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Thm. Differentiation Rules

Let \vec{u}, \vec{v} be vector functions, f be a function, and c be a scalar.

1. $\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u}(t) \pm \vec{v}(t)] = \dot{\vec{u}}(t) \pm \dot{\vec{v}}(t)$
2. $\frac{d}{dt} [c \vec{u}(t)] = c \dot{\vec{u}}(t)$
3. $\frac{d}{dt} [f(t) \vec{u}(t)] = \dot{f}(t) \vec{u}(t) + f(t) \dot{\vec{u}}(t)$
4. $\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t)] = \dot{\vec{u}}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t) + \vec{u}(t) \cdot \dot{\vec{v}}(t)$
5. $\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}(t)] = \dot{\vec{u}}(t) \times \vec{v}(t) + \vec{u}(t) \times \dot{\vec{v}}(t)$ order matters!
6. $\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u}(f(t))] = \dot{f}(t) \dot{\vec{u}}(f(t))$

RE. Prove some: $\vec{u}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle \leftarrow$ use coord defn to prove the chain rule.

Thm. If $\|\vec{r}(t)\| = C$ for all $t \in \text{dom}(\vec{r})$, then $\vec{r}(t) \perp \dot{\vec{r}}(t)$.

Proof. Case I.) $C=0$ implies $\vec{r}(t) = \vec{0}$, and $\vec{0} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}} = 0$.

Case II.) $C > 0$

$$\text{Then } \|\vec{r}(t)\|^2 = C^2$$

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$$\text{Take } \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}) = \frac{d}{dt} (C^2)$$

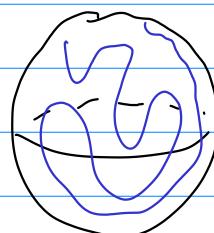
$$\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \vec{r} + \vec{r} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}} = 0$$

$$\text{and } 2(\vec{r} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}) = 0$$

$$\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \vec{r} = 0 \quad \text{whence} \quad \vec{r} \perp \dot{\vec{r}}.$$



Think. $\|\vec{r}(t)\| = C$



$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = C^2$$

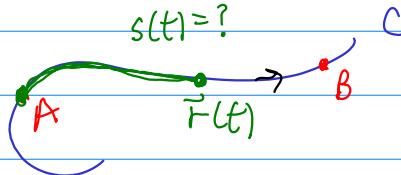
Spherical functions

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Back to arc length.

$\vec{r}(t)$ vector function w/ space curve C

The length of the portion of C between $\vec{r}(a) = A$ and $\vec{r}(b) = B$



$$s = \int_a^b \|\dot{\vec{r}}(t)\| dt$$

The arc length function starting at $t=a$ and moving in the positive direction is

$$s(t) = \int_a^t \|\dot{\vec{r}}(u)\| du$$

$$\text{Ex. } \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_a^t \|\dot{\vec{r}}(u)\| du = \|\dot{\vec{r}}(t)\|$$

$$\text{Ex. helix: } \vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, t \rangle$$

Reparametrize \vec{r} with respect to arc length. $\vec{r}(s)$

$$t_0 = 0$$

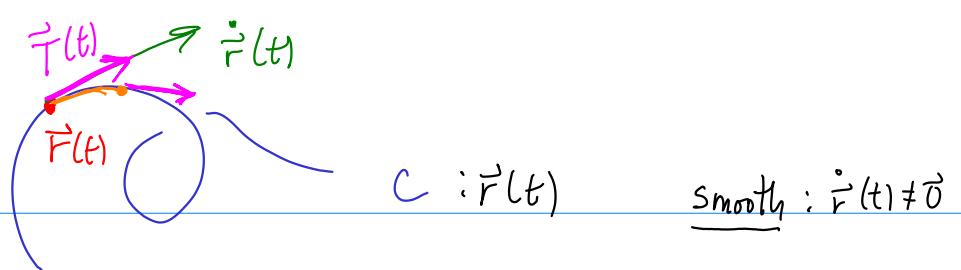
The arc length function is:

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \|\dot{\vec{r}}(u)\| du$$

$$\dot{\vec{r}}(t) = \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 1 \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \|\dot{\vec{r}}\| = \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \sqrt{2} du = \sqrt{2} u \Big|_0^t = \sqrt{2} t = s \rightarrow t = \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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



Recall: \dot{r} is tangent to C but its length depends on r .

Defn. The unit tangent vector field along C is

$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\dot{r}(t)}{\|\dot{r}(t)\|}.$$

X Defn. The curvature κ of a space curve is the ^v rate of change of the unit tangent vector field with respect to arc length.

$$\kappa(s) = \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right\| \quad \text{No dots!}$$

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

$$\vec{T}(s) = \boxed{\frac{d\vec{r}}{ds}} = \left\langle -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right), \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right), \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rangle$$

$$\left\| \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \right\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sin^2\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + 1^2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = 1$$

$$\frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} = \left\langle -\frac{1}{2} \cos\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right), -\frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right), 0 \right\rangle$$

$$\kappa(s) = \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right\| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\cos^2\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

The helix has constant curvature!

$$\text{Thm. } \kappa(t) = \frac{\|\dot{\vec{T}}\|}{\|\dot{\vec{r}}\|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof. } \kappa &= \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right\| = \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}/dt}{ds/dt} \right\| \\ &= \left\| \frac{\dot{\vec{T}}}{\|\dot{\vec{r}}\|} \right\| \end{aligned}$$

because:

$$\frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{T}/dt}{ds/dt}$$

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\|\dot{\vec{T}}\|}{\|\dot{\vec{r}}\|}$$

Ex. (Thm) A circle of radius $a > 0$ has constant curvature of $\kappa(t) = \frac{1}{a}$.

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

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

$$\|\dot{\vec{r}}(t)\| = \sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 t + a^2 \cos^2 t} = a$$

$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\dot{\vec{r}}(t)}{\|\dot{\vec{r}}\|} = \left\langle -\frac{a}{a} \sin t, \frac{a}{a} \cos t \right\rangle = \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle$$

$$\dot{\vec{T}}(t) = \langle -\cos t, -\sin t \rangle$$

and

$$\|\dot{\vec{T}}\| = \sqrt{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} = 1$$

$$\text{So } \kappa(t) = \frac{\|\dot{\vec{T}}\|}{\|\dot{\vec{r}}\|} = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex. } y &= \ln(x) & \vec{r}(x) &= \langle x, \ln x \rangle & x > 0 \\ & & \text{Compute } \kappa(x) & & \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{\vec{r}}(x) = \langle 1, \frac{1}{x} \rangle$$

$$\|\dot{\vec{r}}\| = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{x}$$

$$\vec{T}(x) = \left\langle \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{I. } \vec{r} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1}^2 - x \cdot \cancel{x}}{\cancel{x} \sqrt{x^2+1}} = \frac{x^2+1 - x^2}{(\sqrt{x^2+1})^3}$$

$$\text{II. } (x^2+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \xrightarrow{\text{d/dx}} -\frac{1}{2} (x^2+1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot \cancel{2x} = \frac{-x}{(\sqrt{x^2+1})^3}$$

$$\vec{r} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{x^2+1})^3} \langle 1, -x \rangle \quad \|\vec{r}\| = \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{(\sqrt{x^2+1})^3} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{x^2+1})^2}$$

$$\text{So, } x(x) = \frac{\|\vec{r}\|}{\|\vec{r}\|} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{x^2+1})^2} \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} = \frac{x}{(\sqrt{x^2+1})^3}$$

