



13.1 - Curves in Space & their Tangents

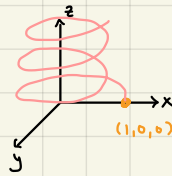
- Sketch the graph of a vector-valued function
- Compute the tangent line to a curve and explain the idea behind the definition

Vector-Valued Function

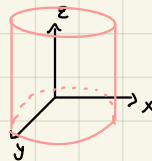
$$\vec{r}(t) = f(t)\hat{i} + g(t)\hat{j} + h(t)\hat{k}, \text{ where } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Scalar functions

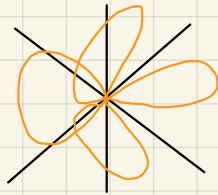
ex. $\vec{r}(t) = \cos(t)\hat{i} + \sin(t)\hat{j} + t\hat{k}$
 $\vec{r}(0) = \cos(0)\hat{i} + \sin(0)\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$
 $= 1\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$



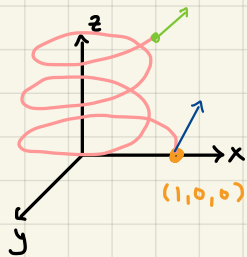
ex. $\vec{r}(t) = \cos(t)\hat{i} + \sin(t)\hat{j} + t\hat{k}$
 $x^2 + y^2 = \cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t) = 1$



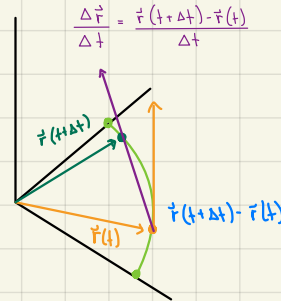
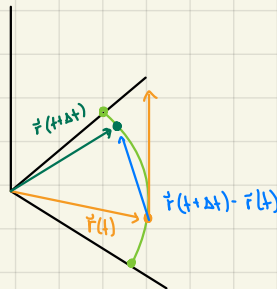
ex. $\vec{r}(t) = \sin(2t)\cos(t)\hat{i} + \sin(2t)\sin(t)\hat{j} + \sin(4t)\hat{k}$



Tangent Vectors

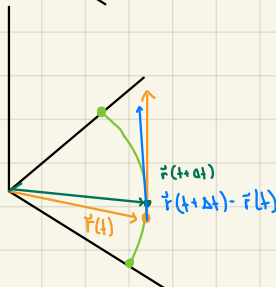


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How can we find $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$?

$$\frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\vec{r}(t + \Delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\Delta t}$$



$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t + \Delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\Delta t}$$

$$\vec{r}(t + \Delta t) - \vec{r}(t) = [f(t + \Delta t)\hat{i} + g(t + \Delta t)\hat{j} + h(t + \Delta t)\hat{k}] - [f(t)\hat{i} + g(t)\hat{j} + h(t)\hat{k}]$$

$$= [f(t + \Delta t) - f(t)]\hat{i} + [g(t + \Delta t) - g(t)]\hat{j} + [h(t + \Delta t) - h(t)]\hat{k}$$

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t + \Delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(t + \Delta t) - f(t)}{\Delta t} \right] \hat{i} + \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{g(t + \Delta t) - g(t)}{\Delta t} \right] \hat{j}$$

$$+ \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{h(t + \Delta t) - h(t)}{\Delta t} \right] \hat{k}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{df}{dt} \hat{i} + \frac{dg}{dt} \hat{j} + \frac{dh}{dt} \hat{k}$$

Leibniz's Notation

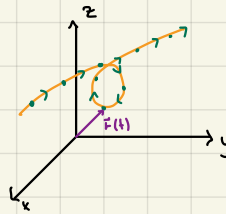
$$\text{or } \vec{r}'(t) = f'(t)\hat{i} + g'(t)\hat{j} + h'(t)\hat{k}$$

Lagrange's Notation

- Curves in Space as Vector-Valued functions
- Limit, Continuity and Differentiability of Such Curves
- Velocity, Speed, Acceleration and Direction of Motion

A curve in space can be represented in vector form as...

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$



$$y = f(x)$$

$$f(x, y) = 0$$

- It describes the motion of a particle in space.

The functions $f, g,$ and h are called component functions. $\vec{r}(t)$ is a vector-valued function.
 The domain of a vector-valued function is the common-domain of all its component functions.

Recall: $\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v} = \langle x_0 + tv_1, y_0 + tv_2, z_0 + tv_3 \rangle$

$$= \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$$

Example: $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 1, 1, t \rangle$ (z is changing linearly as a function of t)
 (xy -plane is fixed)

Example: $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, t, t \rangle$



Example 1: Graph the vector function $\vec{r}(t) = (\cos(t))\mathbf{i} + (\sin(t))\mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{k}$

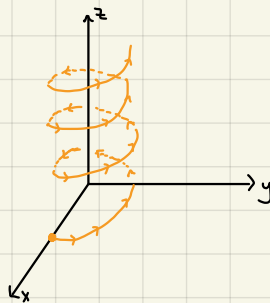
We can re-write this vector-valued function as...

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

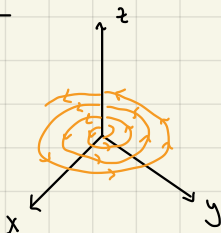
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 $x(t)$ $y(t)$ $z(t)$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

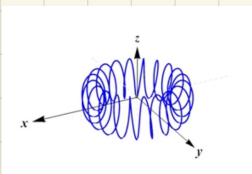
$$\cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t) = 1$$



Example



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



$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle (4 + \sin(20t))\cos(t), (4 + \sin(20t))\sin(t), \cos(20t) \rangle$$

Limits and Continuity

Let $\vec{r}(t)$ be a vector function of domain D , and let \vec{L} be another vector. We say that \vec{r} has a limit \vec{L} as $t \rightarrow t_0$ and write

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{r}(t) = \vec{L}$$

if for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a corresponding $\alpha > 0$ such that for all $t \in D$.

$$|\vec{r}(t) - \vec{L}| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } 0 < |t - t_0| < \alpha$$

If $\vec{L} = \langle L_1, L_2, L_3 \rangle$, then if $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{r}(t) = \vec{L}$, then...

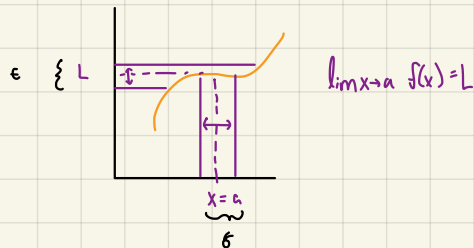
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f(t) = L_1, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} g(t) = L_2, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} h(t) = L_3$$

A vector function $\vec{r}(t)$ is **continuous** at a point $t = t_0$ in its domain if...

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}(t_0)$$

The function $\vec{r}(t)$ is **continuous** if it is continuous at every point in its domain.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$



Example 2: For the vector function $r(t) = \cos(t)i + \sin(t)j + tk$, determine the limit as t approaches $\pi/4$.

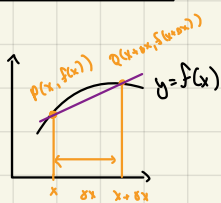
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi/4} \vec{r}(t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi/4} \langle \cos(t), \sin(t), t \rangle = \left\langle \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi/4} \cos(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi/4} \sin(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi/4} t \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \pi/4 \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: Discuss the continuity of the vector function $r(t) = \cos(t)i + \sin(t)j + \lfloor t \rfloor k$. Where $\lfloor t \rfloor$ is the greatest integer function.

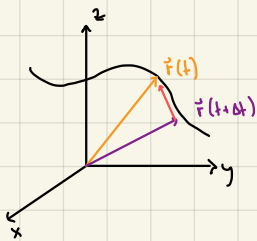
This vector valued function is discontinuous at every integer value because of $\lfloor t \rfloor$.

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos(t), \sin(t), t \rangle \text{ continuous curve. } 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi.$$

Differentiation



$$f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{(x+\Delta x) - x}$$



$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\Delta t} \Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\Delta t}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \left\langle \frac{df}{dt}, \frac{dg}{dt}, \frac{dh}{dt} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{supposing } \vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$$

The vector function $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$ has a derivative at t if $f(t)$, $g(t)$, and $h(t)$ have a derivative at t . And, the derivative is the function:

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

A vector $\vec{r}(t)$ is differentiable if it is differentiable at every point of its domain.

$\vec{r}(t)$ is smooth if $d\vec{r}/dt$ is continuous and never $\vec{0}$, that is, $f(t)$, $g(t)$, and $h(t)$ have continuous first derivatives and are not simultaneously zero.

A curve made up of a finite number of smooth curves pieced together in a continuous fashion is called a piecewise smooth curve.

For the Motion of a Particle:

If $\vec{r}(t)$ defines the motion of a particle.

i) Velocity: $\vec{v}(t) = d\vec{r}/dt$

ii) Speed: $s = |\vec{v}(t)|$

iii) Acceleration: $\vec{a}(t) = d\vec{v}/dt$

iv) Direction of Motion: $\vec{v}/|\vec{v}|$

Example 4 Find velocity, speed, acceleration of $\vec{r}(t) = (2\cos t)\mathbf{i} + (2\sin t)\mathbf{j} + (5\cos^2 t)\mathbf{k}$

Velocity: $\vec{v}(t) = d\vec{r}/dt = \langle -2\sin t, 2\cos t, -10\cos t \sin t \rangle$

$$= \langle -2\sin t, 2\cos t, -5\sin(2t) \rangle$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = d\vec{v}/dt = \langle -2\cos t, -2\sin t, -10\cos(2t) \rangle$$

Speed: $s = |\vec{v}(t)| = \sqrt{4\sin^2 t + 4\cos^2 t + 25\sin^2(2t)}$

$$= \sqrt{4 + 25\sin^2(2t)}$$

Direction of Motion: $\vec{v}/|\vec{v}| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 + 25\sin^2(2t)}} \langle -2\sin t, 2\cos t, -5\sin(2t) \rangle$

- Rules of Differentiation
 - Vector Functions of Constant Length
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Rules of Differentiation, for $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$

○ $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}$

○ $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}(t_0)$

○ $d\vec{r}/dt = \langle df/dt, dg/dt, dh/dt \rangle$

○ $\vec{v}(t) = d\vec{r}/dt$, $\vec{a}(t) = d^2\vec{r}/dt^2 = d\vec{v}/dt$, speed = $|\vec{v}(t)|$

Let \vec{u}, \vec{v} be differentiable vector functions of t , \vec{c} a constant vector and f is a differentiable function of t .

○ $\frac{d}{dt}[\vec{c}] = \vec{0}$; constant function Rule.

○ $\frac{d}{dt}[\alpha \vec{u}(t)] = \alpha d\vec{u}/dt$; α is scalar ; Scalar Multiplication

$$\circ \frac{d}{dt} [f(t)\vec{u}(t)] = f'(t)\vec{u}(t) + f(t)\vec{u}'(t).$$

$$\circ \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u}(t) \pm \vec{v}(t)] = \vec{u}'(t) \pm \vec{v}'(t)$$

$$\circ \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u}(f(t))] = \vec{u}'(f(t)) \cdot f'(t) ; \text{Chain Rule}$$

$$\circ \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t)] = \vec{u}'(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t) + \vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}'(t) ; \text{Dot Product Rule}$$

$$\circ \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}(t)] = \vec{u}'(t) \times \vec{v}(t) + \vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}'(t) ; \text{Order Matters! ; Cross Product Rule}$$

Dot Product Rule:

$$\text{Let } \vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle, \vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}] = \frac{d}{dt} [u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3]$$

$$= u_1' v_1 + u_1 v_1' + u_2' v_2 + u_2 v_2' + u_3' v_3 + u_3 v_3'$$

$$= (u_1' v_1 + u_2' v_2 + u_3' v_3) + (u_1 v_1' + u_2 v_2' + u_3 v_3')$$

$$= \vec{u}' \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}'$$

Cross-Product Rule:

$$\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}(t)] = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{u}(t+\Delta t) \times \vec{v}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}(t)}{\Delta t}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{u}(t+\Delta t) \times \vec{v}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}(t+\Delta t) + \vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}(t)}{\Delta t}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{[\vec{u}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{u}(t)] \times \vec{v}(t+\Delta t) + \vec{u}(t) \times [\vec{v}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{v}(t)]}{\Delta t}$$

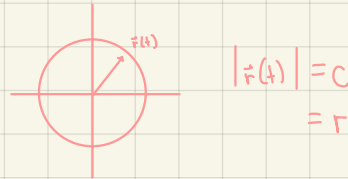
$$= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\vec{u}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{u}(t)}{\Delta t} \right] \times \vec{v}(t+\Delta t) + \vec{u}(t) \times \left[\frac{\vec{v}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{v}(t)}{\Delta t} \right]$$

$$= \vec{u}'(t) \times \vec{v}(t) + \vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}'(t)$$

Vector Functions of Constant Length

Suppose we have $\vec{r}(t)$ such that $|\vec{r}(t)| = c$.

ex.



Now Consider

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = |\vec{u}|^2$$

$$\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t) = |\vec{r}(t)|^2 = c^2$$

Differentiating both sides...

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t)] = \frac{d}{dt} c^2$$

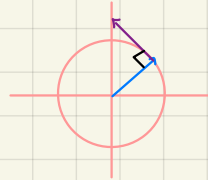
$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t) + \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t) = 0$$

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

$$|\vec{r}(t)| = 1$$



Therefore the vectors $\vec{r}(t)$ and $\vec{r}'(t)$ are both orthogonal to each other.

Note: If $\vec{r}(t)$ is a differentiable vector function of t , and the length of $\vec{r}(t)$ is constant, then ...

$$\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t) = 0$$

or

$$\vec{r}(t) \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 0$$

13.2 - Integrals of Vector Functions

- Integrals of Vector Functions
- We can find the Position function for a moving object using its Acceleration
- Position Function for an Ideal Projectile Motion

The Indefinite Integral

The **indefinite integral** of a vector valued function $\vec{r}(t)$ with respect to t is the set of all anti-derivatives of $\vec{r}(t)$, denoted by $\int \vec{r}(t) dt$. If $\vec{R}(t)$ is an antiderivative of $\vec{r}(t)$, then...

$$\int \vec{r}(t) dt = \vec{R}(t) + \vec{c}$$

Example:

$$\int \langle \cos t, 1, -2t \rangle dt$$

$$= \langle \sin t, t, -t^2 \rangle + \vec{c}$$

$$\int \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle dt = \langle \int f(t) dt, \int g(t) dt, \int h(t) dt \rangle + \vec{c}$$

The Definite Integral

If the components of $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$ are integrable on some domain for $t \in [a, b]$, then so is $\vec{r}(t)$, and...

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

Example:

$$\int_0^\pi \langle \cos t, 1, -2t \rangle dt$$

$$= \left\langle \sin t \Big|_0^\pi, t \Big|_0^\pi, -t^2 \Big|_0^\pi \right\rangle$$

$$= \langle 0, \pi, -\pi^2 \rangle$$

By Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (for continuous vector functions).

$$\int_a^b \vec{r}(t) dt = \vec{R}(t) \Big|_a^b = \vec{R}(b) - \vec{R}(a)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

Where $\vec{R}(t)$ is an anti-derivative of $\vec{r}(t)$. i.e., $\vec{R}'(t) = \vec{r}(t)$.

Example 3

$$a(t) = -(3\cos(t))i - (3\sin(t))j + 2k.$$

$$t=0, P(4,0,0), v(0) = 3j$$

Position as a function of time t .

$$\text{We have } \vec{a}(t) = \langle -3\cos t, -3\sin t, 2 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}(t) = \int \vec{a}(t) dt = \langle -3\sin t, 3\cos t, 2t \rangle + \vec{c}$$

$$\text{at } t=0 \quad \vec{v}(0) = \vec{v}_0 = \langle 0, 3, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, 3, 0 \rangle + \vec{c}_1 \Rightarrow \vec{c} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}(t) = \langle -3\sin t, 3\cos t, 2t \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(t) dt = \langle 3\cos t, 3\sin t, t^2 \rangle + \vec{c}_2$$

$$\text{We know that } \vec{r}(0) = \langle 4, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle 4, 0, 0 \rangle = \vec{r}(0) = \langle 3, 0, 0 \rangle + \vec{c}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle 4, 0, 0 \rangle = \langle 3, 0, 0 \rangle + \vec{c}_2$$

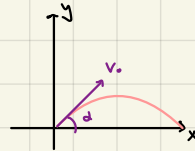
$$\Rightarrow \vec{c}_2 = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = \langle 3\cos t, 3\sin t, t^2 \rangle + \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\text{or } \vec{r}(t) = \langle 3\cos t + 1, 3\sin t, t^2 \rangle$$

Vector & Parametric Equations for Ideal Projectile Motion

We assume a projectile motion starting at $t=0$ from O , with initial velocity \vec{v}_0 , making an angle α with the horizontal.



As we start from O , $\vec{r}_0 = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$

$$\vec{v}_0 = \langle |\vec{v}_0| \cos \alpha, |\vec{v}_0| \sin \alpha \rangle$$

$$\text{We have } \vec{F} = m\vec{a} \Rightarrow m \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = -m(g)\hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = \langle 0, -g \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \langle 0, -gt \rangle + \vec{v}_0 = \langle 0, -gt \rangle + \langle |\vec{v}_0| \cos \alpha, |\vec{v}_0| \sin \alpha \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \langle |\vec{v}_0| \cos \alpha, |\vec{v}_0| \sin \alpha - gt \rangle$$

Integrate again!

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = \langle (|\vec{v}_0| \cos \alpha)t, (|\vec{v}_0| \sin \alpha)t - gt^2/2 \rangle + \vec{r}_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = \langle (|\vec{v}_0| \cos \alpha)t, (|\vec{v}_0| \sin \alpha)t - gt^2/2 \rangle$$

In components:

$$x(t) = (|\vec{v}_0| \cos \alpha)t$$

$$y(t) = (|\vec{v}_0| \sin \alpha)t - gt^2/2$$

Example 4

Speed 500 m/sec, angle 60° from horizontal

Find $t=10$. where $g=9.8$

Here $|\vec{v}_0| = 500$ m/sec, $\alpha = 60^\circ$, $\vec{r}(t)|_{t=10} = ?$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle (|\vec{v}_0| \cos \alpha)t, (|\vec{v}_0| \sin \alpha)t - gt^2/2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(10) = \langle 2500, 3840 \rangle$$

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Quiz on 13.1 / 13.2

✓ 1. helix $r(t) = \cos(t)i + \sin(t)j + 2t k$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = -\sin(t), \cos(t), 2$$

$$t = \pi/2$$

$$\langle -1, 0, 2 \rangle$$

✓ 2. $r(t) = t^2 i + e^t j - 2\cos t k$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} = \langle 0, 1, -2 \rangle$$

✓ 3. $r'(t) = 3i + 2tj$ find $r(5)$
 $r(1) = 2i + 5j$

$$r(t) = 3t + t^2 + C$$

$$t=1 \quad \langle 3, 1 \rangle + \vec{C}_1$$

$$t=1 \quad \langle 2, 5 \rangle$$

$$\langle 2, 5 \rangle = \langle 3, 1 \rangle + \vec{C}_1$$

$$\langle -1, 4 \rangle = \vec{C}_1$$

$$r(t) = (3t, t^2) + \langle -1, 4 \rangle$$

$$r(5) = \langle 3(5) - 1, 5^2 + 4 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 14, 29 \rangle$$

13.3 - Arc length of Curves

- Illustrate the idea behind the arc length formula
- Compute the arc length of a curve

Deriving the Arc Length Formula

What is the arclength of the curve $\vec{r}(t)$ for $a \leq t \leq b$?

1. Break $[a, b]$ into n segments (n equal segments)

$$\text{Arc length} \approx \sum_{i=1}^n (\text{Length of } i^{\text{th}} \text{ segment})$$

2. Compute length of i^{th} segment

$$\Delta L_i = \sqrt{(\Delta x_i)^2 + (\Delta y_i)^2 + (\Delta z_i)^2}$$

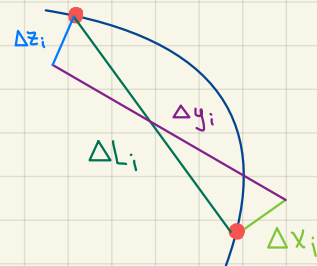
$$\text{Arc length} \approx \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{(\Delta x_i)^2 + (\Delta y_i)^2 + (\Delta z_i)^2} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta t}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta x_i}{\Delta t}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta y_i}{\Delta t}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta z_i}{\Delta t}\right)^2} \Delta t$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta x_i}{\Delta t}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta y_i}{\Delta t}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta z_i}{\Delta t}\right)^2} \Delta t$$

for $\vec{r}(t) = f(t)\hat{i} + g(t)\hat{j} + h(t)\hat{k}$ on $[a, b]$

$$\text{Arc length} = \int_a^b \sqrt{f'(t)^2 + g'(t)^2 + h'(t)^2} dt$$



- Arc Length Formula
- Arc Length Parametrization

Arc Length in Space

Suppose we divide the curve into n -sub segments.

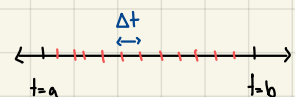
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta s &\approx \vec{r}(t_{i+1}) - \vec{r}(t_i), \quad t_{i+1} = t_i + \Delta t \\ &= \frac{\vec{r}(t_{i+1}) - \vec{r}(t_i)}{\Delta t} \cdot \Delta t \end{aligned}$$

Length of the curve from A to B,

$$s \approx \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{\vec{r}(t_{i+1}) - \vec{r}(t_i)}{\Delta t} \right] \Delta t$$

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{\vec{r}(t_{i+1}) - \vec{r}(t_i)}{\Delta t} \right] \Delta t \\ &= \int_a^b d\vec{r}/dt \, dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{r}(t) \Big|_{t=a} = A, \quad \vec{r}(t) \Big|_{t=b} = B$$



The length of a smooth curve $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$ that is traced exactly once as t increases from $t=a$ to $t=b$, is given by...

$$s = \int_a^b \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| dt \quad \text{or} \quad \int_a^b |\vec{v}(t)| dt \quad \text{or} \quad \int_a^b \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2 + z'(t)^2} dt$$

Example 1: A glider is soaring upward along the helix $r(t) = (\cos t)i + (\sin t)j + tk$.
How long is the glider's path from $t=0$ to $t=2\pi$.

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| dt = \int_0^{2\pi} | \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 1 \rangle | dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1} dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2} dt \\ &= \sqrt{2} (2\pi) \end{aligned}$$

Arc length = $s = \sqrt{2} (2\pi)$ unit of length.

Exercise: Find the length of the curve $r(t) = i + t^2j + t^3k$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$.
 $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 1, t^2, t^3 \rangle$

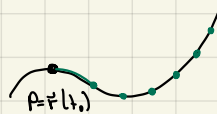
$$\begin{aligned} s &= \int_0^1 \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| dt = \int_0^1 \langle 0, 2t, 3t^2 \rangle dt && \text{let } u = 3t/2, du = 3/2 dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \sqrt{0 + 4t^2 + 9t^4} dt && \Rightarrow s = 2/3 \int_0^{3/2} (4u/3) \sqrt{1+u^2} du \\ &= \int_0^1 2t \sqrt{1 + 9/4 t^2} dt \\ &= 2^2/3^2 \int_0^{3/2} (1+u^2)^{1/2} (2u) du \\ &= 2^2/3^2 \left[\frac{(1+u^2)^{3/2}}{3/2} \right] \Big|_0^{3/2} = 4/9 \left[(1+9/4)^{3/2} / 3/2 - 1/3/2 \right] \\ &\approx 1.44 \end{aligned}$$

Now Consider:

$$s(t) = \int_{t_0}^t |\vec{v}(\tau)| d\tau$$

$t_0 \rightarrow \text{constant}$

s is the arclength parameter, with base point $\vec{r}(t_0)$



Exercise: Find the arc-length parametrization for the curve $r(t) = 3\sin t \mathbf{i} + 4t \mathbf{j} + 3\cos t \mathbf{k}$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle 3\sin t, 4t, 3\cos t \rangle$$

$$s(t) = \int_0^t |\vec{v}(\tau)| d\tau, \quad \vec{v}(t) = d\vec{r}/dt = \langle 3\cos t, 4, -3\sin t \rangle$$

$$|\vec{v}(t)| = \sqrt{9\cos^2 t + 16 + 9\sin^2 t} \\ = \sqrt{9 + 16} \\ = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow s(t) = \int_0^t 5 d\tau$$

$$= [5\tau]_0^t$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{s(t) = 5t} \Rightarrow t = s/5$$

Now the length of the curve from $t=0$ to $t=1$ is...

$$\boxed{s(1) = 5}$$

from $t=0$ to $t=2$ is...

$$\boxed{s(2) = 5(2) = 10}$$

our curve is defined so... $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 3\sin t, 4t, 3\cos t \rangle$

re-parametrized curve is given by...

$$\vec{r}(s) = \langle 3\sin(s/5), 4s/5, 3\cos(s/5) \rangle$$

$$s(t) = \int_{t_0}^t |\vec{v}(\tau)| d\tau$$

Example: Find the arc-length parametrization for $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, t \rangle$ with $t_0 = 0$.

$$s(t) = \int_0^t |\vec{v}(\tau)| d\tau = \int_0^t | \langle -\sin \tau, \cos \tau, 1 \rangle | d\tau \\ = \int_0^t \sqrt{\sin^2 \tau + \cos^2 \tau + 1} d\tau \\ = \int_0^t \sqrt{2} d\tau \\ = \sqrt{2} t$$

Therefore... $t = s/\sqrt{2}$

$$\vec{r}(s) = \langle \cos(s/\sqrt{2}), \sin(s/\sqrt{2}), s/\sqrt{2} \rangle$$

Speed on a Smooth Curve

We had $s(t) = \int_0^t \underbrace{|\vec{v}(\tau)|}_{\text{speed}} d\tau$, taking derivative w/ respect to t

$$\Rightarrow ds/dt = |\vec{v}(t)| > 0$$

* So, s is always an increasing function of t .

Unit Tangent

$$d\vec{r}/ds = d\vec{r}/dt \cdot dt/ds$$

$$= \frac{d\vec{r}/dt}{ds/dt}$$

$$= \frac{\vec{v}(t)}{|\vec{v}(t)|} > 0.$$

$$= \hat{T}, \text{ unit tangent}$$

Once we have represent \vec{r} as a function of s .

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}(s)$$

Then the derivative w/ respect to s is always a unit tangent.

$d\vec{r}/ds$ is a unit tangent.

Example: $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 1 + 3\cos t, 3\sin t, t^2 \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}(t) &= d\vec{r}/dt = \langle -3\sin t, 3\cos t, 2t \rangle \\ |\vec{v}(t)| &= \sqrt{9\sin^2 t + 9\cos^2 t + 4t^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9 + 4t^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{unit tangent} = \hat{T} = \frac{\vec{v}(t)}{|\vec{v}(t)|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9 + 4t^2}} \langle -3\sin t, 3\cos t, 2t \rangle$$

$$s = \int_0^t |\vec{v}(\tau)| d\tau, t = f(s) \Rightarrow d\vec{r}/ds$$

Summary

- $s = \int_a^b |d\vec{r}/dt| dt$
- $s(t) = \int_a^b |\vec{v}(\tau)| d\tau$
- $ds/dt = |\vec{v}(t)| > 0$
- $d\vec{r}/ds$ is a unit tangent

Quiz on 13.3

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✓ 1. Arc length of $r(t) = \cos(t)i + \sin(t)j + \sqrt{2}t k$ on $[0, \pi]$.

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \int_0^{\pi} \left| \frac{dr}{dt} \right| dt = \int_0^{\pi} \langle -\sin t, \cos t, \sqrt{2} \rangle dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 2} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{3} dt \\ &= \sqrt{3} \pi \approx 5.44139 \dots \rightarrow 5.4 \end{aligned}$$

✓ 2. Space Curve $r(t) = t i + \frac{1}{2} t^2 j + \frac{1}{3} t^3 k$

$r'(t)$ when $t=0$.

$$\langle t, \frac{1}{2} t^2, \frac{1}{3} t^3 \rangle$$

$$\langle 1, t, t^2 \rangle$$

$$\sqrt{1+t^2+t^4} \langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+t^2+t^4}}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{1+t^2+t^4}}, \frac{t^2}{\sqrt{1+t^2+t^4}} \rangle$$

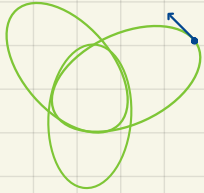
$$= \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$$

13.4 - Curvature

- Compute the curvature at a point given a choice of parameterization
- Compute Principle Unit Normal at a point
- Sketch the Circle of Curvature

Curvature, Normal Vectors, and Circle of Curvature

How do we measure "curvature" at a point?



We can look at how
the tangent vector changes!

Definition: For \hat{T} the unit tangent to a smooth curve, the curvature function k is given by...

$$k = \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \right|$$

When parameterized by some t not arclength s :

$$k = \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} \frac{dt}{ds} \right|$$

$$\text{For } |\vec{v}| = ds/dt$$

$$k = \frac{1}{|\vec{v}|} \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} \right|$$

Example: Circle of radius a : $\vec{r}(t) = (a\cos t)\hat{i} + (a\sin t)\hat{j}$

$$\vec{v} = d\vec{r}/dt = -(a\sin t)\hat{i} + (a\cos t)\hat{j} \Rightarrow |\vec{v}| = a$$

$$\hat{T} = \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = -(\sin t)\hat{i} + (\cos t)\hat{j}$$

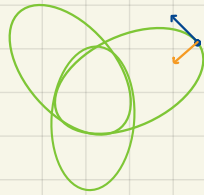
$$d\hat{T}/dt = -(\cos t)\hat{i} - (\sin t)\hat{j}$$

$$\left| d\hat{T}/dt \right| = 1$$

$$k = \frac{1}{|\vec{v}|} \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} \right| = \frac{1}{a}$$

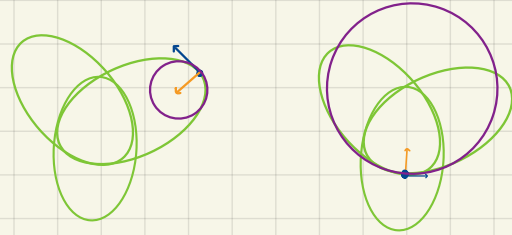
Definition: When $k \neq 0$, the principle unit normal vector for a smooth curve in the plane is...

$$\vec{N} = \frac{1}{k} \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds}$$



Definition: Circle of Curvature

1. Tangent to the curve at the point
2. Same curvature as the curve (i.e. radius = $1/k$)
3. Center on the concave (or inner) side



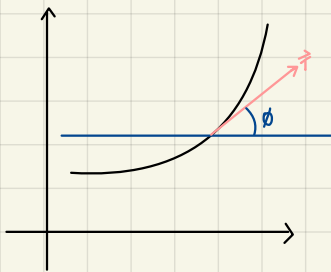
- Curvature
- Vector Principle Unit Normal

Curvature and Normal Vectors of a Curve

If $\hat{T} = d\vec{r}/ds$ is the unit vector of a smooth curve, the curvature function of the curve is...

$$\kappa = \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \right|$$

* The rate at which \hat{T} turns per unit of arc-length along the curve.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Suppose } \hat{T} &= \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta \rangle \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} &= \langle -\sin \theta, \cos \theta \rangle \frac{d\theta}{ds} \\ \Rightarrow \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \right| &= \left| \frac{d\theta}{ds} \right| \end{aligned}$$

• If $\left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \right|$ is large, \hat{T} turns sharply, the curvature is large.

• If $\left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \right|$ is closer to zero, curvature is small

$$\kappa = \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \right| = \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{ds} \right| = \frac{\left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} \right|}{\left| \frac{ds}{dt} \right|} = \frac{1}{|\vec{v}|} \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} \right|$$

; $\hat{T} = \vec{v}/|\vec{v}|$ is a unit vector and $\vec{v}(t) = d\vec{r}/dt$.

* $\vec{r}(t)$ is a smooth curve (magnitude $(|\vec{v}|)$ is never zero)!

Example: Suppose $\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{d}$; a straight line.
↙ direction vector!

$$\vec{v}(t) = d\vec{r}/dt = \vec{d}$$

$$\hat{T} = \vec{v}/|\vec{v}|, \kappa = 1/|\vec{v}| \left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \right|, d\vec{T}/dt = \vec{0}; \text{ No bending!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa = 0$$

Example: Now consider $\vec{r}(t) = \langle a \cos t, a \sin t \rangle$, circle of radius a .

$$\vec{v} = d\vec{r}/dt = \langle -a \sin t, a \cos t \rangle, |\vec{v}| = a$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{T} = \vec{v}/|\vec{v}| = \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle$$

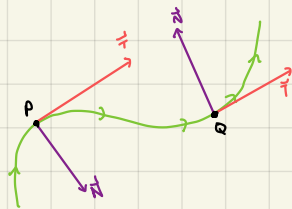
$$\Rightarrow d\hat{T}/dt = \langle -\cos t, -\sin t \rangle, |d\hat{T}/dt| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa = \frac{|d\hat{T}/dt|}{|\vec{v}|} = \frac{1}{a}(1) = \frac{1}{a}$$

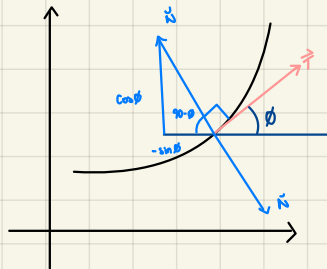
$$\Rightarrow \kappa = \frac{1}{a}; \text{ bending depends on the radius } a.$$

At a point where $\kappa \neq 0$, the Principal Unit Normal vector for a smooth curve is...

$$\vec{N} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = \frac{1}{|d\hat{T}/ds|} \cdot \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} &= \langle x, y \rangle \\ \vec{v}_\perp &= \langle -y, x \rangle \\ \vec{v}_\perp &= \langle y, -x \rangle \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \hat{T} &= \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta \rangle \\ d\hat{T}/ds &= \langle -\sin \theta, \cos \theta \rangle \frac{d\theta}{ds} \end{aligned}$$

* $\vec{N} = \frac{1}{|d\hat{T}/ds|} \cdot d\hat{T}/ds$ points towards the concave side of the curve.

$$\vec{N} = \frac{1}{|d\hat{T}/ds|} \cdot \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = \frac{d\hat{T}/dt \cdot dt/ds}{|d\hat{T}/dt \cdot dt/ds|} = \frac{d\hat{T}/dt}{|d\hat{T}/dt|}$$

$$\vec{N} = \frac{1}{|d\hat{T}/ds|} \cdot \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds}, \quad \vec{N} = \frac{1}{|d\hat{T}/dt|} \cdot \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt}$$

Since \hat{T} is a unit vector, $\hat{T} \cdot \hat{T} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \cdot \hat{T} + \hat{T} \cdot \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{T} \cdot \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = 0$$

direction of \hat{T}

Example: $\vec{r}(t) = \langle a \cos t, a \sin t, bt \rangle$, $a, b \geq 0$, $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$.

$$\vec{v}(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \langle -a \sin t, a \cos t, b \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{T} = \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \langle -a \sin t, a \cos t, b \rangle \Rightarrow \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \langle -a \cos t, -a \sin t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} \right| = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{K = \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \right| / |\vec{v}| = \frac{a}{a^2+b^2}}$$

curvature decreases as we increase b for a fixed a .

$$\frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \langle -a \cos t, -a \sin t, 0 \rangle, \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} \right| = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$$

$$\boxed{\hat{N} = \frac{d\hat{T}/dt}{|d\hat{T}/dt|} = \langle -\cos t, -\sin t, 0 \rangle}$$

Summarize

$$\bullet K = \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \right|, \quad \kappa = \frac{1}{|\vec{v}|} \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} \right|$$

$$\bullet \vec{v}(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}, \quad \hat{T} = \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|}$$

$$\bullet \hat{N} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \cdot \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = \frac{d\hat{T}/ds}{|d\hat{T}/ds|}$$

$$\bullet \hat{N} = \frac{d\hat{T}/dt}{|d\hat{T}/dt|}; \text{ it always points towards the concave side.}$$

$$\bullet \boxed{\hat{T} \cdot \hat{N} = 0}$$

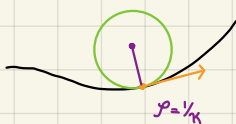
- Osculating Circle (AKA the Circle of Curvature, from above)
- Center and Radius of the Osculating Circle

The circle of curvature (Osculating Circle) at a point P on a plane curve where $\kappa \neq 0$ is the circle in the plane of the curve that...

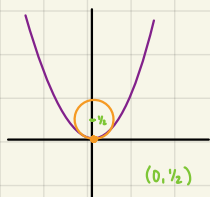
- ① It is tangent to the curve at P . (Has the same tangent at P as the curve).
- ② Has the same curvature as curve at P .
- ③ The center lies towards the concave of the inner side of the curve.

The Radius of Curvature of the curve at P is the radius of the circle of curvature, which is...

$$\text{Radius of Curvature} = \rho = \frac{1}{\kappa}$$



Example: Find the osculating circle of the parabola $y=x^2$ at $(0,0)$.



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}(t) &= \langle t, t^2 \rangle \\ \vec{v} &= d\vec{r}/dt = \langle 1, 2t \rangle \\ |\vec{v}| &= \sqrt{1+4t^2} \end{aligned}$$

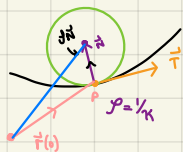
$$\hat{T} = \vec{v}/|\vec{v}| = \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+4t^2}}, \frac{2t}{\sqrt{1+4t^2}} \right\rangle$$

$$\kappa \Big|_{t=0} = \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \right| \equiv 2$$

This implies that the radius of the osculating circle $= \rho = \frac{1}{\kappa} = \frac{1}{2}$

Required Equation is $(x-0)^2 + (y-\frac{1}{2})^2 = (\frac{1}{2})^2$

Example:

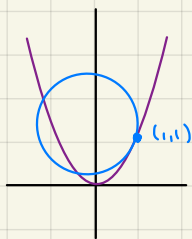


From the figure...

$$\text{Center} = \vec{r}(s) + \rho(s)\vec{N}$$

$$\text{Radius} = \rho = \frac{1}{\kappa}$$

Example: Determine the circle of curvature to the parabola $y=x^2$ at $(1,1)$



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}(t) &= \langle t, t^2 \rangle \\ \kappa \Big|_{t=1} &= \frac{2}{5\sqrt{5}} \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{5\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$(x+4)^2 + (y-\frac{7}{2})^2 = \frac{125}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Centre at } (1,1) &= \vec{r}(1) + \rho(1)\vec{N}(1) \\ &= (-4, \frac{7}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

Quiz on 13.4

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- ✓ 1 $r(t) = \sin(t)i + \cos(t)j + 3k$
curvature @ $t=2$.

$$K = \left| \frac{dT}{ds} \right|$$

$$\langle \sin t, \cos t, 3 \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \langle \cos t, -\sin t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\sqrt{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t + 0^2} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \langle \sin t, -\cos t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 0^2} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\rightarrow K = 1/1$$

- ✓ 2. $r(t) = ti + \frac{1}{2}t^2j + \frac{1}{3}t^3k$

\vec{N} @ $t=0$.

$$\langle t, \frac{1}{2}t^2, \frac{1}{3}t^3 \rangle$$

$$\langle 1, t, t^2 \rangle$$

$$\sqrt{1^2 + t^2 + t^4} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\langle 0, 1, t \rangle$$

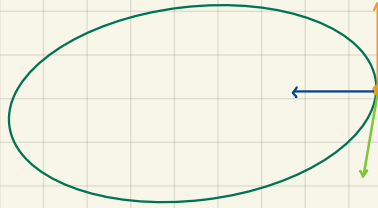
$$\langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$$

3.5 - Tangential and Normal Components of Acceleration

- Tangent, Normal, and Binormal Vector (TNB or Frenet Frame)
- Compute the TNB frame at point

Three Vectors to Describe Motion

1. Tangent Vector $\vec{T} = d\vec{r}/ds$ ■
 2. Normal Vector $\vec{N} = 1/\kappa \cdot d\vec{T}/ds$ ■
 3. Binormal Vector $\vec{B} = \vec{T} \times \vec{N}$ ■
- ↙ cross product



What does $d\vec{B}/ds$ tell us?

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{B}/ds &= d(\vec{T} \times \vec{N})/ds \\ &= \underbrace{d\vec{T}/ds} \times \vec{N} + \vec{T} \times d\vec{N}/ds \\ &= \kappa \vec{N} \times \vec{N} + \vec{T} \times d\vec{N}/ds \\ &= \vec{T} \times d\vec{N}/ds \end{aligned}$$

So...

- 1) $d\vec{B}/ds$ orthogonal to \vec{T}
 - 2) $d\vec{B}/ds$ orthogonal to \vec{B}
- $\Rightarrow d\vec{B}/ds$ parallel to \vec{N}
- $\Rightarrow -d\vec{B}/ds = \tau \vec{N}$ for some τ
- $-d\vec{B}/ds \cdot \vec{N} = \tau \vec{N} \cdot \vec{N}$

$\tau = 0 \Rightarrow$ "no twisting"

Definition: torsion ...

$$-d\vec{B}/ds \cdot \vec{N} = \tau$$

Note: κ or curvature shows how points "curve" in the plane defined by \vec{T} & \vec{N}
 τ or torsion shows how the plane "twists"

- Review of the formulas
- Formulas and example for Torsion and Curvature. Note: We are not covering Torsion so you can skip over it!

Tangential and Normal Components of Acceleration

$$\kappa = |d\vec{T}/ds|, \quad \kappa = 1/|\vec{v}| \cdot |d\vec{T}/dt|, \quad \vec{T} = \vec{v}/|\vec{v}|$$

$$\vec{N} = 1/\kappa \cdot d\vec{T}/ds, \quad \vec{N} = 1/|d\vec{T}/dt| \cdot d\vec{T}/dt$$

$$\text{Radius of the Osculating Circle} = \rho = 1/\kappa$$

$$\text{Center of the Osculating Circle} = \vec{r}(s) + \rho(s)\vec{N}$$

We define $\vec{B} = \vec{T} \times \vec{N}$

- The Scalar Tangential and Normal Components of acceleration are:

$$\begin{aligned} a_T &= \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} & a_N &= \kappa \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{d|\vec{v}|}{dt} & &= \kappa (|\vec{v}|)^2 \\ & & &= |\vec{v}|^2 / \rho \end{aligned}$$

Consider $\vec{v} \times \vec{a} = d\vec{r}/dt \times \vec{a}$; $\vec{a} = ds/dt^2 \vec{T} + k(ds/dt)^2 \vec{N}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= d\vec{r}/ds \cdot ds/dt \times \vec{a} \\
 &= (ds/dt) \vec{T} \times \vec{a} \\
 &= (ds/dt) \vec{T} \times \left[ds/dt^2 \vec{T} + k(ds/dt)^2 \vec{N} \right] \\
 &= k(ds/dt)^3 \underbrace{\vec{T} \times \vec{N}}_{\vec{B}} \\
 &= k(ds/dt)^3 \vec{B}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{v} \times \vec{a}| = k |ds/dt|^3$$

Finally $k = |\vec{v} \times \vec{a}| / |\vec{v}|^3$

We have $\vec{B} = \vec{T} \times \vec{N}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\vec{B}/ds &= d\vec{T}/ds \times \vec{N} + \vec{T} \times d\vec{N}/ds, \quad k\vec{N} = d\vec{T}/ds \\
 \Rightarrow d\vec{B}/ds &= \vec{T} \times d\vec{N}/ds
 \end{aligned}$$

- $d\vec{B}/ds$ is orthogonal to \vec{T}
- Since \vec{B} has a constant magnitude, $\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{B}/ds = 0$.
 $\Rightarrow d\vec{B}/ds$ is orthogonal to \vec{B}

$\Rightarrow d\vec{B}/ds$ is parallel to \vec{N}

$$\Rightarrow d\vec{B}/ds = -\tau \vec{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau = -d\vec{B}/ds \cdot \vec{N}$$

Torsion

$$\tau = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \dot{x} & \dot{y} & \dot{z} \\ \ddot{x} & \ddot{y} & \ddot{z} \\ \ddot{\ddot{x}} & \ddot{\ddot{y}} & \ddot{\ddot{z}} \end{vmatrix}}{|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}|}, \text{ if } \vec{v} \times \vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$$

$\vec{r}(s) = \langle x(s), y(s), z(s) \rangle$

Example: Consider $\vec{r}(t) = \langle a \cos t, a \sin t, bt \rangle$, $a, b \geq 0$, $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{v}(t) &= \langle -a \sin t, a \cos t, b \rangle \\
 \vec{a}(t) &= \langle -a \cos t, -a \sin t, 0 \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: $\tau = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -a \sin t & a \cos t & b \\ -a \cos t & -a \sin t & 0 \\ a \sin t & -a \cos t & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}|^2} = \frac{ab}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} \Rightarrow b/a^2 + b^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{v} \times \vec{a} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -a \sin t & a \cos t & b \\ -a \cos t & -a \sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(absint) - \hat{j}(abcost) + k(a^2) \\
 &= \langle absint, -abcost, a^2 \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\vec{v}| &= \sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 t + a^2 \cos^2 t + b^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\vec{v} \times \vec{a}| &= \sqrt{a^2 b^2 \sin^2 t + a^2 b^2 \cos^2 t + a^4} \\
 &= \sqrt{a^2 b^2 + a^4} \\
 &= a \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|\vec{v}| = (a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}$$

$$k = |\vec{v} \times \vec{a}| / |\vec{v}|^3 = a / (a^2 + b^2)^{3/2 - 1/2} = a / a^2 + b^2$$

- Interpret the normal and tangential components of acceleration
- Compute the normal and tangential components of acceleration
- Use the Pythagorean identity to simplify computation of the normal component of acceleration

Tangential and Normal Components of Acceleration

$$\Delta \vec{v} = |\vec{v}| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} = |\vec{v}| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt}$$

$$\Delta \vec{N} = \frac{d\vec{T}/dt}{|d\vec{T}/dt|} \quad \Delta k = \frac{1}{|\vec{v}|} \left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \vec{a} &= d\vec{v}/dt = d|\vec{v}|/dt \vec{T} + |\vec{v}| d\vec{T}/dt \\ &= d|\vec{v}|/dt \vec{T} + |\vec{v}| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \vec{N} \\ &= \underbrace{d|\vec{v}|/dt}_{a_T} \vec{T} + \underbrace{k|\vec{v}|^2}_{a_N} \vec{N} \end{aligned}$$

Definition

For $a_T = \frac{d|\vec{v}|}{dt}$, $a_N = k|\vec{v}|^2$

$$\vec{a} = a_T \vec{T} + a_N \vec{N}$$

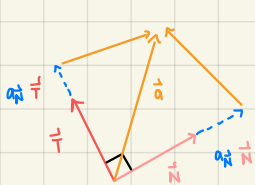
Example: Circle of radius 1: $\vec{r}(t) = (\cos t)\vec{i} + (\sin t)\vec{j}$

$$\vec{v} = d\vec{r}/dt = -(\sin t)\vec{i} + (\cos t)\vec{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{v}| = 1 \quad k = 1/1 = 1$$

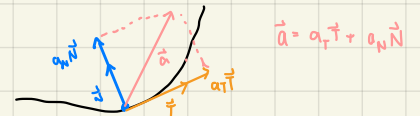
$$a_T = d|\vec{v}|/dt = 0$$

$$a_N = k|\vec{v}|^2 = 1$$



$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{|a_N|^2 + |a_T|^2}$$

- Formulas for the Tangential and Normal component of Acceleration
- Example of the Tangential and Normal component of Acceleration



Tangential and Normal Components of Acceleration

Recall: $\vec{v} = d\vec{r}/dt = d\vec{r}/ds \cdot ds/dt \Rightarrow \vec{v} = \dot{s} \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \vec{a} &= d\vec{v}/dt = \frac{d(\dot{s} \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds})}{dt} = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} \vec{T} + \frac{ds}{dt} \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{ds^2} \frac{ds}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} \vec{T} + \frac{ds}{dt} \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{ds^2} \frac{ds}{dt} \quad , \quad \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{ds^2} = k\vec{N} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{d^2s}{dt^2}}_{a_T} \vec{T} + \underbrace{k \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2}_{a_N} \vec{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{a} = a_T \vec{T} + a_N \vec{N} \quad \text{where}$$

$$a_T = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = \frac{d|\vec{v}|}{dt} \quad \leftarrow$$

$$a_N = k \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 = k|\vec{v}|^2 \quad \leftarrow$$

Example: Write the acceleration of the motion describe by ...

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t + t \sin t, \sin t - t \cos t \rangle, t > 0$$

First $\vec{v}(t) = d\vec{r}/dt$

$$\vec{v} = d\vec{r}/dt = \langle -\sin t + \sin t + t \cos t, \cos t - \cos t + t \sin t \rangle \\ \Rightarrow \vec{v}(t) = \langle t \cos t, t \sin t \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{v}(t)| = \sqrt{t^2 \cos^2 t + t^2 \sin^2 t} = \sqrt{t^2} = t \\ = t$$

Now since $a_T = d|\vec{v}|/dt$
 $= d(t)/dt$
 $= 1$

$$\vec{a} = a_T \vec{T} + a_N \vec{N}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = a_T^2 + a_N^2$$

$$|\vec{a}|^2 = a_T^2 + a_N^2$$

$$a_N = \sqrt{|\vec{a}|^2 - a_T^2}$$

Using this, we write $a_N = \sqrt{|\vec{a}|^2 - a_T^2}$
 $= \sqrt{(1+t^2) - 1}$
 $= t$

We have $\vec{a} = a_T \vec{T} + a_N \vec{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a}(t) = \vec{T} + t \vec{N}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \langle \cos t - t \sin t, \sin t + t \cos t \rangle$$

$$|\vec{a}(t)|^2 = (\cos t - t \sin t)^2 + (\sin t + t \cos t)^2$$

$$= \underbrace{\cos^2 t + t^2 \sin^2 t}_{\checkmark} - 2t \underbrace{\cos t \sin t}_{\checkmark} + \underbrace{t^2 \sin^2 t}_{\checkmark} + \underbrace{\sin^2 t + t^2 \cos^2 t}_{\checkmark} + 2t \underbrace{\cos t \sin t}_{\checkmark}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}(t)|^2 = 1 + t^2$$

Quiz on B.5

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1. $r(t) = \cos t i + \sin t j + 0k$ compute B @ $t=0$.

$$\vec{B} = \vec{T} \times \vec{N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle \cos t, \sin t, 0 \rangle \\ &\langle -\sin t, \cos t, 0 \rangle = \vec{N} \\ &= \vec{T} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{v}| &= \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 0^2} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{N} = \langle -\cos t, -\sin t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ -\sin t & \cos t & 0 \\ -\cos t & -\sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (\sin^2 t - (-\cos^2 t)) \hat{k} = 1k$$

$$\vec{B} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

2. $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 1, 2t, t^2 \rangle$ compute $a_T(1)$ $t=1$

$$\begin{aligned} a_T &= d|\vec{v}|/dt \quad \langle 0, 2, t \rangle = \sqrt{0^2 + 2^2 + t^2} \\ &= t / \sqrt{4+t^2} = \sqrt{4+t^2} \\ &= 1/\sqrt{5} \\ &= 0.44721 \\ &\approx 0.45 \end{aligned}$$

3. $\vec{r}(t) = (1+3t)i - (t-2)j - 3tk$ a_N

$$\begin{aligned} a_N &= \sqrt{|\vec{a}|^2 - a_T^2} \\ &= \sqrt{0^2 - 0^2} \\ &= \sqrt{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle 1+3t, t-2, -3t \rangle \quad \vec{r}(t) \\ &\langle 3, 1, -3 \rangle \quad \vec{v}(t) \\ &\langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle \quad \vec{a}(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{v}| &= \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2 + 3^2} \\ &= \sqrt{19} \\ a_T &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{a}(t)| &= \sqrt{0} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

4. $\vec{v}(t) = i + tj + t^2k$ $\vec{a}(t) = j + 2tk$

torsion at $t=0$

$$\tau = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & t & t^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}|^2} = 2$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & t & t^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t \end{vmatrix} \begin{aligned} r(2t^2 - t^2) &= 1t^2 \\ -j(2t) &= -j(2t) \\ k(1) &= k \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{t^2 + 4t^2 + 1}$$