

HW 1 will be due Friday before the lecture (upload pdf to Bb).

Quiz 1 will be during the first 20 minutes of Monday's lecture, ~ 11:40 - 12:00.



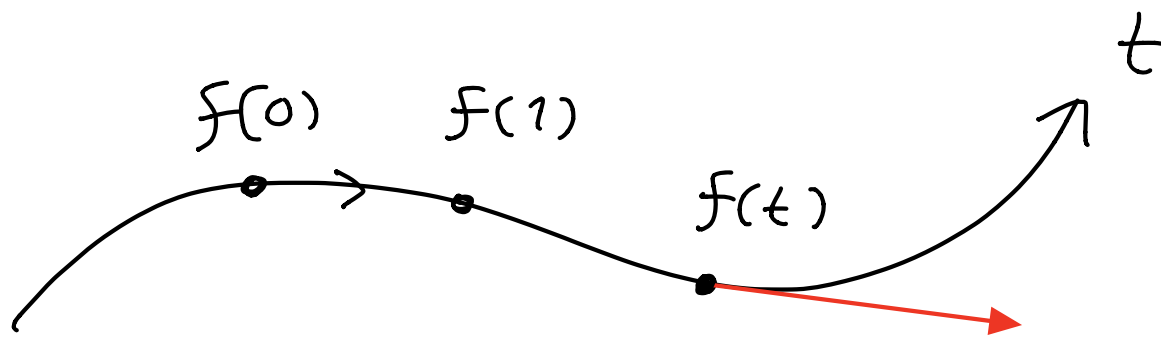
Last time § 1.1 & 1.2 in openstax.

Review: A function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ can be thought of as a "parametrized curve" in the plane \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$f(t) = (x(t), y(t))$$

the position of the particle at time t .

You should think of this as a picture:

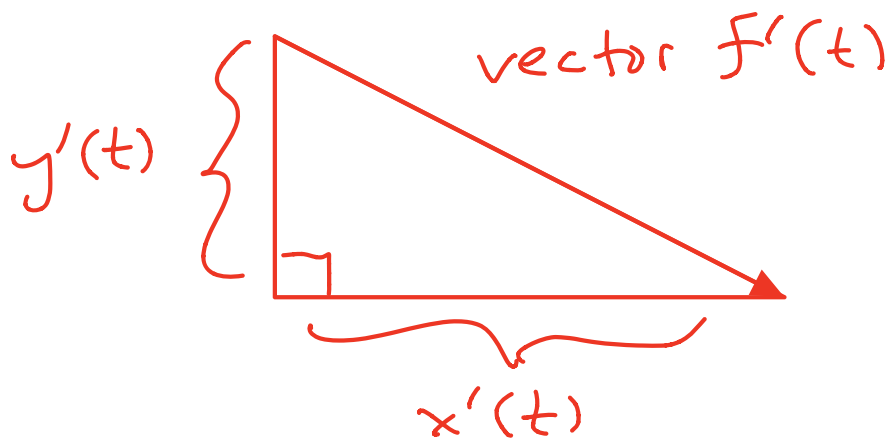


the red arrow is the
 "instantaneous velocity" at time t

$$f'(t) = (x'(t), y'(t))$$

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = \left(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} \right)$$

The "instantaneous speed" at time t is the length of the velocity vector, which we compute using the Pythagorean theorem:



$$\begin{aligned}\text{speed} &= \text{length of vector } \mathbf{f}'(t) \\ &= \| \mathbf{f}'(t) \| \\ &= \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2}.\end{aligned}$$

The distance traveled (the arc length) by the particle between times $t = a$ & $t = b$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\text{distance} &= \int \text{speed } dt \\ &= \int_a^b \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt\end{aligned}$$

Arc length integrals are usually very difficult to solve. But here is an example that is not so bad.

Example : The curve defined by

$$y^2 = x^3$$

is called a semi-cubical parabola (also called "Neile's parabola"). It can be parametrized as follows :

$$F(t) = (x(t), y(t)) = (t^2, t^3).$$

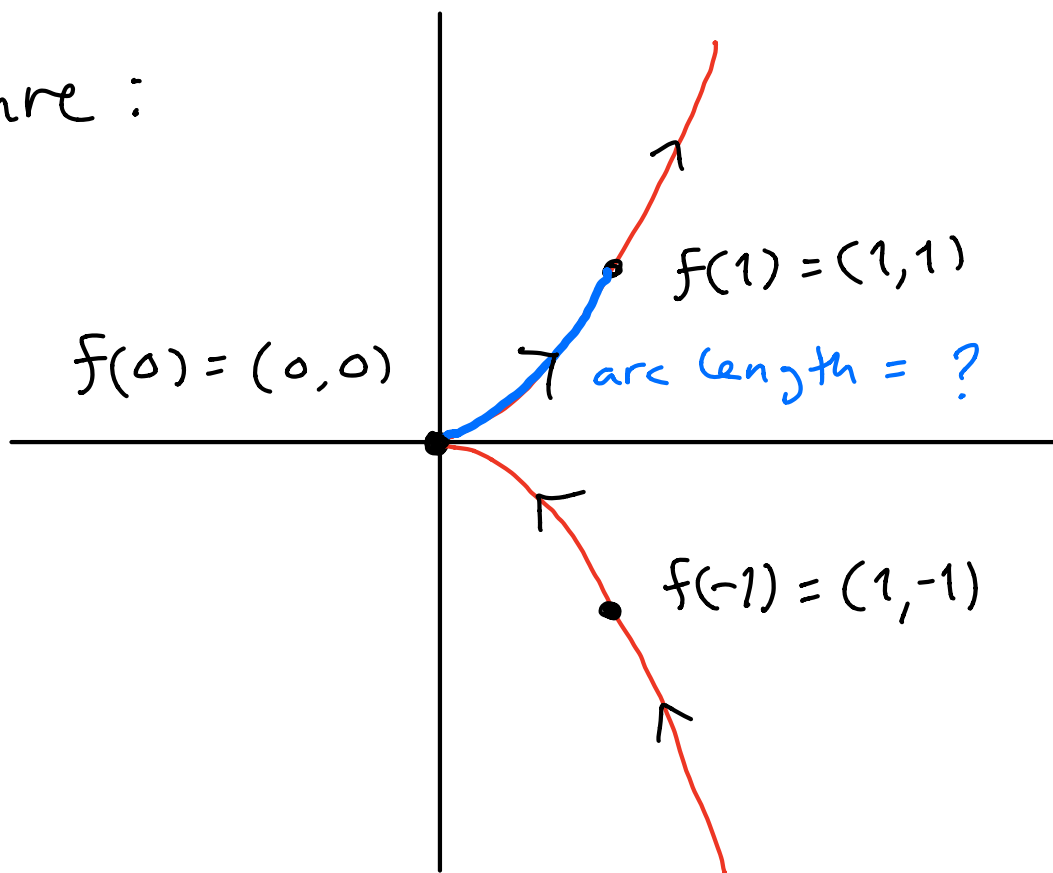
[Check : Indeed, if $x = t^2$
and $y = t^3$ for some t , then

$$y^2 = (t^3)^2 = t^6 = (t^2)^3 = x^3,$$

so the point $F(t) = (x, y) = (t^2, t^3)$

is on the curve $y^2 = x^3$.]

Picture:



The velocity at time t is

$$\begin{aligned} f'(t) &= (x'(t), y'(t)) \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dt} t^2, \frac{d}{dt} t^3 \right) \\ &= (2t, 3t^2). \end{aligned}$$

The speed at time t is

$$\|f'(t)\| = \sqrt{(2t)^2 + (3t^2)^2}$$

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

Note: As t goes from $-\infty$ to 0 the particle slows down and then stops. Then it changes direction and speeds up as t goes from 0 to $+\infty$.

The arc length of this curve was first computed by William Neile in 1657, before Calculus was invented! But we will use Calculus.

Between times $t=0$ & $t=1$
(so $|t|=t$) the arc length is

$$\text{arc length} = \int_0^1 \text{speed } dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 t \sqrt{4+9t^2} dt$$

Substitute $u = 4+9t^2$

$$du = 18t dt$$

$$t dt = du/18 \quad \text{''}$$

$$\text{arc length} = \int_{t=0}^{t=1} \sqrt{u} t dt$$

$$= \int_{u=4}^{u=13} \frac{1}{18} u^{1/2} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{18} \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} \Big|_{u=4}^{u=13}$$

$$\left[\int u^n du = \frac{u^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{27} \left(13^{3/2} - 4^{3/2} \right).$$

EXACTLY!

$$\approx 1.439 \dots$$

This is a lucky example. Usually an arc length integral is too hard to solve exactly!



Exercise for you: Compute the distance traveled by

$$f(t) = (1+3t, 4-2t)$$

between times $t=0$ & $t=1$.

Solution: Velocity vector is

$$\begin{aligned} f'(t) &= \left(\frac{d}{dt}(1+3t), \frac{d}{dt}(4-2t) \right) \\ &= (3, -2) \end{aligned}$$

"constant velocity: always moving in the same direction at the same speed."

Speed is

$$\begin{aligned} \|f'(t)\| &= \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{13} \end{aligned}$$

Distance traveled between times

$$t = 0 \text{ \& } t = 1$$

$$= \int_0^1 \text{speed } dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \sqrt{13} \, dt = \sqrt{13} .$$

Picture : let $x = 1 + 3t$
 $y = 4 - 2t$

Eliminate the t to get

$$\frac{x-1}{3} = t = \frac{y-4}{-2}$$

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$$-2(x-1) = 3(y-4)$$

$$-2x + 2 = 3y - 12$$

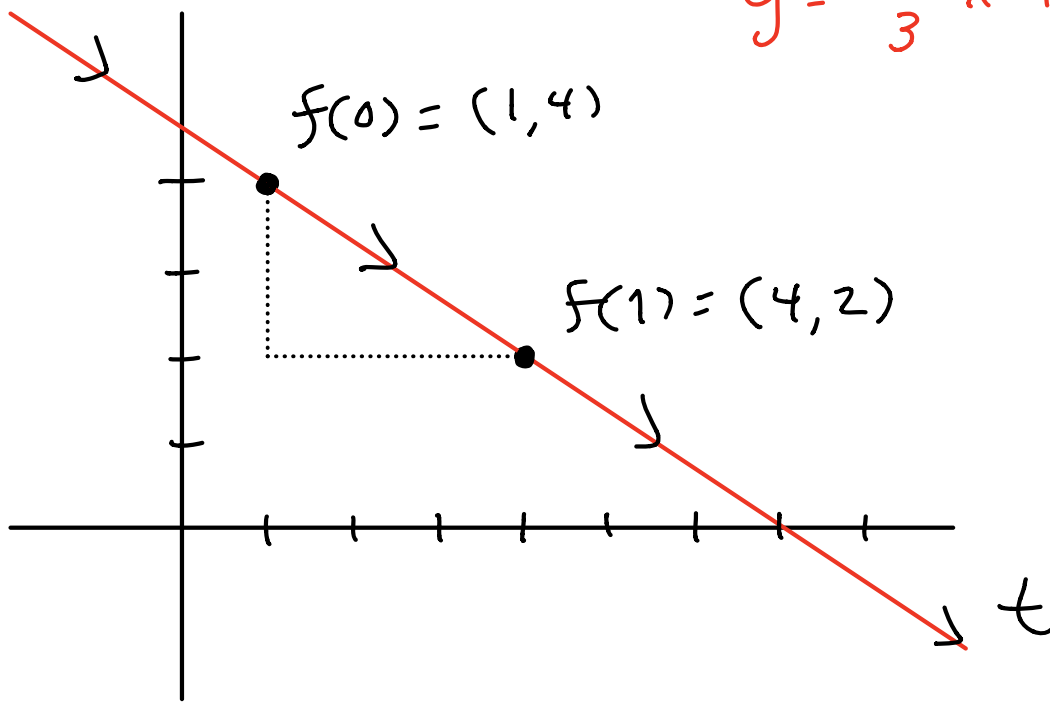
$$3y = -2x + 14$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{14}{3}$$

So this curve is a line with slope $-\frac{2}{3}$ and y -intercept $\frac{14}{3}$.


Here is a picture :

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{14}{3}$$



We could also have
computed the distance using
just the Pythagorean theorem
(no Calculus necessary!):

$$\sqrt{3^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{13} \quad \checkmark$$



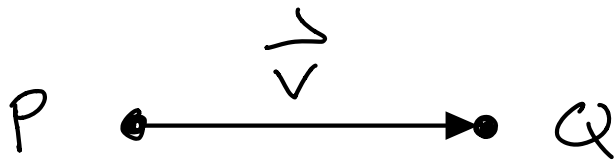
To move all of these ideas up into 3D we need to discuss the language of vectors.

Chapter 2.

What is a "vector"?

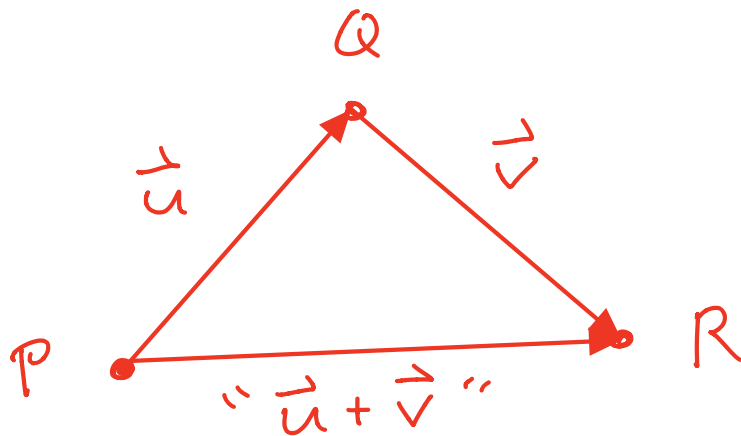
- A quantity with both magnitude & direction (?)
- In this class, a vector is a directed line segment in the plane \mathbb{R}^2 or in 3D space \mathbb{R}^3 .

A vector is determined by two points, a tail & a head:



Notation : $\vec{v} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$ is the vector with tail at point P and head at point Q.

Vectors can be added head-to-tail :



In other words, if $\vec{u} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$ and $\vec{v} = \overrightarrow{QR}$ then

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \overrightarrow{PQ} + \overrightarrow{QR} = \overrightarrow{PR}.$$

Why do we call this "addition" ?

Definition of Coordinates /
Components of a vector.

IF $P = (x_1, y_1)$ & $Q = (x_2, y_2)$ then
we will write

$$\vec{v} = \vec{PQ} = \langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1 \rangle$$

these numbers $x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1$
are the coordinates/components
of the vector \vec{PQ} .

Then using this language,
addition of components becomes
addition of vectors: let

$$P = (x_1, y_1), Q = (x_2, y_2), R = (x_3, y_3)$$

$$\text{so } \vec{PQ} = \langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{QR} = \langle x_3 - x_2, y_3 - y_2 \rangle$$

Then adding the components gives

$$\vec{PQ} + \vec{QR}$$

$$= \langle (\cancel{x_2} - x_1) + (x_3 - \cancel{x_2}), (\cancel{y_2} - y_1) + (y_3 - \cancel{y_2}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle x_3 - x_1, y_3 - y_1 \rangle = \vec{PR} \quad \checkmark$$

Example :

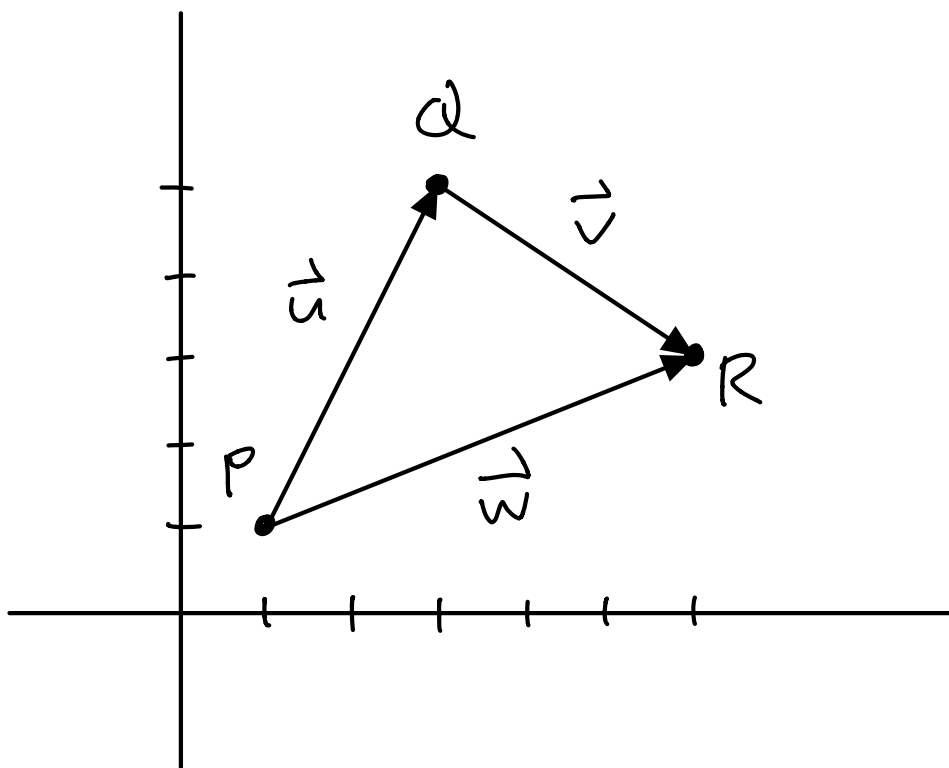
$$P = (1, 1)$$
$$Q = (3, 5)$$
$$R = (6, 3)$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{u} = \vec{PQ} = \langle 3-1, 5-1 \rangle = \langle 2, 4 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{QR} = \langle 6-3, 3-5 \rangle = \langle 3, -2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{w} = \vec{PR} = \langle 6-1, 3-1 \rangle = \langle 5, 2 \rangle$$

These points and vectors form
a triangle in the plane :



We verify that $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{w}$:

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \langle 2, 4 \rangle + \langle 3, -2 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 2+3, 4+(-2) \rangle$$

$$= \langle 5, 2 \rangle$$

$$= \vec{w} \quad \checkmark$$