

15.2: LIMITS, DERIVATIVES, and INTEGRALS

① Do them component-by-component, if the pieces exist.

$$\vec{r} \text{ is continuous at } a \xLeftrightarrow{\text{Def'n}} \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}(a)$$

$$\iff f, g, \text{ and } h \text{ are cont. at } a$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \vec{r} \text{ is cont. on an open interval } I \\ \iff \vec{r} \text{ is cont. at every } \# \text{ in } I. \\ \text{For non-open intervals, consider the appropriate} \\ \text{one-sided limit(s) at the endpoint(s).} \end{array} \right)$$

Ex If $\vec{r}(t) = \langle e^{7t}, \cos(3t), t^2 + t - 1 \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}'(t) = \langle 7e^{7t}, -3\sin(3t), 2t + 1 \rangle,$$

$$\int \vec{r}(t) dt = \langle \frac{1}{7}e^{7t}, \frac{1}{3}\sin(3t), \frac{t^3}{3} + \frac{t^2}{2} - t \rangle + \vec{C}$$

$\langle C_1, C_2, C_3 \rangle$

Ex (Extension of FTC, Fundamental Theorem of Calculus)

$$\text{If } \vec{r}(t) = \langle t^3, e^{2t}, 1 \rangle \Rightarrow \int_2^3 \vec{r}(t) dt = \int_2^3 \underbrace{\langle t^3, e^{2t}, 1 \rangle}_{\text{cont. on } [2,3]} dt$$

$$= \left[\underbrace{\langle \frac{t^4}{4}, \frac{1}{2}e^{2t}, t \rangle}_{\text{an antiderivative, } \vec{R}(t)} \right]_2^3$$

$$\stackrel{\text{FTC}}{=} \vec{R}(3) - \vec{R}(2)$$

$$= \langle \frac{(3)^4}{4}, \frac{1}{2}e^{2(3)}, 3 \rangle - \langle \frac{(2)^4}{4}, \frac{1}{2}e^{2(2)}, 2 \rangle$$

$$= \boxed{\langle \frac{65}{4}, \frac{1}{2}(e^6 - e^4), 1 \rangle}$$

Ex (Differential Equations)

Find $\vec{r}(t)$ if $\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 1, t, e^{\frac{t}{2}} \rangle$ subject to the initial condition (IC) $\vec{r}(0) = \langle 1, 3, 5 \rangle$.

$\langle 1, 3, 5 \rangle$ "starting point"

Sol'n

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(t) &= \int \langle 1, t, e^{\frac{t}{2}} \rangle dt \quad (\text{one member}) \\ &= \langle t, \frac{t^2}{2}, 2e^{\frac{t}{2}} \rangle + \vec{C}\end{aligned}$$

Use the IC to find $\vec{C}$.

$$\begin{aligned}t=0 \Rightarrow \vec{r}(0) &= \langle 0, 0, 2 \rangle + \vec{C} \\ \langle 1, 3, 5 \rangle &= \langle 0, 0, 2 \rangle + \vec{C} \\ \vec{C} &= \langle 1, 3, 3 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, \frac{t^2}{2}, 2e^{\frac{t}{2}} \rangle + \langle 1, 3, 3 \rangle$$

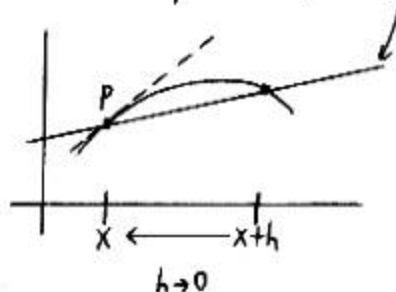
$$\boxed{\vec{r}(t) = \langle t+1, \frac{t^2}{2}+3, 2e^{\frac{t}{2}}+3 \rangle}$$

③ Geometry of $\vec{r}'(t)$

Calc I

$$y = f(x)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}}_{\text{= slope of secant line}}$$



= slope of tangent line (---) at P
(if it exists)

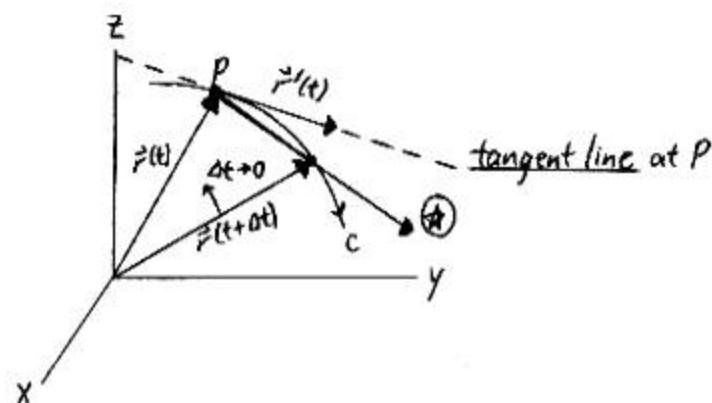
Calc III

$z = h(t)$
Don't use " $h \rightarrow 0$ "

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{\frac{\vec{r}(t + \Delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\Delta t}}_{\text{This lengthens } \Delta t \text{ if } 0 < \Delta t < 1}$$

= a tangent vector at P
direction consistent with
orientation of C at P

(if it exists)



Ex $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 4t, 3, t^2 \rangle$.
Find parametric eqs. for the tangent line to C at $P(8, 3, 4)$.

Sol'n

What's t at P ?

$$4t = 8$$

$$t = 2$$

$$\text{Check: } \vec{r}(2) = \langle 8, 3, 4 \rangle \checkmark$$

Find a tangent vector at P .

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 4, 0, 2t \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(2) = \langle 4, 0, 4 \rangle$$

Answer

$$\begin{cases} x = 8 + 4t \\ y = 3 \\ z = 4 + 4t \end{cases}, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

The curve
could self-
intersect

© Derivative Rules for VFs

When $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, f$ are differentiable (diff'c)...

D_t is a linear operator

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(i)} D_t [\vec{u}(t) + \vec{v}(t)] = \vec{u}'(t) + \vec{v}'(t) & \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Can } D_t \text{ term-by-term} \\ \text{Constant scalar factors} \\ \text{pop out.} \end{array} \right. \\ \text{(ii)} D_t [c\vec{u}(t)] = c\vec{u}'(t) & \end{array}$$

Product Rule analogs

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(iii)} D_t [\vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t)] = \vec{u}'(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t) + \vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}'(t) & \left| \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{if } \vec{u}, \vec{v} \text{ in } V_3 \end{array} \right. \\ \text{(iv)} \quad \quad \quad \times \quad \quad \quad \times \quad \quad \quad \times & \\ \text{(v)} D_t [\underbrace{f(t)}_{\text{scalar func.}} \vec{u}(t)] = f'(t) \vec{u}(t) + f(t) \vec{u}'(t) & \end{array}$$

in
Exercises

Chain Rule

$$\text{(vi)} D_t \vec{u}(f(t)) = \underbrace{[\vec{u}'(f(t))]}_{\text{}} [f'(t)] \quad \left| \quad D_t \vec{u}(\star) = [\vec{u}'(\star)] [D_t(\star)] \right.$$

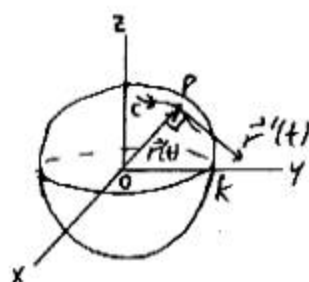
① "Sphere Theorem"

If $\vec{r}$ is diff'le and $\|\vec{r}(t)\|$ is constant on I ,
then $\vec{r}'(t) \perp \vec{r}(t)$ for every t in I .

Note $\|\vec{r}(t)\| = k \quad (k \geq 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \|(x, y, z)\| &= k \\ \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} &= k \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= k^2 \end{aligned}$$

i.e., If C lies entirely on a sphere centered at O ,
then for any point P on C , $\vec{OP} \perp$ tangent vector at P .



② $\mathbb{R}^2$ Circles

