

Chapter 13 Vector-valued functions.

$$y = f(x)$$

$\vec{r}(x) = \vec{r} = \langle x, f(x) \rangle$ has same graph, but is in vector form.

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

Generalize it:

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

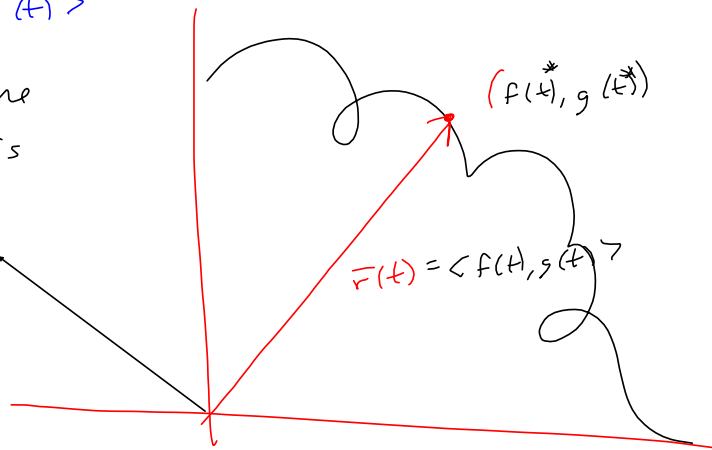
$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t) \rangle$$

$$= \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$$

Curvilinear

If $f(t)$ & $g(t)$ are functions, then so is $\vec{r}(t)$

No real vertical line test.

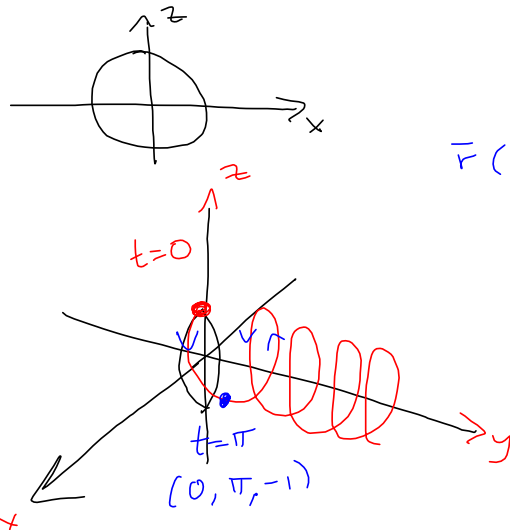


E $\langle \sin t, t, \cos t \rangle = \vec{r}(t)$

$$x = \sin t, \quad z = \cos t$$

$$\text{Then } x^2 + z^2 = 1$$

Project \vec{r} to the xz -plane, it's a circle!



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}(\pi) &= \langle \sin \pi, \pi, \cos \pi \rangle \\ &= \langle 0, \pi, -1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Derivatives & Integrals work just as you'd hope & expect

$$\int \vec{r}(t) dt = \int \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle dt$$

$$= \left\langle \int x(t) dt, \int y(t) dt, \int z(t) dt \right\rangle$$

It all hinges on this notion:

$$\lim \langle a, b, c \rangle = \langle \lim a, \lim b, \lim c \rangle$$

Rules of differentiation:

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \langle x', y', z' \rangle$$

$$(fg)' = \boxed{f'g + fg'}$$

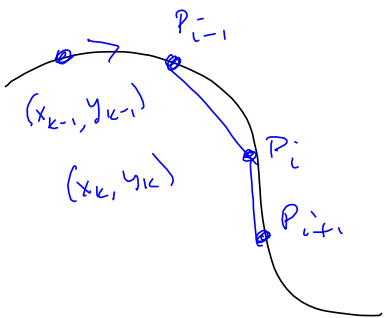
Let $\vec{u}(t)$ & $\vec{v}(t)$ be vector functions

$$\text{Then } \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t)] = \vec{u}'(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t) + \vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}'(t)$$

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

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

Recall arc length



$S = \text{arc length}$
 $\approx \sum_{k=1}^n \|\vec{P}_{k-1}P_k\|$
 $= \sum \sqrt{(x_k - x_{k-1})^2 + (y_k - y_{k-1})^2}$

$$= \sum \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2} = \sum \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta x^2}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{\Delta y^2}{\Delta x^2}\right) (\Delta x)^2}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}\right)^2} \Delta x \xrightarrow[\text{(or } \Delta x \rightarrow 0)]{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{x=a}^{x=b} \sqrt{1 + f'(x)^2} dx = S$$

Arc length for Space Curves

$$\dots \sum \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2} = \sum \sqrt{(x(t_k) - x(t_{k-1}))^2 + (y(t_k) - y(t_{k-1}))^2}$$

$$= \sum \sqrt{\left(\frac{(x(t_k) - x(t_{k-1}))^2}{(t_k - t_{k-1})^2} + \frac{(y(t_k) - y(t_{k-1}))^2}{(t_k - t_{k-1})^2}\right) (t_k - t_{k-1})^2}$$

$$= \sum \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}\right)^2} \Delta t$$

$$\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2} dt = \text{ARC LENGTH}$$

Arc length for vectors

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle \Rightarrow \vec{r}'(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t) \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ARC LENGTH} : \int \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt !$$

$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt = ds = \text{increment of arc length}$

unit Tangent

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

