

Advanced Calculus

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Tutorial Exercises 2

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1. Find an arc length parametrization of the curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \sin(e^t)\mathbf{i} + \cos(e^t)\mathbf{j} + \sqrt{3}e^t\mathbf{k},$$

starting at the point $(\sin(1), \cos(1), \sqrt{3})$ and going in the same direction as the original curve.

2. For the curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{2}t^2\mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{3}t^3\mathbf{k}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

- (a) Find $\mathbf{T}(0)$, $\mathbf{N}(0)$ and $\mathbf{B}(0)$, using the definitions.
(b) Find $\mathbf{B}(0)$ using the formula in Remark 1.4.6(e).

3. For the curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = e^t \sin(t)\mathbf{i} + e^t \cos(t)\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

- (a) Find $\mathbf{T}(t)$, $\mathbf{N}(t)$ and $\mathbf{B}(t)$, using the definitions.
(b) Find $\mathbf{B}(t)$ using the formula in Remark 1.4.6(e).

4. Consider the vector function (with values in \mathbb{R}^3)

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \ln(3 - \sqrt{t})\mathbf{i} + (1 + \sqrt{t})\mathbf{j} + \frac{(3 - \sqrt{t})^2}{4}\mathbf{k} \quad (1)$$

- (a) Find the arc length of the graph of $\mathbf{r}(t)$ if $1 \leq t \leq 4$.
(b) Find a negative change of parameter from t to s where s is an arc length parameter of the curve having $\mathbf{r}(4)$ as its reference point. It is sufficient to find s as a function of t .

5. Consider parabolic coordinates (μ, ν)

$$x = \mu\nu, \quad y = \frac{1}{2}(\mu^2 - \nu^2). \quad (2)$$

- (a) Recall that if a parabola is described by the equation $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$, then its vertex is at (h, k) and its focus is at $(h, k + 1/(4a))$.

Show that if you hold ν constant, the resulting curves form confocal parabolae that open upwards (i.e., towards $+y$), while holding μ constant results in curves which are confocal parabolae that open downwards (i.e., towards $-y$). Where are the foci of all these parabolae located?

- (b) Show that in parabolic coordinates a curve given by the parametric equations $\mu = \mu(t)$, $\nu = \nu(t)$ for $a \leq t \leq b$ has arc length

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{(\mu^2 + \nu^2) \left(\left(\frac{d\mu}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{d\nu}{dt} \right)^2 \right)} dt. \quad (3)$$

6. Consider the vector function

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = e^{-t} \mathbf{i} + e^{-t} \cos t \mathbf{j} - e^{-t} \sin t \mathbf{k}. \quad (4)$$

- (a) Find $\mathbf{T}(t)$, $\mathbf{N}(t)$, and $\mathbf{B}(t)$, at $t = 0$.
- (b) Find equations for the \mathbf{TN} -plane at $t = 0$.
- (c) Find equations for the \mathbf{NB} -plane at $t = 0$.
- (d) Find equations for the \mathbf{TB} -plane at $t = 0$.