

Sec 14.2: Calculus of Vector-Valued Functions

★ Derivatives:

Def: The derivative of a vector-valued function $\vec{r}(t)$ is

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t + \Delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\Delta t}$$

Example: Let $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 3t + 4, 2 \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find } \vec{r}'(t) &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle 3(t + \Delta t) + 4, 2 \rangle - \langle 3t + 4, 2 \rangle}{\Delta t} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle \cancel{3t} + 3\Delta t + \cancel{4} - \cancel{3t} - \cancel{4}, \cancel{2} - \cancel{2} \rangle}{\Delta t} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle 3\Delta t, 0 \rangle}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \langle 3, 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 3, 0 \rangle}$$

NOTE: $\vec{r}'(t)$ looks like $\left\langle \frac{d}{dt}(3t+4), \frac{d}{dt}(2) \right\rangle$

Cor: If $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$ and f, g, h are differentiable at t , then $\vec{r}'(t) = \langle f'(t), g'(t), h'(t) \rangle$

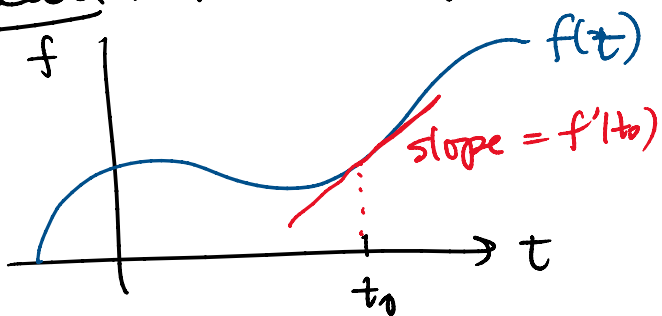
Example: $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t \ln(t), 5e^t, \cos(t) - \sin(t) \rangle$

$$\text{Find } \vec{r}'(t) = \left\langle \frac{d}{dt}(t \ln(t)), \frac{d}{dt}(5e^t), \frac{d}{dt}(\cos t - \sin t) \right\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find } \vec{r}'(t) &= \left\langle \frac{d}{dt}(t \ln(t)), \frac{d}{dt}(5e^t), \frac{d}{dt}(\cos(t) - \sin(t)) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 1 \cdot \ln(t) + t \left(\frac{1}{t}\right), 5e^t, -\sin(t) - \cos(t) \right\rangle \\ &= \boxed{\left\langle \ln(t) + 1, 5e^t, -\sin(t) - \cos(t) \right\rangle} \end{aligned}$$

Tangent Vectors & Tangent Lines:

Recall: function of 1 variable



$f'(t_0)$ is the instantaneous slope at $t = t_0$.

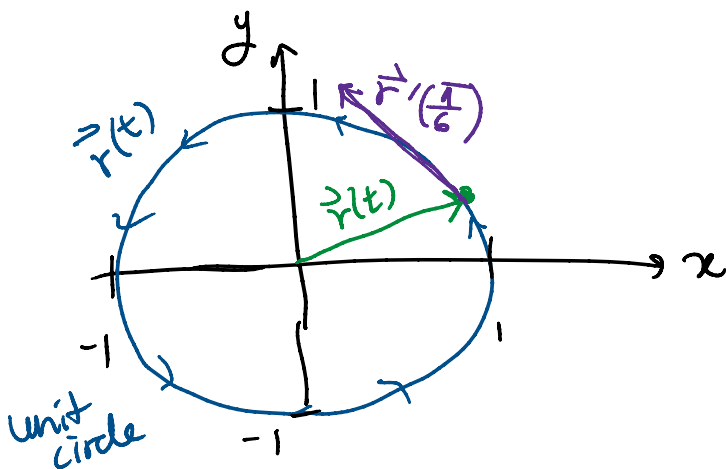
Vector-valued functions:

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

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) &= \left\langle \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right), \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\vec{r}'\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \left\langle -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right\rangle$$



NOTE: $\vec{r}'\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ is tangent to the circle at $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$

We call $\vec{r}'\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ the tangent vector to the curve $\vec{r}(t)$ at $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$

We can ...
the curve $\vec{r}(t)$ at $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$

Def: Let $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$ is differentiable
for all $a \leq t \leq b$. Then the
unit tangent vector $\vec{T}(t)$

$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} \leftarrow \text{makes it a unit vector}$$

★ Tangent Line:

Find the line tangent to $\vec{r}(t) = \langle e^t, e^{2t}, e^{3t} \rangle$
at the point $t=0$.

1. Find tangent vector @ $t=0$

$$\vec{r}'(t) \Big|_{t=0} = \langle e^t, 2e^{2t}, 3e^{3t} \rangle \Big|_{t=0} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$

direction vector

2. Find a point: $\vec{r}(t=0)$

$$\vec{r}(t=0) = \langle e^0, e^{2 \cdot 0}, e^{3 \cdot 0} \rangle \rightarrow (1, 1, 1)$$

point

3. Tangent line:

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle + t \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$

$$= \boxed{\langle 1+t, 1+2t, 1+3t \rangle}$$

★ Integrals:

... \rightarrow ... be a vector-valued function

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Let $\vec{r}(t)$ be a vector-valued function
whose derivative is $\vec{r}'(t)$, then

$$\int_a^b \vec{r}'(t) dt = \vec{r}(b) - \vec{r}(a)$$

$$\int \vec{r}'(t) dt = \vec{r}(t) + \vec{c} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{constant vector} \\ \text{of integration} \end{array} \right.$$
$$\vec{c} = \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$$

Example:

$$\int_1^2 \langle 2t, e^t \rangle dt = \left[\langle t^2, e^t \rangle \right]_{t=1}^{t=2}$$

$$= \langle 2^2, e^2 \rangle - \langle 1^2, e^1 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 4-1, e^2-e \rangle = \boxed{\langle 3, e^2-e \rangle}$$

★ Motion in Space:

t - time

$\vec{r}(t)$ - position of an object in space

$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t)$ - velocity

$|\vec{r}'(t)|$ - speed (scalar)

$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{r}''(t)$ - acceleration
 $= \vec{v}'(t)$

NOTE:

we can move
between these
by taking
derivatives or
integrals

Example: If $\vec{a}(t) = \langle \sin(t), 2, t \rangle$ is acceleration
... so that $\vec{v}(t=0) = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$

Example: Find the velocity $\vec{v}(t)$ so that $\vec{v}(t=0) = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$
 initial condition

$$\int \vec{a}(t) = \vec{r}''(t) = \int \vec{v}'(t)$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \int \vec{a}(t) dt = \int \langle \sin(t), 2, t \rangle dt$$

$$= \langle \int \sin(t) dt, \int 2 dt, \int t dt \rangle$$

$$\star = \langle -\cos(t) + c_1, 2t + c_2, \frac{t^2}{2} + c_3 \rangle$$

$$= \langle -\cos(t), 2t, \frac{t^2}{2} \rangle + \underbrace{\langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle}_{\vec{c}}$$

constant vector of integration.

initial condition

$$\text{Want } \vec{v}(t=0) = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle = \langle -\cos(t) + c_1, 2t + c_2, \frac{t^2}{2} + c_3 \rangle \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle = \langle -1 + c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$$

$$1 = -1 + c_1 \quad 2 = c_2 \quad 3 = c_3$$

$$c_1 = 2$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle -\cos(t) + 2, 2t + 2, \frac{t^2}{2} + 3 \rangle$$

$$\int_0^t \vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}(t) - \vec{v}(0) \quad \text{should give a similar answer.}$$