

Quiz 3

Recitation time (Please circle): 1:50 3:00 4:10

SHOW ALL WORK FOR THE PROBLEMS!!! Unsupported answers might not receive full credit.

Problem 1 [4 pts]

Consider the parametrized curve $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle e^{2t}, 2e^{2t}, 2e^{-3t} \rangle$, for $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

(a) [1 pt] Compute $\mathbf{r}'(t)$.

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 2e^{2t}, 4e^{2t}, -6e^{-3t} \rangle$$

(b) [1 pt] Find a tangent vector at $t = \ln 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}'(\ln 2) &= \langle 2e^{2\ln 2}, 4e^{2\ln 2}, -6e^{-3\ln 2} \rangle \\ &= \langle 2e^{\ln 2^2}, 4e^{\ln 2^2}, -6e^{\ln 2^{-3}} \rangle \\ &= \langle 2 \cdot 2^2, 4 \cdot 2^2, -6 \cdot 2^{-3} \rangle \\ &= \langle 8, 16, -\frac{3}{4} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

(c) [2 pts] Find the unit tangent vector $\mathbf{T}(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{T}(t) &= \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \frac{\langle 2e^{2t}, 4e^{2t}, -6e^{-3t} \rangle}{\sqrt{4e^{4t} + 16e^{4t} + 36e^{-6t}}} \\ &= \frac{\langle 2e^{2t}, 4e^{2t}, -6e^{-3t} \rangle}{\sqrt{20e^{4t} + 36e^{-6t}}} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2 [6 pts]

A spaceship is traveling with acceleration $\mathbf{a}(t) = \langle t, e^{-t}, 1 \rangle$. At $t = 0$, the space ship was at initial point $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 4, 0, 0 \rangle$ and had initial velocity $\mathbf{v}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$.

(a) [3 pts] Find the velocity of the spaceship, for $t \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v}(t) &= \int \vec{a}(t) dt = \left\langle \int t dt, \int e^{-t} dt, \int 1 dt \right\rangle + \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{1}{2}t^2, -e^{-t}, t \right\rangle + \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

By $\vec{v}(0) = \langle 0, -1, 0 \rangle + \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$,

$$\langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v}(t) &= \left\langle \frac{1}{2}t^2, -e^{-t}, t \right\rangle + \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{1}{2}t^2, -e^{-t} + 1, t + 1 \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

(b) [3 pts] Find the position of the spaceship, for $t \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(t) &= \int \vec{v}(t) dt = \left\langle \int \frac{1}{2}t^2 dt, \int (-e^{-t} + 1) dt, \int (t + 1) dt \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{1}{6}t^3, e^{-t} + t, \frac{1}{2}t^2 + t \right\rangle + \langle d_1, d_2, d_3 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

By $\vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle + \langle d_1, d_2, d_3 \rangle = \langle 4, 0, 0 \rangle$

$$\langle d_1, d_2, d_3 \rangle = \langle 4, -1, 0 \rangle$$

So

$$\vec{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{1}{6}t^3 + 4, e^{-t} + t - 1, \frac{1}{2}t^2 + t \right\rangle$$