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MATHEMATICAL FORMULAE

1. VECTOR ALGEBRA

$$\mathbf{a} = a_1\mathbf{i} + a_2\mathbf{j} + a_3\mathbf{k} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$$

Scalar (dot) product: $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3$

Vector (cross) product:

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Scalar triple product:

$$[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}] = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Vector triple product: $\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a})\mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a})\mathbf{c}$

2. SERIES

$$(1+x)^\alpha = 1 + \alpha x + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots \quad (\alpha \text{ arbitrary, } |x| < 1)$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots,$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots,$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots,$$

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)} + \dots \quad (-1 < x \leq 1)$$

3. TRIGONOMETRIC IDENTITIES AND HYPERBOLIC FUNCTIONS

$$\sin(a + b) = \sin a \cos b + \cos a \sin b ;$$

$$\cos(a + b) = \cos a \cos b - \sin a \sin b .$$

$$\cos iz = \cosh z ; \quad \cosh iz = \cos z ; \quad \sin iz = i \sinh z ; \quad \sinh iz = i \sin z .$$

4. DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS

(a) Leibniz's formula:

$$D^n(fg) = f D^n g + \binom{n}{1} Df D^{n-1} g + \dots + \binom{n}{r} D^r f D^{n-r} g + \dots + D^n f g .$$

(b) Taylor's expansion of $f(x)$ about $x = a$:

$$f(a + h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + h^2 f''(a)/2! + \dots + h^n f^{(n)}(a)/n! + \epsilon_n(h) ,$$

$$\text{where } \epsilon_n(h) = h^{n+1} f^{(n+1)}(a + \theta h)/(n + 1)! , \quad 0 < \theta < 1 .$$

(c) Taylor's expansion of $f(x, y)$ about (a, b) :

$$f(a + h, b + k) = f(a, b) + [hf_x + kf_y]_{a,b} + 1/2! [h^2 f_{xx} + 2hk f_{xy} + k^2 f_{yy}]_{a,b} + \dots$$

(d) Partial differentiation of $f(x, y)$:

i. If $y = y(x)$, then $f = F(x)$, and $\frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx}$.

ii. If $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$, then $f = F(t)$, and $\frac{dF}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$.

iii. If $x = x(u, v)$, $y = y(u, v)$, then $f = F(u, v)$, and

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} .$$

(e) Stationary points of $f(x, y)$ occur where $f_x = 0$, $f_y = 0$ simultaneously.

Let (a, b) be a stationary point: examine $D = [f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2]_{a,b}$.

If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$, then (a, b) is a maximum;

If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$, then (a, b) is a minimum;

If $D < 0$ then (a, b) is a saddle-point.

(f) Differential equations:

i. The first order linear equation $dy/dx + P(x)y = Q(x)$ has an integrating factor $I(x) = \exp[\int P(x)(dx)]$, so that $\frac{d}{dx}(Iy) = IQ$.

ii. $P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy = 0$ is exact if $\partial Q/\partial x = \partial P/\partial y$.

5. INTEGRAL CALCULUS

- (a) An important substitution: $\tan(\theta/2) = t$:
 $\sin \theta = 2t/(1+t^2)$, $\cos \theta = (1-t^2)/(1+t^2)$, $d\theta = 2 dt/(1+t^2)$.
- (b) Some indefinite integrals:

$$\int (a^2 - x^2)^{-1/2} dx = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right), \quad |x| < a.$$

$$\int (a^2 + x^2)^{-1/2} dx = \sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) = \ln \left\{ \frac{x}{a} + \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{a^2} \right)^{1/2} \right\}.$$

$$\int (x^2 - a^2)^{-1/2} dx = \cosh^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) = \ln \left| \frac{x}{a} + \left(\frac{x^2}{a^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} \right|.$$

$$\int (a^2 + x^2)^{-1} dx = \left(\frac{1}{a} \right) \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right).$$

6. NUMERICAL METHODS

- (a) Approximate solution of an algebraic equation:

If a root of $f(x) = 0$ occurs near $x = a$, take $x_0 = a$ and
 $x_{n+1} = x_n - [f(x_n)/f'(x_n)]$, $n = 0, 1, 2 \dots$

(Newton Raphson method).

- (b) Formulae for numerical integration: Write $x_n = x_0 + nh$, $y_n = y(x_n)$.

i. Trapezium rule (1-strip): $\int_{x_0}^{x_1} y(x) dx \approx (h/2) [y_0 + y_1]$.

ii. Simpson's rule (2-strip): $\int_{x_0}^{x_2} y(x) dx \approx (h/3) [y_0 + 4y_1 + y_2]$.

- (c) Richardson's extrapolation method: Let $I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$ and let I_1, I_2 be two

estimates of I obtained by using Simpson's rule with intervals h and $h/2$.

Then, provided h is small enough,

$$I_2 + (I_2 - I_1)/15,$$

is a better estimate of I .

7. LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

Function	Transform	Function	Transform
$f(t)$	$F(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$	$af(t) + bg(t)$	$aF(s) + bG(s)$
df/dt	$sF(s) - f(0)$	$d^2 f/dt^2$	$s^2 F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$
$e^{at} f(t)$	$F(s - a)$	$tf(t)$	$-dF(s)/ds$
$(\partial/\partial\alpha)f(t, \alpha)$	$(\partial/\partial\alpha)F(s, \alpha)$	$\int_0^t f(t) dt$	$F(s)/s$
$\int_0^t f(u)g(t-u)du$	$F(s)G(s)$		
1	$1/s$	$t^n (n = 1, 2, \dots)$	$n!/s^{n+1}, (s > 0)$
e^{at}	$1/(s - a), (s > a)$	$\sin \omega t$	$\omega/(s^2 + \omega^2), (s > 0)$
$\cos \omega t$	$s/(s^2 + \omega^2), (s > 0)$	$H(t - T) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < T \\ 1, & t > T \end{cases}$	$e^{-sT}/s, (s, T > 0)$

8. FOURIER SERIES

If $f(x)$ is periodic of period $2L$, then $f(x + 2L) = f(x)$, and

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}, \text{ where}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \text{ and}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Parseval's theorem

$$\frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L [f(x)]^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2).$$