

Math 233 - Quiz 5

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Name key

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Show all work to receive full credit. Supply explanations when necessary.

1. (2 points) Let $\vec{r}(t) = t^2 \hat{i} + t^3 \hat{j} + t \hat{k}$. Compute $\hat{T}(t)$.

$$\vec{r}'(t) = 2t \hat{i} + 3t^2 \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{4t^2 + 9t^4 + 1}$$

$$\hat{T}(t) = \frac{2t \hat{i} + 3t^2 \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{1+4t^2+9t^4}}$$

2. (3 points) What are the three important characteristics of the unit tangent vector?

- ① IT IS A UNIT VECTOR (MAGNITUDE 1).
- ② IT IS TANGENT TO THE CURVE.
- ③ IT POINTS IN THE DIRECTION OF MOTION (OR ORIENTATION).

3. (4 points) Let $\vec{r}(t) = (4t^2 + 3) \hat{i} + 5 \hat{j} + (t^2 + 7) \hat{k}$. Reparameterize r in terms of the arc length parameter starting from $t = 0$.

$$\vec{r}'(t) = 8t \hat{i} + 2t \hat{k}$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{64t^2 + 4t^2} = \sqrt{68} t, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$s = \int_0^t \sqrt{68} u \, du = \frac{\sqrt{68}}{2} t^2 = \sqrt{17} t^2$$

$$\vec{R}(s) = \left(\frac{4s}{\sqrt{17}} + 3 \right) \hat{i} + 5 \hat{j} + \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{17}} + 7 \right) \hat{k}$$

$$s = \sqrt{17} t^2 \Rightarrow t^2 = \frac{s}{\sqrt{17}}$$

4. (1 point) Let $\vec{R}(s)$ be your reparameterization above. What is the magnitude of $\vec{R}'(s)$?

$$\|\vec{R}'(s)\| = 1. \quad \text{I DON'T NEED TO COMPUTE IT;}$$

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IT MUST BE SO!