

## Math 267 Exam 2 Notes

**vector-valued function**  $\vec{r}(t) = f(t)\vec{i} + g(t)\vec{j} + h(t)\vec{k} = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$  for every  $t$  in  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  defines a **space curve**

**twisted cubic**  $x = at, \quad y = bt^2, \quad z = ct^3$ , where  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are nonzero constants.

**circular helix**  $\vec{r}(t) = a\cos t\vec{i} + a\sin t\vec{j} + bt\vec{k}$  for  $t \geq 0$  and positive constants  $a$  and  $b$

**length of a space curve**  $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{[f'(t)]^2 + [g'(t)]^2 + [h'(t)]^2} dt = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt$

**limit**  $\lim_{t \rightarrow a} \vec{r}(t) = \left[ \lim_{t \rightarrow a} f(t) \right] \vec{i} + \left[ \lim_{t \rightarrow a} g(t) \right] \vec{j} + \left[ \lim_{t \rightarrow a} h(t) \right] \vec{k}$ , provided  $f, g$ , and  $h$  have limits as  $t \rightarrow a$

$\vec{r}(t)$  is **continuous** at  $a$  if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow a} \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}(a)$ .

**derivative of  $\vec{r}$**   $\vec{r}'(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\Delta t}$ ;  $\vec{r}'(t) = f'(t)\vec{i} + g'(t)\vec{j} + h'(t)\vec{k}$

**differentiation formulas** If  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are differentiable vector-valued functions and  $c$  is a scalar, then

(i)  $D_t [\vec{u}(t) + \vec{v}(t)] = \vec{u}'(t) + \vec{v}'(t)$

(ii)  $D_t [c\vec{u}(t)] = c\vec{u}'(t)$

(iii)  $D_t [\vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t)] = \vec{u}'(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t) + \vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}'(t)$

(iv)  $D_t [\vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}(t)] = \vec{u}'(t) \times \vec{v}(t) + \vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}'(t)$

$\vec{r}'(t)$  is the **tangent vector** to  $C$  at  $P$ .

If  $\vec{r}$  is differentiable and  $\|\vec{r}(t)\|$  is constant, then  $\vec{r}'(t)$  is orthogonal to  $\vec{r}(t)$  for every  $t$  in the domain of  $\vec{r}$ .

**definite integral of  $\vec{r}$  from  $a$  to  $b$**  is  $\int_a^b \vec{r}(t) dt = \left[ \int_a^b f(t) dt \right] \vec{i} + \left[ \int_a^b g(t) dt \right] \vec{j} + \left[ \int_a^b h(t) dt \right] \vec{k}$

$\int_a^b \vec{r}(t) dt = \vec{R}(t) \Big|_a^b = \vec{R}(b) - \vec{R}(a)$ , where  $\vec{R}(t)$  is an **antiderivative** of  $\vec{r}(t)$ .

**position vector**  $\vec{r}(t) = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} = f(t)\vec{i} + g(t)\vec{j}$ ,

**velocity:**  $\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) = \frac{dx}{dt}\vec{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\vec{j}$

**speed:**  $v(t) = \|\vec{v}(t)\| = \|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$

**acceleration:**  $\vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}'(t) = \vec{r}''(t) = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\vec{i} + \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\vec{j}$

Motion around a circle of radius  $k$  at a constant speed  $v$

$$v = \omega k \qquad \|\vec{a}(t)\| = \frac{v^2}{k}$$

Newton's Second Law of Motion  $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$

## Projectile Motion

initial velocity  $\vec{v}_0$  from a point  $h_0$  feet above the ground,  $\vec{v}_0$  makes an angle  $\alpha$  with the horizontal; only force acting is  $g$

$$r(t) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + h_0\right)\vec{j} + \vec{v}_0 t \quad ; \quad \vec{v}_0 = \langle v_0 \cos \alpha, v_0 \sin \alpha \rangle$$

**unit tangent vector**  $\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}$       **principal unit normal vector**  $\vec{N}(t) = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|}$

A variable  $s$  is an **arc length parameter** for a plane curve  $C$  if there is a parametrization

$$x=f(s), \quad y=g(s)$$

such that  $s$  is the length of  $C$  from a fixed point  $A$  on the curve to the point  $P(x,y)$ .

The parametric equations are called an **arc length parametrization** for  $C$ .

**Curvature** - curve  $C$  defined by:

(1) arc length parametrization  $x=f(s)$ ,  $y=g(s)$ , and let  $\theta$  be the angle between  $\vec{T}(s)$  and  $\vec{i}$

$$K = \left| \frac{d\theta}{ds} \right|$$

(2)  $y=f(x)$

$$K = \frac{|y''|}{[1 + (y')^2]^{3/2}}$$

(3) parametrization  $x=f(t)$ ,  $y=g(t)$

$$K = \frac{|f'(t)g''(t) - g'(t)f''(t)|}{[(f'(t))^2 + (g'(t))^2]^{3/2}}$$

The circle of radius  $\rho = 1/K$  whose center lies on the concave side of  $C$  and has the same tangent line at  $P$  as  $C$  is the **circle of curvature** for  $P$ . Its radius  $\rho$  and center are the **radius of curvature** and **center of curvature**, respectively, for  $P$ .

## curvature in 3-space

(4)  $C$  has an arc length parametrization  $x=f(s)$ ,  $y=g(s)$ ,  $z=h(s)$  and let  $\vec{T}(s) = \vec{r}'(s)$

$$K = \|\vec{T}'(s)\|.$$

If  $\vec{T}(s)$  and  $\vec{N}(s)$  are the unit tangent and principal unit normal vectors and if  $K$  is the curvature of  $C$  at the point

corresponding to  $s$ , then  $\vec{v}(t) = \frac{ds}{dt}\vec{T}(s)$  and  $\vec{a}(t) = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}\vec{T}(s) + K\left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2\vec{N}(s)$

**Tangential component of acceleration**  $a_{\vec{T}} = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = \frac{\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}''(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}$

**Normal component of acceleration**  $a_{\vec{N}} = K\left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 = \frac{\|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\|}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} = \sqrt{\|\vec{a}\|^2 - a_{\vec{T}}^2}$

(5)  $C$  has the parametrization  $x=f(t)$ ,  $y=g(t)$ ,  $z=h(t)$

$$K = \frac{\|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\|}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|^3} = \frac{a_{\vec{N}}}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|^2}$$