

Panel 1

Least time

Vector-valued functions:  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$   
 $r: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  or  $r: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

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

Dot-Product Rule  $\frac{d}{dt} \vec{v}(t) \cdot \vec{w}(t) = \vec{v}' \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}'$

Note:  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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Panel 2

Integrals: If  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$  then

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

Ex.  $\vec{r}(t) = 2\cos(t)\vec{i} + \sin(t)\vec{j} + 2t^2\vec{k}$  find

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \vec{r}(t) dt = \left\langle \int_0^{\pi/2} 2\cos(t) dt, \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(t) dt, \int_0^{\pi/2} 2t^2 dt \right\rangle =$$

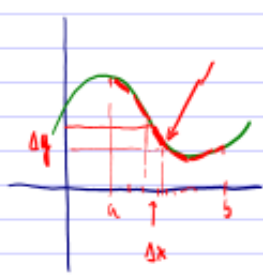
$$= \left\langle 2\sin(t) \Big|_0^{\pi/2}, -\cos(t) \Big|_0^{\pi/2}, t^3 \Big|_0^{\pi/2} \right\rangle =$$

$$= \left\langle 2, -(0-1), \frac{\pi^3}{4} \right\rangle = \left\langle 2, +1, \frac{\pi^3}{4} \right\rangle$$

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Panel 3

Arc Length:



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

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

total length  $\sim \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\left( \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} \right)^2} \Delta t$

length =  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{above} = \int_a^b \sqrt{(x')^2 + (y')^2} dt$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_2} \frac{x(t_1) - x(t_2)}{t_1 - t_2} = x'(t_1)$

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Panel 4

Theorem: The length of a continuous vector valued function  $r(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$  as  $t$  goes from  $a$  to  $b$  is

wise  $\rightarrow s = \int_a^b \sqrt{(f')^2 + (g')^2 + (h')^2} dt$  (calc 2)

$\int \sqrt{1 + (f')^2} dx$

Ex: Length of  $\langle r \cos(t), r \sin(t) \rangle, t \in [0, 2\pi]$

$$s = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{r^2 \sin^2(t) + r^2 \cos^2(t)} dt = 1 \cdot 2\pi r = \underline{2\pi r}$$

Makes sense, because  $r(t) = \langle \cos(t), \sin(t) \rangle$  is unit circle!

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Panel 5

Length of a string around z-axis? Once around

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

$$\Rightarrow S = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t) + 1} dt = \underline{\underline{\sqrt{2} 2\pi}}$$

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Panel 6

$t$  in  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  stands for time: many possible parametrizations of a curve:

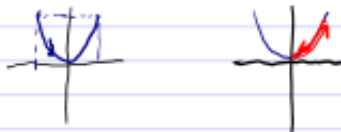
$$\vec{r}_1(t) = \langle \overset{x}{t}, \overset{y}{t^2} \rangle \quad t=0..1$$

$$\vec{r}_2(t) = \langle \overset{x}{t^3}, \overset{y}{t^6} \rangle \quad t=0..1$$

are the same curves  
but traversed  
at different speeds

Conclusion:  $\langle t, t^2 \rangle$   $\langle t^2, t^4 \rangle$  as  $t=0..1$  are the same

but  $\langle t, t^2 \rangle$  ,  $\langle t^2, t^4 \rangle$  , as  $t=-1..1$  are different



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Panel 7

Let  $r_1(t) = \langle t, t^2, t^3 \rangle$ , as  $t = 1$  to  $2$

$r_2(u) = \langle e^u, e^{2u}, e^{3u} \rangle$ , as  $u = 0$  to  $u = \ln(2)$  describe same curve

$e^u = 2 \rightarrow u = \ln(2)$

Are their lengths the same?

$r_1: s = \int_1^2 \sqrt{1 + (2t)^2 + (3t^2)^2} dt$

$r_2: s = \int_0^{\ln(2)} \sqrt{(e^u)^2 + (2e^{2u})^2 + (3e^{3u})^2} du$

Subst:  $t = e^u \rightarrow dt = e^u du$

$\int_0^{\ln(2)} \sqrt{1 + (2e^u)^2 + (3e^{2u})^2} e^u du$  //

$\int_0^{\ln(2)} \sqrt{e^{2u} (1 + 4e^{2u} + 9e^{4u})} du = \int_0^{\ln(2)} \sqrt{e^{2u} + 4e^{4u} + 9e^{6u}} du$

Panel 8

Ex: Compute length of  $r(t) = \langle t, \sqrt{1-t^2} \rangle$ ,  $t$  from  $-1$  to  $1$

$x'(t) = 1, y'(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1-t^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (-2t) = -\frac{t}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$

$(t, \sqrt{1-t^2})$   
 $x = t, y = \sqrt{1-t^2} = \sqrt{1-x^2}$   
 $y^2 = 1-x^2, x^2 + y^2 = 1$

Let  $t = \sin(u)$   
 $dt = \cos(u) du$

choose  $\langle \cos(t), \sin(t) \rangle$   
 $t = 0, \pi$

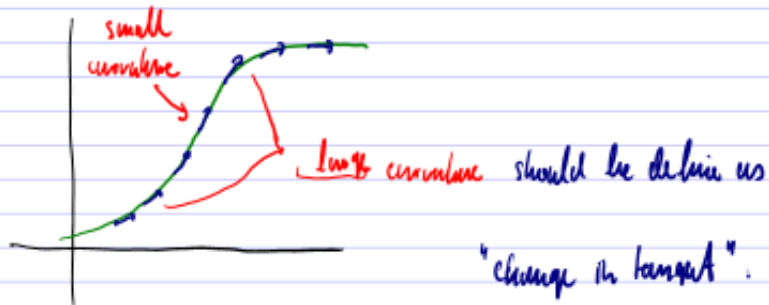
$S = \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1 + \frac{t^2}{1-t^2}} dt = \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{\frac{1-t^2+t^2}{1-t^2}} dt = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt$

$= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2(u)}} \cos(u) du$   
 $= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} 1 du = u \Big|_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} = \pi$

$\frac{d}{dx} \arcsin(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$   
 $\frac{d}{dx} \arccos(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

Panel 9

We can measure direction of a curve (derivative) and length of a curve. Want to measure curvature.



$$\text{Curvature } \kappa = \left\| \frac{dT}{dt} \right\| \quad \text{where } T \text{ is unit tangent vector}$$

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Panel 10

Def: If  $\vec{r}(t)$  is a vector valued function, then:

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

is the unit tangent vector to the curve

Def: The curvature of a vector valued function is

$$\kappa = \left\| \frac{dT}{dt} \right\| \stackrel{\text{Theorem}}{=} \frac{\|T'(t)\|}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}$$

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Panel 11

Ex:  $r(t) = \langle t, t^2 \rangle$ . Find  $\kappa(1)$

$$r'(t) = \langle 1, 2t \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad T(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+4t^2}} \langle 1, 2t \rangle \Rightarrow \kappa(t) =$$

$$\|r'(t)\| = \sqrt{1+4t^2}$$

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Panel 12

Ex: What is the curvature of a circle of radius  $r$ ?

$$r(t) = \langle r \cos(t), r \sin(t) \rangle, \quad t \in (0, 2\pi)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\|T'(t)\|}{\|r'(t)\|^2} \quad r'(t) = \langle -r \sin(t), r \cos(t) \rangle$$

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

$$T'(t) = \langle -\cos(t), -\sin(t) \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \|T'(t)\| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa = \frac{1}{r} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{r} \quad \text{constant} \rightarrow \text{no surprise}$$

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