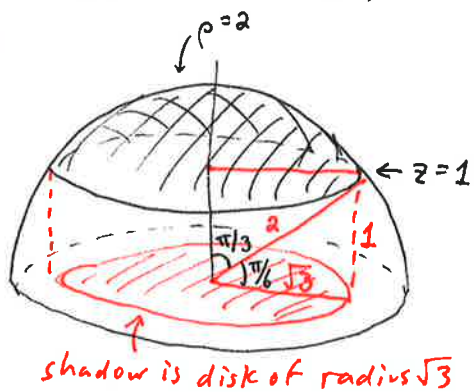


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- combinatorics of objects in algebra, geometry, topology, etc.
- uses polyhedra to understand power series e.g. $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots$ (!)

Example. Set up an integral for the solid "spherical cap" inside $\rho=2$ and above $z=1$.



Rectangular:

$$\int_{x=-\sqrt{3}}^{\sqrt{3}} \int_{y=\sqrt{3-x^2}}^{\sqrt{3-x^2}} \int_{z=1}^{\sqrt{4-x^2-y^2}} f(x,y,z) dz dy dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= 2^2 \\ z^2 &= 4 - x^2 - y^2 \\ z &= \sqrt{4 - x^2 - y^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 - r^2} \end{aligned}$$

Cylindrical:

$$\int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^{\sqrt{3}} \int_{z=1}^{\sqrt{4-r^2}} f(x,y,z) \cdot r \cdot dz \cdot dr \cdot d\theta$$

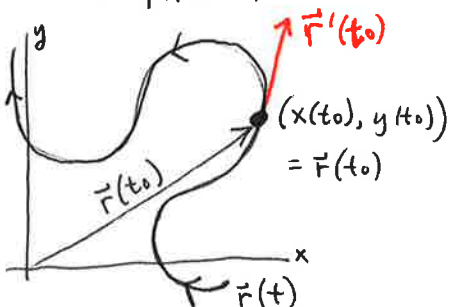
Spherical:

$$\int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi/3} \int_{\rho=1/\cos\phi}^2 f(x,y,z) \rho^2 \sin\phi d\rho d\phi d\theta$$

plane $z=1$:
 $\Rightarrow \rho \cdot \cos\phi = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \rho = \frac{1}{\cos\phi}$

Curves! Any curve can be described parametrically by $\vec{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ (ant on paper)

For example, in 2D:



$\vec{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$ (fly in air)

At any time t , the location of the fly is $\vec{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t))$;
 the direction of travel is given by $\vec{r}'(t) = (x'(t), y'(t))$, the tangent vector to the curve at the point $\vec{r}(t)$.

The magnitude of the tangent vector, $|\vec{r}'(t)|$, is the speed of the fly.

So $\vec{r}'(t)$ is the velocity (direction and speed) vector, and $\vec{r}''(t)$ is the acceleration vector.

Example. Suppose you fire a pebble from a slingshot at the origin, at an angle of 45° with a speed of $\sqrt{2}$ meters/sec. Assume that the only force acting on the pebble is gravity, at g meters/sec². Find parametric equations for its position.



When and where does the pebble hit the ground?
 when $y(t) = 0$.

- start with acceleration: $\vec{r}''(t) = [0, -g]$
- integrate to get velocity: $\vec{r}'(t) = [0 + c_1, -gt + c_2]$ $\leftarrow c_1, c_2$ are the "tc" integration constants
- we know $\vec{r}'(0) = [1, 1]$: $\vec{r}'(0) = [c_1, c_2] = [1, 1] \Rightarrow c_1 = 1, c_2 = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \vec{r}'(t) = [1, -gt + 1]$
- integrate to get position: $\vec{r}(t) = [t + c_3, -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + t + c_4]$ $\leftarrow c_3, c_4$ are the integration constants
- we know $\vec{r}(0) = [0, 0]$: $\vec{r}(0) = [c_3, c_4] = [0, 0] \Rightarrow c_3 = 0, c_4 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = [t, -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + t]$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x(t) = t \\ y(t) = t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \end{cases} = 0 \text{ to see when it hits the ground } \Rightarrow t(1 - \frac{1}{2}gt) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow t=0$ or $t = \frac{2}{g}$
 start \uparrow hits at ≈ 0.2 sec.

How far does the pebble / bug / fly travel? We need to find the arclength.

Recall: distance = rate \times time, so distance traveled in time "dt" is speed $\times dt = \|\vec{r}'(t)\| \cdot dt$.

So the total distance (arclength) traveled from time $t=a$ to $t=b$ is

magnitude of velocity vector

$$\int_{t=a}^{t=b} \underbrace{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}_{\text{rate}} \underbrace{dt}_{\text{time}}$$

Let's test it out on a circle to see if it works.

Example: Find the length of a circle of radius R . (We expect the answer to be $2\pi R$.)

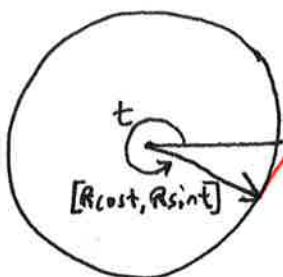
$$\vec{r}(t) = [R\cos(t), R\sin(t)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}'(t) = [-R\sin(t), R\cos(t)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{(-R\sin(t))^2 + (R\cos(t))^2} = R$$

so its length is $\int_{t=0}^{t=2\pi} R \cdot dt = Rt \Big|_{t=0}^{t=2\pi} = \underline{2\pi R}$. (it works!)

Picture:



$\vec{r}'(t) = [-R\sin(t), R\cos(t)]$ is the direction vector of the particle. It has a constant speed of $\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = R$.

Check this out:

$$\vec{r}''(t) = [-R\cos(t), -R\sin(t)] = -\vec{r}(t)$$

So the acceleration vector points toward the center of the circle.

acceleration

Example: A lazy house fly is languidly circling toward the ceiling light in a helix (corkscrew), with her path described by $\vec{r}(t) = [\cos 3t, \sin 3t, t]$, with distance in feet and time in minutes. Find how far she travels from time $t=0$ to time $t=2\pi$.

OK, we have $\vec{r}(t) = [\cos 3t, \sin 3t, t]$

so $\vec{r}'(t) = [-3\sin 3t, 3\cos 3t, 1]$

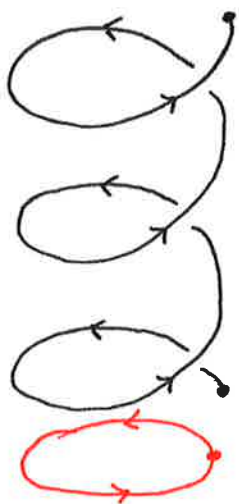
$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{(-3\sin 3t)^2 + (3\cos 3t)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{9+1} = \sqrt{10}$$

constant speed of $\sqrt{10}$ ft/min

So the length is $\int_{t=0}^{t=2\pi} \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt = \int_{t=0}^{t=2\pi} \sqrt{10} dt = \sqrt{10} t \Big|_{t=0}^{t=2\pi} = 2\pi\sqrt{10}$ feet.

Check this out: $\vec{r}''(t) = [-9\cos 3t, -9\sin 3t, 0]$ not accelerating in the z-direction.

Shadow of path in the xy-plane is $(\cos 3t, \sin 3t)$ - a triple-speed unit circle.



Example: Suppose $f(x,y)$ = depth of gold dust at point (x,y) and you vacuum along the curve $C = \{\vec{r}(t) \text{ from } t=a \text{ to } t=b\}$. How much gold dust will you suck up?

$$\int_C f(x,y) \, dS$$

depth distance parameter along the curve C

