

MATH 10C: Calculus III (Lecture B00)

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Today: Projectile motion. Functions
of two variables

Next: Strang 4.1

Week 5:

- homework 4 (due Friday, October 27)
- regrades of Midterm 1 on Gradescope until October 29

Properties of derivatives of vector-valued functions

Thm 3.3. Let $\vec{r}(t)$ and $\vec{u}(t)$ be differentiable vector-valued functions, let $f(t)$ be a differentiable scalar function, let c be a scalar.

$$(i) \frac{d}{dt} [c \vec{r}(t)] = c \vec{r}'(t) \quad (\text{scalar multiple})$$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}(t) \pm \vec{u}(t)] = \vec{r}'(t) \pm \vec{u}'(t) \quad (\text{sum and difference})$$

$$(iii) \frac{d}{dt} [f(t) \vec{r}(t)] = f'(t) \vec{r}(t) + f(t) \vec{r}'(t) \quad (\text{product with scalar function})$$

$$(iv) \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{u}(t)] = \vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{u}(t) + \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{u}'(t) \quad (\text{dot product})$$

$$(v) \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}(t) \times \vec{u}(t)] = \vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{u}(t) + \vec{r}(t) \times \vec{u}'(t) \quad (\text{cross product})$$

$$(vi) \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}(f(t))] = \vec{r}'(f(t)) \cdot f'(t) \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

Properties of derivatives of vector-valued functions

$$\|\vec{r}(t)\|^2$$

(vii) If $\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t) = c$, then $\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$

Proof (iv) $\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{u}(t)]$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} [r_1(t)u_1(t) + r_2(t)u_2(t) + r_3(t)u_3(t)]$$
$$= r_1'(t)u_1(t) + r_1(t)u_1'(t)$$
$$+ r_2'(t)u_2(t) + r_2(t)u_2'(t)$$
$$+ r_3'(t)u_3(t) + r_3(t)u_3'(t)$$
$$= \vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{u}(t) + \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{u}'(t)$$

(vii) $0 = \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t)] = \vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t) + \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 2 \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)$

This means that if $\|\vec{r}(t)\|$ is constant, then $\vec{r}(t) \perp \vec{r}'(t)$

Motion in space

If $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$ is the position of the particle at time t , then

- $\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t), z'(t) \rangle$ is the velocity, and
- $\vec{a}(t) = \vec{r}''(t) = \langle x''(t), y''(t), z''(t) \rangle$ is the acceleration, and
- $v(t) = \|\vec{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2 + (z'(t))^2}$ is the speed

Example: Projectile motion

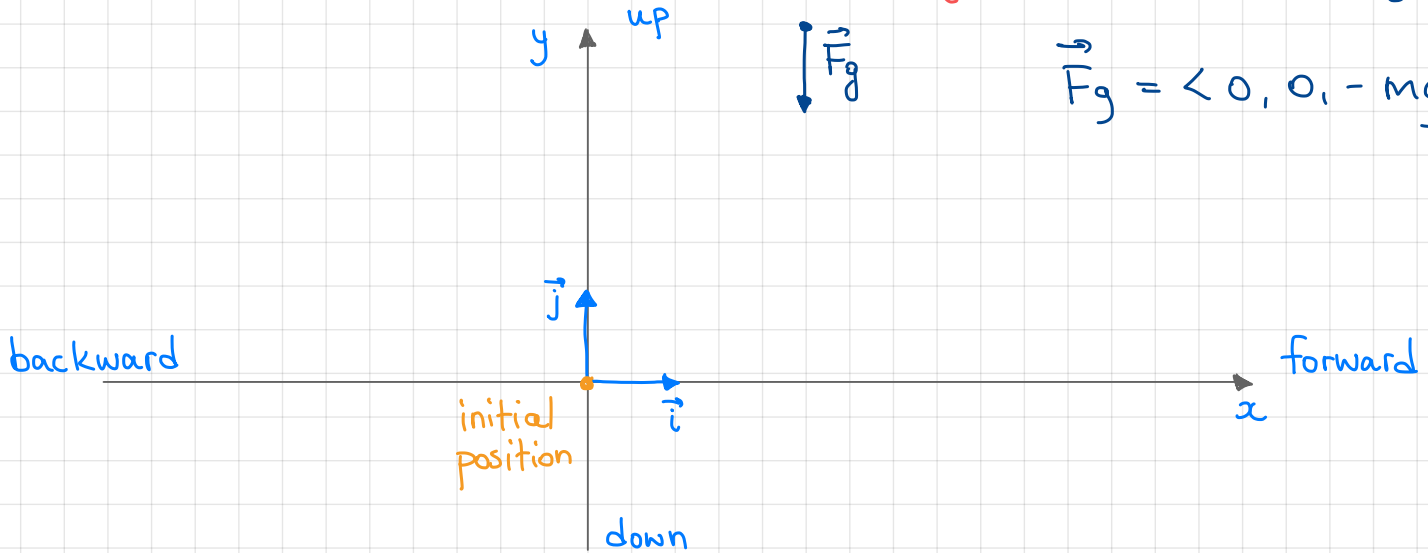
Consider an object moving with initial velocity \vec{v}_0 but with no forces acting on it other than gravity (ignore the effect of air resistance).

Newton's second law: $\vec{F} = m \vec{a}$, where m = mass of the object

Earth's gravity: $\|\vec{F}_g\| = m \cdot g$, where $g \approx 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

Projectile motion

Fix the coordinate system:



Newton's second law: $\vec{F} = m \vec{a}$

Earth's gravity: $\vec{F}_g = -mg \vec{j}$

Earth's gravity is the only force acting on the object

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_g$$

Projectile motion

$$\vec{F}(t) = \vec{F}_g : \quad m\vec{a}(t) = -mg \cdot \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = -g \cdot \vec{j} \quad (\text{constant acceleration})$$

Since $\vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}'(t)$, we have $\vec{v}'(t) = -g \cdot \vec{j}$

Take antiderivative: $\vec{v}(t) = \int -g \cdot \vec{j} dt = -gt \cdot \vec{j} + \vec{c}_1$

Determine \vec{c}_1 by taking $\vec{v}(0) = \vec{v}_0$ (initial velocity):

$$\vec{v}(0) = -g \cdot 0 + \vec{c}_1 = \vec{c}_1 = \vec{v}_0$$

This gives the velocity of the object:

$$\vec{v}(t) = -gt \cdot \vec{j} + \vec{v}_0$$

Similarly, $\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t)$. By taking the antiderivative and $\vec{r}(0) = \vec{r}_0$

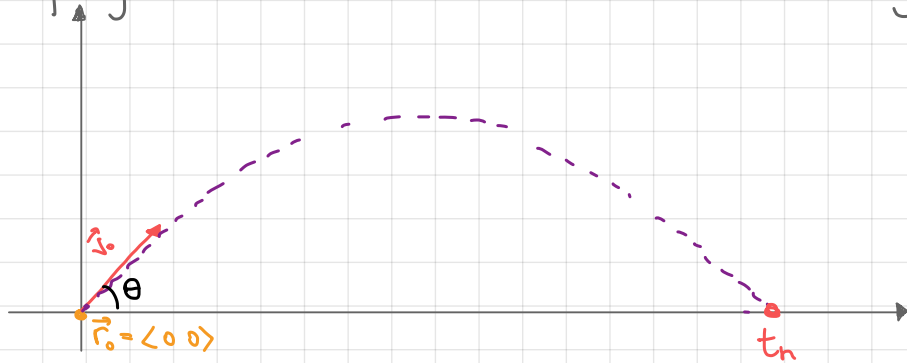
$$\vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(t) dt = -g \frac{t^2}{2} \cdot \vec{j} + t \cdot \vec{v}_0 + \vec{c}_0$$

$$\vec{r}(0) = \vec{c}_0 = \vec{r}_0, \quad \text{so} \quad \vec{r}(t) = -g \frac{t^2}{2} \cdot \vec{j} + t \vec{v}_0 + \vec{r}_0$$

Projectile motion

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin\theta \cos\theta$$

A projectile is shot by a howitzer with initial speed 800 m/s on a flat terrain. Determine the max distance the projectile can cover before hitting the ground.



Since the initial speed is given, the initial velocity can be determined by the angle: $\vec{v}_0 = 800 \langle \cos\theta, \sin\theta \rangle$

Equation of the trajectory: $\vec{r}(t) = -10 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} \cdot \vec{j} + 800t \cos\theta \vec{i} + 800t \sin\theta \vec{j}$

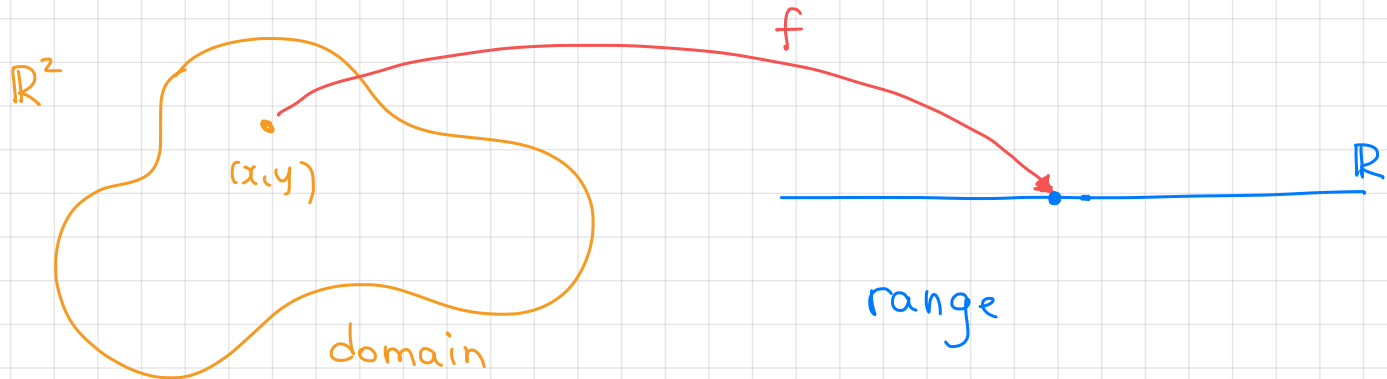
Hitting the ground: second component of $\vec{r}(t)$ is 0: $(-5t^2 + 800t \sin\theta) = 0$
 $t(-5t + 800 \sin\theta) = 0$, so $t_h = \frac{800 \sin\theta}{5} = 160 \cdot \sin\theta$. The position of the hit is

$\vec{r}(t_h) = 0 \cdot \vec{j} + 800 \cdot 160 \cdot \sin\theta \cdot \cos\theta \vec{i} = 64000 \cdot \sin(2\theta) \vec{i}$. Maximum is achieved when $\sin(2\theta) = 1$, i.e., $2\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} = 45^\circ$. Max distance is 64 km.

Functions of several variables

Functions of two variables

Def. A function of two variables maps each ordered pair (x, y) in a subset $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ to a unique real number $z = f(x, y)$. The set D is called the domain of the function. The range of f is the set of all real numbers z that has at least one ordered pair $(x, y) \in D$ s.t. $f(x, y) = z$.



If not specified, we choose the domain to be the set of all pairs (x, y) for which $f(x, y)$ is well-defined.