



# WARM UP!!



Find each of the following:

$$1) \frac{d}{dx} (3x^2 - 2x + 6)$$

$$2) \frac{d}{dx} (5x\sqrt{x-6})$$

$$3) \frac{d}{dx} ((5x^3 - 4x)^7)$$

$$4) \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{4x}{2x^2 + 3} \right)$$

$$5) \frac{d}{dx} (\sin 8x)$$

$$6) \frac{d}{dx} (3e^{4x})$$

$$7) \frac{d}{dx} (5^{\cos 3x})$$

$$8) \frac{d}{dx} ((4 \tan(x^2))(\ln(6x)))$$

$$1) 6x - 2$$

$$2) 5\sqrt{x-6} + \frac{5x}{2\sqrt{x-6}} \text{ or } \frac{15x-60}{2\sqrt{x-6}}$$

$$3) 7(5x^3 - 4x)^6 (15x^2 - 4)$$

$$4) \frac{4(2x^2 + 3) - 4x(4x)}{(2x^2 + 3)^2} = \frac{12 - 8x^2}{(2x^2 + 3)^2}$$

$$5) 8 \cos 8x$$

$$6) 12e^{4x}$$

$$7) 5^{\cos 3x} (-3 \sin 3x) (\ln 5)$$

$$8) (8x \sec^2 x^2) (\ln 6x) + \frac{4 \tan x^2}{x}$$

## 13.2a Derivatives of Vector-Valued Functions

### LEARNING TARGETS

At the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- differentiate a vector-valued function



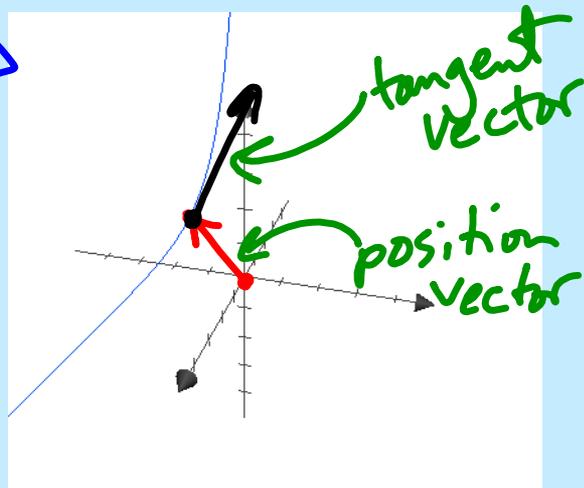
To differentiate a vector-valued function, simply take the derivative of each component separately.

The derivative,  $r'(t)$ , is called the **tangent vector** and gives the direction of a vector tangent to the curve at any given value of  $t$ .

ex)  $r(t) = \langle 1/t, \ln t, e^{2t} \rangle$  find  $r'(t)$ . Then sketch the position vector and the tangent vector at  $t = 1$ .

$$r'(t) = \left\langle -\frac{1}{t^2}, \frac{1}{t}, 2e^{2t} \right\rangle$$

$$r'(1) = \langle -1, 1, 2e^2 \rangle$$



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Smoothness: a curve,  $r(t)$ , is smooth at all intervals where  $r'(t)$  is continuous and  $r'(t) \neq \langle 0, 0 \rangle$  (or  $\langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ )

Note: all components must equal 0 at the same value of  $t$  for a sharp turn (called a 'cusp' or a 'node') to occur

ex) Determine the interval(s) on which

$r(t) = \langle 3t, t^2 - 1, (1/4)t \rangle$  is smooth

✓  $r'(t) = \langle 3, 2t, 1/4 \rangle$  so  $r(t)$  is smooth on  $(-\infty, \infty)$

$r(t)$  is smooth for  $t$  in  $(-\infty, \infty)$

If  $r(t)$  is a smooth curve, then the **unit tangent vector**,  $T(t)$  is:

$$T(t) = \frac{r'(t)}{\|r'(t)\|}$$

The unit tangent vector is a unit vector whose direction is the same as the direction of the curve at any given value of  $t$

ex) Find the unit vector,  $T(t)$  tangent to the curve  $r(t) = \langle t, t^2 \rangle$ . Then find  $T(1)$ .



$$r'(t) = \langle 1, 2t \rangle$$

$$T(t) = \frac{\langle 1, 2t \rangle}{\sqrt{1 + 4t^2}}$$

$$T(1) = \frac{\langle 1, 2 \rangle}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\checkmark T(t) = \frac{\langle 1, 2t \rangle}{\sqrt{1 + 4t^2}} \quad \text{so } T(1) = \frac{\langle 1, 2 \rangle}{\sqrt{5}}$$

Practice!

1) Find the interval(s) on  $[0, 2\pi]$  on which the vector-valued function  $r(\theta) = \langle \theta - 2\cos\theta, \sqrt{3}\theta + 2\sin\theta \rangle$  is smooth

2) Given  $r(t) = \langle e^{-t}, t^2, \tan t \rangle$ , find:  $r'(t) = \langle -e^{-t}, 2t, \sec^2 t \rangle$

a)  $r'(t) \cdot r''(t) = -e^{-2t} + 4t + 2\sec^4 t \tan t$   
 $r''(t) = \langle e^{-t}, 2, 2\sec^2 t \tan t \rangle$

b)  $r'(t) \times r(t)$

3) a) Find the angle,  $\theta$ , between  $r(t)$  and  $r'(t)$  as a function of  $t$  if  $r(t) = \langle t^2, t \rangle$ .

b) Find all values of  $t$  for which  $r(t)$  and  $r'(t)$  are orthogonal

3a)  $r'(t) = \langle 2t, 1 \rangle$

$$r(t) \cdot r'(t) = 2t^3 + t = 0$$

$$t(2t^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$t = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{r(t) \cdot r'(t)}{|r(t)| |r'(t)|} = \frac{2t^3 + t}{\sqrt{t^4 + t^2} \sqrt{4t^2 + 1}}$$

$$\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{2t^3 + t}{\sqrt{t^4 + t^2} \sqrt{4t^2 + 1}}\right)$$

$\langle 0, 0 \rangle$   
 $\langle 0, 1 \rangle$

1)  $r'(\theta) = \langle 1 + 2\sin\theta, \sqrt{3} + 2\cos\theta \rangle$

$\sin\theta = -1/2$  at  $\theta = \dots, 7\pi/6, 11\pi/6, \dots$

$\cos\theta = -\sqrt{3}/2$  at  $\theta = 5\pi/6, 7\pi/6, \dots$

so  $r'(\theta) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$  at  $\theta = 7\pi/6$

The intervals of smoothness would be written as

$(0, 7\pi/6) \cup (7\pi/6, 2\pi)$

2)  $r'(t) = \langle -e^{-t}, 2t, \sec^2 t \rangle$

a)  $-e^{-2t} + 4t + 2\sec^4 t \tan t$

b)  $\langle 2t \tan t - t^2 \sec^2 t, e^{-t} \tan t + e^{-t} \sec^2 t, -t^2 e^{-t} - 2te^{-t} \rangle$

3)  $r(t) = \langle t^2, t \rangle$ ,  $r'(t) = \langle 2t, 1 \rangle$

a)  $\theta = \arccos((2t^3 + t) / (\sqrt{t^4 + t^2} \sqrt{4t^2 + 1}))$

$= \arccos((2t^2 + 1) / (\sqrt{t^2 + 1} \sqrt{4t^2 + 1}))$

b) for  $r$  and  $r'$  to be orthogonal,  $2t^3 + t = 0$ , so  $t = 0$ ; this leads to the vectors  $\langle 0, 0 \rangle$  and  $\langle 0, 1 \rangle$  which seems weird since  $\langle 0, 0 \rangle$  is more of a point than a vector, so I looked it up and the zero vector is considered orthogonal to every vector (however, you cannot use this for most applications where you need a normal vector).

# What have we learned??

- Can I find the derivative of a vector-valued function?

