

Vectors in motion

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- Uncle Si -John Saylor Coon, 1854-1938, Founder of GT School of Mechanical Engineering,

"Engineering is common sense first, and mathematics next."

Any business to take care of?

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- Dr. Harrell,
- Greetings! Thank you for all of the informative emails. I have a question in
- regards to the homework: are we to submit it during lectures on MW or during the
- recitation on T/Th? Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.
- Best regards,

ANSWER: Please submit your homework to the TA at recitation.







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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 θ(t) = v(t)•w(t)
(You'll need product and chain rule.)
How fast is the angular momentum changing? L = r × p.

Why on earth would you integrate a vector function?

Examples

Given velocity v(t) find position x(t).
Power = F • v .

Work is the integral of this. If, say, v is fixed, you can integrate F and then dot it with v.

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 Also - because of this - you can always calculate component by component. Calculus is built on the idea of a limit. What does a limit mean for vector functions?

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Some kind of scalar that depends on t

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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." Calculus is built on the idea of a limit. What does a limit mean for vector functions?

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$\|\mathbf{f}(t) - \mathbf{L}\|^2 = (f_1 - L_1)^2 + (f_2 - L_2)^2 + (f_3 - L_3)^2$

◆ So if the left side \rightarrow 0, each and every one of the contributions on the right \rightarrow 0 as well. And conversely.

You can do calculus in terms of vectors or components. You choose.

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A mystical picture:

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The derivative $\frac{d \vec{v}(t)}{dt} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\vec{v}(t+h) - \vec{v}(t)}{h}$ $= \widehat{\left(\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{V_1(6th) - V_1(t)}{h} \right)} + \widehat{\left(\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{V_2(6th) - V_2(t)}{h} \right)}$ etc.

The derivative d V(t) = lim hat kind of animal. A: Vec. $= \hat{I} \left(\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{V_1(6th) - V_1(t)}{h} \right) + \hat{J} \left(\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{V_2(6th) - V_2(t)}{h} \right)$ etc.

 $f_{i}\bar{g} = f_{i}g_{i} + f_{z}g_{z}$ $(t \cdot \bar{q}) = f_1 g_1 + f_2 g_2$ + t, 9 + tz 9 f) . q + + 19

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+ Some limit examples + spiral x(t) = t cos t, y(t) = t sin t

+parabola $x(t) = t^2$, y(t) = -t

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product rule(s)

(u(t) f(t))' = u'(t) f(t) + u(t) f'(t)
(f(t)•g(t))' = f'(t)•g(t) + f(t)•g'(t)
(f(t)×g(t))' = f'(t)×g(t) + f(t)×g'(t)

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+ chain rule

+ (f(u(t)))' = u'(t) f'(u(t))

Example: If u(t) = t² and f(x) = sin(x)i - 2 x j, then f(u(t)) = sin(t²)i - 2 t² j, and its derivative:

+ 2 t $\cos(t^2)i - 4 t j$ is equal to

+2 t $(\cos(x)i - 2j)$ when we substitute $x = t^2$.

 2 ways to calculate: substitute and then differentiate, or chain rule

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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.

Some tricky stuff

Suppose that the length of a vector $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is fixed. Then \mathbf{r} (t) is always perpendicular to $\mathbf{r}'(t)$.

And vice versa.

) uppose $\left| \overline{F}(t) \right| = 16$ What can I tell about velocity? = 21. dr $\vec{V} = \frac{d}{dt}\vec{r}$ r'.V = 0 $|\vec{r}|^2 = 256$ "r.r.

What about integrals of vectors? (Find position from velocity.)

How does it work?

Is there a +C? What kind of an animal is the +C?

The bottom line

Don't worry about the basic rules of calculus for vector functions. They are pretty much like the ones you know and love.

Some great curves and how to write them as parametrized curves

circles and ellipses
spirals
helix
Lissajous figures

Some Nice Curves

- Graphics -

 $\mathbf{Spiral}[t_] := \{t \operatorname{Cos}[t], t \operatorname{Sin}[t]\}$

 ${\tt Spiral3D[t_] := \{t \, Cos[t], \, t \, Sin[t], \, 0\}}$

ParametricPlot[Spiral[t], {t, 0, 10}]

What is we change the parameter t -> Sinh[s], for instance?

ParametricPlot[Spiral[Sinh[s]], {s, 0, 2}]

 $ParametricPlot3D[Spiral3D[t], (t, 0, 30), ViewPoint \rightarrow (5, 0, 4)]$

ParametricPlot[Spiral[Sinh[s]], (s, 0, 2)]

- Graphics -

Helix[t_] := {Cos[4Pit], Sin[4Pit], t}

ParametricPlot3D[Helix[t], (t, 0, 5), PlotPoints + 360]

- Graphics3D -

 $Solenoid[t_{-}, r_{-}, R_{-}, w_{-}] := \{(R + r \cos[w t]) \cos[t], (R + r \cos[w t]) \sin[t], R + r \sin[w t]\}$

ParametricPlot3D[Solenoid[t, 1, 2, 20], {t, 0, 10}, PlotPoints + 360]

