel* and *skew* in reference to k -planes.
- The conditions for two k -planes to coincide.
- The special names for 1-planes and $(n - 1)$ -planes in \mathbb{R}^n (namely *lines* and *hyperplanes*).
- The special form for the equation of a hyperplane: $\vec{N} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{P}) = 0$.
- Vector-valued functions
- Definition of the cross product in \mathbb{R}^3 .
- The algebra \mathbb{H} , and the commutator product on \mathbb{H}
- The relationships between quaternions and \mathbb{R}^4 , and the purely imaginary quaternions and \mathbb{R}^3
- The relation between quaternions and the cross product
- The triple product and its geometric interpretation
- Determinants of $n \times n$ matrices, and interpretations

Chapter 14

Section 14.1 - 14.3

- Vector-valued functions
- Limits
- Differentiation and integration of vector-valued functions
- Properties of Integration and Differentiation (eg. product rules for dot and cross products)
- **The Chain Rule.** Super important!
- First and Second Fundamental Theorems of Calculus for vector-valued functions
- The Integral Triangle inequality: $\left| \int_a^b \vec{f}(t) dt \right| \leq \int_a^b \left\| \vec{f}(t) \right\| dt$

Section 14.6-14.8 (Basic notions)

- Position, Velocity and Acceleration vectors, and speed
- The Unit Tangent, \vec{T}
- The Principle Normal, \vec{N}
- Decomposition of the acceleration vector into tangential and normal components:
$$\vec{a}(t) = v'(t)\vec{T}(t) + v(t)\|\vec{T}'\|\vec{N}(t)$$
- The osculating 2-plane

Section 14.10-14.12 (Arclength)

- The n-dimensional Pythagorean theorem: $\Delta s = \sqrt{(\Delta x_1)^2 + \cdots + (\Delta x_n)^2}$
- The infinitesimal Pythagorean theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} ds &= \sqrt{(dx_1)^2 + \cdots + (dx_n)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx_1}{dt}\right)^2 + \cdots + \left(\frac{dx_n}{dt}\right)^2} dt \end{aligned}$$

- Arclength: given $\vec{f}(t) = (f_1(t), \dots, f_n(t))$, the length of arc between $t = t_0$ and $t = t_1$ is

$$s(t_1) - s(t_0) = \int_{t=t_0}^{t_1} ds$$

or

$$s(t_1) - s(t_0) = \int_{t=t_0}^{t_1} \sqrt{(df_1)^2 + \dots + (df_n)^2}$$

or

$$s(t_1) - s(t_0) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \sqrt{\left(\frac{df_1}{dt}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{df_n}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

or

$$s(t_1) - s(t_0) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left\| \frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} \right\| dt.$$

Section 14.14 (Curvature)

- Definition of curvature: change in T with respect to arclength (not time!):

$$\kappa = \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right\|$$

- Formula for κ with respect to time:

$$\kappa = \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right\| = \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \right\| \frac{1}{v} = \frac{\|\dot{v}\vec{v} - v\vec{a}\|}{v^3}$$

- Formula for acceleration in terms of tangential and normal components:

$$\vec{a}(t) = \dot{v}(t)\vec{T}(t) + \kappa(t)(v(t))^2\vec{N}(t) \quad (1)$$

- Special formula for κ in dimension 3:

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\|\vec{a}(t) \times \vec{v}(t)\|}{(v(t))^3}$$

Not in book (Curves in 3-dimensional space)

- The TNB frame:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{T} &= \frac{d\vec{f}}{ds} \\ \vec{N} &= \frac{d\vec{T}/ds}{\|d\vec{T}/ds\|} \\ \vec{B} &= \vec{T} \times \vec{N}\end{aligned}$$

\vec{T} =Unit Tangent, \vec{N} =Principle Normal, \vec{B} =Binormal.

- Derivative formulas:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} &= \kappa \vec{N} \\ \frac{d\vec{N}}{ds} &= -\kappa \vec{T} + \tau \vec{B} \\ \frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} &= -\tau \vec{N}\end{aligned}$$

- Computational formulas for dimension 3:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{B} &= \frac{\dot{\vec{f}} \times \ddot{\vec{f}}}{\|\dot{\vec{f}} \times \ddot{\vec{f}}\|} \\ \kappa &= \frac{\|\dot{\vec{f}} \times \ddot{\vec{f}}\|}{\|\dot{\vec{f}}\|^3} \\ \tau &= \kappa^{-2} \vec{T} \cdot \left(\frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \times \frac{d^2\vec{T}}{ds^2} \right) = \frac{\dot{\vec{f}} \cdot (\ddot{\vec{f}} \times \dddot{\vec{f}})}{\|\dot{\vec{f}} \times \ddot{\vec{f}}\|^2}\end{aligned}$$