

## Ma 529 Lecture 2

### Implicit Functions • Jacobian Determinants.

An equation of the form

$$(1) f(x, y, z, \dots) = 0$$

involving any finite number of variables, where  $f$  possesses first partials, can be considered as determining one of the variables, say  $z$ , as a function of the others.  $\Rightarrow$

$$z = \phi(x, y, \dots)$$

in some region about any point where (1) is satisfied and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \neq 0$ . In such a case (1) defines  $z$  as an implicit function of the other variables. If we consider other variables as independent, we can determine the partial derivative of  $z$  with respect to any one of them, without solving explicitly for  $z$ , by differentiating (1) partially with respect to that variable. To get  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  we have from (1)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = - \frac{\partial f / \partial x}{\partial f / \partial z} .$$

Note: denom  $\neq 0$ .

If  $n$  and  $k$  variables are related by  $n$  eqs. it is usually possible to consider  $n$  of the variables as functions of the remaining  $k$  variables. However, this is not always possible. For example, suppose  $x, y, u, v$  are related by two equations

$$(2) f(x, y, u, v) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad g(x, y, u, v) = 0.$$

If these equations determine  $u$  and  $v$  as differentiable functions of  $x$  and  $y$ , we may differentiate the system with respect to  $x$  and  $y$ , considering these two variables to be independent,  $\Rightarrow$

$$(3) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$(4) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

Solving (3) for  $u_x$  and  $v_x$  and (4) for  $u_y$  and  $v_y$   $\Rightarrow$

$$u_x = - \frac{\begin{vmatrix} f_x & f_v \\ g_x & g_v \end{vmatrix}}{\Delta} \quad v_x = - \frac{\begin{vmatrix} f_u & f_x \\ g_u & g_x \end{vmatrix}}{\Delta},$$

$$u_y = - \frac{\begin{vmatrix} f_y & f_v \\ g_y & g_v \end{vmatrix}}{\Delta} \qquad v_y = - \frac{\begin{vmatrix} f_u & f_y \\ g_u & g_y \end{vmatrix}}{\Delta}$$

where  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} f_u & f_v \\ g_u & g_v \end{vmatrix}$ .

It must be assumed that  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Unless  $\Delta \neq 0$ , the desired partial derivatives cannot exist uniquely, so that  $u$  and  $v$  cannot be differentiable functions of  $x$  and  $y$ .

The determinant  $\Delta$  is known as the Jacobian of  $f$  and  $g$  with respect to  $u$  and  $v$  and:

$$\frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(u,v)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}. \text{ This may be extended to more variables. For example,}$$

$$\frac{\partial(f,g,h)}{\partial(u,v,w)} = \begin{vmatrix} f_u & f_v & f_w \\ g_u & g_v & g_w \\ h_u & h_v & h_w \end{vmatrix} \text{ using our notation, if } \frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(u,v)} \neq 0$$

$$(5) \qquad u_x = - \frac{\frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(x,v)}}{\frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(u,v)}}.$$

In general if  $n+k$  variables are related by  $n$  equations of the form  $f_1 = 0, f_2 = 0, \dots, f_n = 0$  where the functions  $f_k$  have continuous first partials, then any set of  $n$  variables may be considered as functions of the remaining  $k$  variables in some neighborhood of a point where the  $n$  equations hold, if the Jacobian of the  $f$ 's with respect to the  $n$  dependent variables is not zero at that point.

Example:  $f = x + y + z = 0$   
 $g = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xz - 1 = 0.$

Can  $x$  and  $y$  be considered as functions of  $z$ ?

Now  $\frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(x,y)} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2x+2z & 2y \end{vmatrix} = 2(x+z-y).$

Thus, except on the surface  $x+z-y=0$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  can be considered as functions of  $z$ . That is,  $z$  can be taken as the independent variables. When  $y = x+z$ , the equations

become  $2(x+z)^2 = 1$  and  $2(x+z) = 0$  and hence incompatible. To see if  $x$  and  $z$  can be taken as the dependent variables, we calculate the Jacobian:

$$\frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(x,z)} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2x+2z & 2x+2z \end{vmatrix} = 0. \text{ Since the det is } \equiv 0 \text{ we see } x \text{ and } z \text{ cannot be taken}$$

as the dependent variables. This is also readily verified directly since both equations involve the combination  $x+z$  and only  $y$ .

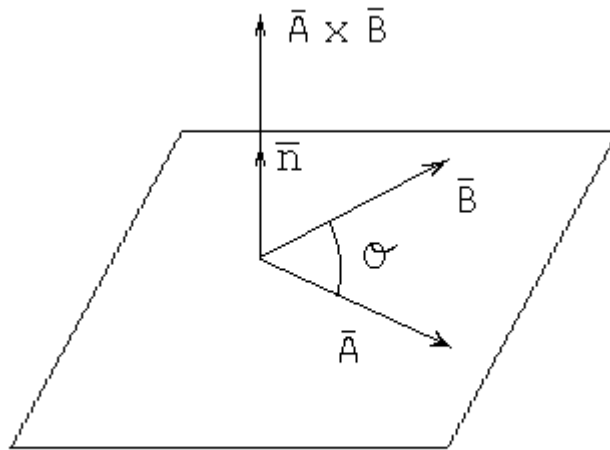
### Vector Analysis

Review: Let  $\vec{A} = a_1\vec{i} + a_2\vec{j} + a_3\vec{k}$ ;  $\vec{B} = b_1\vec{i} + b_2\vec{j} + b_3\vec{k}$  be vectors in  $x, y, z$  space. Then

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos\theta \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i b_i. \quad \text{Here } |\vec{A}| = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{A})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Also

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \vec{n} |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin\theta. \quad \vec{n} \text{ is a unit vector } \perp \text{ to the plane determined by } \vec{A} \text{ and } \vec{B}.$$



Note:  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \vec{0}$  if  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  are parallel,  $\theta = 0^\circ$  or  $180^\circ$

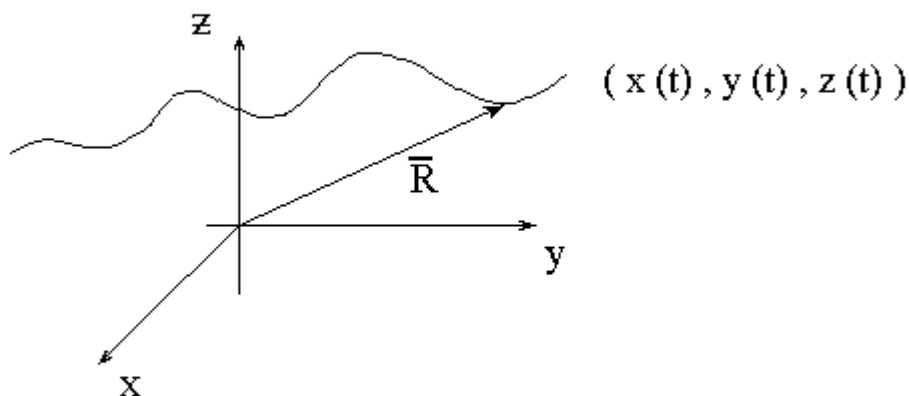
$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Lemma: If  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  then either  $\vec{A} = 0$ ,  $\vec{B} = 0$  or  $\vec{A} \perp \vec{B}$ . We shall assume the knowledge of cross and dot products. Recall that:

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

### Vector Functions of One Variable

Consider a particle  $P$  moving in  $X, Y, Z$  space along the curve  $C$ . Then  $C: x(t), y(t), z(t)$ .



Let  $\vec{R}$  be the vector from the origin to the particle at time  $t$ . Then

$$\vec{R}(t) = x(t)\vec{i} + y(t)\vec{j} + z(t)\vec{k}.$$

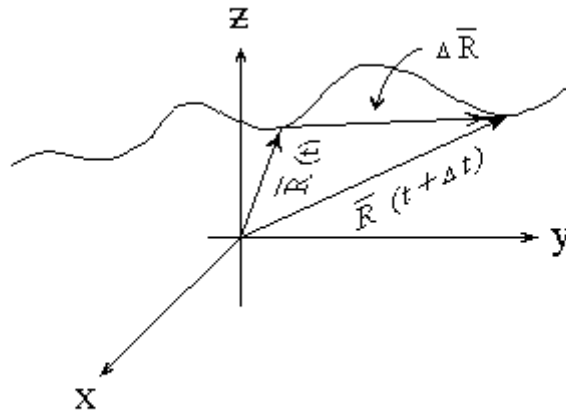
We say  $\vec{R}$  is a function of  $t$ . In general if  $\vec{V} = \vec{V}(t)$  is a function of  $t$ , then

$$\vec{V} = \vec{V}(t) = V_1(t)\vec{i} + V_2(t)\vec{j} + V_3(t)\vec{k}.$$

We say  $\vec{V}(t)$  is continuous if  $V_1, V_2$ , and  $V_3$  are continuous. If  $V_1, V_2$ , and  $V_3$  are all differentiable, we define

$$\frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = \frac{dV_1}{dt}\vec{i} + \frac{dV_2}{dt}\vec{j} + \frac{dV_3}{dt}\vec{k}.$$

Remark: If  $\vec{R}$  is the curve vector above, then consider  $\vec{R}$  at time  $t$  and  $t + \Delta t$ .



Note that  $\frac{\Delta \vec{R}}{\Delta t}$  has the same direction  $\Delta \vec{R}$  since  $\Delta t > 0$  is a scalar. As  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$   $\frac{\Delta \vec{R}}{\Delta t}$  goes to the direction of the tangent vector.

Example: At what point or points is the tangent to the curve  $x = t^3, y = 5t^2, z = 10t$   $\perp$  to the tangent at point when  $t = 1$ .

$C$  may be represented as  $\vec{R}(t) = t^3\vec{i} + 5t^2\vec{j} + 10t\vec{k}$ . The tangent to  $C$  at any time  $t$  is

$$\frac{d\vec{R}}{dt} = 3t^2\vec{i} + 10t\vec{j} + 10\vec{k}.$$

At  $t = 1$  the tangent is

$\vec{W} = 3\vec{i} + 10\vec{j} + 10\vec{k}$ . To find where  $\frac{d\vec{R}}{dt}$  is  $\perp$  to  $\vec{W}$  we set the dot product equal to 0.

$\frac{d\vec{R}}{dt} \cdot \vec{W} = 9t^2 + 100t + 100 = 0. \Rightarrow t = -\frac{10}{9}, -10$ . This yields the points

$\left(\frac{-1000}{729}, \frac{500}{81}, \frac{-100}{9}\right)$  and  $(-1000, 5000, -100)$ .

If  $\vec{U}$  and  $\vec{V}$  are two vector functions both differentiable, then it may readily be shown that:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{U} \cdot \vec{V}) = \frac{d\vec{U}}{dt} \cdot \vec{V} + \vec{U} \cdot \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{U} \times \vec{V}) = \frac{d\vec{U}}{dt} \times \vec{V} + \vec{U} \times \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt}.$$

If  $\vec{U} = u_1\vec{i} + u_2\vec{j} + u_3\vec{k}$ ,  $\vec{V} = v_1\vec{i} + v_2\vec{j} + v_3\vec{k}$ , and  $\vec{W} = w_1\vec{i} + w_2\vec{j} + w_3\vec{k}$ .  
Then

$$(*) \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{U} \cdot (\vec{V} \times \vec{W})] = \frac{d\vec{U}}{dt} \cdot \vec{V} \times \vec{W} + \vec{U} \cdot \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} \times \vec{W} + \vec{U} \cdot \vec{V} \times \frac{d\vec{W}}{dt}.$$

Since

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (*)$$

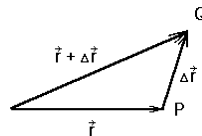
$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{du_1}{dt} & \frac{du_2}{dt} & \frac{du_3}{dt} \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ \frac{dv_1}{dt} & \frac{dv_2}{dt} & \frac{dv_3}{dt} \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ \frac{dw_1}{dt} & \frac{dw_2}{dt} & \frac{dw_3}{dt} \end{vmatrix}$$

This is an interesting identity for  $3 \times 3$  determinants. It is readily extendable to  $n \times n$  determinants.

**Vector Operators--The operator  $\nabla$**

Let  $\Phi(x, y, z)$  be a scalar function with first partials  $\Phi_x, \Phi_y, \Phi_z$  in some region of  $x, y, z$ -space. let  $\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$  be the vector drawn from origin to the point  $P = (x, y, z)$ . Suppose we move from  $P$  to a nearby point  $Q = (x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, z + \Delta z)$ .



Then  $\Phi$  will change by an amount  $\Delta\Phi$  where

$$\Delta\Phi = \Phi_x\Delta x + \Phi_y\Delta y + \Phi_z\Delta z + \epsilon_1\Delta x + \epsilon_2\Delta y + \epsilon_3\Delta z$$

where  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3 \rightarrow 0$  as  $Q \rightarrow P$ . If we divide the change  $\Delta\Phi$  by the distance  $\Delta s \equiv |\Delta\vec{r}|$  between  $P$  and  $Q$ , we obtain a measure of the rate at which  $\phi$  changes when we move from  $P$  to  $Q$

$$\frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta s} = \phi_x \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta s} + \phi_y \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta s} + \phi_z \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta s} + \epsilon_1 \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta s} + \epsilon_2 \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta s}.$$

**Example.** If  $\Phi(x, y, z)$  is the temperature at the general point  $P(x, y, z)$  then  $\frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta s}$  is the average rate of change in temperature per unit length at the point  $P$  in the direction in which  $\Delta s$  is measured.

The limiting value of  $\Delta\Phi/\Delta s$  as  $Q \rightarrow P$  along the segment  $PQ$  is called the derivative of  $\Phi$  in the direction  $PQ$  or simply the directional derivative of  $\Phi$ . Since  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3 \rightarrow 0$  as  $Q \rightarrow P \Rightarrow$

$$(1) \frac{d\Phi}{ds} = \frac{d\Phi}{dx} \frac{dx}{ds} + \Phi_y \frac{dy}{ds} + \Phi_z \frac{dz}{ds}.$$

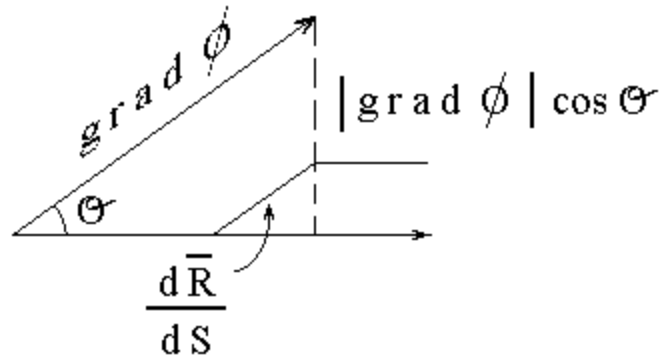
**Remark.** The first factor in each product in (1) depends only on  $\Phi$  and the point  $P$ . The second factor is independent of  $\Phi$  and depends only on the direction in which the derivative is being computed.  $\Rightarrow$  we write

$$\frac{d\Phi}{ds} = (\Phi_x \vec{i} + \Phi_y \vec{j} + \Phi_z \vec{k}) \cdot \left( \frac{dx}{ds} \vec{i} + \frac{dy}{ds} \vec{j} + \frac{dz}{ds} \vec{k} \right) = (\Phi_x \vec{i} + \Phi_y \vec{j} + \Phi_z \vec{k}) \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds}.$$

The vector function  $\Phi_x \vec{i} + \Phi_y \vec{j} + \Phi_z \vec{k}$  is known as gradient of  $\Phi$  or  $grad\Phi$ .

Thus 
$$\frac{d\Phi}{ds} = (grad\Phi) \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds}.$$

**Remark.** The significance of  $grad\Phi$ . Notice that  $\Delta s$  is length of  $\Delta\vec{r} \Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds}$  is a unit vector. Therefore  $grad\Phi \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds}$  is just the projection of  $grad\Phi$  in the direction of  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \Rightarrow grad\Phi$  has property that its projection in any direction is equal to the derivative of  $\Phi$  in that direction. Since the maximum projection of a vector is the vector itself, it is clear that  $grad\Phi$  extends in the direction of the greatest rate of change of  $\Phi$  and has that rate of change for its length.



**Notation:** Often write  $grad\Phi = \left( \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \Phi \Rightarrow grad\Phi = \nabla\Phi$  where

$$\nabla = \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}. \text{ Thus } \frac{d\Phi}{ds} = \nabla\Phi \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds}.$$

**Example.** What is the directional derivative of the function

$\Phi(x, y, z) = xy^2 + yz^3$  at  $(2, -1, 1)$  in the direction of the vector  $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla\Phi &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xy^2 + yz^3)\vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xy^2 + yz^3)\vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xy^2 + yz^3)\vec{k} \\ &= y^2\vec{i} + (2xy + z^3)\vec{j} + 3yz^2\vec{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla\Phi|_{(2,-1,1)} = \vec{i} - 3\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}.$$

The required directional derivative is the projection of this in the direction of the given vector. We need a unit vector in the direction of the vector  $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$ .  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}}{\sqrt{1+4+4}} = \frac{1}{3}\vec{i} + \frac{2}{3}\vec{j} + \frac{2}{3}\vec{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d\Phi}{ds}|_{(2,-1,1)} &= \\ \nabla\Phi|_{(2,-1,1)} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3}\vec{i} + \frac{2}{3}\vec{j} + \frac{2}{3}\vec{k} \right) &= (\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3}\vec{i} + \frac{2}{3}\vec{j} + \frac{2}{3}\vec{k} \right) = -\frac{11}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us now consider the operator  $\nabla = \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ . Given any other vector  $\vec{F} = F_1\vec{i} + F_2\vec{j} + F_3\vec{k}$  where  $\vec{F} = \vec{F}(x, y, z)$  we can consider  $\nabla \cdot \vec{F}$ , called the divergence of  $\vec{F}$ , and  $\nabla \times \vec{F}$ , called the curl  $\vec{F}$



$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \left( \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (F_1 \vec{i} + F_2 \vec{j} + F_3 \vec{k}) = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z} = \text{div } \vec{F}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{F} &= \text{curl } \vec{F} = \left( \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \times (F_1 \vec{i} + F_2 \vec{j} + F_3 \vec{k}) \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \right) \vec{i} + \left( \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} \right) \vec{j} + \left( \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \right) \vec{k} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$