

1. [3 pts] Determine the arc length along the curve

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

from  $t = 0$  to  $t = \pi/2$ .

2. [3 pts] Interestingly, the notion of arc length can be defined in any dimension. A curve in four-dimensional space  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is parametrized as

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t), w(t) \rangle, \quad a \leq t \leq b.$$

Find the arc length of  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, \ln(t), 1/t, \ln(t) \rangle$  and  $1 \leq t \leq 4$ .

3. Suppose that the trajectory of a particle in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is described by the vector-valued function  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ , and let  $\mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{r}'(t)$  and  $\mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{r}''(t)$  be its velocity and acceleration vectors, respectively. For each of the following statements, either give a proof or exhibit a counter-example.

- (a) [2 pts] Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the space-curve in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which is parametrized by  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$ . If the velocity vector  $\mathbf{v}(t)$  is constant, then the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  lies entirely in a single plane.

- (b) [2 pts] Define the *speed* of the particle at time  $t$  to be the length of its velocity vector  $s(t) = |\mathbf{v}(t)|$  at time  $t$ . If the speed is a constant function, then the curve lies entirely in a plane.
- (c) [2 pts] If the acceleration vector  $\mathbf{a}(t)$  is constant, then the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  lies entirely in a single plane.
- (d) [2 pts] If the velocity vector  $\mathbf{v}(t)$  is *orthogonal* to the acceleration vector  $\mathbf{a}(t)$  for all time  $t$ , then the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  lies entirely in a single plane.
- (e) [2 pts] Prove that  $\mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{0}$  implies  $\mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{c}$ , where  $\mathbf{c}$  is a constant vector.
- (f) [2 pts] If  $\mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{c}$  for all time  $t$ , prove that the motion takes place in a plane (i.e. that the space curve parametrized by  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  lies entirely in a plane). Consider both  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{c} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .

4. [4 pts] Prove that the space curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2t - \cos t + 3 \\ \sin^2 t + 4t \\ \frac{1}{2}(-\cos^2 t + 2\cos t + 1) \end{bmatrix}$$

lies entirely in a single plane. Find an equation for the plane.

5. [4 pts] Find a vector-valued function,  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ , that represents the curve of intersection between the cylinder  $\{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 9\}$  and the surface  $\{(x, y, z) \mid z = xy\}$ .