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Week 14 Problem Solutions

Problem 1 $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 3t - t^3, 3t^2, 3t + t^3 \rangle \Rightarrow \vec{r}(1) = \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle$

$\vec{v}(t) = \langle 3 - 3t^2, 6t, 3 + 3t^2 \rangle \Rightarrow \vec{v}(1) = \langle 0, 6, 6 \rangle$

$\|\vec{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{(3-3t^2)^2 + (6t)^2 + (3+3t^2)^2} = \sqrt{9 - 18t^2 + 9t^4 + 36t^2 + 9 + 18t^2 + 9t^4}$

$\|\vec{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{18t^4 + 36t^2 + 18} = \sqrt{18(t^4 + 2t^2 + 1)} = \sqrt{18} \cdot \sqrt{(t^2 + 1)^2}$

$\Rightarrow \|\vec{v}(t)\| = 3\sqrt{2}(t^2 + 1) \Rightarrow \|\vec{v}(1)\| = 6\sqrt{2}$ (which you could also get from above)

$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{v}(t)}{\|\vec{v}(t)\|} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}(t^2 + 1)} \langle 3 - 3t^2, 6t, 3 + 3t^2 \rangle$

$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\langle \frac{1-t^2}{t^2+1}, \frac{2t}{t^2+1}, 1 \right\rangle \Rightarrow \vec{T}(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle$

$\vec{a}(t) = \langle -6t, 6, 6t \rangle \Rightarrow \vec{a}(1) = \langle -6, 6, 6 \rangle$

$\vec{T}'(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\langle \frac{(t^2+1)(-2t) - (1-t^2)(2t)}{(t^2+1)^2}, \frac{(t^2+1)(2) - (2t)(2t)}{(t^2+1)^2}, 0 \right\rangle$

$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\langle \frac{-2t^3 - 2t - 2t + 2t^3}{(t^2+1)^2}, \frac{2t^2 + 2 - 4t^2}{(t^2+1)^2}, 0 \right\rangle$

$\vec{T}'(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\langle \frac{-4t}{(t^2+1)^2}, \frac{2-2t^2}{(t^2+1)^2}, 0 \right\rangle$

To find $\bar{N}(1)$, $\bar{T}'(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle$ and $\bar{N}(1) = \frac{\bar{T}'(1)}{\|\bar{T}'(1)\|}$.

Since $\|\bar{T}'(1)\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, we get $\bar{N}(1) = \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle$.

The osculating plane goes through $\bar{r}(1) = \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle$ with direction vectors $\bar{T}(1) = \langle 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle$ and $\bar{N}(1) = \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle$.

In vector form: $\langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle + t \langle 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle + s \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle$.

In parametric form: $x = 2 - s$, $y = 3 + \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$, $z = 4 + \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$.

For normal form, find $\langle 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle \times \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle$

$$\langle 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle \times \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle$$

Normal form: $\langle x, y, z \rangle \cdot \langle 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle = \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{y}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \boxed{-y + z = 1}$$

For decomposition of $\bar{a}(t)$: $\bar{a}(t) = \|\bar{v}(t)\|' \bar{T}(t) + \|\bar{v}(t)\| \|\bar{T}'(t)\| \bar{N}(t)$

$$\|\bar{v}(t)\| = 3\sqrt{2}(t^2+1) \Rightarrow \|\bar{v}(t)\|' = 6\sqrt{2}t \Rightarrow \|\bar{v}(1)\|' = 6\sqrt{2}$$

$$\|\bar{v}(1)\| = 3\sqrt{2}(1^2+1) \Rightarrow \|\bar{v}(1)\| = 6\sqrt{2}. \text{ Therefore}$$

$$\langle -6, 6, 6 \rangle = \bar{a}(1) = 6\sqrt{2} \langle 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle + (6\sqrt{2})(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{a}(1) = 6\sqrt{2} \bar{T}(1) + 6 \bar{N}(1)$$

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Problem 2 • The x - y components trace out a circle of radius a . The z component moves upwards, so the graph is a helix in which position rises $2\pi b$ units each time x - y coordinates complete a circle.

$$\bullet \boxed{\vec{v}(t) = \langle -a\sin t, a\cos t, b \rangle}, \boxed{\vec{a}(t) = \langle -a\cos t, -a\sin t, 0 \rangle}$$

$$\|\vec{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{a^2\sin^2 t + a^2\cos^2 t + b^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \Rightarrow \|\vec{v}\|^2 = (a^2 + b^2)^{3/2}$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{a} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -a\sin t & a\cos t & b \\ -a\cos t & -a\sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \langle ab\sin t, -ab\cos t, \overbrace{a^2\sin^2 t + a^2\cos^2 t}^{a^2} \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}\| = \sqrt{a^2b^2\sin^2 t + a^2b^2\cos^2 t + (a^2)^2} = \sqrt{a^2b^2 + a^4} = a\sqrt{b^2 + a^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}\|}{\|\vec{v}\|^3} = \frac{a\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{(a^2 + b^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\bullet \boxed{\vec{T}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \langle -a\sin t, a\cos t, b \rangle}$$

$$\vec{T}'(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \langle -a\cos t, -a\sin t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{T}'(t)\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sqrt{\underbrace{a^2\cos^2 t + a^2\sin^2 t}_{a^2}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\bar{N}(t) = \frac{\bar{T}'(t)}{\|\bar{T}'(t)\|} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \langle -a \cos t, -a \sin t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{N}(t) = \langle -\cos t, -\sin t, 0 \rangle} \quad \text{To show } \bar{T}(t) \perp \bar{N}(t):$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{T}(t) \cdot \bar{N}(t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \langle -a \sin t, a \cos t, b \rangle \cdot \langle -\cos t, -\sin t, 0 \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} (a \sin t \cos t - a \cos t \sin t + 0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{At } t=\pi: \bar{r}(\pi) = \langle -a, 0, b\pi \rangle, \bar{T}(\pi) = \left\langle 0, \frac{-a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right\rangle$$

$$\bar{N}(\pi) = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle.$$

$$\bar{T}(\pi) \times \bar{N}(\pi) = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ 0 & \frac{-a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} & \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \left\langle 0, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right\rangle$$

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle \cdot \langle -a, 0, b\pi \rangle = \langle -a, 0, b\pi \rangle \cdot \left\langle 0, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right\rangle$$

$$-ax + b\pi z = \frac{ab}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \quad \text{Normal form for osculating plane}$$

$\|\bar{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{a^2+b^2}$ is constant, so $\|\bar{v}(t)\|' = 0$. Therefore the

tangential component of acceleration is 0. The normal

component of acceleration is $\|\bar{v}(t)\| \|\bar{T}'(t)\|$ which is

$$\sqrt{a^2+b^2} \cdot \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} = a. \quad \text{You can also see this from formulae above because } \bar{a}(t) = a \bar{N}(t).$$

③ Problem 3 $\|\bar{v}(t)\|^2 = \bar{v}(t) \cdot \bar{v}(t)$, so $\bar{a}(t)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|\bar{v}(t)\|^2 = \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{v}(t) \cdot \bar{v}(t)) = \bar{v}'(t) \cdot \bar{v}(t) + \bar{v}(t) \cdot \bar{v}'(t) = 2 \bar{v}(t) \cdot \bar{v}'(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \|\bar{v}(t)\|^2 = 2 \bar{v}(t) \cdot \bar{a}(t).$$

Problem 4 4(a) $\bar{v}(t)$ is not parallel to $\bar{r}(t)$ means $\bar{v}(t) \neq c\bar{r}(t)$ for any $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Therefore $\{\bar{r}(t), \bar{v}(t)\}$ is independent, so $\bar{r}(t) \times \bar{v}(t) \neq \bar{0}$.

Since $\bar{a}(t) = -k\bar{r}(t)$, we have $\bar{a}(t) + k\bar{r}(t) = \bar{0}$ so $\{\bar{r}(t), \bar{a}(t)\}$ is linearly dependent. Therefore, $\bar{r}(t) \times \bar{a}(t) = \bar{0}$.

4(b) $\frac{d}{dt} [\bar{r}(t) \times \bar{v}(t)] = (\bar{r}'(t) \times \bar{v}(t)) + (\bar{r}(t) \times \bar{v}'(t))$
 $= (\bar{v}(t) \times \bar{v}(t)) + (\bar{r}(t) \times \bar{a}(t)) = \bar{0} + \bar{0} = \bar{0}.$

Since $(\bar{r}(t) \times \bar{v}(t))' = \bar{0}$ we have $\bar{r}(t) \times \bar{v}(t) = \bar{c}$ for some constant vector $\bar{c}$.

4(c) Since $\bar{r}(t) \times \bar{v}(t) = \bar{c}$ we know that $\bar{r}(t) \perp \bar{c}$ for all t . Therefore, $\bar{r}(t)$ lies in a plane with normal vector $\bar{c}$ (and contains the point $\bar{r}(0)$, or any other specific value $\bar{r}(t_0)$ for fixed t_0).

Problem 5 $\bar{v}(t) = \langle \sqrt{2}, e^t, -e^{-t} \rangle \Rightarrow \|\bar{v}\| = \sqrt{2 + (e^t)^2 + (-e^{-t})^2}$

$$\Rightarrow \|\bar{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{2 + e^{2t} + e^{-2t}} = \sqrt{(e^t + e^{-t})^2} = e^t + e^{-t}$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \int_0^1 e^t + e^{-t} dt = e^t - e^{-t} \Big|_0^1 = (e^1 - e^{-1}) - (e^0 - e^0) = \boxed{e - \frac{1}{e}}$$

[Skip Problem 6 - not covered on exam.]

Problem 7 **7(a)** We know $\vec{a}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}''(t)}{\|\vec{r}(t)\|} = \|\vec{v}(t)\|' \frac{\vec{T}(t)}{\|\vec{v}(t)\|} + \|\vec{v}(t)\| \|\vec{T}'(t)\| \frac{\vec{N}(t)}{\|\vec{v}(t)\|}$.

Since $\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t)$ this shows $a_T(t) = \|\vec{v}'(t)\|$. For $a_N(t)$, take cross product of both sides with $\vec{v}(t)$, or equivalently $\vec{v}'(t)$:

$$\begin{array}{c} \vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t) \\ \uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow \\ \vec{v}(t) \quad \vec{a}(t) \end{array} = a_T(t) \underbrace{(\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{T}(t))}_{\vec{0} \text{ b/c } \vec{r}'(t) \text{ and } \vec{T}(t) \text{ point in same direction}} + a_N(t) (\vec{v}(t) \times \vec{N}(t))$$

We know $a_N(t) \geq 0$ by formula above
So no absolute values here

$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\| = a_N(t) \|\vec{v}(t) \times \vec{N}(t)\| = a_N(t) \|\vec{v}(t)\| \underbrace{\|\vec{N}(t)\|}_{1} \sin \theta$$

and $\sin \theta = 1$ b/c $\vec{v}(t) \perp \vec{N}(t)$ since $\vec{v}(t)$ in same direction as $\vec{T}(t)$.

$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\| = a_N(t) \cdot \|\vec{v}(t)\| \Rightarrow a_N(t) = \frac{\|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\|}{\|\vec{v}(t)\|}$$

7(b) $\vec{v}(t) = \langle 2t, 2t, 3t^2 \rangle \Rightarrow \vec{a}(t) = \langle 2, 2, 6t \rangle$

$$\|\vec{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{4t^2 + 4t^2 + 9t^4} = \sqrt{9t^4 + 8t^2} \Rightarrow \|\vec{v}(t)\|' = \frac{36t^3 + 16t}{2\sqrt{9t^4 + 8t^2}}$$

Simplifying, $a_T(t) = \|\vec{v}\|' = \frac{18t^2 + 8}{\sqrt{9t^2 + 8}}$
(tangential component of $\vec{a}(t)$)

$$\vec{v}(t) \times \vec{a}(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2t & 2t & 3t^2 \\ 2 & 2 & 6t \end{vmatrix} = \langle 6t^2, -6t^2, 0 \rangle, \quad \|\vec{v}(t) \times \vec{a}(t)\| = \sqrt{36t^4 + 36t^4}$$

$\therefore a_N(t) = \frac{6\sqrt{2}t^2}{\sqrt{9t^4 + 8t^2}} = \frac{6\sqrt{2}t}{\sqrt{9t^2 + 8}}$
Normal component of $\vec{a}(t)$

Skip 7(c) and Problem 8