

Math 2321 (Multivariable Calculus)

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Flux Across Surfaces

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This material represents §4.3.3 from the course notes.

Circulation and Flux Reminders, I

Last time, we discussed circulation and flux, which are two natural quantities that arise when studying vector fields representing fluid flow.

- To visualize these, imagine you are riding a bicycle on a windy day.
- The circulation measures how much the wind is helping or hindering you: in other words, how much it is pushing you tangentially along your path of motion.
- The flux measures how much the wind is blowing you off course: in other words, how much it is pushing normally across your path of motion.

Circulation and Flux Reminders, II

In the plane, we can compute circulation and flux as line integrals:

Definition

Suppose $\mathbf{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ is a vector field representing the velocity of a fluid flowing through the plane.

The circulation (or flow) of the vector field \mathbf{F} along the curve C is

$$\text{Circulation} = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} \, ds = \int_C P \, dx + Q \, dy,$$

where \mathbf{T} is the unit tangent vector to the curve C .

The flux of the vector field \mathbf{F} across the curve C is

$$\text{Flux} = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{N} \, ds = \int_C -Q \, dx + P \, dy,$$

where \mathbf{N} is the unit normal vector to the curve C .

Flux Across Surfaces, I

In 3-space, the notion of circulation along a curve remains essentially the same as in the plane.

- If $\mathbf{F} = \langle P, Q, R \rangle$, the circulation of \mathbf{F} along the curve C is
$$\int_C P dx + Q dy + R dz = \int_a^b \left[P \frac{dx}{dt} + Q \frac{dy}{dt} + R \frac{dz}{dt} \right] dt.$$

However, the physical interpretation of flux in 3-space means that we must measure fluid flow across a surface, rather than a curve.

- The resulting flux integral is then a surface integral, rather than a line integral.
- Instead of measuring how much \mathbf{F} aligns with the unit normal vector \mathbf{N} to the curve C , we want to measure how much \mathbf{F} aligns with the unit normal vector \mathbf{n} to a surface S .
- Thus, we want to integrate the dot product $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ on the surface S , where \mathbf{n} represents the unit normal vector to S .

Flux Across Surfaces, II

Our analysis indicates that the total flux of a vector field \mathbf{F} across a surface S is the integral of $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ over the surface.

Definition

If \mathbf{F} represents the velocity of a fluid flowing through 3-space, then the (outward normal) flux of the vector field \mathbf{F} across the surface S is given by the surface integral

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, d\sigma$$

*where \mathbf{n} is the outward unit normal vector to the surface.
The flux measures the total amount of fluid flowing across S .*

As with the circulation and flux integrals in the plane, we (usually) do not want to have to calculate the normal vector \mathbf{n} explicitly.

Flux Across Surfaces, III

Some comments about notation and terminology:

- When speaking of a unit normal vector to a surface we will use a lowercase \mathbf{n} , to keep the notation different from the unit normal \mathbf{N} to a curve (which is an uppercase \mathbf{N}).
- The unit normal vector to a surface is defined to be the normal vector of the tangent plane.

The integral $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, d\sigma$ computes the flux through the surface in the direction of the outward normal vector to the surface.

- All of this is assuming that there is a coherent notion of an “outward normal vector”. This may seem like a reasonable expectation, but some surfaces, like the Möbius strip, cannot be consistently assigned a normal vector.
- We will therefore assume, for our discussions, that all our surfaces are “orientable”, meaning that there is a continuous assignment of a normal vector to all points on the surface.

Flux Across Surfaces, IV

Since \mathbf{n} is the normal vector to the surface's tangent plane, we can write it down explicitly, and thus set up the surface integral.

- If S is parametrized by $\mathbf{r}(s, t) = \langle x(s, t), y(s, t), z(s, t) \rangle$, then a normal vector is given by the cross product $\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t}$, so we get a unit normal vector $\mathbf{n} = \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} \right) / \left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} \right\|$.
- If S is an implicit surface $g(x, y, z) = c$, then a normal vector is given by the gradient ∇g , so we get a unit normal vector $\mathbf{n} = \nabla g / \|\nabla g\|$.
- By plugging these expressions into the surface integral $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, d\sigma$, we obtain explicit formulas for the outward normal flux across a surface S .

Flux Across Surfaces, V

First, for a parametric surface:

Proposition (Flux Across a Parametric Surface)

Suppose \mathbf{F} is a vector field and S is a surface parametrized by $\mathbf{r}(s, t) = \langle x(s, t), y(s, t), z(s, t) \rangle$ for s and t in a region R . Then the outward normal flux of \mathbf{F} across S is equal to

$$\text{Flux} = \iint_R \mathbf{F} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} \right) ds dt$$

provided that $\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t}$ is the outward-pointing normal vector of S .

Pleasantly, the denominator for the unit normal vector

$\mathbf{n} = \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} \right) / \left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} \right\|$ cancels the factor $\left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} \right\|$

that comes from the surface area differential.

Flux Across Surfaces, VI

Also, for an implicit surface:

Proposition (Flux Across an Implicit Surface)

Suppose \mathbf{F} is a vector field and S is a portion of the surface defined implicitly by $g(x, y, z) = c$, where R is the projection of S in the xy -plane. Then the outward normal flux of \mathbf{F} across S is equal to

$$\text{Flux} = \iint_R \frac{\mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla g}{|\nabla g \cdot \mathbf{k}|} dy dx$$

provided that $\partial g / \partial z$ is nonzero on R . (Note here that the denominator term $\nabla g \cdot \mathbf{k}$ is simply the partial derivative $\partial g / \partial z$.)

We also get a cancellation of the unpleasant denominator term $\|\nabla g\|$ in this formula.

Flux Across Surfaces, VII

Both of the formulas follow just by writing down the dot product $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ as a function and setting up the appropriate surface integral.

- Depending on the description of the surface, either of these two methods (i.e., via a parametrization or as an implicit surface) may be more convenient for computing a flux integral.

We also mention that, occasionally, the flux integral $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, d\sigma$ is written as $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\sigma}$.

- Here, $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ is being considered as a vector differential.
- The resulting flux integral is then called “the integral of the vector field \mathbf{F} on the surface S ”.
- We will always refer to this integral explicitly as a flux integral, using our regular surface integral notation $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, d\sigma$.

Flux Across Surfaces, VIII

Example: Consider the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle xz^2, yz^2, x^3e^y \rangle$ on the portion of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ between $z = -1$ and $z = 1$.

1. Find a parametrization for this portion of the cylinder.
2. Find the outward normal vector to the cylinder.
3. Set up and evaluate the flux of \mathbf{F} across S .

Flux Across Surfaces, VIII

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1. Find a parametrization for this portion of the cylinder.
2. Find the outward normal vector to the cylinder.
3. Set up and evaluate the flux of \mathbf{F} across S .
 - From cylindrical coordinates, we can parametrize the cylinder as $\mathbf{r}(s, t) = \langle 2 \cos t, 2 \sin t, s \rangle$.
 - The desired portion corresponds to $-1 \leq s \leq 1$ and $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.

Flux Across Surfaces, IX

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2. Find the outward normal vector to the cylinder.
 - Since $\mathbf{r}(s, t) = \langle 2 \cos t, 2 \sin t, s \rangle$,

Flux Across Surfaces, IX

Example: Consider the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle xz^2, yz^2, x^3e^y \rangle$ on the portion of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ between $z = -1$ and $z = 1$.

2. Find the outward normal vector to the cylinder.

- Since $\mathbf{r}(s, t) = \langle 2 \cos t, 2 \sin t, s \rangle$, we see that $\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} = \langle -2 \sin t, 2 \cos t, 0 \rangle$ and $\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$.

- Thus, the normal vector is

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -2 \sin t & 2 \cos t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 2 \cos t, 2 \sin t, 0 \rangle.$$

- This is indeed an outward-pointing normal vector, since it is the vector pointing from $(0, 0, s)$ to the point $\mathbf{r}(s, t) = \langle 2 \cos t, 2 \sin t, s \rangle$ on the surface.

Flux Across Surfaces, X

Example: Consider the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle xz^2, yz^2, x^3e^y \rangle$ on the portion of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ between $z = -1$ and $z = 1$.

3. Set up and evaluate the flux of \mathbf{F} across S .

Flux Across Surfaces, X

Example: Consider the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle xz^2, yz^2, x^3e^y \rangle$ on the portion of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ between $z = -1$ and $z = 1$.

3. Set up and evaluate the flux of \mathbf{F} across S .

- Since $x = 2 \cos t$, $y = 2 \sin t$, and $z = s$, we see

$$\mathbf{F} = \langle xz^2, yz^2, x^3e^y \rangle = \langle 2s^2 \cos t, 2s^2 \sin t, (2 \cos t)^3 e^{2 \sin t} \rangle.$$

- Then $\mathbf{F} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} \right) = \langle 2s^2 \cos t, 2s^2 \sin t, (2 \cos t)^3 e^{2 \sin t} \rangle \cdot$

$$\langle 2 \cos t, 2 \sin t, 0 \rangle = 4s^2 \cos^2 t + 4s^2 \sin^2 t = 4s^2.$$

- The flux integral is thus

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 4s^2 ds dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \left. \frac{4}{3}s^3 \right|_{s=-1}^1 dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{8}{3} dt = \frac{16\pi}{3}.$$

Flux Across Surfaces, XI

Example: Find the outward flux of the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$ through the top half of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$.

1. Find a parametrization for the sphere.
2. Find the outward normal vector to the sphere.
3. Set up and evaluate the flux of \mathbf{F} across S .

Flux Across Surfaces, XI

Example: Find the outward flux of the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$ through the top half of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$.

1. Find a parametrization for the sphere.
2. Find the outward normal vector to the sphere.
3. Set up and evaluate the flux of \mathbf{F} across S .
 - Using spherical coordinates, we can parametrize the hemisphere as $\mathbf{r}(s, t) = \langle 3 \sin s \cos t, 3 \sin s \sin t, 3 \cos s \rangle$ for $0 \leq s \leq \pi/2$ and $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.

Flux Across Surfaces, XII

Example: Find the outward flux of the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$ through the top half of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$.

2. Find the outward normal vector to the sphere.
 - We have $\mathbf{r}(s, t) = \langle 3 \sin s \cos t, 3 \sin s \sin t, 3 \cos s \rangle$.

Flux Across Surfaces, XII

Example: Find the outward flux of the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$ through the top half of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$.

2. Find the outward normal vector to the sphere.

- We have $\mathbf{r}(s, t) = \langle 3 \sin s \cos t, 3 \sin s \sin t, 3 \cos s \rangle$.

- Then $\partial \mathbf{r} / \partial t = \langle -3 \sin s \sin t, 3 \sin s \cos t, 0 \rangle$ and

$\partial \mathbf{r} / \partial s = \langle 3 \cos s \cos t, 3 \cos s \sin t, -3 \sin s \rangle$, so

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -3 \sin s \sin t & 3 \sin s \cos t & 0 \\ 3 \cos s \cos t & 3 \cos s \sin t & -3 \sin s \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$\langle -9 \sin^2 s \cos t, -9 \sin^2 s \sin t, -9 \sin s \cos s \rangle.$$

- However, this is actually an inward-pointing normal vector, since it is $-3 \sin s$ times the position vector $\mathbf{r}(s, t)$.

- So we must scale it by -1 to get the actual outward normal, $\langle 9 \sin^2 s \cos t, 9 \sin^2 s \sin t, 9 \sin s \cos s \rangle$.

Flux Across Surfaces, XIII

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3. Set up and evaluate the flux of \mathbf{F} across S .

Flux Across Surfaces, XIII

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3. Set up and evaluate the flux of \mathbf{F} across S .

- We have $\mathbf{r}(s, t) = \langle 3 \sin s \cos t, 3 \sin s \sin t, 3 \cos s \rangle$ for $0 \leq s \leq \pi/2$ and $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.

- So $\mathbf{F} = \langle 6 \sin s \cos t, 6 \sin s \sin t, 6 \cos s \rangle$.

- Then $\mathbf{F} \cdot - \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} \right) = \langle 6 \sin s \cos t, 6 \sin s \sin t, 6 \cos s \rangle \cdot \langle 9 \sin^2 s \cos t, 9 \sin^2 s \sin t, 9 \sin s \cos s \rangle = 54 \sin^3 s \cos^2 t + 54 \sin^3 s \sin^2 t + 54 \sin s \cos^2 s = 54 \sin s$.

- The flux of \mathbf{F} across S is therefore

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} 54 \sin s \, ds \, dt = \int_0^{2\pi} -54 \cos s \Big|_{s=0}^{\pi/2} dt = \int_0^{2\pi} 54 \, dt = 108\pi.$$

Flux Across Surfaces, XIV

Example: Find the outward flux of the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$ through the top half of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$ using the implicit surface formula.

Flux Across Surfaces, XIV

Example: Find the outward flux of the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$ through the top half of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$ using the implicit surface formula.

- If we use the implicit surface formula instead, then the flux is given by $\iint_R \frac{\mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla g}{|\nabla g \cdot \mathbf{k}|} dy dx$, where $g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$.

Flux Across Surfaces, XIV

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- We have $\nabla g = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$, and the region R is the interior of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 9$. Therefore, the flux integral is
$$\iint_R \frac{\langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle \cdot \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle}{2z} dA = \iint_R \frac{36}{2\sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}} dy dx.$$
- Switching to polar coordinates yields the explicit integral
$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^3 \frac{36}{2\sqrt{9 - r^2}} r dr d\theta &= \int_0^{2\pi} -18\sqrt{9 - r^2} \Big|_{r=0}^3 d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} 54 d\theta = 108\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Flux Across Surfaces, XV

Example: Find the flux of the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2xz, 2xy, 2z \rangle$ through the portion S of the surface $z = x^2 + y^2$ between the cylinders $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, with upward orientation.

Flux Across Surfaces, XV

Example: Find the flux of the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2xz, 2xy, 2z \rangle$ through the portion S of the surface $z = x^2 + y^2$ between the cylinders $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, with upward orientation.

- The description of the portion of the surface suggests using cylindrical coordinates to write down a parametrization.
- In cylindrical, the surface is $z = r^2$, and the portion we want has $1 \leq r \leq 2$.
- Thus, we get a parametrization $\mathbf{r}(r, \theta) = \langle r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, r^2 \rangle$ with $1 \leq r \leq 2$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

Flux Across Surfaces, XVI

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- If $\mathbf{r}(r, \theta) = \langle r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, r^2 \rangle$,

Flux Across Surfaces, XVI

Example: Find the flux of the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2xz, 2xy, 2z \rangle$ through the portion S of the surface $z = x^2 + y^2$ between the cylinders $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, with upward orientation.

- If $\mathbf{r}(r, \theta) = \langle r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, r^2 \rangle$, then $\partial \mathbf{r} / \partial r = \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta, 2r \rangle$ and $\partial \mathbf{r} / \partial \theta = \langle -r \sin \theta, r \cos \theta, 0 \rangle$.

- So then we get
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial r} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \theta} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 2r \\ -r \sin \theta & r \cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \langle -2r^2 \cos \theta, -2r^2 \sin \theta, r \rangle.$$

- This normal vector does point upward, as required, since the z -coordinate is positive.

Flux Across Surfaces, XVII

Example: Find the flux of the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2xz, 2yz, 2z \rangle$ through the portion S of the surface $z = x^2 + y^2$ between the cylinders $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, with upward orientation.

Flux Across Surfaces, XVII

Example: Find the flux of the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2xz, 2yz, 2z \rangle$ through the portion S of the surface $z = x^2 + y^2$ between the cylinders $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, with upward orientation.

- We have $\mathbf{r}(r, \theta) = \langle r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, r^2 \rangle$ for $1 \leq r \leq 2$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$. Thus $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2r^3 \cos \theta, 2r^3 \sin \theta, 2r^2 \rangle$.

- Then $\mathbf{F} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} \right) =$
 $\langle 2r^3 \cos \theta, 2r^3 \sin \theta, 2r^2 \rangle \cdot \langle -2r^2 \cos \theta, -2r^2 \sin \theta, r \rangle$
 $= -4r^5 \cos^2 \theta - 4r^5 \sin^2 \theta + 2r^3 = 2r^3 - 4r^5$.

- The flux of \mathbf{F} across S is therefore

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 (2r^3 - 4r^5) dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} -\frac{69}{2} d\theta = -69\pi.$$

Flux Across Surfaces, XVIII

Example: Compute the flux of $\mathbf{F} = \langle -xz, -yz, x^2 + y^2 \rangle$ across the portion of the cone $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ inside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 6$, with upward orientation.

Flux Across Surfaces, XVIII

Example: Compute the flux of $\mathbf{F} = \langle -xz, -yz, x^2 + y^2 \rangle$ across the portion of the cone $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ inside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 6$, with upward orientation.

- In cylindrical the cone is $z = r$, so using parameters r, θ we get the parametrization $\mathbf{r}(r, \theta) = \langle r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, r \rangle$ for $0 \leq r \leq \sqrt{6}, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

Flux Across Surfaces, XVIII

Example: Compute the flux of $\mathbf{F} = \langle -xz, -yz, x^2 + y^2 \rangle$ across the portion of the cone $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ inside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 6$, with upward orientation.

- In cylindrical the cone is $z = r$, so using parameters r, θ we get the parametrization $\mathbf{r}(r, \theta) = \langle r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, r \rangle$ for $0 \leq r \leq \sqrt{6}$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.
- Then $\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial r} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \theta} = \langle -r \cos \theta, -r \sin \theta, r \rangle$, which has upward orientation since the z -coordinate is positive.
- Then $\mathbf{F} = \langle -r^2 \cos \theta, -r^2 \sin \theta, r^2 \rangle$ and so $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \langle -r^2 \cos \theta, -r^2 \sin \theta, r^2 \rangle \cdot \langle -r \cos \theta, -r \sin \theta, r \rangle = 2r^3$.
- Thus, the flux is $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\sqrt{6}} 2r^3 dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} 18 d\theta = 36\pi$.

Summary

We introduced flux across a surface.

We discussed how to calculate flux across parametric surfaces and how to calculate flux across implicit surfaces.

Next lecture: Conservative vector fields and potential functions.