

Quiz # 5.

Problem 1. Let $\vec{r}(t) = (\cos t, \ln t, e^{2t})$ be a vector function.

- a. Find the derivative of $\vec{r}(t)$. b. Find the unit tangent vector of $\vec{r}(t)$ at $t = 1$.

Solution. The derivative is

$$\vec{r}'(t) = ((\cos t)', (\ln t)', (e^{2t})') = (-\sin t, 1/t, 2e^{2t}).$$

Therefore, $\vec{r}(1) = (-\sin 1, 1, 2e^2)$ and the unit tangent vector is

$$\vec{T}(1) = \frac{\vec{r}'(1)}{|\vec{r}'(1)|} = \frac{(-\sin 1, 1, 2e^2)}{\sqrt{\sin^2 1 + 1 + 4e^4}}.$$

Answer.

$$\vec{r}'(t) = (-\sin t, 1/t, 2e^{2t}), \quad \vec{T}(1) = \frac{(-\sin 1, 1, 2e^2)}{\sqrt{1 + \sin^2 1 + 4e^4}}.$$

Problem 2. Find the length of the curve

$$\vec{r}(t) = (1/3)t^3 \mathbf{i} - t^2 \mathbf{j} + 2t \mathbf{k}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 3.$$

Solution. We have $\vec{r}(t) = (f(t), g(t), h(t))$ for $f(t) = (1/3)t^3$, $g(t) = -t^2$, $h(t) = 2t$. The length is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^3 \sqrt{(f'(t))^2 + (g'(t))^2 + (h'(t))^2} dt &= \int_0^3 \sqrt{t^4 + 4t^2 + 4} dt = \int_0^3 \sqrt{(t^2 + 2)^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^3 (t^2 + 2) dt = (t^3/3 + 2t) \Big|_0^3 = 15. \end{aligned}$$

Answer. 15

Problem 3. Find the domain of $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x - y^2}$.

Solution. The expression is defined whenever $x - y^2 \geq 0$, therefore the domain is the set of all points (x, y) such that $x \geq y^2$.

Answer. $\{(x, y) \mid x \geq y^2\}$.

Remark. Note that just equation $x \geq y^2$ is not acceptable as an answer, since the domain is a set of points on the plane (equivalently, a set of two-dimensional vectors) and not an equation.