

Summary, sections 12.1-13.4

This is mostly a list of useful properties and formulas. For the concepts behind them, I have provided links to the pages that explain each topic

Vectors

Vectors are 3-Dimensional, and represent a point or direction in space:

$$\vec{v} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$$

Operations

$$-\vec{v} = \langle -x, -y, -z \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} + \vec{u} = \langle x_v + x_u, y_v + y_u, z_v + z_u \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} = x_v * x_u + y_v * y_u + z_v * z_u$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{u} = \langle y_v z_u - z_v y_u, z_v x_u - x_v z_u, x_v y_u - y_v x_u \rangle$$

Properties

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| * |\vec{b}| * \cos(\theta)$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| * |\vec{b}| * \sin(\theta)$$

Dot product is associative, cross product is not.

Uses

Finding perpendicular/parallel vectors

$$\text{iff } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\vec{a} \parallel \vec{b} \text{ iff } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 0$$

Projections

Scalar: (the length of the projection)

$$\text{comp}_a \vec{b} = |\vec{b}| \cos(\theta) = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

Vector: (the vector representation of the projection)

$$\text{proj}_a \vec{b} = \text{comp}_a \vec{b} * \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|} \right) \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a}$$

Unit Vectors

$$\hat{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\hat{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\hat{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle = a_1 \hat{i} + a_2 \hat{j} + a_3 \hat{k}$$

Lines

Lines are infinite, one-dimensional objects that can be described by an equation

All lines are curves (but not all curves are lines)

Essentially, they are defined by an initial point (like a y-intercept) and a direction/vector (like a slope) that maps t (time) to each point on the line

Vector Equation

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v}$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x_0 + at, y_0 + bt, z_0 + ct \rangle$$

Parametric Equation

$$x(t) = x_0 + at$$

$$y(t) = y_0 + bt$$

$$z(t) = z_0 + ct$$

Symmetric Equations

$$t = \frac{x - x_0}{a} = \frac{y - y_0}{b} = \frac{z - z_0}{c}$$

Line Segments

$$r(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_0) = (1 - t)\vec{r}_0 + t\vec{r}_1$$

$$0 \leq t \leq 1$$

Planes

Planes are infinite, two-dimensional objects that can be defined by an equation

All planes are surfaces (but not all surfaces are lines)

Planes are defined by a vector that is perpendicular to the plane and a point on that plane

Scalar Equation

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

Linear form

$$ax + by + cz = d$$

where

$$d = ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0$$

Curves

Curves are equations that describe the movement of a line in space. They are usually parametric, with the form:

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

or

$$\vec{r}(t) = \begin{cases} x = f(t) \\ y = g(t) \\ z = h(t) \end{cases}$$

Calculus with vectors and equations in 3D

TL;DR: To take the limit, derivative, or integral of a vector function, do the same to each component function.

Limits and Continuity

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow a} \vec{r}(t) = \langle \lim_{t \rightarrow a} f(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow a} g(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow a} h(t) \rangle$$

The function is continuous if the individual pieces are continuous:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow a} f(t) = f(a)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow a} g(t) = g(a)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow a} h(t) = h(a)$$

Derivatives

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

Rules for dot and cross products

$$\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t)] = \vec{u}'(t) \cdot \vec{v}'(t) + \vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}'(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}(t)] = \vec{u}'(t) \times \vec{v}'(t) + \vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}'(t)$$

Integrals

$$\int_a^b \vec{r}(t) dt = \langle \int_a^b f(t) dt, \int_a^b g(t) dt, \int_a^b h(t) dt \rangle$$

If $\vec{R}(t)$ is an anti-derivative of $\vec{r}(t)$ (i.e. $\vec{R}'(t) = \vec{r}(t)$) then

$$\int_a^b \vec{r}(t) dt = \vec{R}(t) \Big|_a^b = \vec{R}(b) - \vec{R}(a)$$

Arc Length

$$length = \int_a^b |\vec{r}'(u)| du = \int_a^b \sqrt{(f'(t))^2 + (g'(t))^2 + (h'(t))^2} dt$$

$$s(t) = \int_0^t |\vec{r}'(u)| du$$

Natural Equation

$$\vec{r}_n(s) = \vec{r}(t(s))$$

Where $t(s)$ = the inverse of $\int_0^t |\vec{r}'(u)| du$

Curvature

κ (curvature) is defined as:

$$\kappa = |\vec{r}_0''(s)|$$

Or (easier to compute):

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|^3}$$

The concept of first and second derivative can be applied to the physics equation for the movement of a particle:

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{g}$$

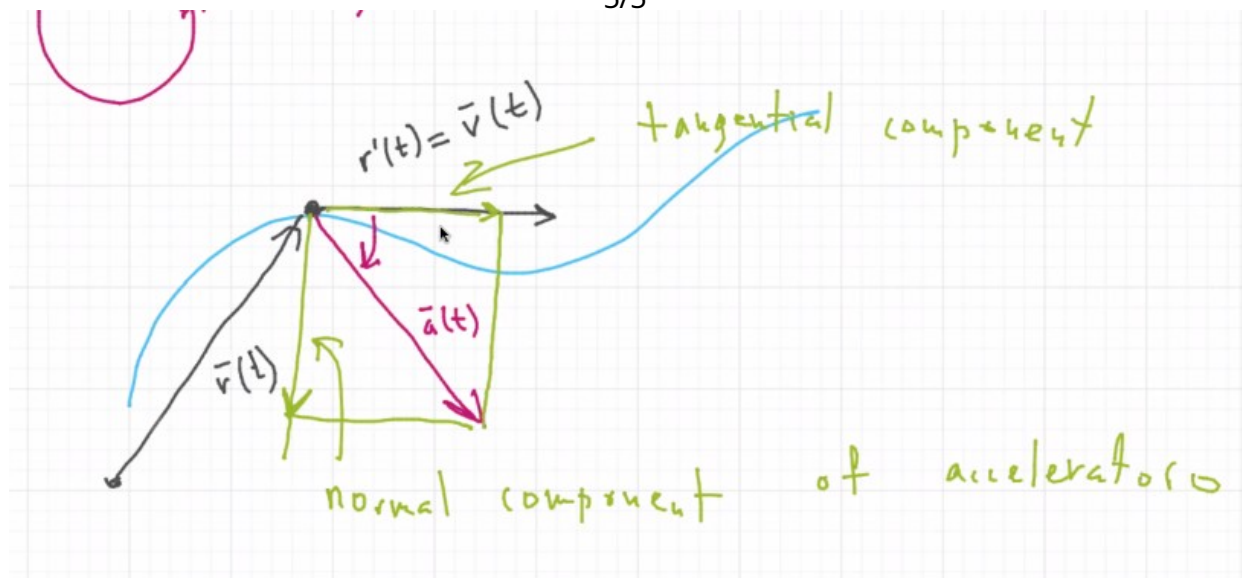
$$\vec{v}(t) = \int a(t) = \vec{g}t + v_0$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \int v(t) = \frac{1}{2}\vec{g}t^2 + v_0t + p_0$$

$$\vec{g} = -9.8\hat{j}$$

Components of Acceleration

There are two components to the acceleration, one that determines change in speed, and another which determines change in direction.



Tangential - speed

It has the same direction as velocity, and is the component of acceleration with respect to the velocity (vector projection of acceleration on velocity)

Normal - direction

It is perpendicular to velocity, and is the component of acceleration with respect to vector perpendicular to velocity

Application

It seems to help define acceleration in another way:

$$v = |\vec{v}(t)|$$

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

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}'(t) = v'(t) * T + v(t) * T'(t)$$

$$a(t) = v' T + \kappa * v^2 N$$