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§13.3 Arc length of curves

We have discussed motion in space using by equations like $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$.

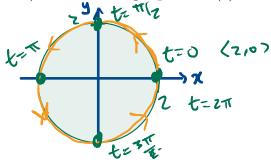
Our next goal is to be able to measure distance traveled or arc length.

Motivating problem: Suppose the position of a fly at time t is

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2\cos(t), 2\sin(t) \rangle,$$

where $0 \le t \le 2\pi$.

a) Sketch the graph of $\mathbf{r}(t)$. What shape is this?



b) How faradoes the fly travel between t = 0 and $t = \pi$?



c) What is the speed $\|\mathbf{v}(t)\|$ of the fly at time t?

d)Compute the integral $\int_0^{\pi} \|\mathbf{v}(t)\| dt$. What do you notice?

$$L = \int_{0}^{T} z dt = Zt \int_{0}^{T} = Z\pi - 0 = Z\pi$$

Definition 17. We say that the **arc length** of a smooth curve

 $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$ from $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{a}$ to $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{b}$ that is traced out exactly once is $L = \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{a}} \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{b}} \frac{\mathbf{$

Example 18. Set up an integral for the arc length of the curve $\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} + t^3\mathbf{k}$ from the point (1, 1, 1) to the point (2, 4, 8).

Step 0: Find values and a & b

When t=0 $\dot{r}(0) = (0,0,0)$ doesn't work!

t=1 (C1)= (1,17,13)=(1,1,1)

 $L = \int_{1}^{2} \int_{1^{2} + (Zt)^{2} + (3t^{2})^{2}} dt = \int_{1}^{2} \int_{1+4t^{2} + 9t^{4}} dt$

Example 19. You try it! Find the length of the portion of the curve in \mathbb{R}^3 given by the parametrization $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 6\sin(2t), 6\cos(2t), 5t \rangle$, $0 \le t \le 2\pi$.

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$$L = \int_{0}^{2\pi} |\vec{r}(t)| dt = \int_{0}^{2\pi} |3| dt = |3t|_{0}^{2\pi} = 26\pi$$

Example 20. You try it! Find the length of the portion of the curve in \mathbb{R}^3 given by the parametrization $\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + \frac{2}{3}t^{3/2}\mathbf{k}, \ 0 \le t \le 8.$

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$$|| \int_{a}^{b} || \vec{v}(t) || dt \qquad || \int_{b=8}^{b} || \vec{v}(t) || dt \qquad || \int_{b=8}^{b} || \vec{v}(t) || dt \qquad || \int_{a=8}^{b} || \vec{v}(t) || dt \qquad || \vec{v}(t) || dt \qquad || \int_{a=8}^{b} || dt \qquad || \int_{a=8}^{b}$$

Arc length parametrization

Sometimes, we care about the distance traveled from a fixed starting time t_0 to an arbitrary time t, which is given by the **arc length function**.

$$s(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} || V(T) || dT$$

We can use this function to produce parameterizations of curves where the parameter s measures distance along the curve: the points where s=0 and s=1 would be exactly 1 unit of distance apart.

Idea: why should we be measuring out units in the parameter space 17?

More natural to measure units in the codomain of i(t); i: IR -> R".

Example 21. Find an arc length parameterization of the circle of radius 4 about the origin in \mathbb{R}^2 , $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 4\cos(t), 4\sin(t) \rangle$, $0 \le t \le 2\pi$.

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- ① Compute arc length Function $S(t) = \int_{t_0}^{t} ||\vec{v}(t)|| dt$
- 2 Solve S=S(t) For t=f(s)
- 3 Substitute back into F(t) to obtain F(s).

(1) Find SLU:

 $V(t) = r'(t) = (-4 \sin t, 4 \cos t) \leq ||v(t)||^{2} = 16 \sin^{2}t + 16 \cos^{2}t$ = ||v(t)|| = 4. $\int_{t_{0}}^{t} ||v(t)||_{dt}^{2} = 16 \left(\sin^{2}t + \cos^{2}t \right)$

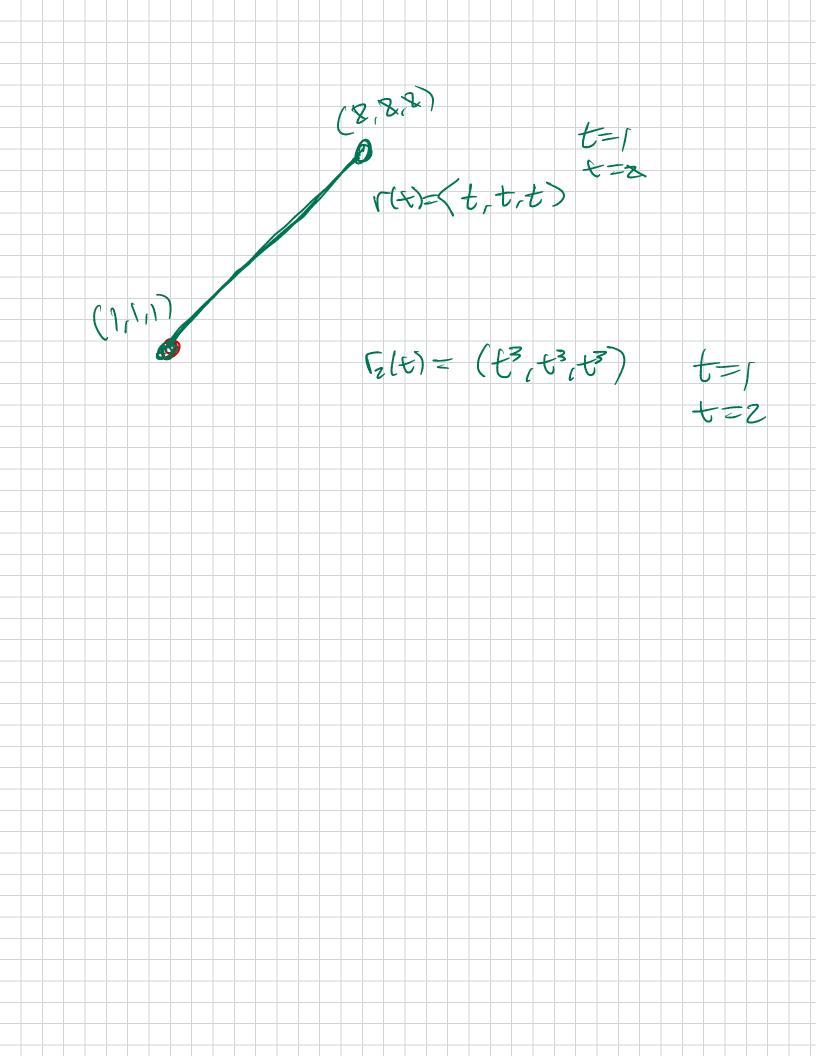
 $S(t) = \int_{t_0}^{t} \| v(t) \| dt = \int_{0}^{t} 4 dt = 4t \Big|_{0}^{t} = 4t - 0 = 4t.$

S = 4t S = 3 $t = \frac{s}{4}$ $ts = \frac{s}{4}$

(3)
$$r_{z(s)} = r(t) = r(\frac{s}{4}) = (4\cos(\frac{s}{4}), 4\sin(\frac{s}{4}))$$

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Example 22. You try it! Find (a) an arc length parameterization s(t) of the curve C, the portion of the helix of radius 4 in \mathbb{R}^3 parameterized by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 4\cos(t), 4\sin(t), 3t \rangle, 0 \le t \le \pi/2$, and (b) use s(t) to find L the length of C



Example 22. You try it! Find an arc length parameterization of the helix of radius 4 in \mathbb{R}^3 parametrized by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 4\cos(t), 4\sin(t), 3t \rangle, 0 \le t \le \pi/2$.

(b) use siti to find L the legger of E.

(1) Find siti:

$$\vec{\tau} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \langle -4\sin t, 4\cos t, 3 \rangle$$

Son

$$S(t) = \int_{0}^{t} |\vec{V}(\tau)| d\tau = \int_{0}^{t} 5 d\tau = 5\tau |_{0}^{t}$$

and S=5t m

Dolve For t:

Sub into
$$\vec{r}$$
: $\vec{r}_2(s) = r(f(s))$

$$\vec{r}_2(\vec{s}) = (-4 \sin(5/5), 4\cos(5/5), 3)$$

$$6t = 0$$

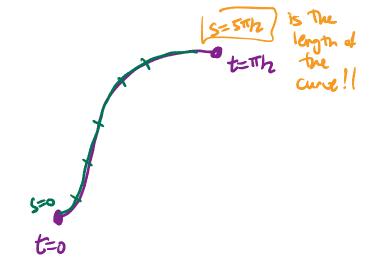
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$$\begin{cases} t=0 \\ t=\pi_h \end{cases} \Rightarrow s=0 \\ s=5\pi I_2$$

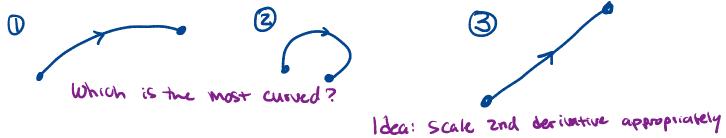
(b) $= \int_{0}^{\pi/2} |\vec{v}| d\vec{v} = S|_{t=\pi/2} = \frac{5\pi}{2\pi}$



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§13.3 & 13.4 - Curvature, Tangents, Normals

The next idea we are going to explore is the <u>curvature</u> of a curve in space along with two vectors that orient the curve.



First, we need the **unit tangent vector**, denoted **T**:

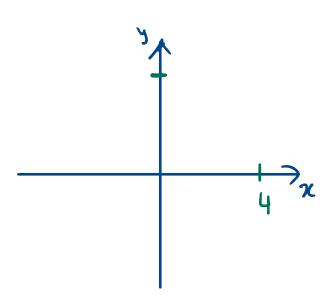
- \bullet In terms of an arc-length parameter s: ______
- In terms of any parameter t: _____

This lets us define the **curvature**, $\kappa(s) =$ ______

Example 23. In Example 21 we found an arc length parameterization of the circle of radius 4 centered at (0,0) in \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$\mathbf{r}(s) = \left\langle 4\cos\left(\frac{s}{4}\right), 4\sin\left(\frac{s}{4}\right) \right\rangle, \qquad 0 \le s \le 8\pi.$$

Use this to find T(s) and $\kappa(s)$.



Question: In which direction is T changing?

This is the direction of the **principal unit normal**, N(s) =

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We said last time that it is often hard to find arc length parameterizations, so what do we do if we have a generic parameterization $\mathbf{r}(t)$?

•
$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{T}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}$$
 • $\mathbf{N}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{T}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}$

•
$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\|T'(t)\|}{\|F'(t)\|}$$
 or ______

Example 24. Find $\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{N}, \kappa$ for the helix $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2\cos(t), 2\sin(t), t-1 \rangle, t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Example 25. You try it! Find T, N, κ for the curve parametrized by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t + t\sin t)\mathbf{i} + (\sin t - t\cos t)\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}, \ t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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 $f(S) = (25^2+1, S)$, SER is an arc-length parametrization of the parabola $\mathcal{X} = 2y^2+1$. **Example 25.** You try it! Find T, N, κ for the curve parametrized by

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$$V = \frac{dc}{dt} = (-\sin t + t\cos t + \sin t) + (\cos t - (-t\sin t + \cos t)) + 0 + 0$$

$$= t\cos t + t\sin t + 0 + 0 + \cos t$$

$$|v|^2 = t^2 \cos^2 t + t^2 \sin^2 t = t^2$$
 So $|v| = |t|$

$$T = \frac{V}{|V|} = \text{Cost} \hat{c} + \text{Sint} \hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

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

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -\sin t \hat{\iota} + \cos t \hat{\jmath} + O\hat{\epsilon} \qquad \hat{\epsilon} \qquad \left| \frac{dT}{dt} \right| = 1.$$

So
$$N = \frac{dT}{dt} = -\sin t \hat{c} + \cos t \hat{c} + o\hat{c}$$

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

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 $F(S) = (25^2+1, S)$, SEIR is an arc-length parametrization of the parabola $\mathcal{X} = 24^2+1$.