

Problem set on Vector Functions

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1. Find the domain of $\mathbf{f}(t) = \sin t \mathbf{i} + \ln(2 - t)\mathbf{j} + \sqrt{t + 1}\mathbf{k}$.

(Ans. $[-1, 2)$)

2. Given $\mathbf{f}(t) = t^2\mathbf{i} + \frac{t}{1+t}\mathbf{j} + \frac{1-\cos t}{2t}\mathbf{k}$, find $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \mathbf{f}(t)$.

(Ans. =vector 0)

3. Find the derivative of the following functions wherever it exists.

- $\mathbf{f}(t) = t^2\mathbf{i} + \frac{t}{1+t}\mathbf{j} + \frac{1-\cos t}{2t}\mathbf{k}$

(Ans. $\mathbf{f}'(t) = 2t\mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{(1+t)^2}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2t \sin t - 2(1-\cos t)}{4t^2}\mathbf{k}$)

- $\mathbf{g}(t) = \cos(4t)\mathbf{i} + \ln(2 - t)\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$

(Ans. $\mathbf{g}'(t) = -4\sin(4t)\mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{2-t}\mathbf{j}$)

- $\mathbf{f}(t) \cdot \mathbf{g}(t)$

(Ans. $-4t^2 \sin(4t) + 2t \cos(4t) - \frac{t}{(2-t)(1+t)} - \ln(1+t)\ln(2-t) + \frac{2t \sin t - 2(1-\cos t)}{4t^2}$)

- $\mathbf{f}(t) \times \mathbf{g}(t)$

(Use $(\mathbf{f}(t) \times \mathbf{g}(t))' = \mathbf{f}'(t) \times \mathbf{g}(t) + \mathbf{f}(t) \times \mathbf{g}'(t)$)

- $\mathbf{f}'(t) \times \mathbf{g}'(t)$

(Use $\mathbf{f}''(t) \times \mathbf{g}(t) + \mathbf{f}(t) \times \mathbf{g}''(t)$)

- $\mathbf{f}(t^2 + e^{-t})$

(Ans. $2(t^2 + e^{-t})\mathbf{i} - \ln(1 + t^2 + e^{-t})\mathbf{j} + \frac{2t \sin(t^2 + e^{-t}) - 2(1 - \cos(t^2 + e^{-t}))}{4(t^2 + e^{-t})^2}(2t - e^{-t})\mathbf{k}$)

4. Find the second derivative of the following:

- $(t^2 e^t \mathbf{i} - t^3 \mathbf{j}) \times (t e^{-2t} \mathbf{i} + t^2 \mathbf{j})$
- $(\ln t e^t \mathbf{i} - t^2 \mathbf{j}) \cdot (t \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$

(Use product rule for finding the derivative)

5. Find the unit tangent vector at the indicated point and parameterize the tangent line at the indicated point.

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \cos \pi t \mathbf{i} + \sin \pi t \mathbf{j} + t \mathbf{k} \quad \text{at } t = 3.$$

$$(\text{Ans. } \mathbf{T}(3) = \frac{-\pi \mathbf{j} + 3 \mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{\pi^2 + 9}} \text{ and } \mathbf{r}(t) = -\mathbf{i} + 3 \mathbf{k} + t \left(\frac{-\pi \mathbf{j} + 3 \mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{\pi^2 + 9}} \right))$$

6. Find the unit tangent vector and the principal normal vector at the indicated point and parameterize the tangent line and the normal at the indicated point.

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = t \mathbf{i} + t^2 \mathbf{j} + t^3 \mathbf{k} \quad \text{at } t = 1.$$

Also, find the equation of the osculating plane.

$$(\text{Ans. } \mathbf{T}(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} (\mathbf{i} + 2 \mathbf{j} + 3 \mathbf{k}), \mathbf{N}(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{266}} (-11 \mathbf{i} - 8 \mathbf{j} + 9 \mathbf{k}),$$

Osculating plane: $3x - 3y + z = 1$)

7. Find the point at which the curves intersect and find the angle of intersection.

$$\mathbf{r}_1(t) = e^{3t} \mathbf{i} + 4 \sin\left(t + \frac{1}{2}\pi\right) \mathbf{j} + (t^2 - 1) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_2(u) = u \mathbf{i} + 4 \mathbf{j} + (u^2 - 2) \mathbf{k}$$

(Ans. (1, 4, -1))

8. Find the points on the curve $\mathbf{r}(t)$ at which the curves $\mathbf{r}(t)$ and $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ have the opposite direction.

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = 5t \mathbf{i} + (3 + t^2) \mathbf{j}$$

(Ans. $(-5\sqrt{3}, 6, 0)$)

9. Find the unit tangent vector, principal normal vector, and an equation in x, y, z for the osculating plane at the point on the curve corresponding to the indicated value of t .

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{i} + 6t \mathbf{j} + 3t^2 \mathbf{k} \quad \text{at } t = 1.$$

(Ans. $\mathbf{T}(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(j + k)$), $\mathbf{N}(1) = \frac{512}{289\sqrt{2}}\left(-\frac{1}{2}j + 15k\right)$

and osculating plane is given by $x = 1$).