

Multivariable Calculus

(Lecture-5)

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Learning Outcome of this lecture

We learn

- Vector Valued Function of Real Variable $F : S \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$.
- Differentiation of $F : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
- Integration of $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
- Application of Differentiation and Integration of vector valued functions of real variable.

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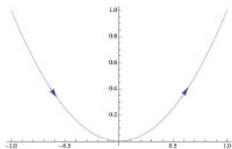
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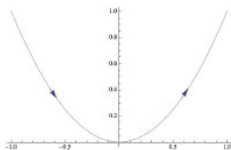
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Remark: We can depict a vector valued function $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, by drawing only its range in the 2D-plane. If we think $F(t)$ as a point in the xy -plane, then as t increases, $F(t)$ traces out a curve C in the plane, the arrow on the curve indicating the direction in which the curve is traced out as t increases.

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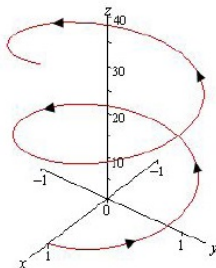
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Application of Differentiation and Integration
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