

# Lecture V Notes

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## 1 Vectors in Space – 13.1

A vector function:  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle = f(t)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + g(t)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + h(t)\hat{\mathbf{k}}$

Example:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle t^2, \ln(2-t), \sqrt{t} \rangle$$

The domains of each component function must be considered to find the domain of the vector function,  $0 \leq x < 2$

For a vector function:

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

Example: Find the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (e^{-3t}\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{t^2}{\sin^2 t}\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \cos(2t)\hat{\mathbf{k}}) = \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

## 2 Derivatives and Integrals of Vector Functions – 13.2

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t+h) - \vec{r}(t)}{h}$$

$\vec{r}'(t)$  is a vector tangent to  $\vec{r}(t)$ , where  $\vec{r}'(t) = \langle f'(t), g'(t), h'(t) \rangle$

The unit tangent vector,  $\vec{T}(t)$ , may be found using the formula:  $\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$

The integral of the vector function  $\vec{r}(t)$  is:

$$\int_a^b \vec{r}(t) dt = \left( \int_a^b f(t) dt \right) \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \left( \int_a^b g(t) dt \right) \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \left( \int_a^b h(t) dt \right) \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$