

Multivariable Calculus

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This is a text for students with a background in one-variable calculus, who are ready to tackle calculus in several variables. It is designed for the honors section of the third-semester calculus course at the University of North Carolina.

Chapter 1 presents a brisk review of the basics of calculus in one variable: definitions and elementary properties of the derivative and integral, the fundamental theorem of calculus, and power series. One might skim over this introductory chapter to see if a refresher is needed for some of this material.

Multivariable calculus is done on multidimensional spaces. Chapter 2 introduces algebraic tools useful for this study, involving a look at n -dimensional Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n , more general vector spaces, linear transformations, matrices, and determinants, and a study of the cross product on \mathbb{R}^3 . We proceed to a study of curves in Euclidean space in Chapter 3. Material presented here on arclength of curves leads to a unified treatment of exponential and trigonometric functions.

Chapter 4 treats the derivative of a function of several variables, including higher derivatives and multivariable power series, and the inverse and implicit function theorems. Chapter 5 develops the integral of functions of several variables. A key result here is the formula for change of variables of multiple integrals, which makes essential use of concepts from Chapter 4. Chapter 6 studies smooth surfaces in Euclidean space, and differential and integral calculus on such surfaces. It also discusses the concept of a manifold, as a generalization of the notion of a surface.

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