

- 1 (5 points) Calculate the equation of the tangent line to the curve $r = 1 + 2 \cos(\theta)$ at the point where $\theta = \pi/2$. Give your equation in terms of x and y .

Point: $r = 1 + x \cos \pi/2 = 1$, $x = r \cos \theta = 1 \cdot \cos \pi/2 = 0$, $y = r \sin \theta = 1 \cdot \sin \pi/2 = 1$

Slope: $x = r \cos \theta = (1 + 2 \cos \theta) \cos \theta$, $dx/d\theta = -2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - (1 + 2 \cos \theta) \sin \theta$.

At $\theta = \pi/2$ we have $dx/d\theta = -1$.

$y = r \sin \theta = (1 + 2 \cos \theta) \sin \theta$, $dy/d\theta = -2 \sin^2 \theta + (1 + 2 \cos \theta) \cos \theta$.

At $\theta = \pi/2$ we have $dy/d\theta = -2$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = 2$$

Line: $y - 1 = 2x$

- 2 (5 points) Compute the distance from the point $(3, 2, 1)$ to the plane $x + 2y + 3z = 1$.

Plug in $y = 0$ and $z = 0$ to get the point $(1, 0, 0)$ on the plane.

(Any point on the plane will do.)

Let \mathbf{v} be the vector from $(1, 0, 0)$ to $(3, 2, 1)$. Then $\mathbf{v} = \langle 2, 2, 1 \rangle$.

The distance from $(3, 2, 1)$ to the plane is the magnitude of the projection of \mathbf{v} onto $\mathbf{N} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$, the normal vector of the plane.

$$\text{distance} = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{N}}{|\mathbf{N}|} = \frac{2 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 3}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{14}}.$$

- 3 (8 points) Compute parametric equations for the line that contains the point $(-1, 2, -3)$ and is parallel to both of the planes $2x - y = 3$ and $x - 2y + 3z = 2$.

The direction vector is $\langle 2, -1, 0 \rangle \times \langle 1, -2, 3 \rangle = \langle -3, -6, -3 \rangle$.

Any nonzero scalar multiple will work so I'll use $\langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle$.

The parametric equations are

$$\begin{cases} x = t - 1 \\ y = 2t + 2 \\ z = t - 3 \end{cases}$$

- 4 (6 points) Find a vector function $\mathbf{r}(t)$ that represents the curve of intersection of the surfaces $4x^2 + (z - 1)^2 = 9$ and $y = 3x^2$.

Rewrite the first equation as $\left(\frac{2x}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z-1}{3}\right)^2 = 1$.

So set $\frac{2x}{3} = \cos(t)$ and $\frac{z-1}{3} = \sin(t)$.

We have $y = 3 \cdot \left[\frac{3}{2} \cos(t)\right]^2$

The vector function is $\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{3}{2} \cos(t), \frac{27}{4} \cos^2(t), 3 \sin(t) + 1 \right\rangle$.

5 (12 points) Let $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^3, t^2, t^3 - 2t \rangle$.

(a) (6 points) Compute the curvature κ at the point $(-1, 1, 1)$.

The point $(-1, 1, 1)$ is at $t = -1$.

$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 3t^2, 2t, 3t^2 - 2 \rangle$ so $\mathbf{r}'(-1) = \langle 3, -2, 1 \rangle$.

$\mathbf{r}''(t) = \langle 6t, 2, 6t \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}''(-1) = \langle -6, 2, -6 \rangle$.

Then $\mathbf{r}'(-1) \times \mathbf{r}''(-1) = \langle 10, 12, -6 \rangle$ and

$$\kappa(-1) = \frac{|\mathbf{r}'(-1) \times \mathbf{r}''(-1)|}{|\mathbf{r}'(-1)|^3} = \frac{\sqrt{280}}{(\sqrt{14})^3} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{7} \approx 0.32.$$

(b) (6 points) Find the arclength of this curve between the points $(-1, 1, 1)$ and $(1, 1, -1)$. Set up the integral, but do not evaluate.

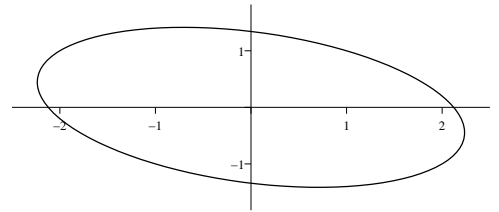
The point $(1, 1, -1)$ is at $t = 1$.

We use the arc length formula $s = \int_{-1}^1 |\mathbf{r}'(t)| dt$.

The integral is $\int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{(3t^2)^2 + (2t)^2 + (3t^2 - 2)^2} dt$.

This can be simplified to $\int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{18t^4 - 8t^2 + 4} dt$.

- 6 (8 points) Find the exact coordinates of the lowest point on the curve in \mathbf{R}^2 given by the parametric equations $x = 2 \cos(t) + \sin(t)$, $y = \sin(t) - \cos(t)$.



Solve $\frac{dy}{dt} = \cos(t) + \sin(t) = 0$ $\sin(t) = -\cos(t)$ $\tan(t) = -1$.

This means $t = -\frac{\pi}{4}$ or $\frac{3\pi}{4}$.

Note that $\frac{dx}{dt} = -2 \sin(t) + \cos(t)$ is non-zero at these values.

You can tell from the picture that the minimum is at $t = -\frac{\pi}{4}$.

Here $x = 2 \cos(-\pi/4) + \sin(-\pi/4) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ and $y = \sin(-\pi/4) - \cos(-\pi/4) = -\sqrt{2}$.

- 7 (6 points) A particle in \mathbf{R}^3 has position function $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t^3 + 1, t^2, 3t - t^2 \rangle$. Find the speed of the particle when $t = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}'(t) &= \langle 6t^2, 2t, 3 - 2t \rangle \\ \mathbf{r}'(2) &= \langle 24, 4, -1 \rangle \\ |\mathbf{r}'(2)| &= \sqrt{24^2 + 4^2 + (-1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{593} \end{aligned}$$