

## Concept Check

- What is a vector function? How do you find its derivative and its integral?
- What is the connection between vector functions and space curves?
- How do you find the tangent vector to a smooth curve at a point? How do you find the tangent line? The unit tangent vector?
- If  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are differentiable vector functions,  $c$  is a scalar, and  $f$  is a real-valued function, write the rules for differentiating the following vector functions.
 

(a) $\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{v}(t)$	(b) $c\mathbf{u}(t)$	(c) $f(t)\mathbf{u}(t)$
(d) $\mathbf{u}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t)$	(e) $\mathbf{u}(t) \times \mathbf{v}(t)$	(f) $\mathbf{u}(f(t))$
- How do you find the length of a space curve given by a vector function  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ ?
- (a) What is the definition of curvature?  
 (b) Write a formula for curvature in terms of  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  and  $\mathbf{T}'(t)$ .  
 (c) Write a formula for curvature in terms of  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  and  $\mathbf{r}''(t)$ .  
 (d) Write a formula for the curvature of a plane curve with equation  $y = f(x)$ .
- (a) Write formulas for the unit normal and binormal vectors of a smooth space curve  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ .  
 (b) What is the normal plane of a curve at a point? What is the osculating plane? What is the osculating circle?
- (a) How do you find the velocity, speed, and acceleration of a particle that moves along a space curve?  
 (b) Write the acceleration in terms of its tangential and normal components.
- State Kepler's Laws.

## True-False Quiz

Determine whether the statement is true or false. If it is true, explain why. If it is false, explain why or give an example that disproves the statement.

- The curve with vector equation  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t^3\mathbf{i} + 2t^3\mathbf{j} + 3t^3\mathbf{k}$  is a line.
- The curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 0, t^2, 4t \rangle$  is a parabola.
- The curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t, 3 - t, 0 \rangle$  is a line that passes through the origin.
- The derivative of a vector function is obtained by differentiating each component function.
- If  $\mathbf{u}(t)$  and  $\mathbf{v}(t)$  are differentiable vector functions, then
 
$$\frac{d}{dt}[\mathbf{u}(t) \times \mathbf{v}(t)] = \mathbf{u}'(t) \times \mathbf{v}'(t)$$
- If  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  is a differentiable vector function, then
 
$$\frac{d}{dt}|\mathbf{r}(t)| = |\mathbf{r}'(t)|$$
- If  $\mathbf{T}(t)$  is the unit tangent vector of a smooth curve, then the curvature is  $\kappa = |d\mathbf{T}/dt|$ .
- The binormal vector is  $\mathbf{B}(t) = \mathbf{N}(t) \times \mathbf{T}(t)$ .
- Suppose  $f$  is twice continuously differentiable. At an inflection point of the curve  $y = f(x)$ , the curvature is 0.
- If  $\kappa(t) = 0$  for all  $t$ , the curve is a straight line.
- If  $|\mathbf{r}(t)| = 1$  for all  $t$ , then  $|\mathbf{r}'(t)|$  is a constant.
- If  $|\mathbf{r}(t)| = 1$  for all  $t$ , then  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  for all  $t$ .
- The osculating circle of a curve  $C$  at a point has the same tangent vector, normal vector, and curvature as  $C$  at that point.
- Different parametrizations of the same curve result in identical tangent vectors at a given point on the curve.

## Exercises

1. (a) Sketch the curve with vector function

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + \cos \pi t \mathbf{j} + \sin \pi t \mathbf{k} \quad t \geq 0$$

(b) Find  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  and  $\mathbf{r}''(t)$ .

2. Let
- $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \sqrt{2-t}, (e^t - 1)/t, \ln(t+1) \rangle$
- .

(a) Find the domain of  $\mathbf{r}$ .(b) Find  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \mathbf{r}(t)$ .(c) Find  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ .

3. Find a vector function that represents the curve of intersection of the cylinder
- $x^2 + y^2 = 16$
- and the plane
- $x + z = 5$
- .



4. Find parametric equations for the tangent line to the curve
- $x = 2 \sin t$
- ,
- $y = 2 \sin 2t$
- ,
- $z = 2 \sin 3t$
- at the point
- $(1, \sqrt{3}, 2)$
- . Graph the curve and the tangent line on a common screen.

5. If
- $\mathbf{r}(t) = t^2 \mathbf{i} + t \cos \pi t \mathbf{j} + \sin \pi t \mathbf{k}$
- , evaluate
- $\int_0^1 \mathbf{r}(t) dt$
- .

6. Let
- $C$
- be the curve with equations
- $x = 2 - t^3$
- ,
- $y = 2t - 1$
- ,
- $z = \ln t$
- . Find (a) the point where
- $C$
- intersects the
- $xz$
- plane, (b) parametric equations of the tangent line at
- $(1, 1, 0)$
- , and (c) an equation of the normal plane to
- $C$
- at
- $(1, 1, 0)$
- .

7. Use Simpson's Rule with
- $n = 6$
- to estimate the length of the arc of the curve with equations
- $x = t^2$
- ,
- $y = t^3$
- ,
- $z = t^4$
- ,
- $0 \leq t \leq 3$
- .

8. Find the length of the curve
- $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t^{3/2}, \cos 2t, \sin 2t \rangle$
- ,
- $0 \leq t \leq 1$
- .

9. The helix
- $\mathbf{r}_1(t) = \cos t \mathbf{i} + \sin t \mathbf{j} + t \mathbf{k}$
- intersects the curve
- $\mathbf{r}_2(t) = (1+t)\mathbf{i} + t^2 \mathbf{j} + t^3 \mathbf{k}$
- at the point
- $(1, 0, 0)$
- . Find the angle of intersection of these curves.

10. Reparametrize the curve
- $\mathbf{r}(t) = e^t \mathbf{i} + e^t \sin t \mathbf{j} + e^t \cos t \mathbf{k}$
- with respect to arc length measured from the point
- $(1, 0, 1)$
- in the direction of increasing
- $t$
- .

11. For the curve given by
- $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \frac{1}{3}t^3, \frac{1}{2}t^2, t \rangle$
- , find (a) the unit tangent vector, (b) the unit normal vector, and (c) the curvature.

12. Find the curvature of the ellipse
- $x = 3 \cos t$
- ,
- $y = 4 \sin t$
- at the points
- $(3, 0)$
- and
- $(0, 4)$
- .

13. Find the curvature of the curve
- $y = x^4$
- at the point
- $(1, 1)$
- .



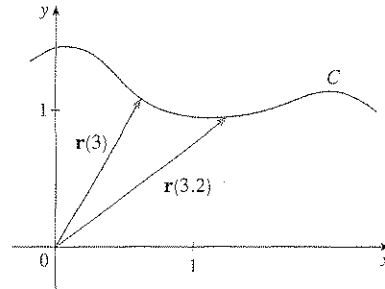
14. Find an equation of the osculating circle of the curve
- $y = x^4 - x^2$
- at the origin. Graph both the curve and its osculating circle.

15. Find an equation of the osculating plane of the curve
- $x = \sin 2t$
- ,
- $y = t$
- ,
- $z = \cos 2t$
- at the point
- $(0, \pi, 1)$
- .

16. The figure shows the curve
- $C$
- traced by a particle with position vector
- $\mathbf{r}(t)$
- at time
- $t$
- . (a) Draw a vector that represents the average velocity of the particle over the time interval
- $3 \leq t \leq 3.2$
- .

- (b) Write an expression for the velocity
- $\mathbf{v}(3)$
- .

- (c) Write an expression for the unit tangent vector
- $\mathbf{T}(3)$
- and draw it.



17. A particle moves with position function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t \ln t \mathbf{i} + t \mathbf{j} + e^{-t} \mathbf{k}$ . Find the velocity, speed, and acceleration of the particle.
18. A particle starts at the origin with initial velocity  $\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ . Its acceleration is  $\mathbf{a}(t) = 6t \mathbf{i} + 12t^2 \mathbf{j} - 6t \mathbf{k}$ . Find its position function.
19. An athlete throws a shot at an angle of  $45^\circ$  to the horizontal at an initial speed of 43 ft/s. It leaves his hand 7 ft above the ground. (a) Where is the shot 2 seconds later? (b) How high does the shot go? (c) Where does the shot land?
20. Find the tangential and normal components of the acceleration vector of a particle with position function
- $$\mathbf{r}(t) = t \mathbf{i} + 2t \mathbf{j} + t^2 \mathbf{k}$$
21. A disk of radius 1 is rotating in the counterclockwise direction at a constant angular speed  $\omega$ . A particle starts at the center of the disk and moves toward the edge along a fixed radius so that its position at time  $t$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , is given by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{R}(t)$ , where

$$\mathbf{R}(t) = \cos \omega t \mathbf{i} + \sin \omega t \mathbf{j}$$

- (a) Show that the velocity
- $\mathbf{v}$
- of the particle is

$$\mathbf{v} = \cos \omega t \mathbf{i} + \sin \omega t \mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{v}_d$$

where  $\mathbf{v}_d = \mathbf{R}'(t)$  is the velocity of a point on the edge of the disk.

- (b) Show that the acceleration
- $\mathbf{a}$
- of the particle is

$$\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{v}_d + t\mathbf{a}_d$$

where  $\mathbf{a}_d = \mathbf{R}''(t)$  is the acceleration of a point on the rim of the disk. The extra term  $2\mathbf{v}_d$  is called the *Coriolis acceleration*; it is the result of the interaction of the rotation of the disk and the motion of the particle. One can obtain a physical demonstration of this acceleration by walking toward the edge of a moving merry-go-round.



- (c) Determine the Coriolis acceleration of a particle that moves on a rotating disk according to the equation

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = e^{-t} \cos \omega t \mathbf{i} + e^{-t} \sin \omega t \mathbf{j}$$

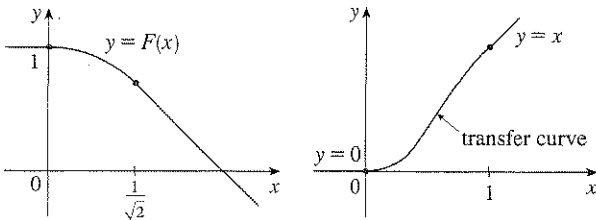
22. In designing *transfer curves* to connect sections of straight railroad tracks, it's important to realize that the acceleration of the train should be continuous so that the reactive force exerted by the train on the track is also continuous. Because of the formulas for the components of acceleration in Section 13.4, this will be the case if the curvature varies continuously.

- (a) A logical candidate for a transfer curve to join existing tracks given by  $y = 1$  for  $x \leq 0$  and  $y = \sqrt{2} - x$  for  $x \geq 1/\sqrt{2}$  might be the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$ ,  $0 < x < 1/\sqrt{2}$ , whose graph is the arc of the circle shown in the figure. It looks reasonable at first glance. Show that the function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ \sqrt{1 - x^2} & \text{if } 0 < x < 1/\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} - x & \text{if } x \geq 1/\sqrt{2} \end{cases}$$

is continuous and has continuous slope, but does not have continuous curvature. Therefore  $f$  is not an appropriate transfer curve.

- (b) Find a fifth-degree polynomial to serve as a transfer curve between the following straight line segments:  $y = 0$  for  $x \leq 0$  and  $y = x$  for  $x \geq 1$ . Could this be done with a fourth-degree polynomial? Use a graphing calculator or computer to sketch the graph of the "connected" function and check to see that it looks like the one in the figure.



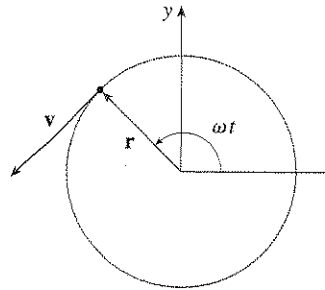
23. A particle  $P$  moves with constant angular speed  $\omega$  around a circle whose center is at the origin and whose radius is  $R$ . The particle is said to be in *uniform circular motion*. Assume that the motion is counterclockwise and that the particle is at the point  $(R, 0)$  when  $t = 0$ . The position vector at time  $t \geq 0$  is  $\mathbf{r}(t) = R \cos \omega t \mathbf{i} + R \sin \omega t \mathbf{j}$ .

- (a) Find the velocity vector  $\mathbf{v}$  and show that  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{r} = 0$ . Conclude that  $\mathbf{v}$  is tangent to the circle and points in the direction of the motion.
- (b) Show that the speed  $|\mathbf{v}|$  of the particle is the constant  $\omega R$ . The *period*  $T$  of the particle is the time required for one complete revolution. Conclude that

$$T = \frac{2\pi R}{|\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

- (c) Find the acceleration vector  $\mathbf{a}$ . Show that it is proportional to  $\mathbf{r}$  and that it points toward the origin. An acceleration with this property is called a *centripetal acceleration*. Show that the magnitude of the acceleration vector is  $|\mathbf{a}| = R\omega^2$ .
- (d) Suppose that the particle has mass  $m$ . Show that the magnitude of the force  $\mathbf{F}$  that is required to produce this motion, called a *centripetal force*, is

$$|\mathbf{F}| = \frac{m|\mathbf{v}|^2}{R}$$

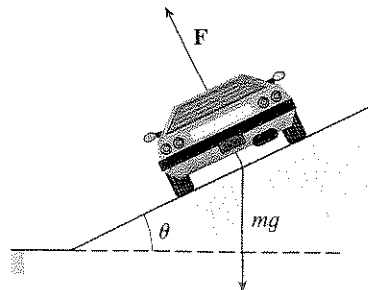


24. A circular curve of radius  $R$  on a highway is banked at an angle  $\theta$  so that a car can safely traverse the curve without skidding when there is no friction between the road and the tires. The loss of friction could occur, for example, if the road is covered with a film of water or ice. The rated speed  $v_R$  of the curve is the maximum speed that a car can attain without skidding. Suppose a car of mass  $m$  is traversing the curve at the rated speed  $v_R$ . Two forces are acting on the car: the vertical force,  $mg$ , due to the weight of the car, and a force  $\mathbf{F}$  exerted by, and normal to, the road (see the figure).

The vertical component of  $\mathbf{F}$  balances the weight of the car, so that  $|\mathbf{F}| \cos \theta = mg$ . The horizontal component of  $\mathbf{F}$  produces a centripetal force on the car so that, by Newton's Second Law and part (d) of Problem 23,

$$|\mathbf{F}| \sin \theta = \frac{mv_R^2}{R}$$

- (a) Show that  $v_R^2 = Rg \tan \theta$ .
- (b) Find the rated speed of a circular curve with radius 400 ft that is banked at an angle of  $12^\circ$ .
- (c) Suppose the design engineers want to keep the banking at  $12^\circ$ , but wish to increase the rated speed by 50%. What should the radius of the curve be?

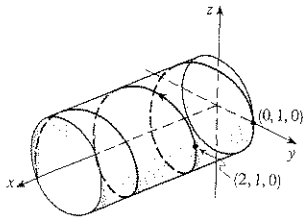


**True-False Quiz**

1. True    3. False    5. False    7. False  
 9. True    11. False    13. True

**Exercises**

1. (a)



(b)  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \mathbf{i} - \pi \sin \pi t \mathbf{j} + \pi \cos \pi t \mathbf{k}$ ,

$\mathbf{r}''(t) = -\pi^2 \cos \pi t \mathbf{j} - \pi^2 \sin \pi t \mathbf{k}$

3.  $\mathbf{r}(t) = 4 \cos t \mathbf{i} + 4 \sin t \mathbf{j} + (5 - 4 \cos t) \mathbf{k}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

5.  $\frac{1}{3} \mathbf{i} - (2/\pi^2) \mathbf{j} + (2/\pi) \mathbf{k}$     7. 86.631    9.  $\pi/2$

11. (a)  $\langle t^2, t, 1 \rangle / \sqrt{t^4 + t^2 + 1}$

(b)  $\langle t^3 + 2t, 1 - t^4, -2t^3 - t \rangle / \sqrt{t^8 + 5t^6 + 6t^4 + 5t^2 + 1}$

(c)  $\sqrt{t^8 + 5t^6 + 6t^4 + 5t^2 + 1} / (t^4 + t^2 + 1)^2$

13.  $12/17^{3/2}$     15.  $x - 2y + 2\pi = 0$

17.  $\mathbf{v}(t) = (1 + \ln t) \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - e^{-t} \mathbf{k}$ ,

$|\mathbf{v}(t)| = \sqrt{2 + 2 \ln t + (\ln t)^2 + e^{-2t}}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}(t) = (1/t) \mathbf{i} + e^{-t} \mathbf{k}$

19. (a) About 3.8 ft above the ground, 60.8 ft from the athlete

(b)  $\approx 21.4$  ft    (c)  $\approx 64.2$  ft from the athlete

21. (c)  $-2e^{-t} \mathbf{v}_d + e^{-t} \mathbf{R}$

23. (a)  $\mathbf{v} = \omega R(-\sin \omega t \mathbf{i} + \cos \omega t \mathbf{j})$     (c)  $\mathbf{a} = -\omega^2 \mathbf{r}$

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1. (a)  $90^\circ$ ,  $v_0^2/(2g)$

3. (a)  $\approx 0.94$  ft to the right of the table's edge,  $\approx 15$  ft/s

(b)  $\approx 7.6^\circ$     (c)  $\approx 2.13$  ft to the right of the table's edge

5.  $56^\circ$

7.  $\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \mathbf{c} + u \mathbf{a} + v \mathbf{b}$  where  $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ ,

$\mathbf{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{c} = \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$