LIST OF USEFUL IDENTITIES

1. Derivatives

$$(1) \ \frac{d}{dx}x^n = nx^{n-1}$$

$$(2) \ \frac{d}{dx}\sin x = \cos x$$

$$(3) \ \frac{d}{dx}\cos x = -\sin x$$

(4)
$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x$$

$$(5) \frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -\csc^2 x$$

(6)
$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x$$

(7) $\frac{d}{dx}\csc x = -\csc x \cot x$

$$(8) \ \frac{d}{dx}e^x = e^x$$

$$(9) \ \frac{d}{dx} \ln|x| = \frac{1}{x}$$

(10)
$$\frac{d}{dx} \arcsin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

(11)
$$\frac{d}{dx} \arccos x = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

(12)
$$\frac{d}{dx} \arctan x = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

2. Trigonometry

(1)
$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

(2)
$$\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x$$

(3)
$$1 + \cot^2 x = \csc^2 x$$

$$(4) \sin(x \pm y) = \sin x \cos y \pm \cos x \sin y$$

(5) $\cos(x \pm y) = \cos x \cos y \mp \sin x \sin y$

(6)
$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1-\cos 2x}{2}$$

(7)
$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}$$
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3. Space curves

For a parametric space curve given by $\overline{r}(t)$

(1) Curvature
$$\kappa = \frac{|r'(t) \times r''(t)|}{|r'(t)|^3}$$
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(2) Tangent component of acceleration
$$a_T = |r'(t)|' = \frac{r'(t) \cdot r''(t)}{|r'(t)|}$$
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(3) Normal component of acceleration
$$a_N = \kappa |r'(t)|^2 = \frac{|r'(t) \times r''(t)|}{|r'(t)|}$$
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