

# MATH 2401 - Harrell

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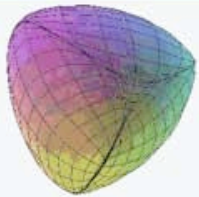
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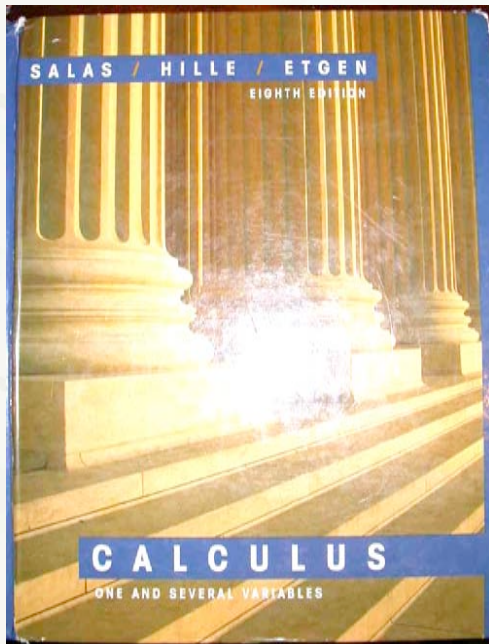
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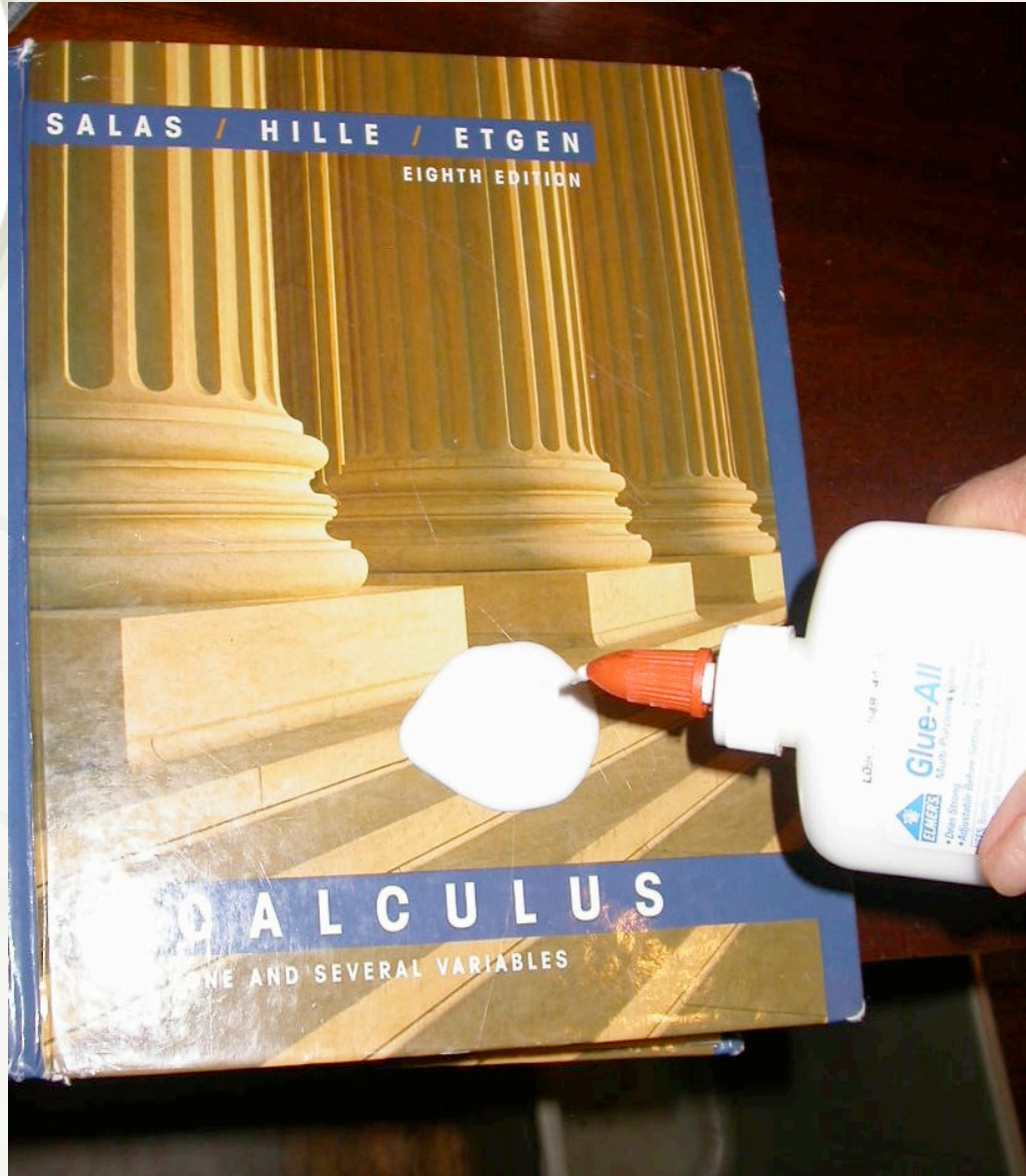
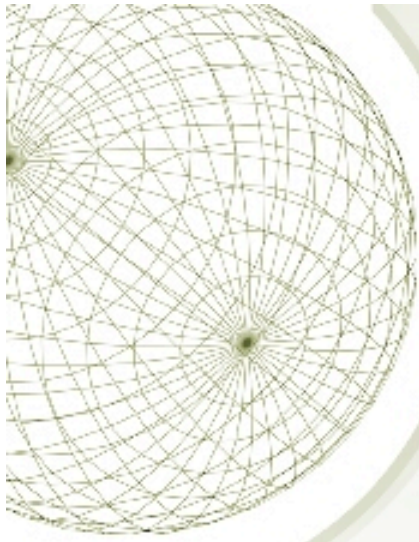
- I am working on materials for the class and looking forward to meeting my students on Monday afternoon. Meanwhile, if you want to [introduce yourself](#), please do!
- The [Syllabus](#) is ready.

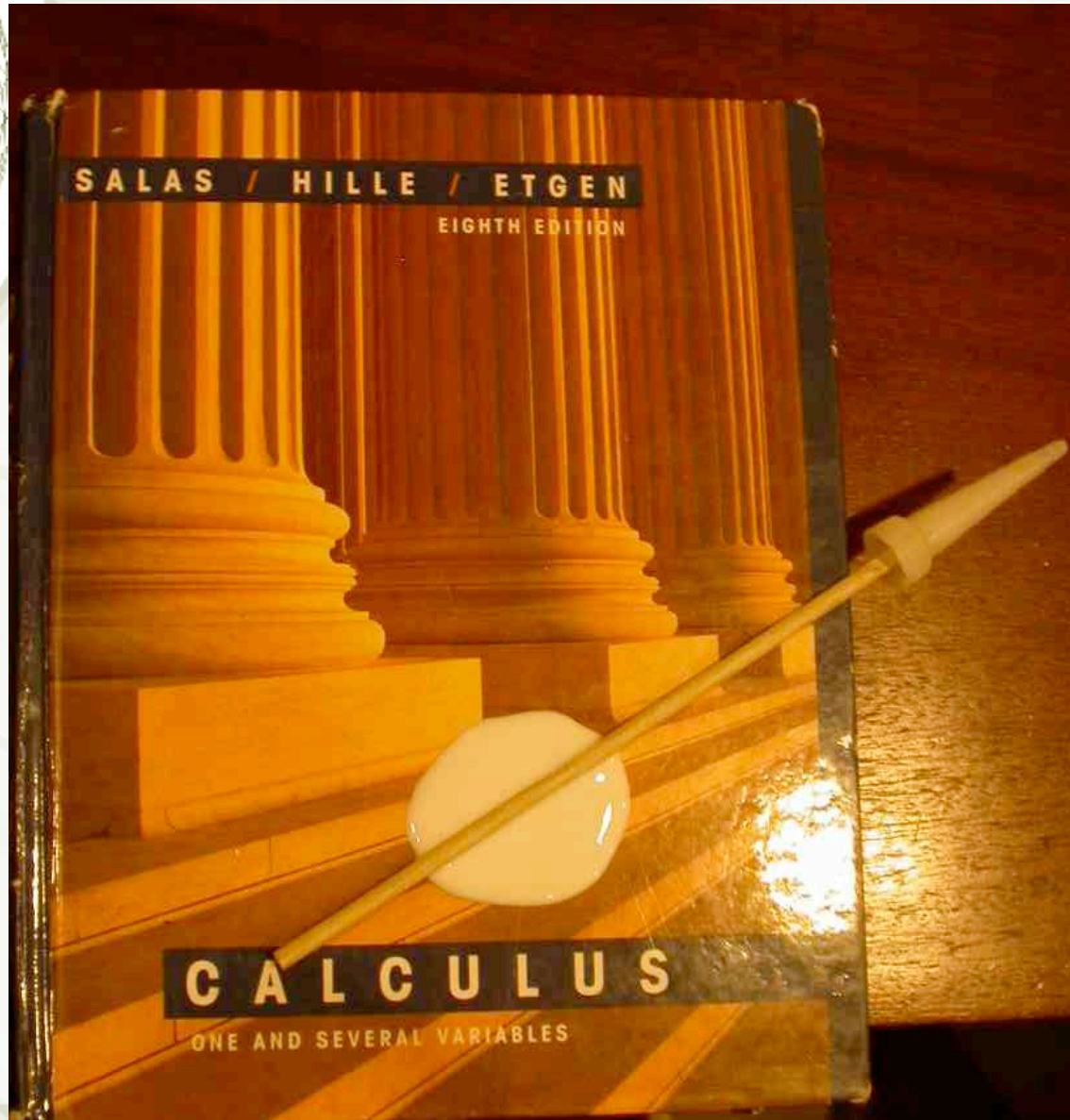
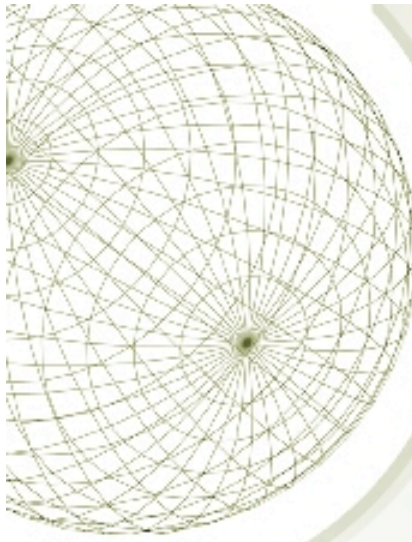
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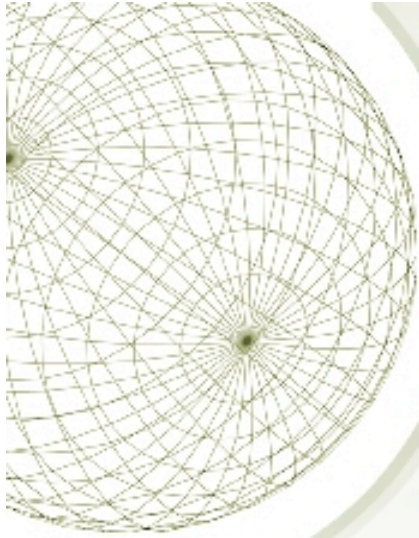
- The class [syllabus](#)
- [The School of Mathematics on-line resources](#) for the first two years of calculus. This contains links to Maple worksheets, Java applets, and other materials used in Math 2401.
- The [vector calculus page](#) at [mathphysics.com](http://mathphysics.com)
- The [generic syllabus for Calculus III](#)

*Just to see what happens,  
let's glue together two ideas.*









# *Vectors & Functions*

## *Vectors & Derivatives*

*But first - Vector Boot Camp!*



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# *Two ways to analyze vectors*

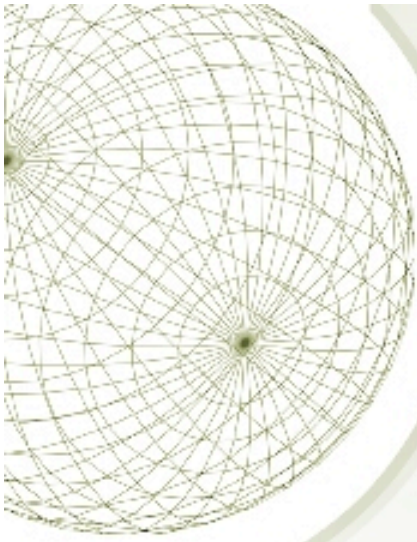
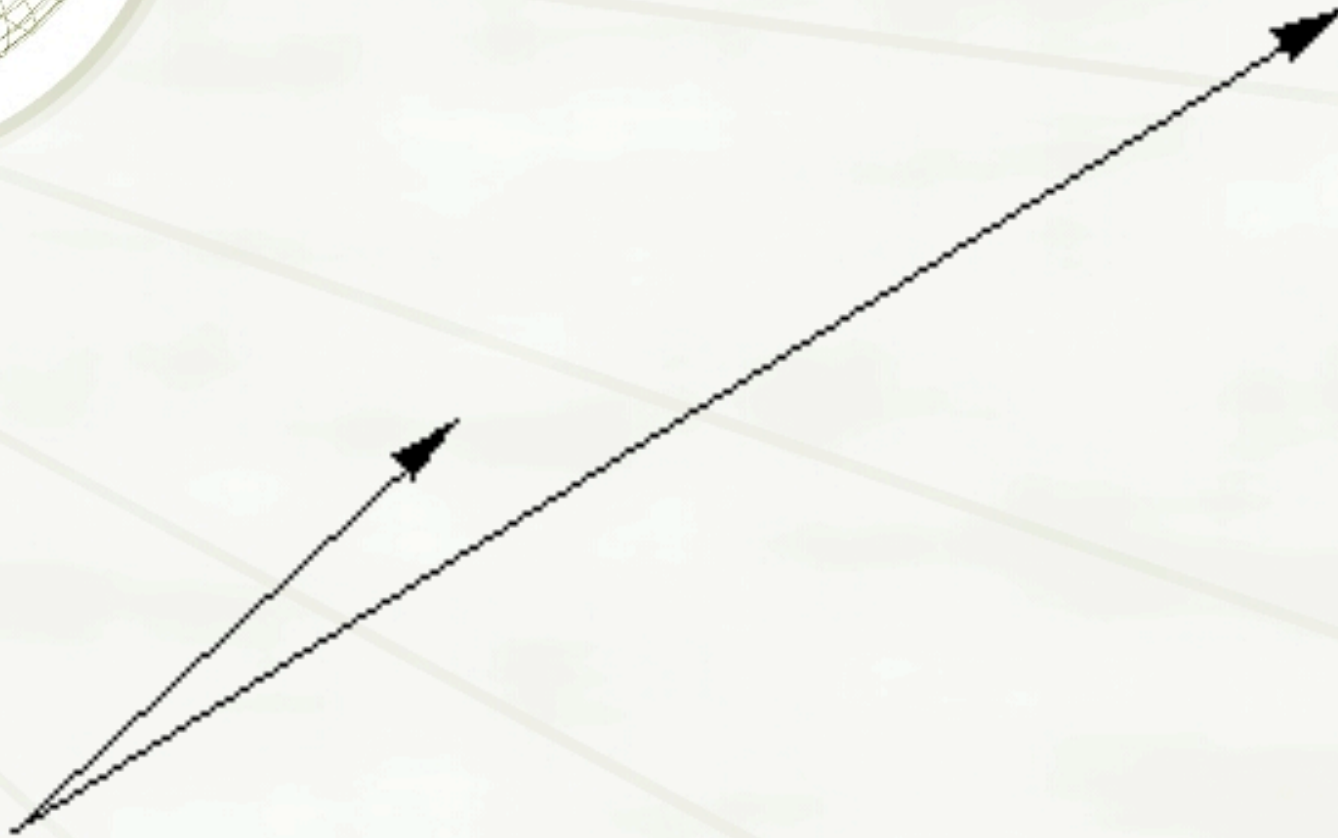
1. Use components

2. Use length and direction

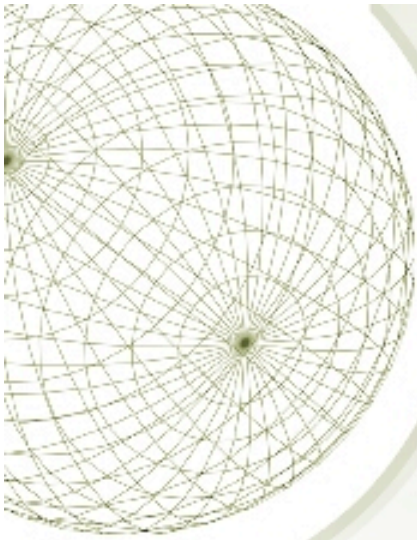




# *Positive correlation*



# *Negative correlation*



$$\vec{V} = (4, -5, 8)$$

$$\vec{W} = (4, -6, 6)$$

$$\alpha \vec{V} + \beta \vec{W} = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{X} \perp \vec{V} \text{ also } \vec{W}$$

2 ways to multiply  $\vec{V}, \vec{W}$

Dot, or scalar product.

$$\vec{V} \cdot \vec{W}$$

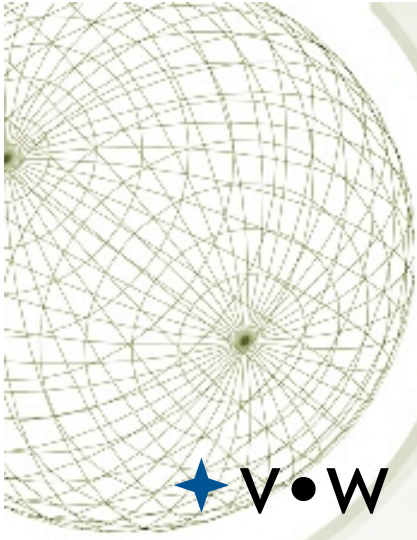
# The dot (or scalar) product

*Thou shalt know this!*

$$\vec{V} \cdot \vec{W} = |\vec{V}| |\vec{W}| \cos \alpha$$

$$= V_1 W_1 + V_2 W_2 + V_3 W_3$$

Vectors in  
Scalar out!



# *Correlation and the dot product*

★  $v \cdot w > 0$  . . . . Positive correlation

★  $v \cdot w < 0$  . . . . Negative correlation

★  $v \cdot w = 0$  . . . . Orthogonal

= perpendicular

= uncorrelated



Thou shalt know this!

# *The cross (or vector) product*

★ 2 vectors in, vector out

★  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} = |\mathbf{v}| |\mathbf{w}| \sin(\alpha) \mathbf{z}$ , where  $\mathbf{z}$  is a unit vector perpendicular to both  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ , according to the right-hand rule.

★  $|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}| = \text{area of parallelogram formed from } \mathbf{v} \text{ and } \mathbf{w}.$

★  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} = (v_2 w_3 - v_3 w_2) \mathbf{i} + (v_3 w_1 - v_1 w_3) \mathbf{j} + (v_1 w_2 - v_2 w_1) \mathbf{k}$



## *Some tricky stuff*

Cross products.  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$ . (In fact ..... ) What's right is right and what's left is left. Same for calculus.

2 curves

$$\vec{r}_a(t) + \vec{r}_b(t)$$

$$= (x_a(t) + x_b(t), y_a(t) + y_b(t), z_a(t) + z_b(t))$$

$$t \rightarrow x(t)$$

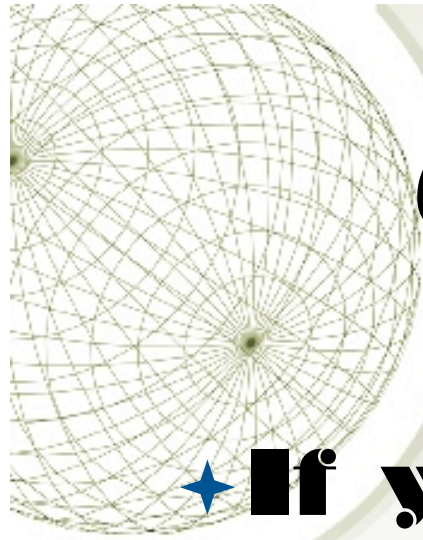
$$\downarrow y(t)$$

$$\downarrow z(t)$$

If I put these together

$$t \rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$$
$$= x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j} + z(t)\hat{k}$$





*One of the great tricks of  
vector calculus:*

★ **If you can rewrite a vector  
problem in some way as a  
scalar problem, it becomes  
“kindergarten math.”**

## Vectors and Functions

**Curve.** At a certain time (scalar), just where are you (vector)?

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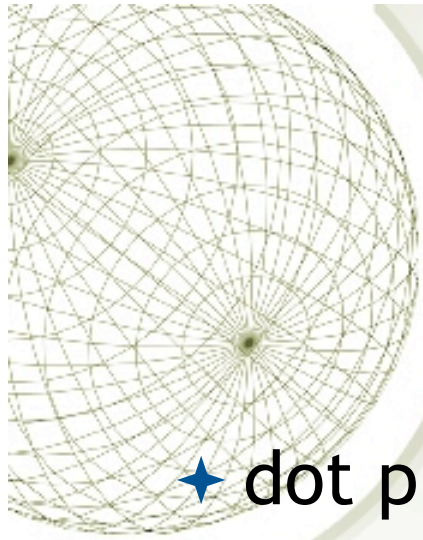
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# *Why on earth would you differentiate a*

- ★ dot product
- ★ cross product ?



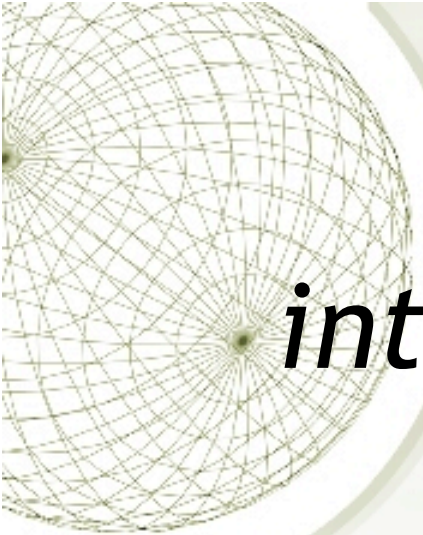
# *Examples*

- ★ How fast is the angle between two vectors changing?

$$\cos \theta(t) = \mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{w}(t)$$

(You'll need product and chain rule.)

- ★ How fast is the angular momentum changing?  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$ .



*Why on earth would you  
integrate a vector function?*



## *Examples*

- ★ Given velocity  $\mathbf{v}(t)$  find position  $\mathbf{x}(t)$ .
- ★ Power =  $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  Work is the integral of this. If, say,  $\mathbf{v}$  is fixed, you can integrate  $\mathbf{F}$  and then dot it with  $\mathbf{v}$ .



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- ★ Integrals and derivs of  $\alpha \mathbf{f}(t)$ ,  $\mathbf{f}(t)+\mathbf{g}(t)$ , etc.
- ★ Also - because of this - you can always calculate component by component.



## *Some nice curves*

★ 2D spiral:

$$(x(t), y(t)) = (t \cos(t), t \sin(t))$$

★ Lissajoux figure:

$$(x(t), y(t)) = (\cos(2 t), \sin(3 t))$$

★ 3D helix:

$$(x(t), y(t), z(t)) = (4\cos(t), 4\sin(t), t)$$