

**Thursday, October 8**    \*\*    *Curves and integration.*

1. Consider the curve  $C$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (e^t \cos t)\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + (e^t \sin t)\mathbf{k}$$

- (a) Draw a sketch of  $C$ .
- (b) Calculate the arc length function  $s(t)$ , which gives the length of the segment of  $C$  between  $\mathbf{r}(0)$  and  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  as a function of the time  $t$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Check your answer with the instructor.
- (c) Now invert this function to find the inverse function  $t(s)$ . This gives time as a function of arclength, that is, tells how long you must travel to go a certain distance.
- (d) Suppose  $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function. We can get another parameterization of  $C$  by considering the composition

$$\mathbf{f}(s) = \mathbf{r}(h(s))$$

This is called a *reparametrization*. Find a choice of  $h$  so that

- i.  $\mathbf{f}(0) = \mathbf{r}(0)$
- ii. The length of the segment of  $C$  between  $\mathbf{f}(0)$  and  $\mathbf{f}(s)$  is  $s$ . (This is called parametrizing by arc length.)

Check your answer with the instructor.

- (e) Without calculating anything, what is  $|\mathbf{f}'(s)|$ ?

2. Consider the curve  $C$  given by the parametrization  $\mathbf{r}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  where  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\sin t, \cos t, \sin^2 t)$ .

- (a) Show that  $C$  is in the intersection of the surfaces  $z = x^2$  and  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .
- (b) Use (a) to help you sketch the curve  $C$ .

3. (a) Sketch the top half of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 5$ . Check that  $P = (1, 1, \sqrt{3})$  is on this sphere and add this point to your picture.
- (b) Find a function  $f(x, y)$  whose graph is the top-half of the sphere. Hint: solve for  $z$ .
- (c) Imagine an ant walking along the surface of the sphere. It walks *down* the sphere along the path  $C$  that passes through the point  $P$  in the direction parallel to the  $yz$ -plane. Draw this path in your picture.
- (d) Find a parametrization  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  of the ant's path along the portion of the sphere shown in your picture. Specify the domain for  $\mathbf{r}$ , i.e. the initial time when the ant is at  $P$  and the final time when it hits the  $xy$ -plane.

4. As in 1(d), consider a reparametrization

$$\mathbf{f}(s) = \mathbf{r}(h(s))$$

of an arbitrary vector-valued function  $\mathbf{r}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ . Use the chain rule to calculate  $|\mathbf{f}'(s)|$  in terms of  $\mathbf{r}'$  and  $h'$ .