

## 12.4 Tangent and Normal Vectors Cont'd

Tangential Component of acceleration

$$a_T = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$$

Normal Component of acceleration

$$a_N = \frac{\|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}\|}{\|\vec{v}\|}$$

Ex: Given  $\vec{r}(t) = [t, \frac{t^2}{2}, \frac{t^3}{3}]$ .

Find  $a_T$  and  $a_N$ .

$$\vec{v}(t) = [1, t, t^2]$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = [0, 1, 2t]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a} &= 0 + t + 2t^3 \\ &= t + 2t^3\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{v}\| &= \sqrt{1^2 + t^2 + (t^2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{t^4 + t^2 + 1}\end{aligned}$$

$$a_T = \frac{t + 2t^3}{\sqrt{t^4 + t^2 + 1}}$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{a} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & t & t^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(2t^2 - t^2) - \vec{j}(2t) + \vec{k}(1)$$

$$= [t^2, -2t, 1]$$

$$\|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}\| = \sqrt{(t^2)^2 + (-2t)^2 + 1^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{t^4 + 4t^2 + 1}$$

$$a_N = \frac{\|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}\|}{\|\vec{v}\|}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{t^4 + 4t^2 + 1}}{\sqrt{t^4 + t^2 + 1}}$$

Ex: Let  $\vec{r} = [e^t, e^t \cos t, e^t \sin t]$

Find  $a_T(t)$  and  $a_N(t)$  evaluated at  $t=0$ .

$$\vec{v} = [e^t, -e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t, e^t \cos t + e^t \sin t]$$

$$\vec{a} = [e^t, \cancel{-e^t \cos t} - \underbrace{e^t \sin t - e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t}_{-2e^t \sin t},$$

$$\cancel{-e^t \sin t} + \underbrace{e^t \cos t + e^t \cos t + e^t \sin t}_{2e^t \cos t}]$$

$$\vec{v}(0) = [1, 1, 1]$$

$$\vec{a}(0) = [1, 0, 2]$$

$$a_T(0) = \frac{\vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{a}(0)}{\|\vec{v}(0)\|}$$

$$= \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}}$$

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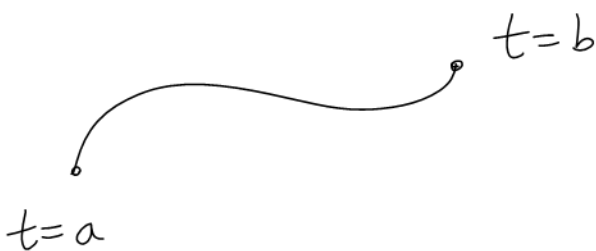
$$a_N(0) = \frac{\|\vec{v}(0) \times \vec{a}(0)\|}{\|\vec{v}(0)\|}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \vec{i}(2) - \vec{j}(1) + \vec{k}(-1) \\ &= [2, -1, -1] \end{aligned}$$

## 12.5 Arc Length



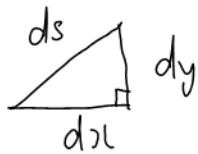
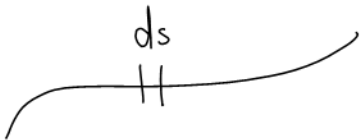
$s = \text{arc length}$

$$S = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt \quad (2D)$$

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$$\text{or } S = \int_a^b \|\vec{v}(t)\| dt \quad (2D \text{ or } 3D)$$

Why?



$$ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2$$

$$ds = \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2}$$

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$$= \|\vec{v}(t)\| dt$$

Ex: Find the arc length of

$$\vec{r}(t) = [\cos 3t, \sin 3t, 2t] \quad \text{on } 0 \leq t \leq 4\pi.$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = [-3\sin 3t, 3\cos 3t, 2]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{v}(t)\| &= \sqrt{9\sin^2 3t + 9\cos^2 3t + 4} \\ &= \sqrt{9(\underbrace{\sin^2 3t + \cos^2 3t}_1) + 4} \\ &= \sqrt{13}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}s &= \int_a^b \|\vec{v}(t)\| dt \\ &= \int_0^{4\pi} \sqrt{13} dt \\ &= \left. \sqrt{13} t \right|_0^{4\pi} \\ &= \sqrt{13} (4\pi) \\ &= 4\pi\sqrt{13}\end{aligned}$$

Ex: Find the arc length of

$$\vec{r}(t) = [2t^2 + 1, t^3 + 5] \quad \text{on} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = [4t, 3t^2]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{v}(t)\| &= \sqrt{(4t)^2 + (3t^2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16t^2 + 9t^4}\end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{t^2(16+9t^2)}$$

$$= |t| \sqrt{16+9t^2}$$

$$= t \sqrt{16+9t^2} \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1)$$

$$S = \int_a^b \|\vec{v}(t)\| dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 t \sqrt{16+9t^2} dt$$

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