

Vector-Valued Functions

A vector-valued function  $\vec{F}$  of a real variable with domain  $D$  assigns to each number  $t$  in the set  $D$  a unique vector  $\vec{F}(t)$

The set of all vectors  $\vec{v}$  of the form :

$$\vec{v} = \vec{F}(t)$$

for  $t$  in  $D$  ( $t \in D$ ) in the range of  $\vec{F}$ . That is

$$\vec{F}(t) = f_1(t)\vec{i} + f_2(t)\vec{j} + f_3(t)\vec{k} \quad (\text{in } \mathbb{R}^3)$$

Here,  $f_i$  are real-valued functions of ( $t \in \mathbb{R}$ )  
(scalar)

the real number  $t$  defined on the domain set  $D$ .

A vector function can also be described by

$$\vec{F}(t) = \langle f_1(t), f_2(t), f_3(t) \rangle$$

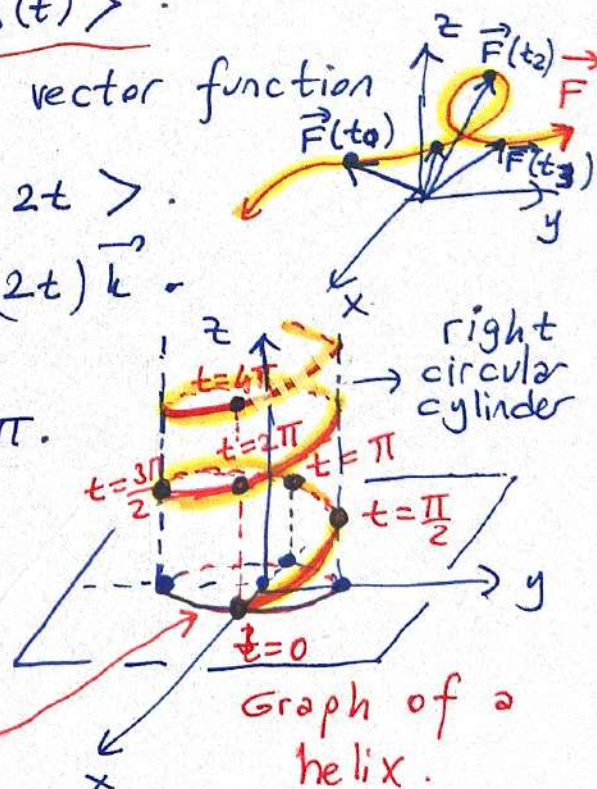
Ex. Sketch the graph of the vector function  $\vec{F}(t) = \langle 3\cos t, 3\sin t, 2t \rangle$ .  
( $t \in [0, 4\pi]$ )

$$\vec{F}(t) = (3\cos t)\vec{i} + (3\sin t)\vec{j} + (2t)\vec{k}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x(t) &= 3\cos t \\ y(t) &= 3\sin t \\ z(t) &= 2t \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ for all } 0 \leq t \leq 4\pi.$$

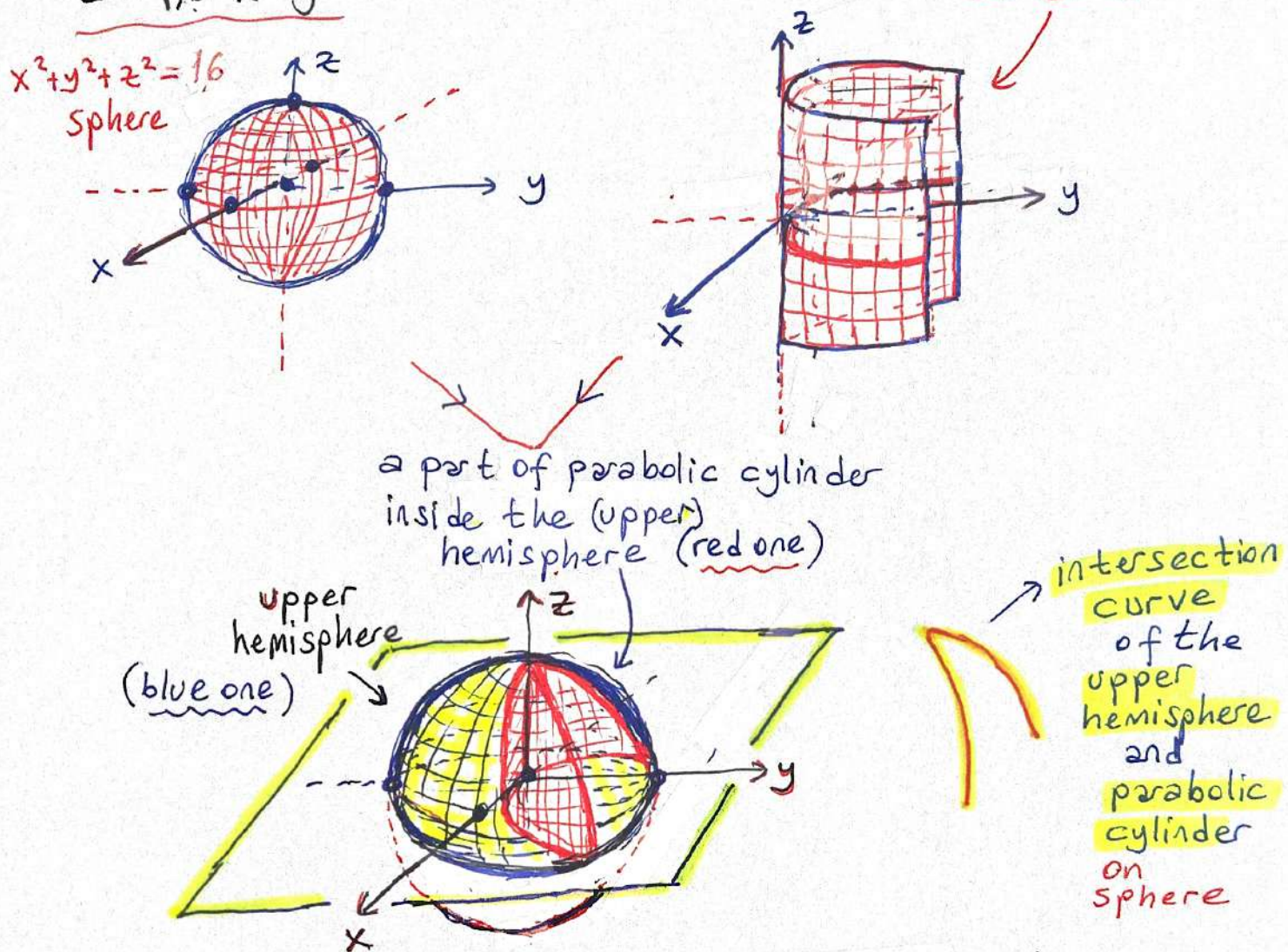
$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= 9\cos^2 t + 9\sin^2 t \\ &= 9(\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t) \end{aligned}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 9$$



Ex: Find a vector-valued function  $\vec{F}$  whose graph is the curve of the intersection of the hemisphere  $z = \sqrt{16 - x^2 - y^2}$  and the parabolic cylinder  $y = x^2$

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When  $x(t) = t$ , then  $y(t) = t^2$ . (from  $y = x^2$ )  
Substituting it into the hemisphere ( $y(t) = t^2 = x^2(t)$ )

(then)  $z = \sqrt{16 - x^2 - y^2}$

$\Rightarrow z(t) = \sqrt{16 - (t)^2 - (t^2)^2}$

$\Rightarrow z(t) = \sqrt{16 - t^2 - t^4}$

$16 - t^2 - t^4 \geq 0$

So,  $\vec{F}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle = \langle t, t^2, \sqrt{16 - t^2 - t^4} \rangle$

## Vector Function Operations

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Let  $\vec{F}$  and  $\vec{G}$  be vector functions of the real variable  $t$ , and let  $f(t)$  be a scalar function.

Therefore,  $\vec{F} + \vec{G}$ ,  $\vec{F} - \vec{G}$ ,  $f \cdot \vec{F}$  and  $\vec{F} \times \vec{G}$  are vector functions and  $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{G}$  is a scalar function, and then:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet (\vec{F} + \vec{G})(t) &= \vec{F}(t) + \vec{G}(t) \\ \bullet (\vec{F} - \vec{G})(t) &= \vec{F}(t) - \vec{G}(t) \\ \bullet (f \cdot \vec{F})(t) &= f(t) \cdot \vec{F}(t) \\ \bullet (\vec{F} \times \vec{G})(t) &= \vec{F}(t) \times \vec{G}(t) \\ \bullet (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{G})(t) &= \vec{F}(t) \cdot \vec{G}(t) \quad (\text{scalar function}). \end{aligned}$$

All these operations are determined on the intersection of the domains of the functions that compose the operation.

Ex: Find the following using

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}(t) &= t^3 \vec{i} - (\cos t) \vec{j} + t \vec{k} \\ \vec{G}(t) &= -\frac{1}{2}t \vec{i} + t^2 \vec{j} + \sin t \vec{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet (\vec{F} + \vec{G})(t) &= (t^3 - \frac{1}{2}t) \vec{i} + (-\cos t + t^2) \vec{j} + (t + \sin t) \vec{k} \\ \bullet (\vec{F} - \vec{G})(t) &= (t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t) \vec{i} + (-\cos t - t^2) \vec{j} + (t - \sin t) \vec{k} \\ \bullet (\vec{F} \times \vec{G})(t) &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ t^3 & -\cos t & t \\ -\frac{1}{2}t & t^2 & \sin t \end{vmatrix} \\ &= [(-\cos t)(\sin t) - t^3 \cdot t] \vec{i} - [t^3 \cdot \sin t - \frac{1}{2}t \cdot t] \vec{j} \\ &\quad + [t^3 \cdot t^2 - (-\frac{1}{2}t)(-\cos t)] \vec{k} \\ &= (-\cos t \sin t - t^4) \vec{i} + (\frac{t^2}{2} - t^3 \sin t) \vec{j} \\ &\quad + (t^5 - \frac{t}{2} \cos t) \vec{k} \\ \bullet (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{G})(t) &= \vec{F}(t) \cdot \vec{G}(t) \\ &= t^3 \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}t) + (-\cos t)t^2 + t \sin t \end{aligned}$$

## Limit on Vector Functions :

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$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \langle f_1(t), f_2(t), f_3(t) \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t) = \langle \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f_1(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f_2(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f_3(t) \rangle$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{The limit of } \vec{F}(t) \\ \text{exists} \end{array} \right) \iff \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{The limit of} \\ \text{each component} \\ \text{exists} \end{array} \right)$$

Ex.  $\vec{F}(t) = \langle \underbrace{2+t^3}_{f_1(t)}, \underbrace{t^2 \cdot e^{-t}}_{f_2(t)}, \underbrace{\frac{\sin t}{t}}_{f_3(t)} \rangle$  then  
find the  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \vec{F}(t)$ .

$$f_1(t) = 2 + t^3,$$

$$f_2(t) = t^2 \cdot e^{-t},$$

$$f_3(t) = \frac{\sin t}{t}.$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f_1(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (2 + t^3) = 2 + (0)^3 = 2,$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f_2(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (t^2 \cdot e^{-t}) = (0)^2 \cdot e^0 = 0 \cdot 1 = 0,$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f_3(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin t}{t} \right) = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \vec{F}(t) = \langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle \\ = 2\vec{i} + \vec{k}.$$

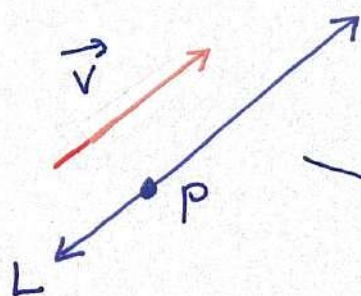
Ex. Find the curve using the vector function

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \underline{3+t}, \underline{2-3t}, \underline{1+7t} \rangle.$$

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = 3+t \\ y(t) = 2-3t \\ z(t) = 1+7t \end{cases}$$

then, it is the line equation passing through point  $P(\underline{3}, \underline{2}, \underline{1})$  and parallel to

$$\vec{v} = \langle \underline{1}, \underline{-3}, \underline{7} \rangle.$$



$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{a line is a special case} \\ \text{of a curve.} \end{array} \right\}$

Ex. Find the following limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \left\langle \frac{t^3-1}{t-1}, \frac{t^2-3t+2}{t^2+t-2}, (t^2+1)e^{t-1} \right\rangle.$$

$$\bullet \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{t^3-1}{t-1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{\cancel{(t-1)}(t^2+t+1)}{\cancel{t-1}} = (1)^2 + (1) + 1 = 3,$$

$$\bullet \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{t^2-3t+2}{t^2+t-2} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{\cancel{(t-1)}(t-2)}{\cancel{(t-1)}(t+2)} = \frac{1-2}{1+2} = -\frac{1}{3},$$

$$\bullet \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} (t^2+1)e^{t-1} = ((1)^2+1)e^{1-1} = 2 \cdot e^0 = 2 \cdot 1 = 2.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \vec{F}(t) = \left\langle 3, -\frac{1}{3}, 2 \right\rangle \quad \text{or}$$

$$= 3\vec{i} - \frac{1}{3}\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}.$$

Ex. Find the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \vec{F}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\langle \underbrace{\frac{1 - \cos t}{t^2}}_{f_1(t)}, \underbrace{\frac{\sin t \cos t}{2t}}_{f_2(t)}, \underbrace{t \cdot \ln t}_{f_3(t)} \right\rangle.$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos t}{t^2} = \frac{1 - \cos(0)}{(0)^2} = \frac{1 - 1}{0} = \frac{0}{0} \text{ undeterminate}$$

for  
 $f_1(t)$

Using L'Hospital's rule :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - (-\sin t)}{2t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{2t} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{t} = \frac{1}{2},$$

$= 1$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t \cdot \cos t}{2t} = \frac{\sin(0) \cdot \cos(0)}{2 \cdot (0)} = \frac{0 \cdot 1}{0} = \frac{0}{0} \text{ undeterminate}$$

Again L'Hospital :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos t \cdot \cos t + (-\sin t) \sin t}{2} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos^2 t - \sin^2 t}{2}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos^2(0) - \sin^2(0)}{2} = \frac{1 - 0}{2} = \frac{1}{2},$$

for  
 $f_2(t)$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{or } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cdot \sin t \cdot \cos t}{2 \cdot 2t} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2t)}{2 \cdot 2t} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow 0 \\ (2t \rightarrow 0)}} \frac{\sin(2t)}{2t} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lim_{2t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2t)}{2t} = \frac{1}{2}, \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$= 1$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t \cdot \ln t}{1} = 0 \cdot \infty$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln t}{\frac{1}{t}} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

L'Hospital :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1/t}{-1/t^2} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \cdot (-t^2) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (-t) = 0.$$

for  
 $f_3(t)$

**Remember !**

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \vec{F}(t) = \left\langle \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \vec{i} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{j}$$

Ex. Find the domain of  $\vec{F}(t) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{t^2-1}}_{f_1(t)} \vec{i} + \underbrace{\tan t}_{f_2(t)} \vec{j} + \underbrace{\ln t}_{f_3(t)} \vec{k}$ .

$$D = D_{f_1} \cap D_{f_2} \cap D_{f_3}$$

$D_{f_1} : \frac{1}{t^2 - 1}$  is defined for  $t \neq \pm 1$ ,

$D_{f_1} : \frac{1}{t^2-1}$  is defined for  $t \neq \frac{\pi}{2} \mp n\pi, n \in \mathbb{N}$

$D_{f_2} : \tan t$  is defined for  $t \neq \frac{\pi}{2} \mp n\pi, n \in \mathbb{N}$

$D_{f_3} : \ln t$  is defined for  $t > 0$ .

Then,  $D = \{t > 0\} \setminus \{t=1 \cup t = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$   
↓  
difference

## Rules for Vector Limits

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} [\vec{F}(t) + \vec{G}(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t) + \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{G}(t), \quad \text{limit of a (sum)}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} [\vec{F}(t) - \vec{G}(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t) - \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{G}(t), \quad \text{(difference)}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} [f(t) \cdot \vec{F}(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f(t) \cdot \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t), \quad \text{(scalar product)}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} [\vec{F}(t) \cdot \vec{G}(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t) \cdot \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{G}(t), \quad \text{(dot product)}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} [\vec{F}(t) \times \vec{G}(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t) \times \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{G}(t), \quad \text{(cross product)}$$

## Continuity for Vector Functions

$\vec{F}(t) = \langle f_1(t), f_2(t), f_3(t) \rangle$  is continuous at  $t_0$  when  $t_0$  is in the domain of the component functions and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f_1(t) = f_1(t_0),$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f_2(t) = f_2(t_0),$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f_3(t) = f_3(t_0).$$

Ex: Is  $\vec{F}(t) = \langle \cos t, \ln t, (2-t)^{-1} \rangle$  continuous on natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$ ?

$f_1(t)$  is continuous for all  $t$ ,  
 $f_2(t)$  is continuous for  $t > 0$ ,  
 $f_3(t)$  is continuous for  $t \neq 2$ .

So,  $\vec{F}(t)$  is continuous for  $t > 0, t \neq 2$ .

The derivative of a vector function  $\vec{F}$  is described by

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

wherever that limit exists. Here, the derivative vector is represented by  $\vec{F}'(t)$  or  $\frac{d\vec{F}}{dt}$ .

It is called that a vector function  $\vec{F}$  is differentiable at  $t=t_0$  if  $\vec{F}'(t)$  is determined at  $t_0$ .  
(or defined)

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{A vector function} \\ \text{is differentiable} \\ \text{called} \end{array} \right\}$  whenever  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the component functions} \\ f_1, f_2, f_3 \text{ are differentiable} \end{array} \right\}$   
 (then)  $\Rightarrow \vec{F}'(t) = \langle f_1'(t), f_2'(t), f_3'(t) \rangle \cdot \left\{ \vec{F}'(t) = \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} \right\}$

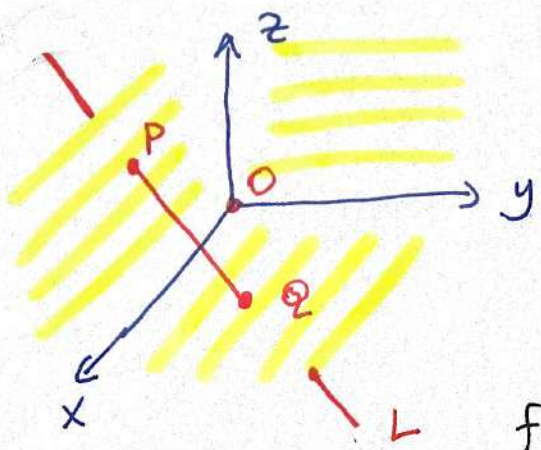
Ex. Is  $\vec{H}(t) = \langle \sin t, |t|, t^2 + t + 1 \rangle$  differentiable or not?

$\sin t$  and polynomial functions are diff. for all  $t$ .

But  $|t|$  is not differentiable for  $t=0$ .

Therefore, vector function  $\vec{H}(t)$  is not differentiable for all  $t$ . But it is differentiable for all  $t \neq 0$ .

Ex. Find the equation of line which intersects at point  $P(3,0,1)$  of  $xz$ -plane,  $Q(-2,2,0)$  of  $xy$ -plane.



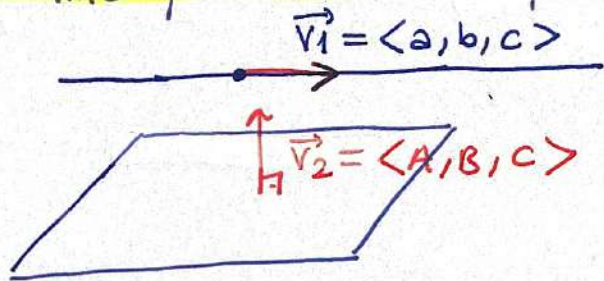
$$\begin{aligned}\vec{PQ} &= (-2-3)\vec{i} + (2-0)\vec{j} + (0-1)\vec{k} \\ &= -5\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k} \\ &= \langle -5, 2, -1 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{x-x_0}{a} = \frac{y-y_0}{b} = \frac{z-z_0}{c}$$

for  $P$ ;  $\frac{x-3}{-5} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z-1}{-1}$  or

for  $Q$ ;  $\frac{x-2}{-5} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z}{-1}$

A line parallel to a plane :



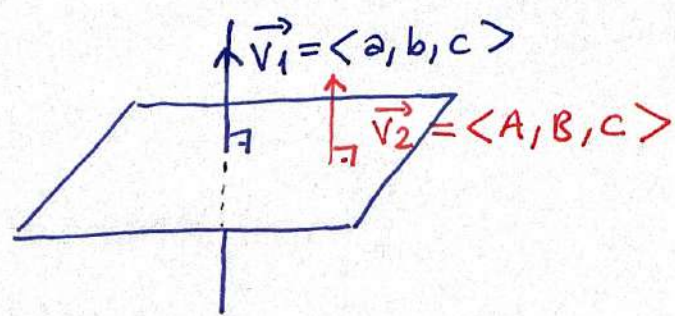
$AX + BY + CZ + D = 0$   
equation of a plane

$$\vec{V}_1 \perp \vec{V}_2 \Rightarrow \vec{V}_1 \cdot \vec{V}_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow aA + bB + cC = 0$$

parallelity condition for a line and a plane

A line orthogonal to a plane :



$$\vec{V}_1 \parallel \vec{V}_2 \Rightarrow \vec{V}_1 = m \cdot \vec{V}_2$$

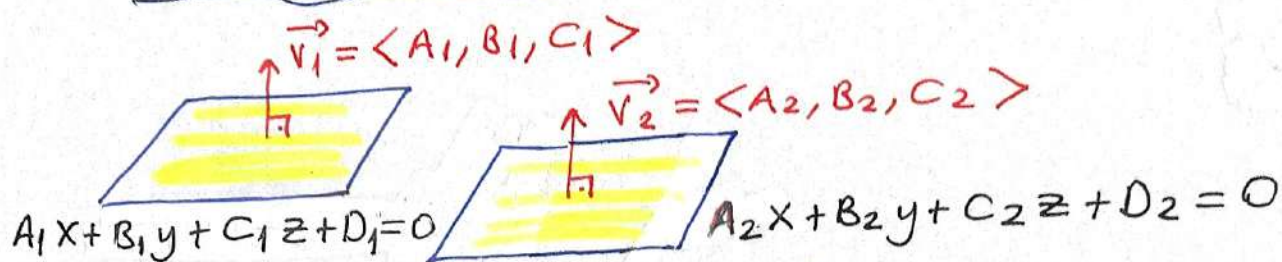
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scalar

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle = m \langle A, B, C \rangle$$

$a = mA$   
 $b = mB$   
 $c = mC$

components must be proportional

## Parallel Planes



$$\vec{V}_1 \parallel \vec{V}_2 \Rightarrow \vec{V}_1 = m \cdot \vec{V}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle A_1, B_1, C_1 \rangle = m \cdot \langle A_2, B_2, C_2 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A_1 = m \cdot A_2 \\ B_1 = m \cdot B_2 \\ C_1 = m \cdot C_2 \end{cases} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Parallelism condition} \\ \text{of two planes.} \end{array} \right\}$$

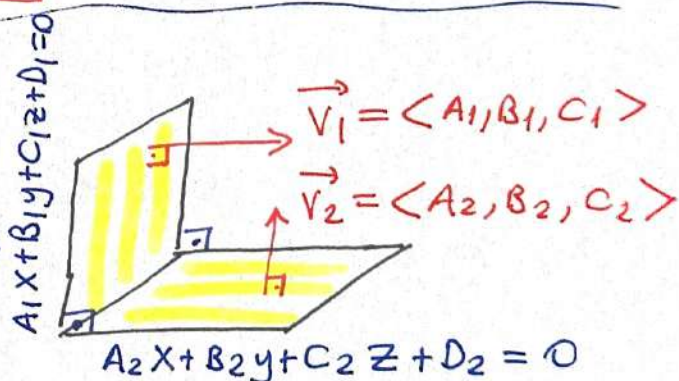
## Orthogonal Planes

$$\vec{V}_1 \perp \vec{V}_2 \Rightarrow \vec{V}_1 \cdot \vec{V}_2 = 0$$

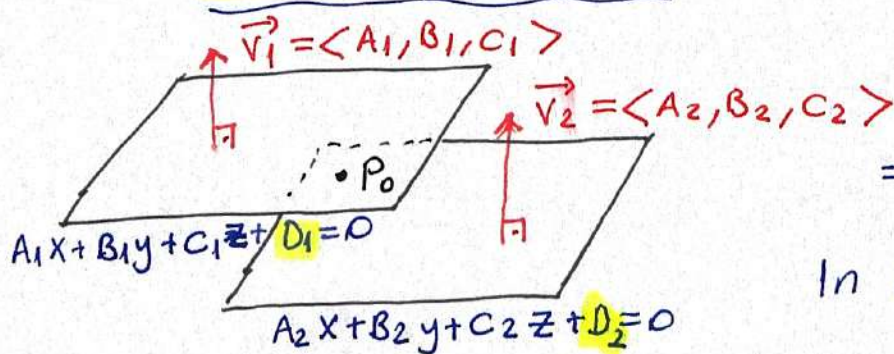
$$\Rightarrow \langle A_1, B_1, C_1 \rangle \cdot \langle A_2, B_2, C_2 \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 = 0$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{orthogonality condition} \\ \text{of two planes.} \end{array} \right\}$



## Coincident Planes



$$\vec{V}_1 \parallel \vec{V}_2 \Rightarrow \vec{V}_1 = m \cdot \vec{V}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A_1 = m A_2 \\ B_1 = m B_2 \\ C_1 = m C_2 \end{cases}$$

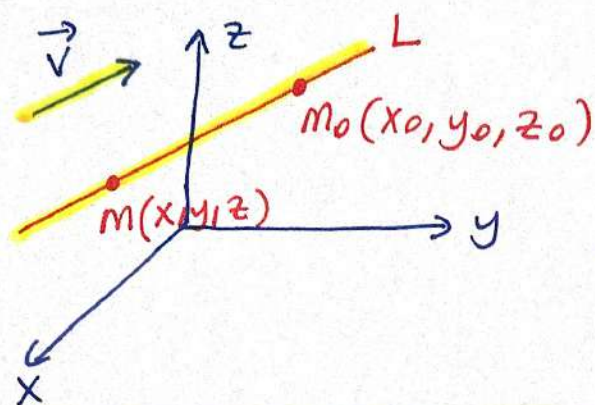
$m$  is any nonzero constant

In addition, if

$$D_1 = m D_2$$

the planes are coincident.

In 3D:



$$\vec{M_0M} \nearrow \nearrow \vec{V}$$

$$\vec{V} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

$$\vec{M_0M} = \langle x-x_0, y-y_0, z-z_0 \rangle$$

$$L: \frac{x-x_0}{a} = \frac{y-y_0}{b} = \frac{z-z_0}{c}$$

$$\vec{V}(0, b, c); \quad x=x_0, \quad \frac{y-y_0}{b} = \frac{z-z_0}{c} \quad \text{a line equation orthogonal to axis } x,$$

$$\vec{V}(a, 0, c); \quad \frac{x-x_0}{a} = \frac{z-z_0}{c}, \quad y=y_0 \quad \text{orthogonal to axis } y,$$

$$\vec{V}(a, b, 0); \quad \frac{x-x_0}{a} = \frac{y-y_0}{b}, \quad z=z_0 \quad \text{orthogonal to axis } z,$$

$$\vec{V}(0, 0, c); \quad x=x_0, y=y_0, \quad \frac{z-z_0}{c} \quad \text{orthogonal to axes } x \text{ and } y, \text{ parallel to axis } z,$$

$$\vec{V}(0, b, 0); \quad x=x_0, \frac{y-y_0}{b}, \quad z=z_0 \quad \text{orthogonal to axes } x \text{ and } z, \text{ parallel to axis } y,$$

$$\vec{V}(a, 0, 0); \quad \frac{x-x_0}{a}, y=y_0, z=z_0 \quad \text{orthogonal to axes } y \text{ and } z, \text{ parallel to axis } x.$$

EX.

Find the line equation which passing through point  $P(1, 2, 3)$ , and parallel to vector  $\vec{AB} = \langle 3, 1, -2 \rangle$ .

$$L: \frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{-2}.$$

Ex. Find the plane equation passing through  $P_0(-2, -1, -3)$  and orthogonal to the line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+3}{5} = \frac{z-2}{3}$ .

$$\vec{v} = \langle 2, 5, 3 \rangle$$

$$Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$$

$$2x_0 + 5y_0 + 3z_0 + D = 0, \quad P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$2(-2) + 5(-1) + 3(-3) + D = 0$$

$$-4 - 5 - 9 + D = 0$$

$$D = 18 \Rightarrow \underline{2x + 5y + 3z + 18 = 0}.$$

Ex. Find the angle  $\theta$  between the vector  $\vec{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$  on a line  $L$  and a plane  $Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$ .

$$\theta + \phi = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \theta = 90^\circ - \phi$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n} = aA + bB + cC$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

$$\|\vec{n}\| = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}$$

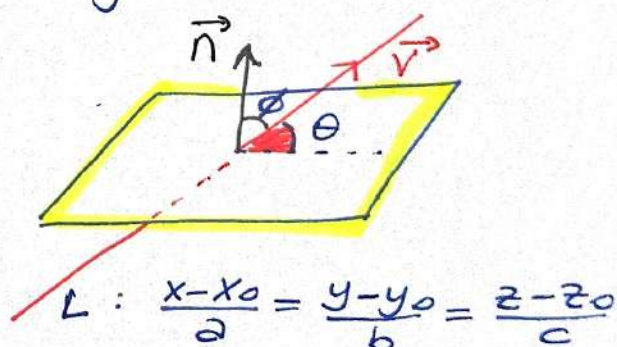
$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n} = \|\vec{v}\| \cdot \|\vec{n}\| \cdot \cos \phi \quad (\vec{v}, \vec{n} \text{ non-zero vectors})$$

$$\cos \phi = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}}{\|\vec{v}\| \cdot \|\vec{n}\|}$$

$$\cos \phi = \frac{aA + bB + cC}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

$$\phi = \arccos \left( \frac{aA + bB + cC}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}} \right)$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ - \phi.$$



Ex. Find an explicit relation between  $x$  and  $y$  eliminating the parameter  $t$ . Plot the parametric equation

$$x(t) = 4\cos t + 2, \quad y(t) = 5\sin t - 1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq \pi.$$

Hint:  $\cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha = 1$ .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x = 4\cos t + 2 &\Rightarrow \frac{x-2}{4} = \cos t \\ y = 5\sin t - 1 &\Rightarrow \frac{y+1}{5} = \sin t \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{taking} \\ \text{square, then} \\ \text{adding two eqs.} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{x-2}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y+1}{5}\right)^2 = \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{x-2}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y+1}{5}\right)^2 = 1 \quad (\text{ellipse in } \mathbb{R}^2)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a=4 \\ \downarrow \\ \text{minor axis} \\ \text{along the} \\ x \text{ axis,} \end{array} \right\} \left. \begin{array}{l} b=5 \\ \downarrow \\ \text{major axis} \\ \text{along the} \\ y \text{ axis,} \end{array} \right\}$$

Since  $a < b$ !

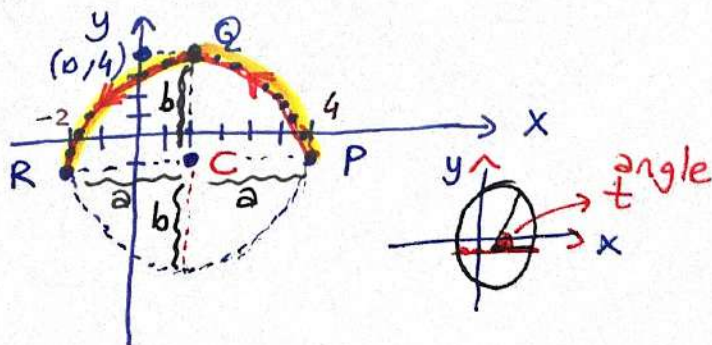
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1 \\ \text{general ellipse equation in } \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \text{center point } C(h, k) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$t=0 \Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} x(0) &= 4\cos(0) + 2 = 4(1) + 2 = 6 \\ y(0) &= 5\sin(0) - 1 = 5(0) - 1 = -1 \end{aligned} \right\} P(6, -1)$$

$$t = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} x(\frac{\pi}{2}) &= 4\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) + 2 = 4(0) + 2 = 2 \\ y(\frac{\pi}{2}) &= 5\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) - 1 = 5(1) - 1 = 4 \end{aligned} \right\} Q(2, 4)$$

$$t = \pi \Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} x(\pi) &= 4\cos(\pi) + 2 = 4(-1) + 2 = -2 \\ y(\pi) &= 5\sin(\pi) - 1 = 5(0) - 1 = -1 \end{aligned} \right\} R(-2, -1)$$

Upper ellipse (red one)  
from point  $P$  to  $R$ .



Ex. Find the equation for the line passing through  $(3, 2, 5)$  and parallel to the intersecting line between the planes

$$0x + 3y - 2z = 7 \text{ and } x - 4y = 6.$$

Normal vector of the first plane :  $\vec{n}_1 = \langle 0, 3, -2 \rangle$ ,

normal vector of the second plane :  $\vec{n}_2 = \langle 1, -4, 0 \rangle$ .

The direction vector of the line of intersection is given by the cross product of  $\vec{n}_1$  and  $\vec{n}_2$ :

$$\vec{v} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v} = [3 \cdot 0 - (-2)(-4)]\vec{i} - [0 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot (-2)]\vec{j} + [0 \cdot (-4) - 1 \cdot 3]\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{v} = (0 - 8)\vec{i} - (0 + 2)\vec{j} + (0 - 3)\vec{k} = -8\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle -8, -2, -3 \rangle.$$

The line passing through  $(3, 2, 5)$  and parallel to direction vector  $\vec{v} = \langle -8, -2, -3 \rangle$  is determined by

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= 3 + 8t \\ y(t) &= 2 + 2t \\ z(t) &= 5 + 3t \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(parametric)} \\ \text{eq.} \end{array}$$

or

$$\frac{x-3}{8} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z-5}{3} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(symmetric)} \\ \text{eq.} \end{array}$$

{ Here, we take  $-\vec{v}$  not  $\vec{v}$ . But you can also use  $\vec{v}$ . }

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Ex. Find the equation for the plane passing through points  $P(2, 4, -1)$ ,  $Q(-3, 2, 6)$ , and  $O(0, 0, 0)$ . Hint: Find the normal vector  $\vec{N}$  first.

$$\vec{PQ} = \langle -3-2, 2-4, 6-(-1) \rangle = \langle -5, -2, 7 \rangle,$$

$$\vec{PO} = \langle 0-2, 0-4, 0-(-1) \rangle = \langle -2, -4, 1 \rangle.$$

Normal vector  $\vec{N}$  to the plane is given by

$$-\vec{N} = \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PO} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -5 & -2 & 7 \\ -2 & -4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$-\vec{N} = [(-2) \cdot 1 - (-4) \cdot 7] \vec{i} - [(-5) \cdot 1 - (-2) \cdot 7] \vec{j} + [(-5)(-4) - (-2)(-2)] \vec{k}$$

$$-\vec{N} = (-2 + 28) \vec{i} - (-5 + 14) \vec{j} + (20 - 4) \vec{k}$$

$$-\vec{N} = 26 \vec{i} - 9 \vec{j} + 16 \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{N} = \langle -26, +9, -16 \rangle$$

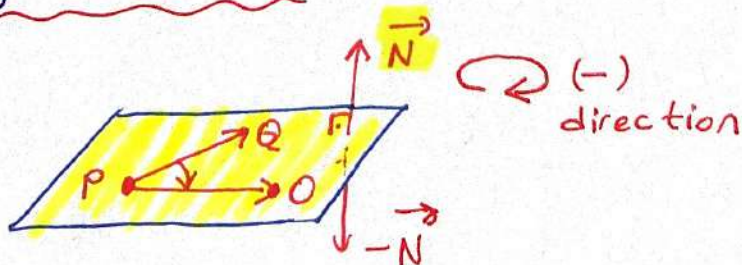
★ { The general equation of a plane with normal vector  $\vec{N} = \langle A, B, C \rangle$  passing through a point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is described by  $A(x-x_0) + B(y-y_0) + C(z-z_0) = 0$ . }

Using point  $P(2, 4, -1)$  and normal vector  $\vec{N} = \langle 26, -9, 16 \rangle$

$$-26(x-2) + 9(y-4) + 16(z+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -26x + 52 + 9y + 36 + 16z + 16 = 0$$

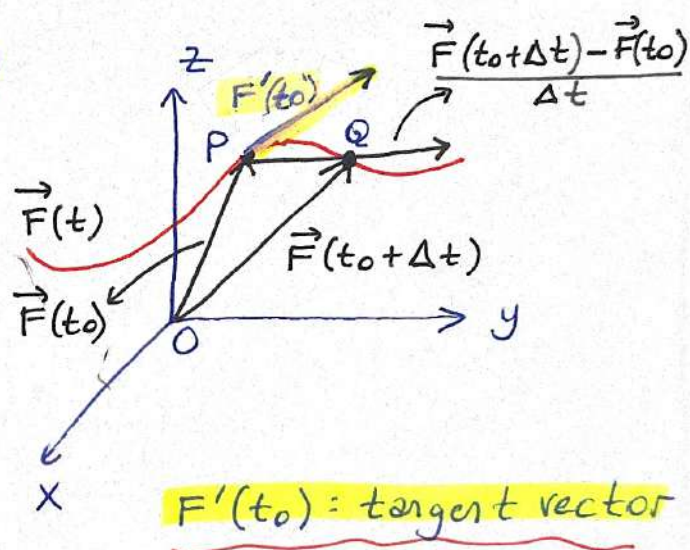
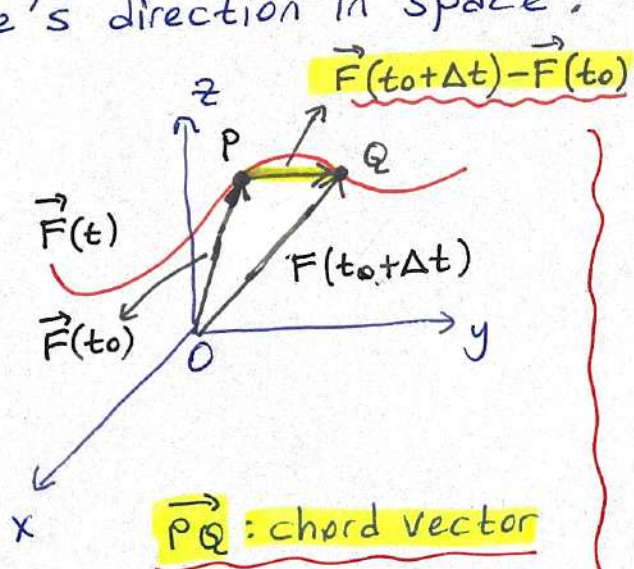
$$\Rightarrow -26x + 9y + 16z = 0. \text{ (the eq. of the plane)}$$



## Tangent Vectors :

The derivative  $f'(x_0)$  gives the slope of the tangent line to the graph at  $x_0$ .

Similarly, for a vector function  $\vec{F}(t)$ , the derivative  $\vec{F}'(t_0)$  provides a **tangent vector** to the curve at the point corresponding to  $t_0$ , indicating the curve's direction in space.



Let  $\vec{F}(t)$  be differentiable at  $t_0$  with  $\vec{F}'(t_0) \neq 0$ . In this case,  $\vec{F}'(t_0)$  represents a **tangent vector** to the graph of  $\vec{F}(t)$  at  $t = t_0$ , pointing in the direction of increasing  $t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}'(t_0) &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{F}}{\Delta t} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}(t_0 + \Delta t) - \vec{F}(t_0)}{\Delta t} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Find a tangent vector at point P, where  $t=0.1$  for  $\vec{F}(t) = \langle e^{3t}, t^3-t, \ln t \rangle$ .  
What is an equation for the line at P?

$$\vec{F}'(t) = \langle 3e^{3t}, 3t^2-1, \frac{1}{t} \rangle$$

$$\vec{F}'(0.1) = \langle 3e^{3(0.1)}, 3(0.1)^2-1, \frac{1}{0.1} \rangle$$

$$\vec{F}'(0.1) = \langle 3e^{0.3}, -0.97, 10 \rangle$$

$$\vec{OP} = \vec{F}(0.1) = \langle e^{3(0.1)}, (0.1)^3-(0.1), \ln(0.1) \rangle$$

$$\vec{OP} = \langle e^{0.3}, -0.099, -2.303 \rangle.$$

Then, the equation of the tangent line is

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{OP} + t \cdot \vec{F}'(0.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = \langle e^{0.3} + 3te^{0.3}, -0.099 - 0.97t, -2.303 + 10t \rangle.$$

If  $F'(t_0) \neq 0$  and is continuous at  $t_0$ , the tangent vectors near P will be close to the tangent vector at P. This means the graph is smooth at P.

A smooth curve is the graph of a vector function  $\vec{F}(t)$  on any interval where  $\vec{F}'(t) \neq 0$  is continuous.

The graph is considered piecewise smooth if the interval can be divided into a finite number of subintervals where  $\vec{F}$  is smooth.

Ex. Describe whether the graph of a function  $\vec{F}(t) = (t^3+2)\vec{i} + \sin t \vec{j} + (e^t+e^{-t})\vec{k}$

is smooth for all  $t$ .

- ① • The derivative  $F'(t)$  must be continuous,
- ② •  $\vec{F}'(t) \neq \vec{0}$  for all  $t$ .

$$\frac{d}{dt}(t^3+2) = 3t^2,$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\sin t) = \cos t,$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(e^t - e^{-t}) = e^t - (-1)e^{-t} = e^t + e^{-t}.$$

Thus,

$$\vec{F}'(t) = \langle 3t^2, \cos t, e^t + e^{-t} \rangle$$

All  $\downarrow$  polynomial,  $\downarrow$  trigonometric,  $\downarrow$  exponential  
components of  $\vec{F}'(t)$  are continuous for all  $t$ .  
 $\vec{F}'(0) = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \neq \vec{0}$  for  $t=0$ .  
For all  $t$ ,  $F'(t) \neq 0$ . Then,  $\vec{F}$  is smooth.

$$F'(t) = \frac{d\vec{F}(t)}{dt}, \quad F''(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{d\vec{F}(t)}{dt} \right) = \frac{d^2\vec{F}(t)}{dt^2},$$

$$F'''(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{d^2\vec{F}(t)}{dt^2} \right) = \frac{d^3\vec{F}(t)}{dt^3}, \dots \text{ (higher derivatives)}$$

Ex.  $\vec{F}(t) = \langle t^3, \cos(3t), e^{4t} \rangle \Rightarrow F'''(t) = ?$

$$F'(t) = \langle 3t^2, -3\sin(3t), 4e^{4t} \rangle,$$

$$F''(t) = \langle 6t, -9\cos(3t), 16e^{4t} \rangle,$$

$$F'''(t) = \langle 6, 27\sin(3t), 64e^{4t} \rangle.$$

## Rules for Differentiating :

Let  $\vec{F}$  and  $\vec{G}$  be vector functions,  $h$  be scalar function, and are differentiable functions on  $t$ . Then,  $a\vec{F} + b\vec{G}$ ,  $h\vec{F}$ ,  $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{G}$ ,  $\vec{F} \times \vec{G}$  are also differentiable at  $t$ ;

$$(\vec{F} + \vec{G})'(t) = \vec{F}'(t) + \vec{G}'(t) \quad \text{for } a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ (linearity)}$$

$$(h\vec{F})'(t) = h'(t)\vec{F}(t) + h(t)\vec{F}'(t) \quad \text{(scalar multiple)}$$

$$(\vec{F} \cdot \vec{G})'(t) = (\vec{F}' \cdot \vec{G})(t) + (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{G}')(t) \quad \text{(dot product)}$$

$$(\vec{F} \times \vec{G})'(t) = (\vec{F}' \times \vec{G})(t) + (\vec{F} \times \vec{G}')(t) \quad \text{(cross product)}$$

$$[\vec{F}(h(t))]' = h'(t) \cdot \vec{F}'(h(t)) \quad \text{(chain)}$$

If the non-zero vector function  $\vec{F}(t)$  is differentiable and has a constant length, then  $\vec{F}(t) \perp \vec{F}'(t)$ .

$$\|\vec{F}(t)\| = c \quad (\text{for some constant } c, \text{ all } t)$$

$$\vec{F}(t) \cdot \vec{F}'(t) = 0 \quad (?)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (c^2)' = [\vec{F}(t) \cdot \vec{F}(t)]'$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F}(t) \perp \vec{F}'(t).$$

## Vector Motion :

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- An object's position at time  $t$  is given by the vector function  $\vec{r}(t)$ ,
- The position vector is  $\vec{r}(t)$ , and the velocity is  $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ ,
- The velocity vector is tangent to the object's trajectory,
- At any time  $t$ , the speed is  $\|\vec{v}\|$ , the magnitude of the velocity,
- The direction of motion is given by the unit vector:  
 $\frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$ ,
- The acceleration is the derivative of velocity  
 $\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$ ,
- At point  $P_0$ , the tangent vector  $\vec{r}'(t_0)$  is orthogonal to the radius vector  $\vec{r}(t_0)$

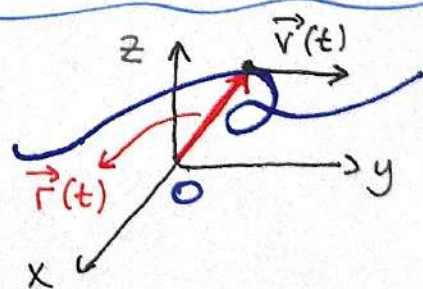
$\vec{r}(t)$  : Position vector

$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$  : velocity

$\|\vec{v}\|$  : speed

$\frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$  : direction of motion

$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$  : acceleration vector



at any time  $t$ .

Position vector :

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle f_1(t), f_2(t), f_3(t) \rangle ,$$

Velocity vector :

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) = \langle f_1'(t), f_2'(t), f_3'(t) \rangle ,$$

Speed :

$$\|\vec{v}(t)\| = \|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{[f_1'(t)]^2 + [f_2'(t)]^2 + [f_3'(t)]^2} ,$$

Acceleration vector :

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}'(t) = \vec{r}''(t) = \langle f_1''(t), f_2''(t), f_3''(t) \rangle .$$

Direction of motion (is the unit vector) :

$$\frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} .$$

Ex. Using a particle's position  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t^2, \sin t, \cos t \rangle$ , find the velocity, speed, acceleration and direction of motion at  $t=1$ .

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) = \langle 2t, \cos t, -\sin t \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{(2t)^2 + (\cos t)^2 + (\sin t)^2} = \sqrt{4t^2 + 1}$$

$$\|\vec{v}(1)\| = \sqrt{4 \cdot (1)^2 + 1} = \sqrt{5} \quad (t=1), \quad \sqrt{5} \approx 2.24$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{r}''(t) = \langle 2, -\sin t, -\cos t \rangle ,$$

at  $t=1$  :

$$\vec{v}(1) = \langle 2 \cdot (1), \cos(1), -\sin(1) \rangle = \langle 2, 0.54, 0.84 \rangle$$

$$\frac{\vec{v}(1)}{\|\vec{v}(1)\|} = \frac{\langle 2, 0.54, 0.84 \rangle}{\sqrt{5}} = \left\langle \frac{2}{2.24}, \frac{0.54}{2.24}, \frac{0.84}{2.24} \right\rangle .$$

Vector Integrals : Let  $\vec{F}(t) = \langle f_1(t), f_2(t), f_3(t) \rangle$ ,

where  $f_1(t), f_2(t), f_3(t)$  are continuous on  $\alpha \leq t \leq \beta$ .

The indefinite integral :

$$\int \vec{F}(t) dt = \left\langle \int f_1(t) dt, \int f_2(t) dt, \int f_3(t) dt \right\rangle + \vec{C}.$$

Here,  $\vec{C} = \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$  any constant vector.

Similarly, definite integral :

$$\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \vec{F}(t) dt = \left\langle \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f_1(t) dt, \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f_2(t) dt, \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f_3(t) dt \right\rangle.$$

Ex. Find the integral, using  $\vec{F}(t) = \underbrace{t^2}_{f_1(t)} \vec{i} - \underbrace{3e^t}_{f_2(t)} \vec{j} + \underbrace{\cos t}_{f_3(t)} \vec{k}$  :

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \vec{F}(t) dt.$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f_1(t) dt = \int_0^{2\pi} (t^2) dt = \left. \frac{t^3}{3} \right|_0^{2\pi} = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{3} = \frac{8\pi^3}{3},$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f_2(t) dt = \int_0^{2\pi} (-3e^t) dt = -3e^t \Big|_0^{2\pi} = -3(e^{2\pi} - e^0) = -3(e^{2\pi} - 1),$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f_3(t) dt = \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos t) dt = -\sin t \Big|_0^{2\pi} = -(\sin 2\pi - \sin 0) = 0.$$

$$\text{Then, } \int_0^{2\pi} \vec{F}(t) dt = \frac{8\pi^3}{3} \vec{i} - 3(e^{2\pi} - 1) \vec{j}.$$

★ Ex. Let the velocity vector be

$$\vec{v}(t) = \cos t \vec{i} + e^{3t} \vec{j} - 3t \vec{k}$$

and the initial position vector be

$$\vec{r}(0) = 2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}.$$

Compute the acceleration vector  $\vec{a}(t)$ , and the position vector  $\vec{r}(t)$ .

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}'(t) = \langle -\sin t, 3e^{3t}, -3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \vec{v}(t) \Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(t) dt + \vec{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = \int (\cos t \vec{i} + e^{3t} \vec{j} - 3t \vec{k}) dt + \vec{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = \langle \sin t + \frac{1}{3} e^{3t}, -\frac{3t^2}{2} \rangle + \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$$

$$\text{or } \vec{r}(t) = (\sin t + c_1) \vec{i} + \left( \frac{1}{3} e^{3t} + c_2 \right) \vec{j} + \left( -\frac{3t^2}{2} + c_3 \right) \vec{k},$$

$$\text{at } t=0 : \vec{r}(0) = (\sin(0) + c_1) \vec{i} + \left( \frac{1}{3} e^{3(0)} + c_2 \right) \vec{j} + \left( -\frac{3(0)^2}{2} + c_3 \right) \vec{k}.$$

We know:  $\vec{r}(0) = 2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}$ . Then,

$$0 + c_1 = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + c_2 = -3$$

$$0 + c_3 = 1$$

$$\underline{c_1 = 2}$$

$$\underline{c_2 = -3 - \frac{1}{3} = -\frac{10}{3}}$$

$$\underline{c_3 = 1}.$$

$$\bullet \vec{r}(t) = (\sin t + 2) \vec{i} + \left( \frac{1}{3} e^{3t} - \frac{10}{3} \right) \vec{j} + \left( -\frac{3}{2} t^2 + 1 \right) \vec{k},$$

and

$$\bullet \vec{a}(t) = (-\sin t) \vec{i} + 3e^{3t} \vec{j} + (-3) \vec{k}.$$

## Unit Tangent Vector and Unit Normal Vector :

For a smooth curve defined by  $\vec{r}(t)$  :

• The unit tangent vector is  $\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}$  ;

• The principal unit normal vector is  $\vec{N}(t) = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|}$  .

Ex. Determine the unit tangent vector  $\vec{T}(t)$  and the principal unit normal vector  $\vec{N}(t)$  for the vector function  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2\cos t, t^2, 2\sin t \rangle$  at each point on its curve.

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -2\sin t, 2t, 2\cos t \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{r}'(t)\| &= \sqrt{4\sin^2 t + 4t^2 + 4\cos^2 t} \\ &= \sqrt{4(\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) + 4t^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 4t^2} = \sqrt{4(1+t^2)} = 2\sqrt{1+t^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{\langle -2\sin t, 2t, 2\cos t \rangle}{2\sqrt{1+t^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{T}(t) = \left\langle -\frac{\sin t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}, \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} \right\rangle .$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{-\sin t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} \right) = \frac{-\cos t (\sqrt{1+t^2}) - (-\sin t) \frac{t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}}{1+t^2} = \frac{(-\cos t)(1+t^2) + t\sin t}{(1+t^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} \right) = \frac{1 \cdot \sqrt{1+t^2} - t \cdot \frac{t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}}{1+t^2} = \frac{1}{(1+t^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} \right) = \frac{(-\sin t) \sqrt{1+t^2} - \cos t \frac{t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}}{1+t^2} = \frac{(-\sin t)(1+t^2) - t\cos t}{(1+t^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\|\vec{T}'(t)\| = \sqrt{\left[\frac{(-\cos t)(1+t^2) + t \sin t}{(1+t^2)^{3/2}}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{1}{(1+t^2)^{3/2}}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{(-\sin t)(1+t^2) - t \cos t}{(1+t^2)^{3/2}}\right]^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{N}(t) = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|}$$

### Parametric Arc Length

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (or in 2D), arclength of any curve is given by  
(for a curve  $y=f(x)$ ) on interval  $\alpha \leq x \leq \beta$ :

$$s = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx.$$

When  $x=x(t)$ ,  $y=y(t)$  (parametric form),

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} \quad \text{then,} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}, \quad \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \neq 0\right)$$

So, for  $t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$ , arclength is determined by

$$(\alpha \leq x \leq \beta) \quad s = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2}} \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{s = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt.} \quad (\text{in 2D})$$

Then, in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  parametric arclength is defined by

$$\star \quad \boxed{s = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt} \quad (\text{in 3D})$$

for  $x=x(t)$ ,  $y=y(t)$ ,  $z=z(t)$ , and  $t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$ .

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Ex. Find the arclength of the curve

★  $\vec{R}(t) = \langle \underbrace{4e^{-3t} \cos t}_{x(t)}, \underbrace{4e^{-3t} \sin t}_{y(t)}, \underbrace{2e^{-3t}}_{z(t)} \rangle$

for  $0 \leq t \leq 2$ . Hint: Simplify, simplify, then integrate.

$$s = \int_0^2 \sqrt{\underbrace{\left[\frac{d}{dt}(4e^{-3t} \cos t)\right]^2}_{x'(t)} + \underbrace{\left[\frac{d}{dt}(4e^{-3t} \sin t)\right]^2}_{y'(t)} + \underbrace{\left[\frac{d}{dt}(2e^{-3t})\right]^2}_{z'(t)}} dt$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [4e^{-3t} \cos t] = -12e^{-3t} \cos t + 4e^{-3t} (-\sin t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [4e^{-3t} \sin t] = -12e^{-3t} \sin t + 4e^{-3t} (\cos t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [2e^{-3t}] = -6e^{-3t}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} x(t) \\ y'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} y(t) \\ z'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} z(t) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{R}'(t) = \langle 4e^{-3t}(-3\cos t - \sin t), 4e^{-3t}(-3\sin t + \cos t), -6e^{-3t} \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{R}'(t)\| = \sqrt{16e^{-6t}(-3\cos t - \sin t)^2 + 16e^{-6t}(-3\sin t + \cos t)^2 + 36e^{-6t}}$$

$$= e^{-3t} \sqrt{16(9\cos^2 t + \cancel{3\sin t \cos t} + \sin^2 t)}$$

$$\sqrt{+16(9\sin^2 t - \cancel{3\sin t \cos t} + \cos^2 t) + 36}$$

$$= e^{-3t} \sqrt{16[9(\underbrace{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t}_{=1}) + (\underbrace{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t}_{=1})] + 36}$$

$$= e^{-3t} \sqrt{16(9+1) + 36} = e^{-3t} \sqrt{196}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{R}'(t)\| = 14 \cdot e^{-3t}$$

$$s = \int_0^2 14 \cdot e^{-3t} dt = 14 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) e^{-3t} \Big|_0^2$$

$$\underline{s = -\frac{14}{3} (e^{-3(2)} - e^{-3(0)}) = -\frac{14}{3} (e^{-6} - 1)}$$

Ex. Reparametrize the helix

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

using the arclength  $s$ , with  $s$  measured from the point  $P_0 = (1, 0, 0)$  as  $t$  increases.

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 1 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{(-\sin t)^2 + (\cos t)^2 + 1} = \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \|\vec{r}'(\alpha)\| d\alpha$$

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \sqrt{2} d\alpha = \sqrt{2}t \Rightarrow s = \sqrt{2}t \Rightarrow t = \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The point  $P_0 = (1, 0, 0)$  corresponds to  $t=0$  in the original parametrization because

$$\vec{r}(0) = \langle \cos(0), \sin(0), 0 \rangle = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle.$$

Then,

$$\vec{r}(s) = \left\langle \cos\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right), \sin\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right), \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rangle.$$

For a piecewise-smooth curve  $\vec{r}(s)$  parametrized by arc length  $s$ :

- The unit tangent vector is  $\vec{T} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds}$ ,
- The principal unit normal vector satisfies

$$\frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} = \kappa \vec{N}, \text{ where } \kappa \text{ is the curvature.}$$

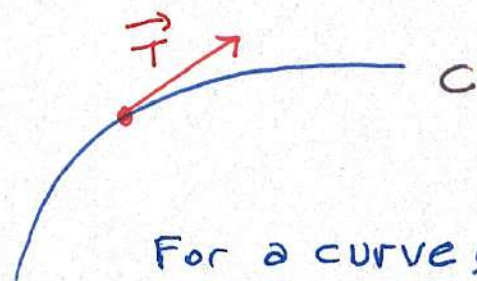
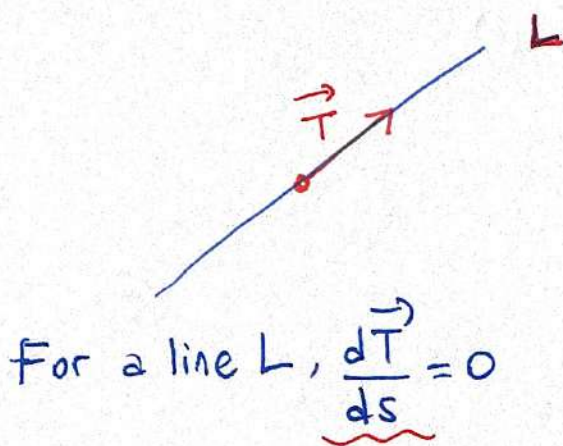
$$\text{Here, } \kappa = \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right\|. \text{ Here, } \kappa = \kappa(s).$$

An object moves along a smooth curve  $C$ , with position function  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$  and continuous  $\vec{r}'(t)$  on  $[t_1, t_2]$ . Its speed is

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \|\vec{v}(t)\| = \|\vec{r}'(t)\| \quad \left( s = \int \|\vec{v}(t)\| dt = \int \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt \right)$$

A smooth curve  $C$ , parametrized by arc length  $s$ , has a unit tangent vector  $\vec{T}(s)$  whose direction changes with  $s$ . The rate of this change,  $\frac{d\vec{T}}{ds}$ , measures the curvature of the curve.

A straight line has zero curvature, while sharper bends results in greater curvature.



For a curve  $C$ ,  $\left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right\| = \kappa$  is large where the curve is sharply bent.

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \|\vec{r}'(t)\| \Rightarrow \kappa = \frac{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}$$

Ex. Find the curvature of the circle with radius  $a$ .

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

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -a \sin t, a \cos t \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{(-a \sin t)^2 + (a \cos t)^2} = a$$

$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{\langle -a \sin t, a \cos t \rangle}{a} = \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle$$

$$\vec{T}'(t) = \langle -\cos t, -\sin t \rangle, \|\vec{T}'(t)\| = 1$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{1}{a}.$$

Let  $C$  be a smooth curve and graph of  $\vec{r}(t)$ .

Then,  $\kappa = \frac{\|\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''\|}{\|\vec{r}'\|^3}$  { curvature formula }  $\kappa = \kappa(t)$

Ex. Find the curvature of the helix  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle a \cos t, a \sin t, bt \rangle$ .

Hint. Use the above formula of  $\kappa$ .

The graph  $C$  of  $y = f(x)$  has

$$\kappa = \frac{|y''|}{[1 + (y')^2]^{3/2}}, \quad \left\{ \kappa = \kappa(x) \right\}$$

when  $f, f', f''$  (or  $y, y', y''$ ) all exist.

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Ex. Find the x coordinate of the point of maximum curvature (call it  $x_0$ ) on the curve  $y = a \cdot e^{bx}$  (for any constants  $a$  and  $b$ ) and find the maximum curvature,  $\kappa(x_0)$ .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y &= f(x) = a \cdot e^{bx} \\ y' &= a \cdot b \cdot e^{bx} \\ y'' &= a \cdot b^2 \cdot e^{bx} \end{aligned} \right\}, \quad \kappa = \frac{|y''|}{[1 + (y')^2]^{3/2}}, \quad \kappa = \kappa(x).$$

$$\kappa(x) = \frac{ab^2 \cdot e^{bx}}{(1 + a^2 b^2 e^{2bx})^{3/2}}$$

$$\kappa'(x) = \frac{-ab^3 e^{bx} (2a^2 b^2 e^{2bx} - 1)}{(1 + a^2 b^2 e^{2bx})^{5/2}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{from} \\ \text{quotient rule} \end{array} \right\} \left( \frac{f}{g} \right)' = \frac{f'g - g'f}{g^2}$$

$$\kappa'(x) \neq 0 \Rightarrow 2a^2 b^2 e^{2bx_0} - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{2bx_0} = \frac{1}{2a^2 b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2bx_0 = \ln \left( \frac{1}{2a^2 b^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = \frac{1}{2b} \ln \left( \frac{1}{2a^2 b^2} \right)$$

$x_0$  gives the x coordinate of the point of maximum curvature

Then, substituting  $x_0$  into  $\kappa(x)$ :

$$\kappa(x_0) = \frac{ab^2 e^{b(x_0)}}{(1 + a^2 b^2 e^{2b(x_0)})^{3/2}}$$

maximum curvature

## Curvature Formulas

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| Formula                                               | Given        | type                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1) $\kappa(s) = \left\  \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right\ $ | $\vec{r}(s)$ | $s$ : arc length parameter |

|                                                                   |              |                 |
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| 2) $\kappa(t) = \left\  \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{\vec{r}'(t)} \right\ $ | $\vec{r}(t)$ | two-derivatives |
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| 3) $\kappa(t) = \frac{\ \vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\ }{\ \vec{r}'(t)\ ^3}$ | $\vec{r}(t)$ | cross-derivative |
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| 4) $\kappa(x) = \frac{ y'' }{[1+(y')^2]^{3/2}}$ | $y=f(x)$ | functional |
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| 5) $\kappa(t) = \frac{ x'y'' - y'x'' }{[(x')^2 + (y')^2]^{3/2}}$ | $x=x(t)$<br>$y=y(t)$ | parametric |
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|                                                                   |               |       |
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| 6) $\kappa(r) = \frac{ r^2 + 2r'^2 - r r'' }{(r^2 + r'^2)^{3/2}}$ | $r=f(\theta)$ | polar |
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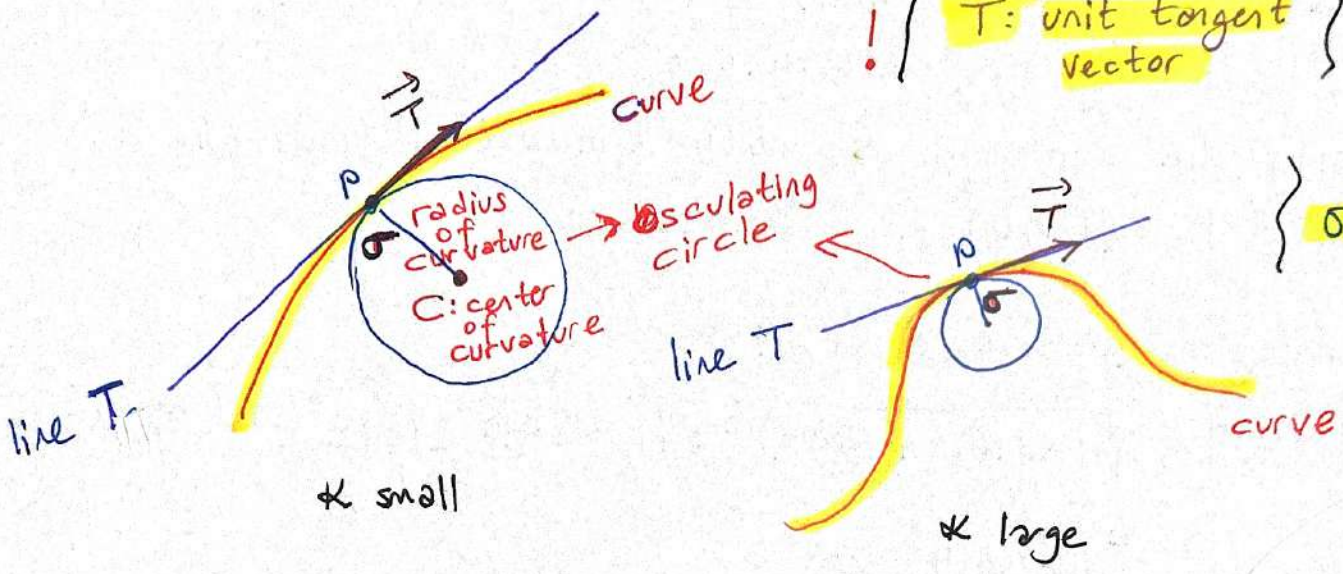
$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}, \quad N(t) = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|},$$

unit  
tangent  
vector

unit  
normal  
vector

! } T: tangent line  
! }  $\vec{T}$ : unit tangent vector

}  $\sigma$ : radius (sigma)



The curvature  $\kappa$  measures the rate at which the curve bends away from the line T at any point P.

When  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\kappa = 0$ . So, curve reduce to a line.

Ex. Find the curvature  $\kappa$  of an helix

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

where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

Hint: Find  $\vec{r}'$ ,  $\vec{r}''$  first. Then,  $\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''$  and its magnitude also magnitude of  $\vec{r}'$ .

Therefore, get  $\kappa = \frac{\|\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''\|}{\|\vec{r}'\|^3} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}$ .

