

Quiz 2

B Term, 2017

Show all work needed to reach your answers.

High: 25
 Median: 21
 Low: 18

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§9.6

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1. (8 points) Please find all unit vectors that are tangent to the curve $y = x^3 - x$ at the point $(1, 0)$. Hint: Consider $x(t) = \langle t, t^3 - t \rangle$. $\Rightarrow \vec{v}(t) = \vec{x}'(t) = \langle 1, 3t^2 - 1 \rangle$

The curve goes through $(1, 0)$ when $t=1$, so $\vec{v}(1) = \langle 1, 2 \rangle$.

Thus $\hat{T}(1) = \frac{\vec{v}(1)}{\|\vec{v}(1)\|} = \langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \rangle$ is a unit vector tangent to this curve. The other unit vector tangent to this curve is its negative: $\langle -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \rangle$.

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§2

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2. (7 points) Consider the helix traced out by the vector function $x(t) = \langle 2 \cos t, 2 \sin t, 3t \rangle$. Please find $s(t)$.

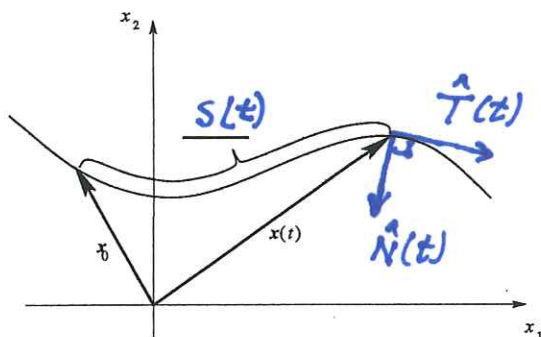
By definition: $s(t) = \int_0^t \|\vec{x}'(\tau)\| d\tau = \int_0^t \sqrt{(2 \sin \tau)^2 + (2 \cos \tau)^2 + 3^2} d\tau$

$$= \int_0^t \sqrt{4(\sin^2 \tau + \cos^2 \tau) + 9} d\tau = \int_0^t \sqrt{13} d\tau = \sqrt{13} t$$

$s(t) = \sqrt{13} t$

3. (10 points) For the vector function $x(t)$, please complete the following table and diagram, drawing and labeling $T(t)$ and the unit normal vector:

1 point each,
 max 10



Symbol

Defined as (in symbols)

Name

 $T(t)$

$$\frac{\vec{v}(t)}{\|\vec{v}(t)\|} = \frac{\vec{x}'(t)}{\|\vec{x}'(t)\|}$$

Unit tangent vector

 $\hat{N}(t)$

$$\frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|}$$

unit normal vector

 $s'(t)$

$$\|\vec{x}'(t)\| = \|\vec{v}(t)\|$$

speed

 $K(s)$

$$\left| \frac{dT}{ds} \right|$$

curvature