

MTH 202: Quiz 2

Name: key

Time: 30 minutes

Use of notes, note cards, cellphones or PDAs are not allowed during the quiz.

(1) Find the vector equation of the tangent line to  $r(t) = \langle \cos t, 2 \sin t, 2t \rangle$  at the point where  $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$ .

Show all the reasoning, in a step by step manner, which leads to the logical conclusion.

$$\bar{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin t, 2\cos t, 2 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{r}'\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \left\langle -\frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{3}, 2 \right\rangle$$

$$\bar{r}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 1, \frac{\pi}{3} \right\rangle$$

Therefore, the vector equation of the tangent line is:

$$\bar{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 1, \frac{\pi}{3} \right\rangle + t \left\langle -\frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{3}, 2 \right\rangle \text{ for some } t$$

or

$$\bar{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}t, 1 + \sqrt{3}t, \frac{\pi}{3} + 2t \right\rangle \text{ for some } t. //$$

(2) Find the vector equation of  $\bar{r}(t) = \langle 3t, 4 - t, t + 1 \rangle$  using arc length  $s$  as a parameter. Use the point on the curve where  $t = 0$  as the reference point.

Show all your reasoning, in a step by step manner, which leads to the logical conclusion.

$$\bar{r}'(t) = \langle 3, -1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\bar{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow s = \int_0^t \sqrt{11} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow s = \sqrt{11}t$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{s}{\sqrt{11}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{r}(s) = \left\langle \frac{3}{\sqrt{11}}s, 4 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}s, \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}s + 1 \right\rangle //$$

(3) Find the curvature of  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, t^2, t^3 \rangle$  at  $t = 1$ .

Show all your reasoning, in a step by step manner, which leads to the logical conclusion.

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 1, 2t, 3t^2 \rangle \implies \vec{r}'(1) = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle 0, 2, 6t \rangle \implies \vec{r}''(1) = \langle 0, 2, 6 \rangle$$

$$\implies \vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t) = \langle 6, -6, 2 \rangle$$

$$\implies \|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\| = \sqrt{76} = 2\sqrt{19}$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{14} \implies \|\vec{r}'(t)\|^3 = 14\sqrt{14}$$

$$\implies \kappa(1) = \frac{\sqrt{19}}{7\sqrt{14}} //$$

(4) A particle moves through 3-space in such a way that its velocity

$\vec{v}(t) = \langle 2, -4t^3, 6\sqrt{t} \rangle$ . If the particle was initially (i.e. when  $t = 0$ ) at the point

$(1, 5, 3)$  then find the position (coordinates of the point) of the particle when  $t = 1$ .

Show all your reasoning, in a step by step manner, which leads to the logical conclusion.

Let  $\vec{r}(t)$  be the position function of the particle.

$$\text{Then } \vec{r}(t) = \int \langle 2, -4t^3, 6t^{1/2} \rangle dt$$

$$= \langle 2t, -t^4, 4t^{3/2} \rangle + \vec{C}$$

$$\text{Since, } \vec{r}(0) = \langle 1, 5, 7 \rangle, \quad \vec{C} = \langle 1, 5, 3 \rangle.$$

$$\implies \vec{r}(t) = \langle 2t+1, 5-t^4, 4t^{3/2}+3 \rangle$$

$$\implies \vec{r}(1) = \langle 3, 4, 7 \rangle$$

$\therefore$  The particle will be at  $(3, 4, 7)$  when  $t = 1$ . //