

Section 14.2 – Calculus of Vector-Valued Functions

- Derivative and Tangent Vector:

Let $\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k}$, where f , g , and h are differentiable functions on (a, b) . Then \mathbf{r} has a derivative on (a, b) and

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = f'(t)\mathbf{i} + g'(t)\mathbf{j} + h'(t)\mathbf{k}$$

Provided $\mathbf{r}'(t) \neq \mathbf{0}$, $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ is a tangent vector at the point corresponding to $\mathbf{r}(t)$.

- Compute the derivative of the following functions:

- $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, t^3, \ln t \rangle$

- $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle te^{-t}, 2 \sin 3t, (2t + 1)^{-1} \rangle$

- Unit Tangent Vector: Let $\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k}$ be a smooth parametrized curve, for $a \leq t \leq b$. The unit tangent vector for a particular value of t is

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

- Find the unit tangent vector for the following parametrized curve.
 - $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t, 2t, t \rangle$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$

- Compute $\mathbf{r}''(t)$ for the following:
 - $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \sqrt{t+4}, \ln(t+1), 2e^{-4t} \rangle$

- Indefinite Integral of a Vector-Valued Function:

$$\int \mathbf{r}(t) dt = \mathbf{R}(t) + \mathbf{C}$$

$$\int \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle dt = \langle F(t), G(t), H(t) \rangle + \langle C_1, C_2, C_3 \rangle$$

- Compute

$$\int \langle e^{3t}, \frac{1}{1+t^2}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}} \rangle dt$$

- Definite Integral of a Vector-Valued Function:

$$\int_b^a \mathbf{r}(t) dt = \left(\int_b^a f(t) dt \right) \mathbf{i} + \left(\int_b^a g(t) dt \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\int_b^a h(t) dt \right) \mathbf{k}$$

- Evaluate the following:

$$\int_1^4 (6t^2 \mathbf{i} + 8t^3 \mathbf{j} + 9t^2 \mathbf{k}) dt$$

- Find the function \mathbf{r} that satisfies the following conditions:
 - $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle e^t, \sin t, \sec^2 t \rangle; \mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 2, 2, 2 \rangle$

- $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle e^{2t}, 1 - 2e^{-t}, 1 - 2e^t \rangle; \mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$