Math 213 - Calculus for Vector Functions

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Reminders

- Access your WebWork account *only through Canvas*!
- Homework A5 on section 13.1-13.2 is due Wednesday
- The Review Session for Exam 1 will take place tonight from 6 PM to 8 PM in KAS 213
- On Wednesday September 18 we will have an in-class review for Exam I
- Exam 1 takes place next Wednesday, September 18. Section 17 will meet in CB 118, and sections 18 and 19 will meet in CB 122.

Unit I: Geometry and Motion in Space

Learning Goals

- Know how to compute derivatives and integrals of vector functions
- Know how to use the derivative to find tangent lines and unit tangents
- Know how to compute the arc length of a space curve

Mechanics

Derivative: if

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$$

then

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle f'(t), g'(t), h'(t) \rangle$$

Definite Integral: If

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$$

then

$$\int_a^b \mathbf{r}(t)\,dt = \left\langle \int_a^b f(t)\,dt, \int_a^b g(t)\,dt, \int_a^b h(t)\,dt \right\rangle$$

Indefinite integral: if

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then

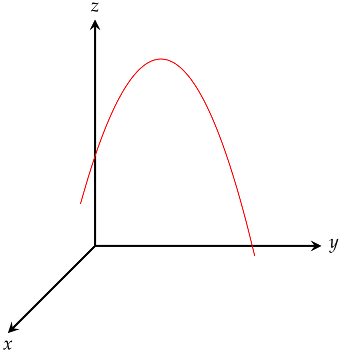
$$\int \mathbf{r}(t)\,dt = \left\langle \int f(t)\,dt, \int g(t)\,dt, \int h(t)\,dt \right\rangle + \mathbf{C}$$

where **C** is a constant vector

Meaning

The **derivative** of a vector-valued function $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is given by

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\mathbf{r}(t+h) - \mathbf{r}(t)}{h}$$



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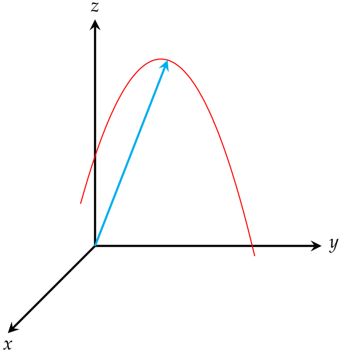

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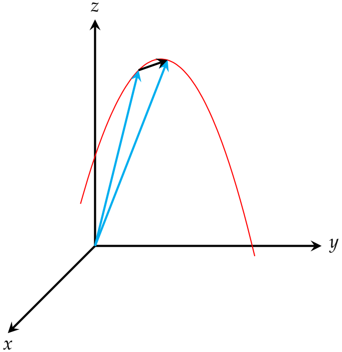

The vector

$$\frac{\mathbf{r}(t+h) - \mathbf{r}(t)}{h}$$

measures the displacement from t to $t+h$

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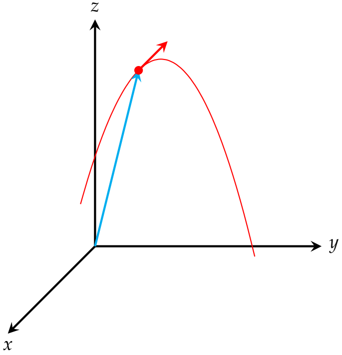

The vector $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ gives the instantaneous change in displacement

The magnitude $|r'(t)|$ gives instantaneous *speed*

Tangent Vectors

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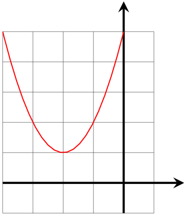

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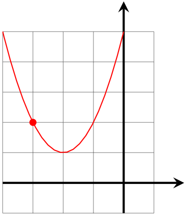

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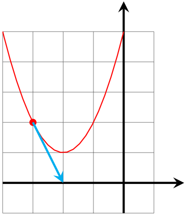

Lots of Rules

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\mathbf{u}(t)+\mathbf{v}(t)\right)=\mathbf{u}'(t)+\mathbf{v}'(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(c\mathbf{u}(t)\right)=c\mathbf{u}'(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(f(t)\mathbf{u}(t)\right)=f'(t)\mathbf{u}(t)+f(t)\mathbf{u}'(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\mathbf{u}(t)\cdot\mathbf{v}(t)\right)=\mathbf{u}'(t)\cdot\mathbf{v}(t)+\mathbf{u}(t)\cdot\mathbf{v}'(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\mathbf{u}(t)\times\mathbf{v}(t)\right)=\mathbf{u}'(t)\times\mathbf{v}(t)+\mathbf{u}(t)\times\mathbf{v}'(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\mathbf{u}(f(t))\right)=f'(t)\mathbf{u}'(f(t))$$

There are three different versions of the "product rule"!

Tangent Lines

Find parametric equations for the tangent line to the curve

$$x = t, \quad y = e^{-t}, \quad z = 2t - t^2$$

at $(0, 1, 0)$.

- What value of t corresponds to $(0, 1, 0)$?
- What is $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ for this value of t?
- What are the point on the line and the vector along the line used to derive the parametric equations?

Tangent Lines, Unit Tangent Vector

The **unit tangent** to $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is the vector

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|}.$$

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1. If $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, t^2, t^3 \rangle$, find $\mathbf{r}'(t)$, $\mathbf{T}(1)$, $\mathbf{r}''(t)$, and $\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)$
2. If $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle e^{2t}, e^{-2t}, te^{2t} \rangle$, find $\mathbf{T}(0)$, $\mathbf{r}''(0)$, and $\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)$
3. Find the intersection of the curves $\mathbf{r}_1(t) = \langle t, t^2, t^3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_2(t) = \langle \sin t, \sin 2t, t \rangle$ and compute their angle of intersection.

Arc Length - Two Dimensions

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- So we can write the arc length formula s
$$L = \int_a^b |\mathbf{r}'(t)|\, dt$$

Arc Length - Three Dimensions

The arc length of the space curve

$$x = f(t), \quad y = g(t), \quad z = h(t)$$

for $a \leq t \leq b$ is

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{[f'(t)]^2 + [g'(t)]^2 + [h'(t)]^2}\, dt$$

which is easiest to remember as

$$L = \int_a^b \left|\mathbf{r}'(t)\right|\, dt$$

After all, distance travelled should be the integral of speed!

Arc Length - Three Dimensions

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1. Find the arc length of the curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, 3\cos t, 3\sin t \rangle$$

   for $-5 \leq t \leq 5$.

2. Find the arc length of the curve

$$\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} + t^3\mathbf{k}$$

   for $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

The Arc Length Function

If C is a space curve given by a vector function

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k}$$

for $a \leq t \leq b$, the **arc length function** for C is given by

$$s(t) = \int_a^t \left|\mathbf{r}'(u)\right| \, dt$$

By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus,

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \left|\mathbf{r}'(t)\right|.$$

Find the arc length function for the curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \cos t\mathbf{i} + \sin t\mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{k},$$

$0 \leq t \leq 4\pi$ and re-parameterize this curve by arc length.

Summary

- We learned how to compute derivatives and integrals of vector functions
- We learned how to use the derivative to find the tangent line and unit tangent to a space curve at a given point
- We learned how to compute the arc length of a space curve (the distance travelled along the curve)

Homework

- Continue reviewing for Exam I
- Re-read section 13.2
- Continue on Webwork A5 which is due no later than Wednesday