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Just finished Integration in multiple variables

• Intro-ing: Recalling vectors and parametrized curves/surfaces

• Will discuss deep relationships between

Integration and vector fields

• Idea: How do we find (and work with) interesting geometric quantities?

• Recall: vectors

For us, vectors $\vec{v} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$
 $= \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$
 $= \langle a, b, c \rangle$

Coordinate representation \rightarrow
• Great for
computations

Alternative (geometric approach)

Vectors have two "features":

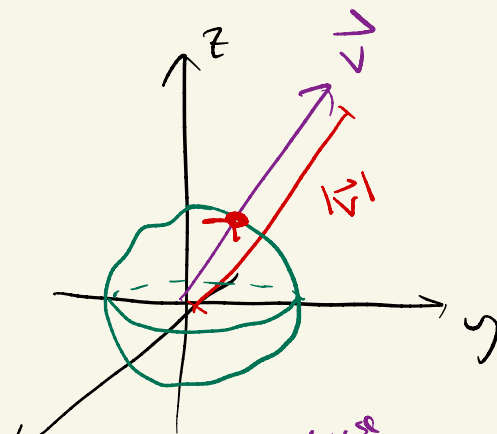
• Magnitude (size):

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

• Scalar

• Direction

• Unit vector = point on unit sphere

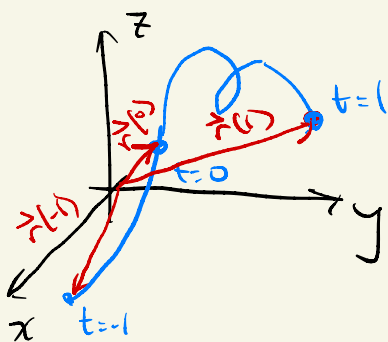


often, we use
"hats" (like \hat{i})
for unit vectors

vector
having scalar
multiplied with
 $\frac{1}{|\vec{v}|}$

$$\frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = \frac{a}{|\vec{v}|} \hat{i} + \frac{b}{|\vec{v}|} \hat{j} + \frac{c}{|\vec{v}|} \hat{k}$$

Parametrized Curves



• 1D object (1 degree of freedom, t forwards & backwards) ✓ since it depends only on 1 real number, t

• For each $t \in \mathbb{R}$ (or like segment), we get a vector $\vec{r}(t)$

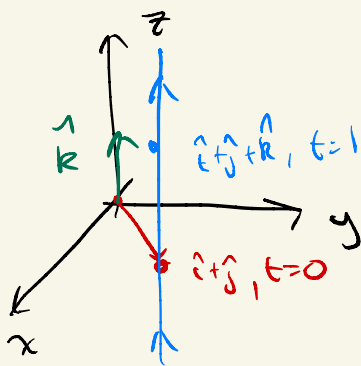
Ex: position of a particle

$$\vec{r}(t) = a(t)\hat{i} + b(t)\hat{j} + c(t)\hat{k}$$

\uparrow functions of t (if position, t time)

$$\begin{bmatrix} a(t) \\ b(t) \\ c(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: Line



$$\vec{r}(t) = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + t\hat{k}$$

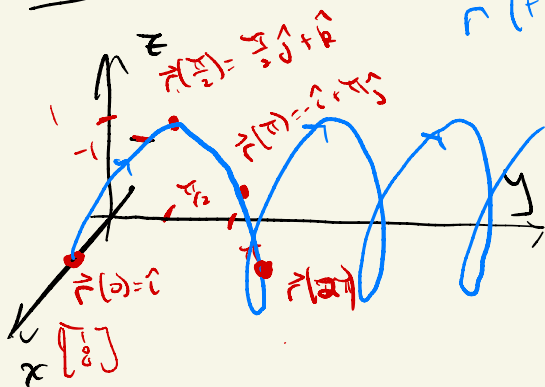
$$= \underbrace{(\hat{i} + \hat{j})}_{\text{position independent (constant for --)}} + t \underbrace{(\hat{k})}_{\text{depends linearly on } t}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Look: $\vec{r}(0) = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}(1) &= \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 1\hat{k} \\ &= \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

Ex: Helix



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

suggests
linear motion

suggests "circular"
motion

$$\vec{r}(0) = \hat{i} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{r}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \hat{j} + \hat{k} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{r}(\pi) = -\hat{i} + \pi \hat{j} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ \pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{r}(2\pi) = \hat{i} + 2\pi \hat{j} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2\pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, if $\vec{r}(t) = f(t)\hat{i} + g(t)\hat{j} + h(t)\hat{k}$

is position of a particle:

• Derivative ("velocity")

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

• Note: speed = $|\vec{v}|$, magnitude.

can have constant speed, but variable velocity:

e.g. circular motion $\vec{v}(t) = \cos t \hat{i} - \sin t \hat{j}$

constant speed: $|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} = 1$

• 2nd Derivative ("acceleration")

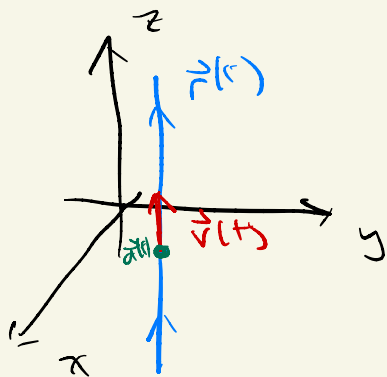
$$\vec{a} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}(t) = \frac{d^2f}{dt^2}\hat{i} + \frac{d^2g}{dt^2}\hat{j} + \frac{d^2h}{dt^2}\hat{k}$$

Ex: Line

$$\vec{r}(t) = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + t\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{0}$$



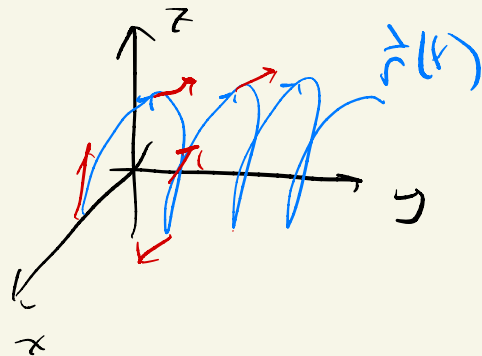
"Motion is constant speed"

Ex: Helix

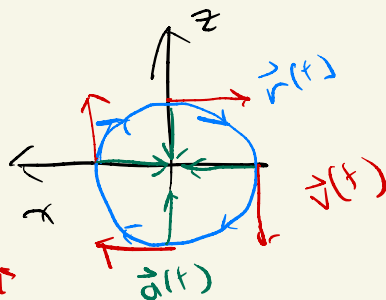
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These affect magnitude and
direction. Specializing to
when either is constant



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Tangent
vector

$\vec{v}(t)$ is tangent to $\vec{r}(t)$

$\vec{a}(t)$ is perpendicular to $\vec{v}(t)$

• This is because $\vec{v}(t)$ has
constant speed

"Multiplication"

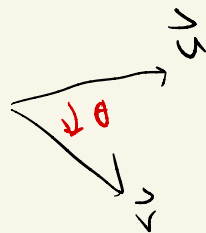
we can't directly multiply vectors (that only makes sense for scalars).

Analogues of multiplication:

Two vectors
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Scalar:
• Dot product:

$$\vec{u} = u_1 \hat{i} + u_2 \hat{j} + u_3 \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{v} = v_1 \hat{i} + v_2 \hat{j} + v_3 \hat{k}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} &= |\vec{u}| \cdot |\vec{v}| \cos \theta \quad \leftarrow \text{very geometric} \\ &= u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3 \end{aligned}$$

Useful fact:

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = u_1^2 + u_2^2 + u_3^2$$

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

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{v}| = \sqrt{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}}$$

• Cross product:

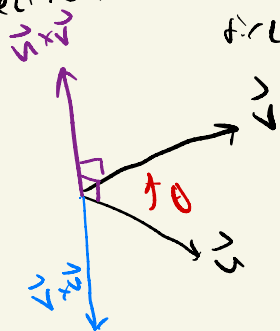
Magnitude:

$$|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = |\vec{u}| \cdot |\vec{v}| \cdot \sin \theta$$

Direction:

$\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ is perpendicular to \vec{u} and \vec{v} ,
direction shown by right hand rule

Two vectors
↓
vector



$$\text{Notice: } \vec{u} \times \vec{v} = -\vec{v} \times \vec{u}$$

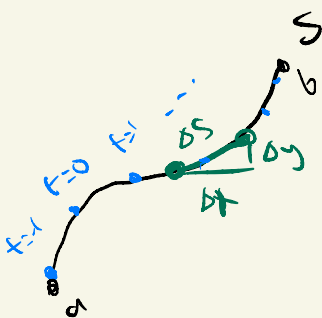
Not commutative

Product Rule (Leibniz rule): (implicitly, $\vec{u}(t)$ and $\vec{v}(t)$ are parametrized curves)

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \times \vec{v} + \vec{u} \times \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

How do we find length of parametrized curves?



$$\Delta s \approx \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}$$

if parametrized, can talk about Δt

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

$$\Rightarrow ds = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} \cdot dt$$

Then we take small time limit, $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$, add add them all up...

length \rightarrow

$$L = \int_a^b ds$$

after parametrized \rightarrow

$$= \int_{t_a}^{t_b} \underbrace{\sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2}}_{= |\vec{v}|} \cdot dt$$

arc length

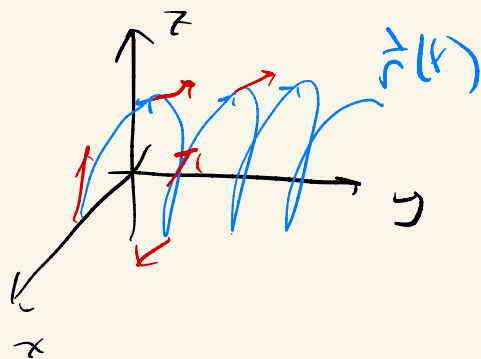
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L = \int_{t_a}^{t_b} |\vec{v}| dt}$$

Ex: Helix

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Distance traveled from $t=0$ to 2π ?

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_0^{2\pi} |\vec{v}| dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{(-\sin t)^2 + 1 + (\cos t)^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2} dt \\ &= 2\sqrt{2} \pi \end{aligned}$$

But wait... $ds = \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2}$ doesn't depend upon a parameterization (not dependent on t) and in some sense represents the more fundamental idea of "pieces of length"

We know:

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = |\vec{v}|$$

$\frac{ds}{dt}$ is speed, not velocity
because it just catches magnitude,
not direction.

What if we wanted to know how position vector \vec{r}
changes with respect to arc length s ? (arc length s can be thought
of as a function of t !)

well chain rule says:

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{ds} = \vec{v} \cdot \frac{1}{|\vec{v}|} = \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|}$$

only works
if $\frac{ds}{dt} \neq 0$

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unit vector direction
of \vec{v}

This is special! Let's give it a name

Def: Unit Tangent vector = direction of velocity vector

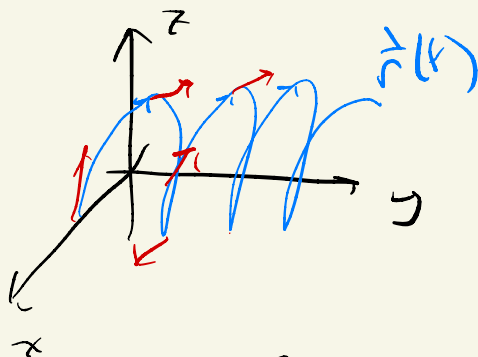
$$\hat{T} = \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} \quad (\text{explicitly, } \vec{v} = \vec{v}(t))$$

Ex: Helix

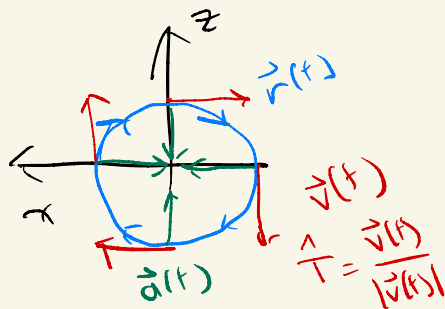
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$$\begin{aligned} \hat{T} &= \frac{\vec{v}(t)}{|\vec{v}(t)|} = \frac{-\sin t \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \cos t \hat{k}}{\sqrt{(-\sin t)^2 + 1^2 + (\cos t)^2}} \\ &= \frac{-\sin t}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{j} + \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$



- Well, if we have unit tangent vector which measures direction of \vec{v} ... why not a unit vector measuring \vec{T} 's change in direction?

Def: Unit Normal

$$\hat{N} = \frac{\frac{d\vec{T}}{dt}}{\left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \right|}$$

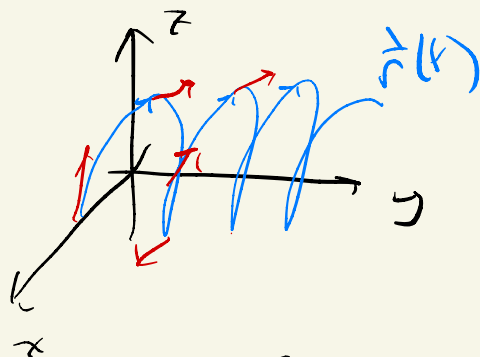
unit vector in direction
of rate of change of \vec{T}

Ex: Helix

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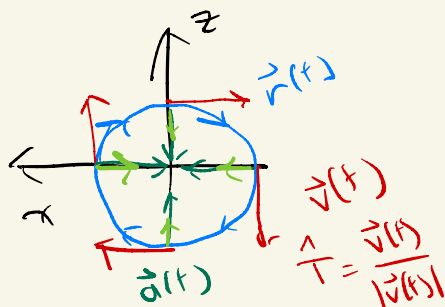
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$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{-\sin t}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{j} + \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{N} = \frac{\frac{d\vec{T}}{dt}}{\left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \right|} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-\cos t \hat{i} - \sin t \hat{k})}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{(-\cos t)^2 + (-\sin t)^2}}$$

$$= -\cos t \hat{i} - \sin t \hat{k}$$



Notice - if I were increasing speed around circle,

\vec{a} would not be perpendicular to \vec{v}

but \hat{N} is always perpendicular to \hat{T}

proof
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Fact: Any unit vector $\hat{u}(t)$ is always \perp ^{special case:} $\hat{T} \perp \hat{N}$
perpendicular to its derivative

pf: $\hat{u} \cdot \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(\hat{u} \cdot \hat{u}) - \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} \cdot \hat{u}$ ^{Leibniz product}

$$\Rightarrow 2 \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} \cdot \hat{u} = \frac{d}{dt}(\hat{u} \cdot \hat{u}) = \frac{d}{dt}(|\hat{u}|^2)$$

$|\hat{u}| = 1$
unit vector $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(1)$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} \cdot \hat{u} = 0, \text{ so orthogonal. } \blacksquare$$

Full: One other object of geometric significance

Curvature:

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

"amount of rotation"
speed

Ex: Line

$$\vec{r}(t) = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + t\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{T} = \frac{\vec{v}(t)}{|\vec{v}(t)|} = \hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow K = 0$$

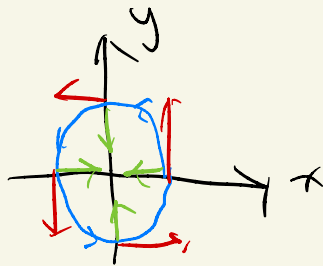
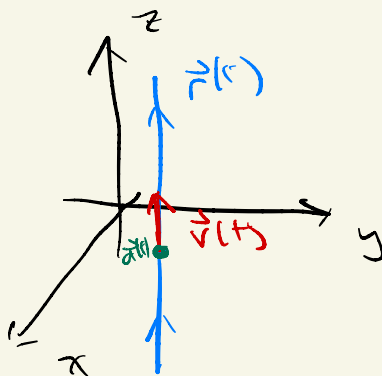
Ex: Circle

$$\vec{r}(t) = \cos(t)\hat{i} + \sin(t)\hat{j}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{T} = \frac{\vec{v}(t)}{|\vec{v}(t)|} = \frac{-\sin(t)\hat{i} + \cos(t)\hat{j}}{1} = -\sin(t)\hat{i} + \cos(t)\hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{1} \cdot \left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \right| = |-\cos(t)\hat{i} - \sin(t)\hat{j}| = 1$$

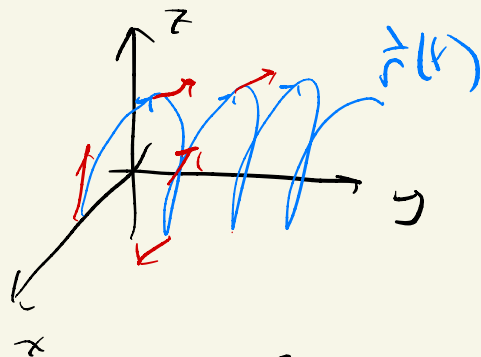


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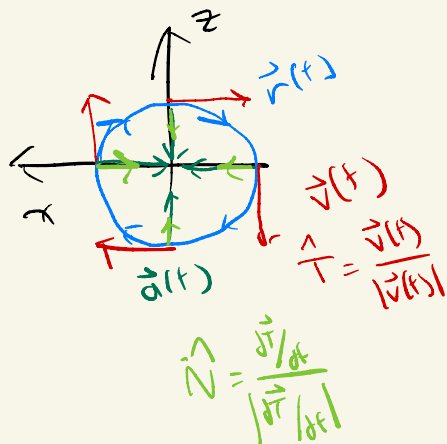
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$$\Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{|\vec{v}|} \cdot \left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos t \hat{i} + 0 - \frac{\sin t}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{k} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \in \text{less than } 1, \text{ but greater than } 0$$

Interpretation: Radius of curvature

circle

$$r = \frac{1}{K} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2$$

$$r = \frac{1}{K} = 2$$

(bigger)

$$r = \frac{1}{K} = \infty$$

infinitely large circle