

Problem II 4.2-type problem.

Verify that the curve C is an integral curve of V , and derive a formula for infinitely many integral surfaces of V containing C .

$V = (x, -y, 0)$, $C: x = t, y = -1/t, z = 0$ for all $t > 0$.

Answer: The surface with equation

$$F(xy, z) = 0$$

is an integral surface for any smooth function $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that satisfies $F(-1, 0) = 0$.

I will show a “model solution” in this notebook. I will also illustrate this result, showing the surfaces obtained by a “standard” choice of F .

Solution:

Two Functionally Independent First Integrals (FIFIs) for V are

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In[]:= } u1[x_, y_, z_] &:= x y \\ u2[x_, y_, z_] &:= z \end{aligned}$$

The hardest part of the problem is determining these 2 FIFIs and verifying that they are indeed functionally independent by computing the cross product of the gradients.

To show that C is an integral curve, compute

$$U1(t) = u1(t, -1/t, 0) = (t)(-1/t) = -1 \text{ (for all } t > 0) \text{ and}$$

$$U2(t) = u2(t, -1/t, 0) = 0 \text{ (for all } t > 0)$$

Since $U1(t)$ and $U2(t)$ are constant functions, the curve C is an integral curve of V .

Any smooth function $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ will give a first integral $F(xy, z)$ of V by Theorem 3.1. This integral surface will contain C if and only if $F(-1, 0) = 0$, as shown in the proof of Theorem 4.3.

(End of the “model solution”.)

Now lets illustrate this result with a one-parameter family of functions F that satisfy $F(-1, 0) = 0$, out of the unfathomably largely infinitely many such functions.

Here’s a tangent for you: If we assume the continuum hypothesis, the cardinality of the set of functions F defined below is Aleph-1. I don’t know set theory very well, but I think the cardinality of all functions $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that satisfy $F(-1, 0) = 0$ is Aleph-2. (That’s what I mean by unfathomably largely infinitely many such functions.)

My choice for a function $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that satisfies $F(c1, c2) = 0$ has a parameter θ . So I actually define a function $F: \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, with $c1, c2$, and θ as the last three arguments of the function. The set $F(u1, u2, c1, c2, \theta) = 0$ is a line in through the point $(c1, c2)$ that is perpendicular to the vector $(\cos(\theta), \sin(\theta))$.

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In[ ]:= F[u1_, u2_, c1_, c2_,  $\theta$ ] := (u1 - c1) Cos[ $\theta$ ] + (u2 - c2) Sin[ $\theta$ ]
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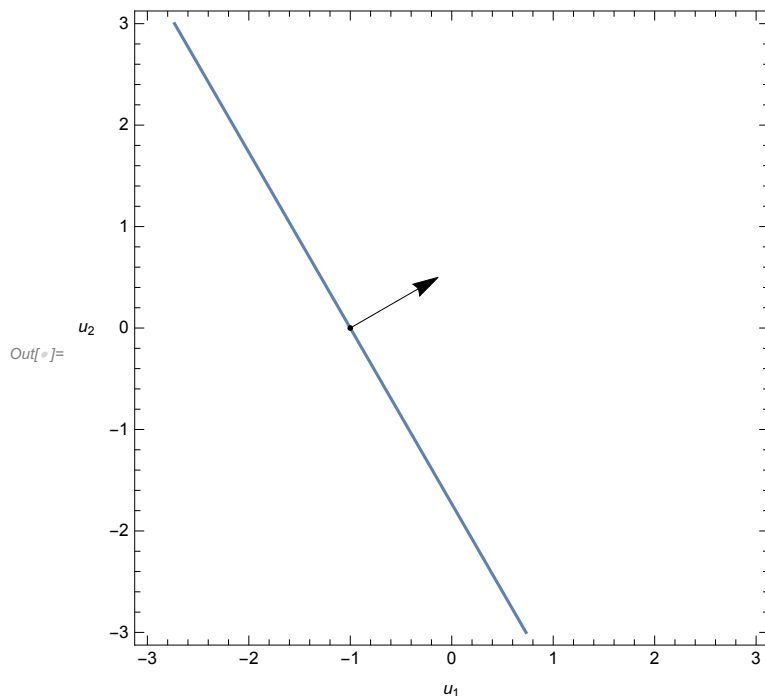
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In[ ]:=  $\theta$  =  $\pi$  / 6;
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{c1, c2} = {-1, 0};
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ContourPlot[F[u1, u2, c1, c2,  $\theta$ ] == 0, {u1, -3, 3}, {u2, -3, 3},
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Epilog -> {Arrow[{{c1, c2}, {c1, c2} + {Cos[ $\theta$ ], Sin[ $\theta$ ]}], Point[{c1, c2}]},
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FrameLabel -> {"u1", "u2"}, RotateLabel -> False]
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Now we plot the family of integral surfaces that go through C: $x = t, y = -1/t, z = 0$, depending on the parameter θ . We have already determined that $c1 = -1$ and $c2 = 0$.

You must first run the cells where $u1, u2$, and F are defined, before running this cell. I like to select all (Ctrl A) and run (Shift-ENTER, or bottom-right ENTER on some keyboards).

You can use the slider to change θ .

Clicking the + to the right of the slider allows you to see the value of θ and also animate the figure!

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In[ ]:= Manipulate[
  L = 3; (* -L ≤ x, y ≤ L *)
  H = 2; (* -H ≤ z ≤ H *)
  c1 = -1;
  c2 = 0;
  integralCurve = Graphics3D[Tube[Table[{t, -1/t, 0}, {t, 1/L, L, 1/(5 L)}], .07] ];
  integralSurface = ContourPlot3D[F[u1[x, y, z], u2[x, y, z], c1, c2,  $\theta$ ] == 0,
    {x, -L, L}, {y, -L, L}, {z, -H, H}, Mesh -> False];
  Show[integralSurface, integralCurve, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"},
    BoxRatios -> Automatic]
  , {{ $\theta$ , 2.2},  $\theta$ ,  $\pi$ }]
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Now do the same thing for the integral curve C: $x = 0, y = -t, z = 0, t > 0$.

In this case, $c_1 = u_1(0, -t, 0) = 0$, and $c_2 = u_2(0, -t, 0) = 0$.

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In[ ]:= Manipulate[
  L = 3; (* -L ≤ x,y ≤ L *)
  H = 2; (* -H ≤ z ≤ H *)
  c1 = 0;
  c2 = 0;
  integralCurve = Graphics3D[Tube[Table[{0, -t, 0}, {t, 0, L, L}], .07] ];
  integralSurface = ContourPlot3D[F[u1[x, y, z], u2[x, y, z], c1, c2, 0] == 0,
    {x, -L, L}, {y, -L, L}, {z, -H, H}, Mesh → False];
  Show[integralSurface, integralCurve, AxesLabel → {"x", "y", "z"},
    BoxRatios → Automatic]
  , {{0, 2.2}, 0, π}]
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