

Annex A (normative)

Mathematical foundations

A.1 Introduction

This annex identifies the concepts from mathematics used in this International Standard and specifies the notation used for those concepts. No proofs are presented. A reader of this International Standard is assumed to be familiar with mathematics including set theory, linear algebra, and the calculus of several real variables as presented in reference works such as the *Encyclopedic Dictionary of Mathematics* [EDM].

A.2 \mathbf{R}^n as a real vector space

An ordered set of n real numbers a where n is a natural number is called an *n -tuple of real numbers* and shall be denoted by $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$. The set of all n -tuples of real numbers is denoted by \mathbf{R}^n . \mathbf{R}^n is an n -dimensional vector space.

The *canonical basis* for \mathbf{R}^n is defined as:

$$e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0), e_2 = (0, 1, \dots, 0), \dots, e_n = (0, 0, \dots, 1).$$

The elements of \mathbf{R}^n may be called *points* or *vectors*. The latter term is used in the context of directions or vector space operations.

The zero vector $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$ is denoted by $\mathbf{0}$.

Definitions A.2(a) through A.2(j) apply to any vectors $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ and $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ in \mathbf{R}^n :

- a) The *inner product* or *dot-product* of two vectors x and y is defined as:

$$x \bullet y = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n.$$

- b) Two vectors x and y are called *orthogonal* if $x \bullet y = 0$.

- c) If $n \geq 2$, two vectors x and y are called *perpendicular* if and only if they are orthogonal.

NOTE 1 If $n \geq 2$, $x \bullet y = \|x\| \|y\| \cos(\alpha)$ where α is the angle between x and y .

- d) x is called *orthogonal to a set* of vectors if x is orthogonal to each vector that is a member of the set.

- e) The *norm* of x is defined as

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{x \bullet x}.$$

NOTE 2 The norm of x represents the length of the vector x . Only the zero vector $\mathbf{0}$ has norm zero.

- f) x is called a *unit vector* if $\|x\| = 1$.

- g) A set of two or more orthogonal unit vectors is called an *orthonormal set of vectors*.

EXAMPLE The canonical basis is an example of an orthonormal set of vectors.

- h) The *Euclidean metric* d is defined by

$$d(x, y) = \|x - y\|.$$
- i) The value of $d(x, y)$ is called the *Euclidean distance* between x and y .
- j) The *cross product* of two vectors x and y in \mathbf{R}^3 is defined as the vector:

$$x \times y = (x_2y_3 - x_3y_2, x_3y_1 - x_1y_3, x_1y_2 - x_2y_1).$$

NOTE 3 The vector $x \times y$ is orthogonal to both x and y , and

$$\|x \times y\| = \|x\|\|y\|\sin(\alpha),$$

where α is the angle between vectors x and y .

A.3 The point set topology of \mathbf{R}^n

Given a point p in \mathbf{R}^n and a real value $\varepsilon > 0$, the set $\{q \text{ in } \mathbf{R}^n \mid d(p, q) < \varepsilon\}$ is called the ε -neighbourhood of p .

Given a set $D \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ and a point p , the following terms are defined:

- a) p is an *interior point* of D if at least one ε -neighbourhood of p is a subset of D .
- b) The *interior* of a set D is the set of all points that are interior points of D .

NOTE 1 The interior of a set may be empty.

- c) D is *open* if each point of D is an interior point of D . Consequently, D is open if it is equal to its interior.
- d) p is a *closure point* of D if every ε -neighbourhood of p has a non-empty intersection with D .

NOTE 2 Every member of D is a closure point of D .

- e) The *closure* of a set D is the set of all points that are closure points of D .
- f) D is a *closed set* if it is equal to the closure set of D .
- g) A set D is *replete* if all points in D belong to the closure of the interior of D .

NOTE 3 Every open set is replete. The union of an open set with any or all of its closure points forms a replete set. In particular, the closure of an open set is replete.

EXAMPLE 1 In \mathbf{R}^2 $\{(x, y) \mid -\pi < x < \pi, -\pi/2 < y < \pi/2\}$ is open and therefore replete.

EXAMPLE 2 $\{(x, y) \mid -\pi < x \leq \pi, -\pi/2 < y < \pi/2\}$ is replete.

EXAMPLE 3 $\{(x, y) \mid -\pi \leq x \leq \pi, -\pi/2 \leq y \leq \pi/2\}$ is closed and replete.

A.4 Smooth functions on \mathbf{R}^n

A real-valued function f defined on a replete domain in \mathbf{R}^n is called *smooth* if its first derivative exists and is continuous at each point in its domain.

The *gradient* of f is the vector of first order partial derivatives

$$\mathbf{grad}(f) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial v_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_n} \right).$$

Definitions A.4(a) through A.4(g) apply to any vector-valued function F defined on a replete domain D in \mathbf{R}^n with range in \mathbf{R}^m .

- a) The j^{th} -component function of a vector-valued function F is the real-valued function f_j defined by $f_j = e_j \bullet F$ where e_j is the j^{th} canonical basis vector, $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

In this case:

$$F(v) = (f_1(v), f_2(v), f_3(v), \dots, f_m(v)) \text{ for } v = (v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n) \text{ in } D.$$

- b) F is called *smooth* if each component function f_j is smooth.
- c) The *first derivative* of a smooth vector-valued function F , denoted dF , evaluated at a point in the domain is the $n \times m$ matrix of partial derivatives evaluated at the point:

$$\left(\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial v_i} \right) \text{ } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

- d) The *Jacobian matrix* of F at the point v is the matrix of the first derivative of F .

NOTE 1 The rows of the Jacobian matrix are the gradients of the component functions of F .

- e) In the case $m = n$, the Jacobian matrix is square and its determinant is called the *Jacobian determinant*.
- f) In the case $m = n$, F is called *orientation preserving* if its Jacobian determinant is strictly positive for all points in D .

- g) A vector-valued function F defined on \mathbf{R}^n is *linear* if:

$$F(ax + y) = aF(x) + F(y) \text{ for all real scalars } a \text{ and vectors } x \text{ and } y \text{ in } \mathbf{R}^n.$$

NOTE 2 All linear functions are smooth.

A vector-valued function E defined on \mathbf{R}^n is *affine* if F , defined by $F(x) = E(x) - E(0)$, is a linear function. All affine functions on \mathbf{R}^n are smooth.

A function may be alternatively called an *operator* especially when attention is focused on how the function maps a set of points in its domain onto a corresponding set of points in its range.

EXAMPLE The localization operators (see 5.7).

A.5 Functional composition

If F and G are two vector valued functions and the range of G is contained in the domain of F , then $F \circ G$, the *composition* of F with G , is the function defined by $F \circ G(x) \equiv F(G(x))$. $F \circ G$ has the same domain as G , and the range of $F \circ G$ is contained in the range of F .

Functional composition also applies to scalar-valued functions f and g . If the range of g is contained in the domain of f , then $f \circ g(x)$, the composition of f with g , is the function defined by $f \circ g(x) \equiv f(g(x))$.

A.6 Smooth surfaces in \mathbf{R}^3

A.6.1 Implicit definition

A *smooth surface* in \mathbf{R}^3 is *implicitly* specified by a real-valued smooth function f defined on \mathbf{R}^3 as the set S of all points (x, y, z) in \mathbf{R}^3 satisfying:

- a) $f(x, y, z) = 0$ and
- b) $\mathbf{grad}(f)(x, y, z) \neq \mathbf{0}$.

In this case, f is called a *surface generating function* for the surface S .

EXAMPLE 1 If $\mathbf{n} \neq \mathbf{0}$ and \mathbf{p} are vectors in \mathbf{R}^3 and $f(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{n} \bullet (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{p})$, then f is smooth and $\mathbf{grad}(f) = \mathbf{n} \neq \mathbf{0}$. The plane which is perpendicular to \mathbf{n} and contains \mathbf{p} is the smooth surface implicitly defined by the surface generating function f .

Special cases:

When $\mathbf{n} = (1, 0, 0)$ and $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$, the yz -plane is implicitly defined.

When $\mathbf{n} = (0, 1, 0)$ and $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$, the xz -plane is implicitly defined.

When $\mathbf{n} = (0, 0, 1)$ and $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$, the xy -plane is implicitly defined.

The *surface normal* \mathbf{n} at a point $\mathbf{p} = (x, y, z)$ on the surface implicitly specified by a surface generating function f is defined as:

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{grad}(f)(\mathbf{p})\|} \mathbf{grad}(f)(\mathbf{p}).$$

NOTE $-\mathbf{n}$ is also a surface normal to S at \mathbf{p} . The surface generating function f determines the surface normal direction: \mathbf{n} or $-\mathbf{n}$.

The *tangent plane* to a surface at a point $\mathbf{p} = (x, y, z)$ on the surface S implicitly defined by a surface generating function f is the plane which is the smooth surface implicitly defined by $h(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{n} \bullet (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{p})$ where \mathbf{n} is the surface normal to S at \mathbf{p} .

EXAMPLE 2 If a and b are positive non-zero scalars, define

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{b^2} - 1.$$

Then f is smooth and

$$\mathbf{grad}(f)(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{2x}{a^2}, \frac{2y}{a^2}, \frac{2z}{b^2} \right)$$

is never $(0, 0, 0)$ on the surface implicitly specified by the set satisfying $f = 0$.

A.6.2 Ellipsoid surfaces

If a and b are positive non-zero scalars, the smooth function:

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{b^2} - 1$$

is a surface generating function for an *ellipsoid of revolution* smooth surface S .

When $b \leq a$, the surface is called an *oblate ellipsoid*. In this case a is called the *major semi-axis*²⁹ of the oblate ellipsoid and b is called the *minor semi-axis* of the oblate ellipsoid.

The *flattening* of an oblate ellipsoid is defined as $f = (a - b)/a$.

The *eccentricity* of an oblate ellipsoid is defined as $\varepsilon = \sqrt{1 - (b/a)^2}$.

The *second eccentricity* of an oblate ellipsoid is defined as $\varepsilon' = \sqrt{(a/b)^2 - 1}$.

When $b = a$, the oblate ellipsoid may be called a *sphere* of radius $r = b = a$.

When $a < b$, the surface is called a *prolate ellipsoid*. In this case, a is called the *minor semi-axis* of the prolate ellipsoid and b is called the *major semi-axis* of the prolate ellipsoid.

NOTE 1 A sphere of radius r is also implicitly defined by the surface generating function $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - r^2$.

NOTE 2 The term spheroid is often used to denote an oblate ellipsoid with an eccentricity close to zero ("almost spherical").

A.7 Smooth curves in \mathbf{R}^n

A.7.1 Parametric definition

A.7.1.1 Smooth curve

A *smooth curve* in \mathbf{R}^n is *parametrically* specified by a smooth one-to-one \mathbf{R}^n valued function $F(t)$ defined on a replete interval I in \mathbf{R} such that $\|\mathbf{d}F(t)\| \neq 0$ for any t in I .

EXAMPLE 1 If p and n are vectors in \mathbf{R}^n such that $n \neq 0$ and $L(t) = p + t n$, $-\infty < t < +\infty$, then L is smooth and $\|\mathbf{d}L(t)\| = \|n\| > 0$. The line which is parallel to n and which contains p is a smooth curve parametrically specified by L .

EXAMPLE 2 If a and b are positive non-zero scalars and $b \leq a$, define $F(t) = (a \cos(t), b \sin(t))$ for all t in the interval $-\pi < t \leq \pi$.

Then F is smooth and $\|\mathbf{d}F(t)\| \geq b > 0$ for all t in the interval and therefore parametrically specifies a smooth curve in \mathbf{R}^2 .

An *ellipse* in \mathbf{R}^2 with major semi-axis a and minor semi-axis b , $0 < b \leq a$, is parametrically specified by:

$$F(t) = (a \cos(t), b \sin(t)), \text{ for all } t \text{ in the interval } -\pi < t \leq \pi.$$

A.7.1.2 Tangent to a smooth curve

If $C(t)$ parametrically specifies a smooth curve C passing through a point $p = C(t_p)$, the *tangent vector* to C at p shall be defined as:

$$t = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{d}C(t_p)\|} \mathbf{d}C(t_p)$$

where $\mathbf{d}C(t_p) = (dC_1/dt, dC_2/dt, \dots, dC_n/dt)$ is the first derivative of C evaluated at t_p .

NOTE $-t$ is also a tangent vector to C at p . The parameterization function $C(t)$ determines the tangent vector direction: t or $-t$.

²⁹ a is half the length of the major axis. [ISO 19111](#) labels the symbol a as the semi-major axis.

A locus of points is a *directed curve* if it is the range of a smooth curve.

The *tangent line* to the curve C at p is a smooth curve parametrically specified by $T(s) = p + s t$, $-\infty < s < +\infty$, where t is a tangent vector to C at p . See [Figure A.1](#).

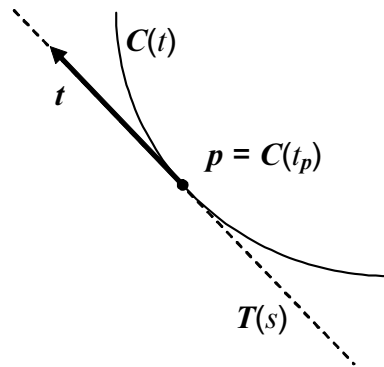


Figure A.1 — Tangent to a curve

A.7.1.3 Angle between curves

If two parametrically specified smooth curves C_1 and C_2 intersect at a point p then the *angle at p from C_1 to C_2* is defined as the angle from the tangent vector t_1 to the tangent vector t_2 of the two curves, respectively, at p . This is illustrated in [Figure A.2](#).

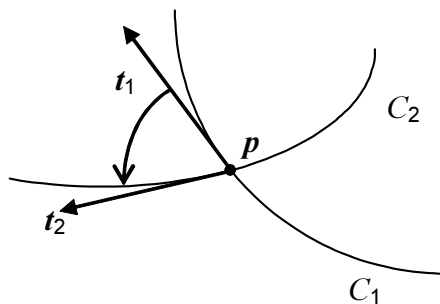


Figure A.2 — Angle between two curves

A.7.1.4 Closed curve

If a smooth function F is defined on a closed and bounded interval I with interval end points t_0 and t_1 and if F parametrically specifies a smooth curve on the interior of I and $p = F(t_0) = F(t_1)$, then F generates a *closed curve* through p .

EXAMPLE

$$F(t) = (a \cos(t), b \sin(t)), \text{ for all } t \text{ in the interval } -\pi + \theta \leq t \leq \pi + \theta.$$

If a and b are positive non-zero scalars and θ is given, F generates a closed curve though $p = (a \cos(\pi + \theta), b \sin(\pi + \theta))$

A.7.1.5 Surface curves, connected and orientable surfaces

If C is a smooth curve in \mathbf{R}^3 parametrically specified by F on the interval I and if S is a smooth surface generated by a surface generating function g , then C is a *surface curve in S* if $g \circ F(t) = 0$ for all t in I . In this case C shall be said to lie in S .

EXAMPLE 1 If S is a smooth surface with generating function g and if $C(s)$ defines a surface curve in S which passes through $p = C(s_p)$, then the tangent line to the curve at p , $T(s) = p + s \, dC(t_p)$, lies³⁰ in the tangent plane to the surface S at p . This is illustrated in [Figure A.3](#).

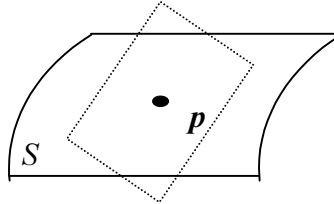


Figure A.3 — Tangent plane to a surface

A smooth surface S is *connected* if for any two distinct points in S , there exists a smooth surface curve parametrically specified by a smooth function defined on a bounded interval that lies in S and that contains the two points on the curve.

A connected surface S is called an *orientable surface* if the normal vector at an arbitrary point p on S can be continued in a unique and continuous manner to the entire surface. A normal vector at a fixed point p_0 may be *continued* if there does not exist a closed curve C in S through p_0 such that the normal vector direction reverses when it is displaced continuously from p_0 along C and back to p_0 .

An *oriented surface* is an orientable surface in which one side has been designated as positive.

EXAMPLE 2 If S is implicitly defined by $f = 0$, the side bounding the set satisfying $f > 0$ is designated as the positive side.

EXAMPLE 3 A Möbius strip is an example of a non-orientable surface.

NOTE If S is implicitly specified, it is an orientable surface³¹.

A.7.2 Implicit definition

A *smooth curve* in \mathbf{R}^2 may be *implicitly* specified by a real-valued smooth function f on \mathbf{R}^2 as the set S of all points (x, y) in \mathbf{R}^2 satisfying:

- a) $f(x, y) = 0$ and
- b) $\text{grad}(f)(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$.

In this case, f is called a *curve generating function* for the curve C .

³⁰ Since $g \circ C(t) = 0$, the chain rule implies that $\text{grad}(g) \cdot dC = d(g \circ C(t))/dt = 0$, so that $n \cdot dC = 0$, where n is the surface normal at p . $h(v) = n \cdot (v - p)$ defines the tangent plane to the surface S at p .

$h(T(s)) = h(p + s dC(t_p)) = n \cdot (p + s dC(t_p) - p) = s(n \cdot dC) = 0$ so the tangent line lies in the tangent plane.

³¹ Since a surface generating function for S is smooth, its gradient is continuous. Therefore the surface normal will be a continuous function of points on a curve that lies in S .

EXAMPLE If a and b are positive non-zero scalars, define

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - 1.$$

Then f is smooth and

$$\mathbf{grad}(f)(x, y) = \left(\frac{2x}{a^2}, \frac{2y}{b^2} \right)$$

is never $(0, 0)$ on the curve $f = 0$.

If $0 < b \leq a$, an *ellipse* in \mathbf{R}^2 with major semi-axis a and minor semi-axis b , is *implicitly* specified by the curve generating function defined by:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - 1.$$

A.7.3 Arc length and geodesic distance

If $p = F(t_p)$ and $q = F(t_q)$ are two points on a smooth curve defined by F and $t_p < t_q$, the *arc length from p to q along the curve* is defined by

$$\int_{t_p}^{t_q} \|\mathbf{d}F(t)\| \, dt.$$

Given two distinct points p and q on a connected smooth surface S , a *geodesic from p to q in S* is a surface curve in S of extremal arc length that connects the two points. The *geodesic distance from p to q in S* is the arc length along the shortest geodesic from p to q in S .

A.8 Special functions

A.8.1 Double argument arctangent function

The two argument form of inverse tangent, $\arctan2(y, x)$, returns a value adjusted by the quadrant of the point (x, y) . Given real numbers x and y ,

$$\arctan2(y, x) = \theta$$

where θ is the unique value satisfying

$$-\pi < \theta \leq \pi, \text{ and}$$

if $r = 0$,

$$\theta = 0, \text{ else}$$

if $r > 0$,

$$x = r \cos \theta, \text{ and}$$

$$y = r \sin \theta.$$

where:

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.$$

NOTE If $x > 0$, then $\arctan2(y, x) = \arctan(y/x)$ principal value. Some software implementation libraries reverse the roles of x and y .

A.8.2 Jacobian elliptic functions

Jacobian elliptic functions are defined in terms of certain elliptic integrals. There are many equivalent definitions, each involving special notation (see [\[ABST\]](#)). The notation used in this International Standard is given here.

$$\text{If } u = f(\varphi | \varepsilon^2) = \int_0^{\varphi} \frac{d\xi}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2 \sin^2(\xi)}}, \text{ and}$$

$$\varphi = f^{-1}(u | \varepsilon^2) \text{ is its inverse,}$$

the *Jacobian elliptic functions* used in this International Standard are defined by,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sn}(u | \varepsilon^2) &= \sin(\varphi), \\ \text{cn}(u | \varepsilon^2) &= \cos(\varphi), \text{ and} \\ \text{dn}(u | \varepsilon^2) &= \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2 \sin^2(\varphi)} \\ \text{where:} \\ \varphi &= f^{-1}(u | \varepsilon^2). \end{aligned}$$

Series expansions for these Jacobian elliptic functions are given in [ABST].

NOTE The complex functions $\text{sn}(w | \varepsilon^2)$, $\text{cn}(w | \varepsilon^2)$ and $\text{dn}(w | \varepsilon^2)$ are called Jacobian elliptic functions in [ABST] and [DOZI] and are called Jacobi functions in [LLEE].

A.9 Projection function

A.9.1 Geometric projection functions into a developable surface

A *projection function* in \mathbf{R}^3 is a smooth function defined on a connected replete domain in \mathbf{R}^3 onto a surface in the domain whose points are all fixed points of the function. Projection functions defined below project their domain onto such a plane, cone, or cylinder surface and are classified as planar, conic, or cylindrical projection functions according to the class of the fixed-point surface.

NOTE Some [map projections](#) CSs are unrelated to any geometric projection.

A.9.2 Planar projection functions

A.9.2.1 Orthographic projection function

Given a plane in \mathbf{R}^3 , the domain of the *orthographic projection function* is either all of \mathbf{R}^3 or the half space on one side of (and including) the plane. Given a point x in the domain, if x is not in the plane, there is one line that both passes through x and is perpendicular to the plane. If p is the point at the intersection of that line with the plane, the projection F assigns the value p to x . That is $F(x) = p$. If the point x lies in the plane, $F(x) = x$ so that points in the plane are fixed points of the projection. In the case that the plane is the xy -plane, $F(x, y, z) = (x, y, 0)$. See [Figure A.4](#).

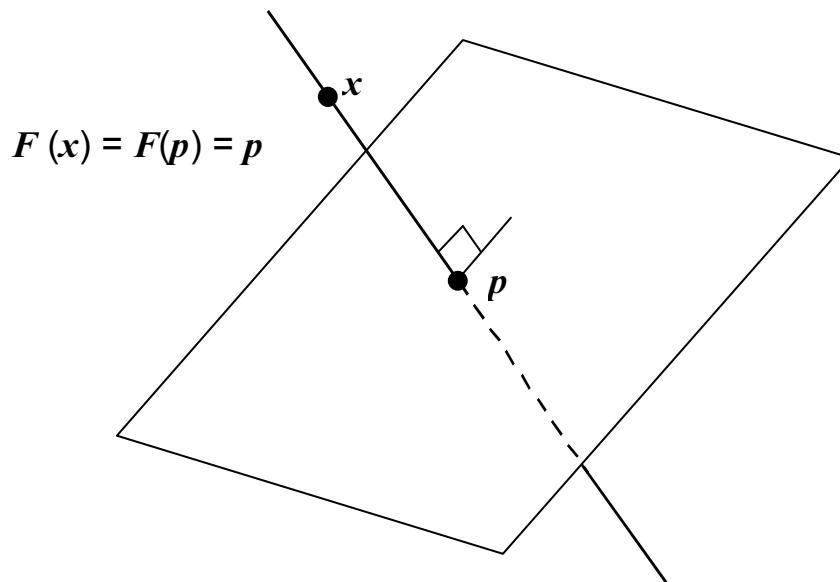


Figure A.4 — Orthographic projection

A.9.2.2 Perspective projection function

Given a plane in \mathbf{R}^3 and a point v (the vanishing point) not contained in the plane, the domain of the *perspective projection function* is the set of all points of \mathbf{R}^3 in the half space (including the plane) that does not contain the point v . Given a point x in the domain, there is one line that passes through both x and v . If p is the point at the intersection of the line with the plane, the projection F assigns the value p to x . That is $F(x) = p$. Note that if point q lies in the plane, $F(q) = q$ so that it is a fixed point of the projection. See [Figure A.5](#).

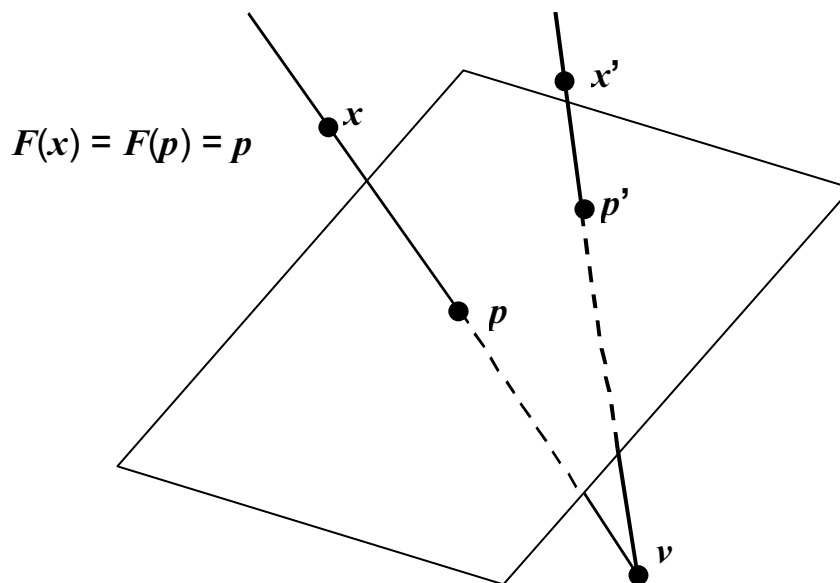


Figure A.5 — Perspective projection

A.9.2.3 Stereographic projection function

Given a plane in \mathbf{R}^3 and a point v not contained in the plane, the domain of the *stereographic projection function* is the set of all points of \mathbf{R}^3 in the half space on the point v side of (and including) the plane that are closer to the plane than the distance of v to the plane. Given a point x in the domain, there is one line that

passes through both x and v . If p is the point at the intersection of the line with the plane, the projection F assigns the value p to x . That is $F(x) = p$. Note that if point q lies in the plane, $F(q) = q$ so that it is a fixed point of the projection. See [Figure A.6](#).

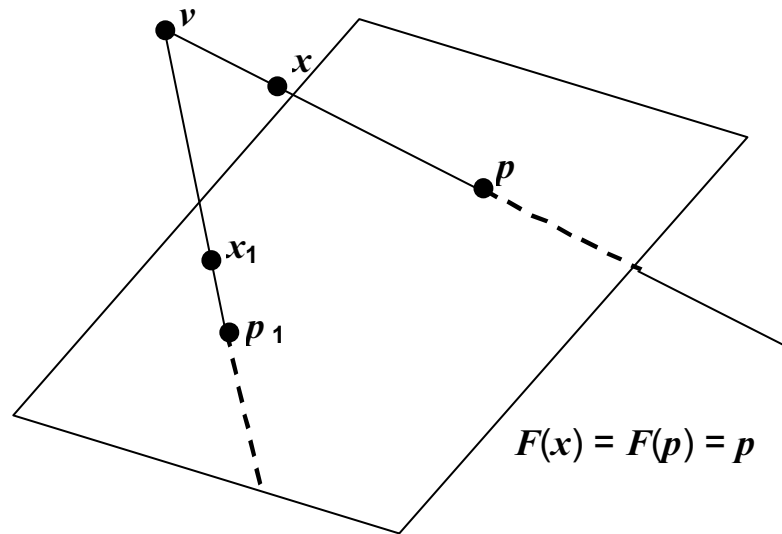


Figure A.6 — Stereographic projection

A.9.3 Cylindrical projection function

Given a cylinder and point v on its axis, a *cylindrical projection function* is defined on the domain \mathbf{R}^3 excluding the axis points as follows: Given a point x in the domain, there is one ray originating at v that passes through x . If p is the point at the intersection of the ray with the cylinder surface, the projection F assigns the value p to x . That is $F(x) = p$. Note that if point q lies on the cylinder surface, $F(q) = q$ so that it is a fixed point of the projection. See [Figure A.7](#).

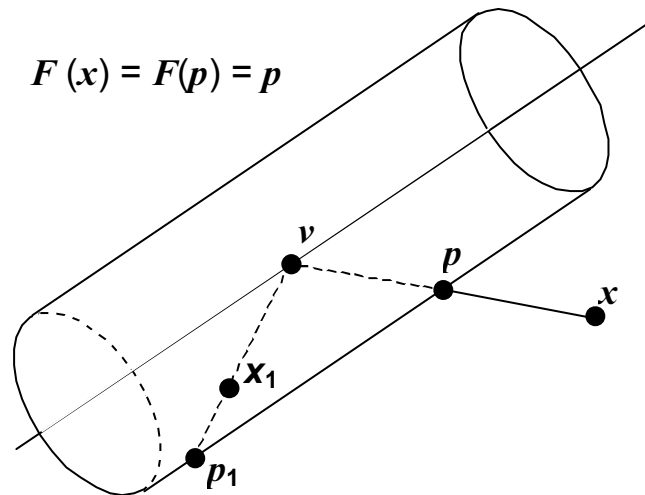


Figure A.7 — Cylindrical projection

A.9.4 Conic projection function

Given a (half) cone and point v on its axis inside the cone, a *conic projection function* projects a point x to the point p where p is the intersection of the cone with the ray from v through x . The domain of this projection is the union of all rays originating at v that intersects the cone and excluding the point v . See [Figure A.8](#).

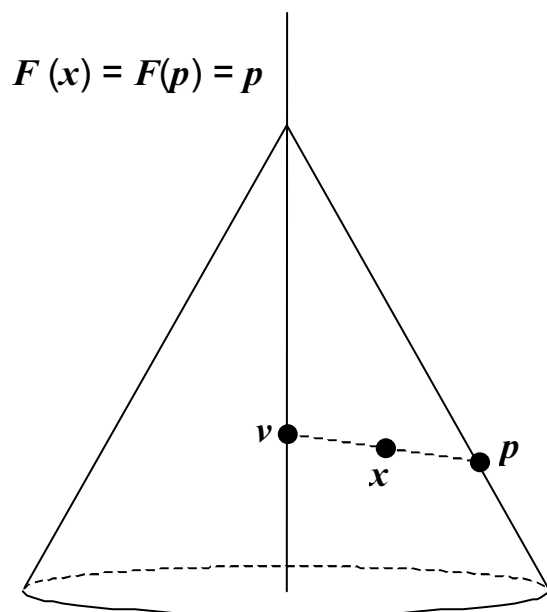


Figure A.8 — Conic projection

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