

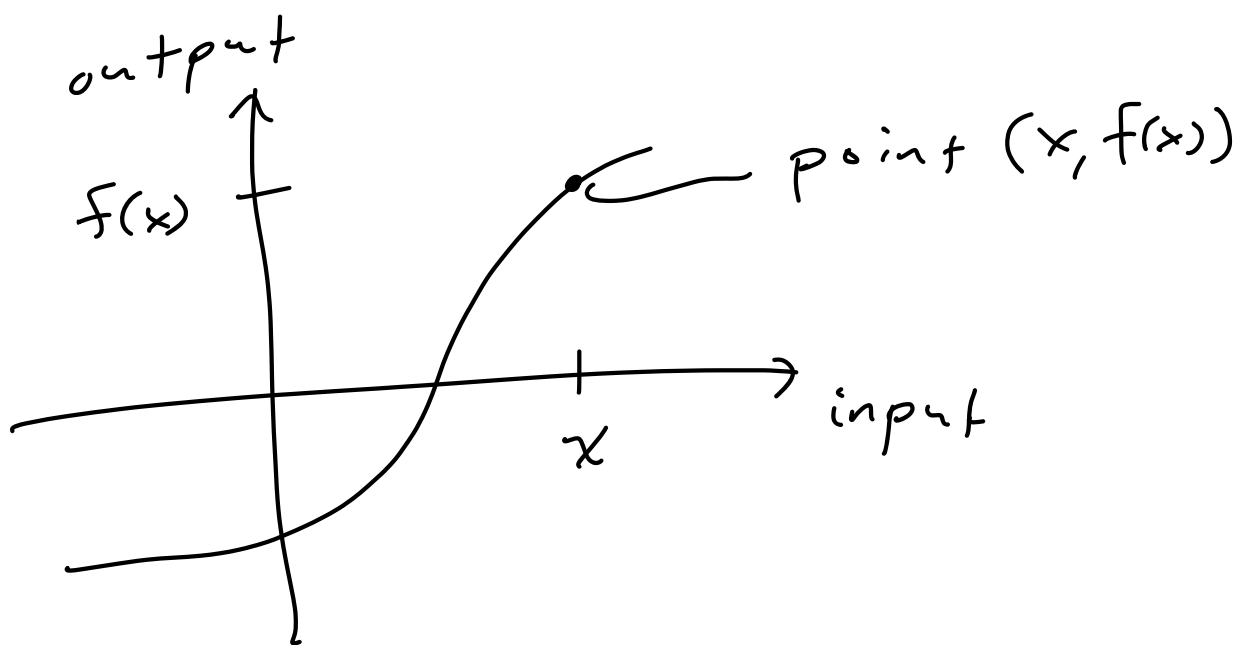
M211: Calculus 3.

Calc 1 & 2 are based on functions

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

one real input one real output.

Such functions are visualized by considering their "graph":



Calc 3 is based on functions

$$f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

m real inputs

n real outputs

In particular for $m, n = 1, 2, 3$.

This is more relevant to the real world (physics) because the real world is 3D.

Such functions are harder to visualize. We will develop some intuitions:

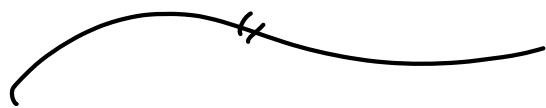
- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ or \mathbb{R}^3 is a parametrized path in the plane or space.

- $f: \mathbb{R}^2$ or $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a "scalar field". It associates a number (e.g. temperature) to each point in the plane or space.

- $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
or $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

are called "vector fields",

e.g. electric field or
gravitational field, ...



This week: Chapter 2 with
a brief look at Chapter 1.

Consider a function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$.

We will use the notation

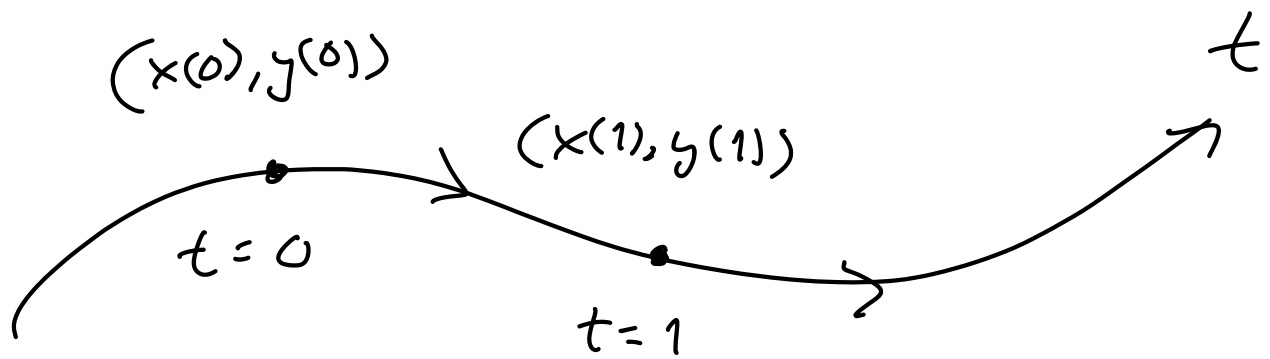
$$f(t) = (x(t), y(t))$$

↑
input called
 t for "time"

↖ ↗
outputs $x(t), y(t)$
are functions of t .

Think: $(x(t), y(t))$ is the position
of a moving particle in the
real x, y -plane.

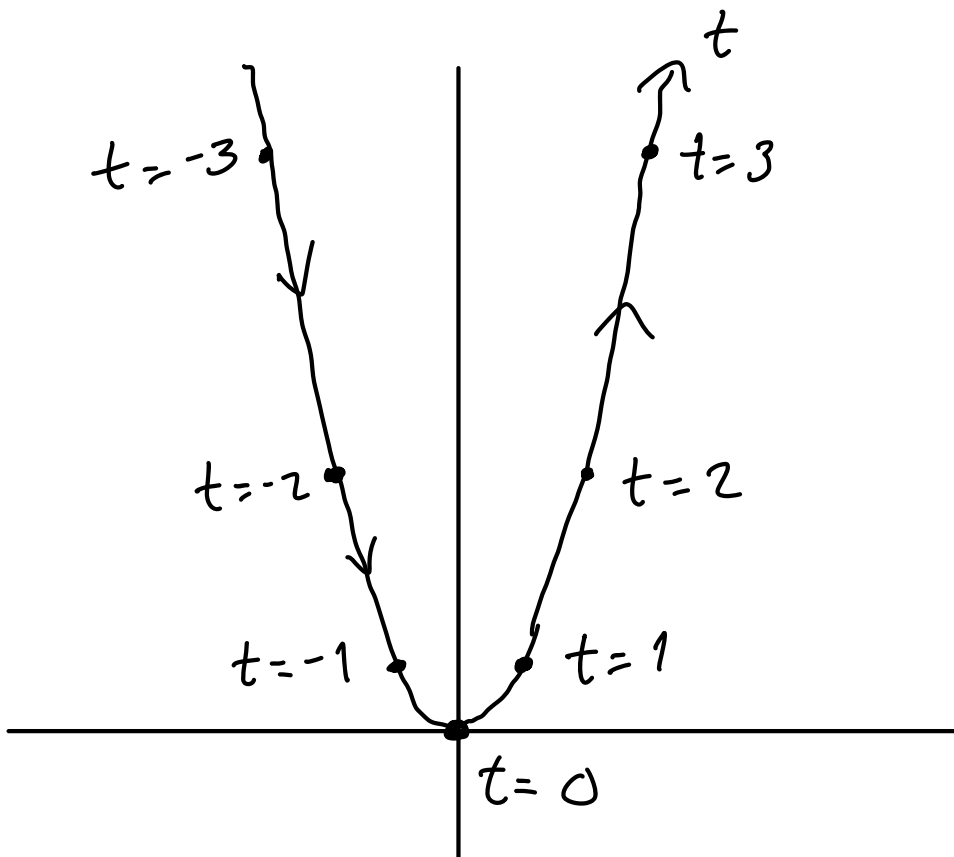
Picture:



Examples : $f(t) = (t, t^2)$.

i.e. let $x(t) = t$ & $y(t) = t^2$.

What does it look like ?



It looks like a parabola.

Actually it is a parabola. We can see this by "eliminating t ":

$$x = t \implies x^2 = t^2$$

$$y = t^2$$

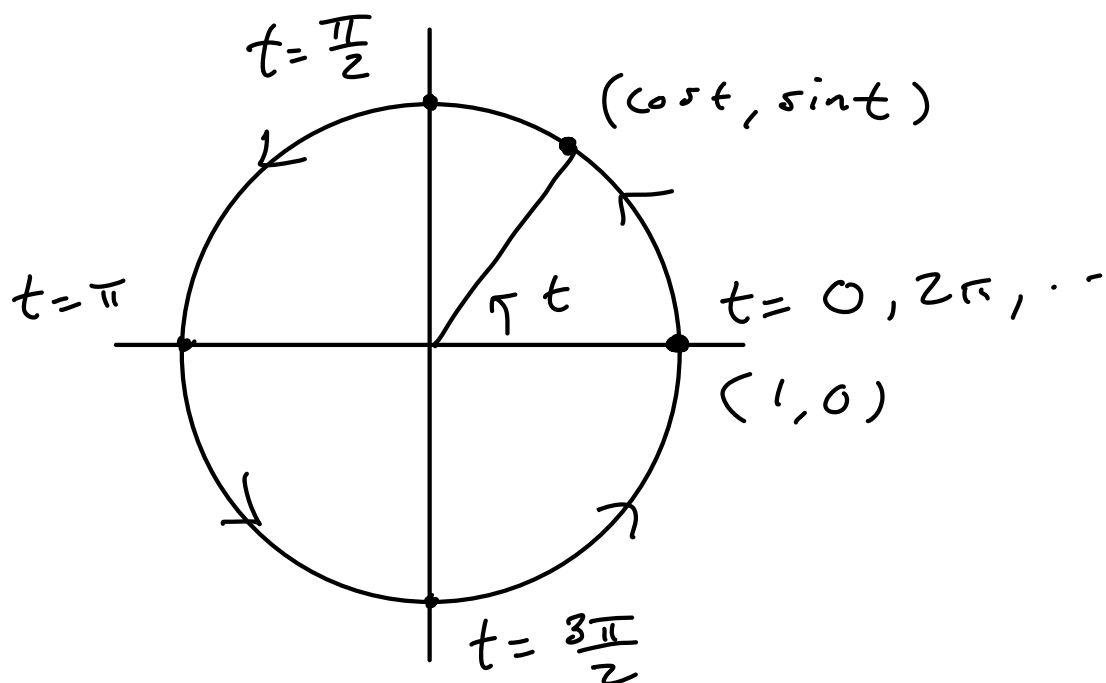
So $y = x^2$ (parabola).

• Let $\gamma(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$

i.e. $x(t) = \cos t$

$$y(t) = \sin t.$$

What does it look like?



Path travels the unit circle counter-clockwise, repeats every 2π units of time.

Get the equation of the circle by "eliminating t ":

$$x = \cos t$$

$$y = \sin t$$

TRICK!

$$x^2 + y^2 = \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1.$$

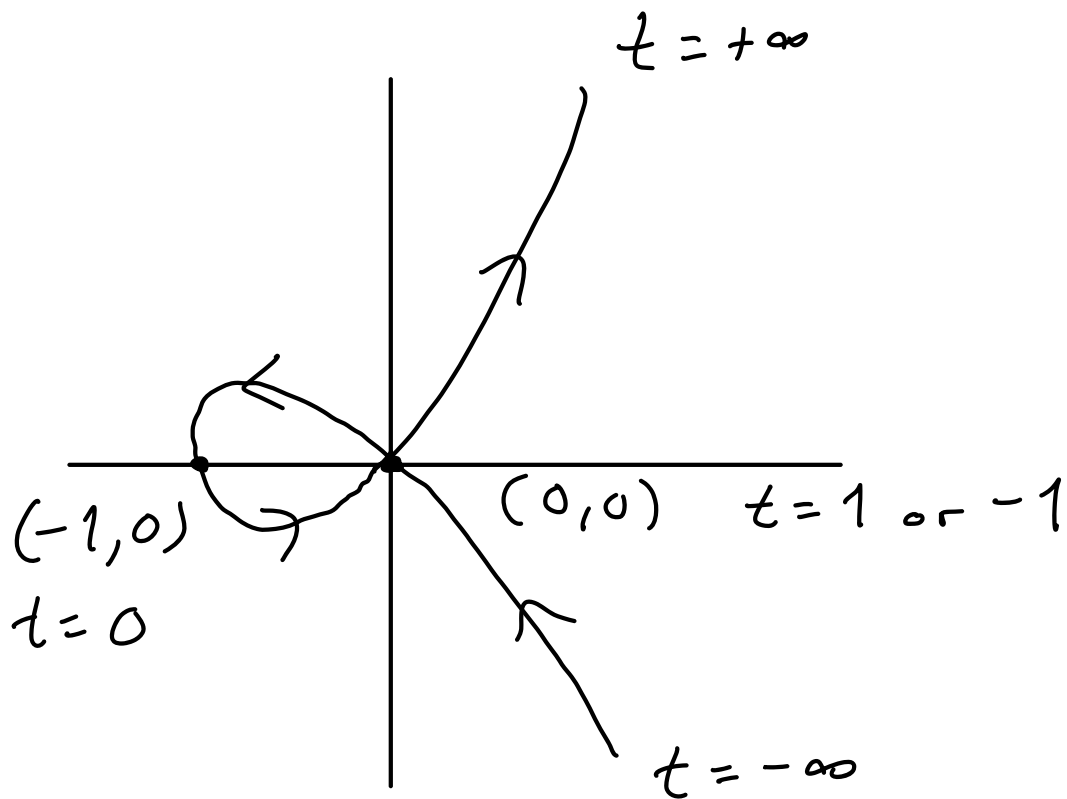
$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

(unit circle)

• $h(t) = (t^2 - 1, t^3 - t)$.

What does this look like?

Plot some points:



Interesting: This path intersects itself.



Velocity & Speed.

Given function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

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

we define its derivative

(with respect to t) as

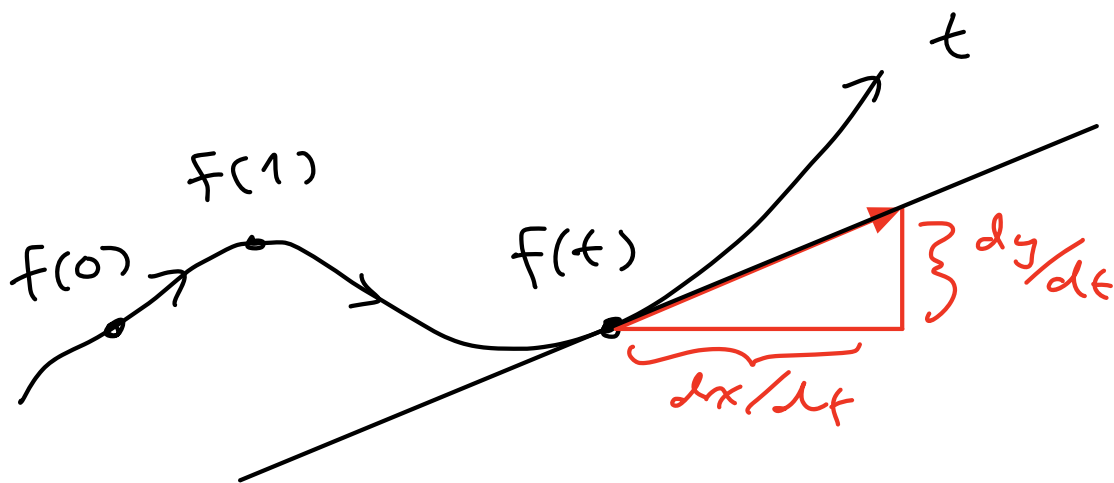
$$F' : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

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

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

Call this the "instantaneous velocity of the parametrized path $F(t)$ at time t .

New Idea: Velocity is a vector.



Picture: Velocity is tangent to the path. Hence the slope of the tangent line is

$$\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \text{"} \frac{dy}{dx} \text{"}$$

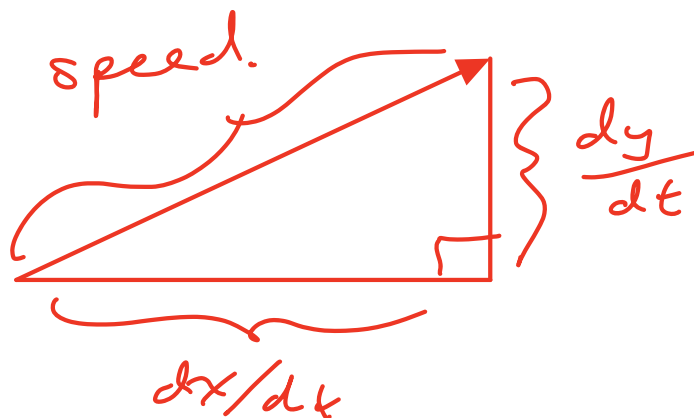
To repeat: Think of $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ as a parametrized path in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Think of derivative $f': \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ as the velocity vectors of the path.



velocity is a vector.

Speed is the length or magnitude of the velocity vector:



Pythagorean theorem:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{speed}^2 &= \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 \\ &= x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{speed} &= \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2} \\ &= \text{"instantaneous speed} \\ &\quad \text{at time } t \text{"}\end{aligned}$$



Recall : Suppose your car
has speed $s(t)$ at time t .
How far do you travel ?

Between times $t = a$ & b your
car travels distance

$$\text{distance} = \int_a^b s(t) dt$$

$$\left[\text{speed} = \text{distance} / \text{time} \right]$$

$$s(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \text{distance} .$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dt} (\text{distance}) = \int s(t) dt$$

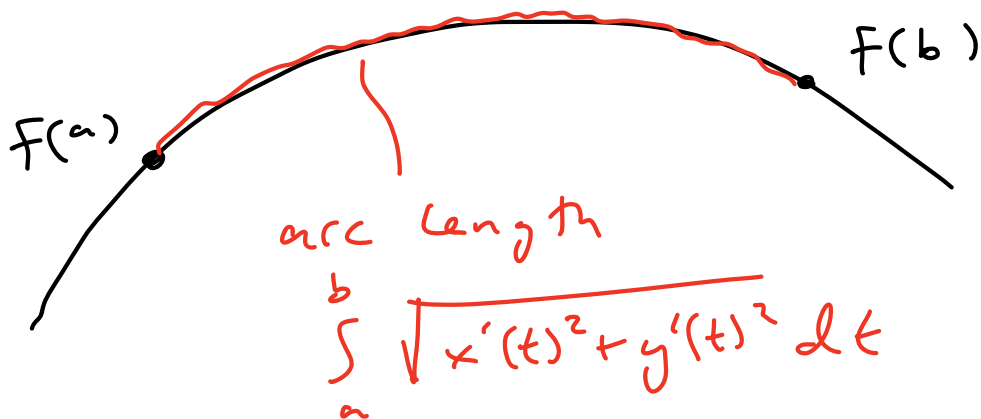
$$\text{distance} = \int \text{speed} \quad]$$

The same formula holds in higher dimensions. Given path $f(t) = (x(t), y(t))$, the distance (or "arc length") between $t = a$ & b is

$$\text{distance} = \int_a^b \text{speed} dt$$

$$= \int_a^b \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2} dt$$

Picture :



Examples :

• Parametrized Parabola

$$f(t) = (t, t^2)$$

$$f'(t) = (1, 2t) \text{ velocity.}$$

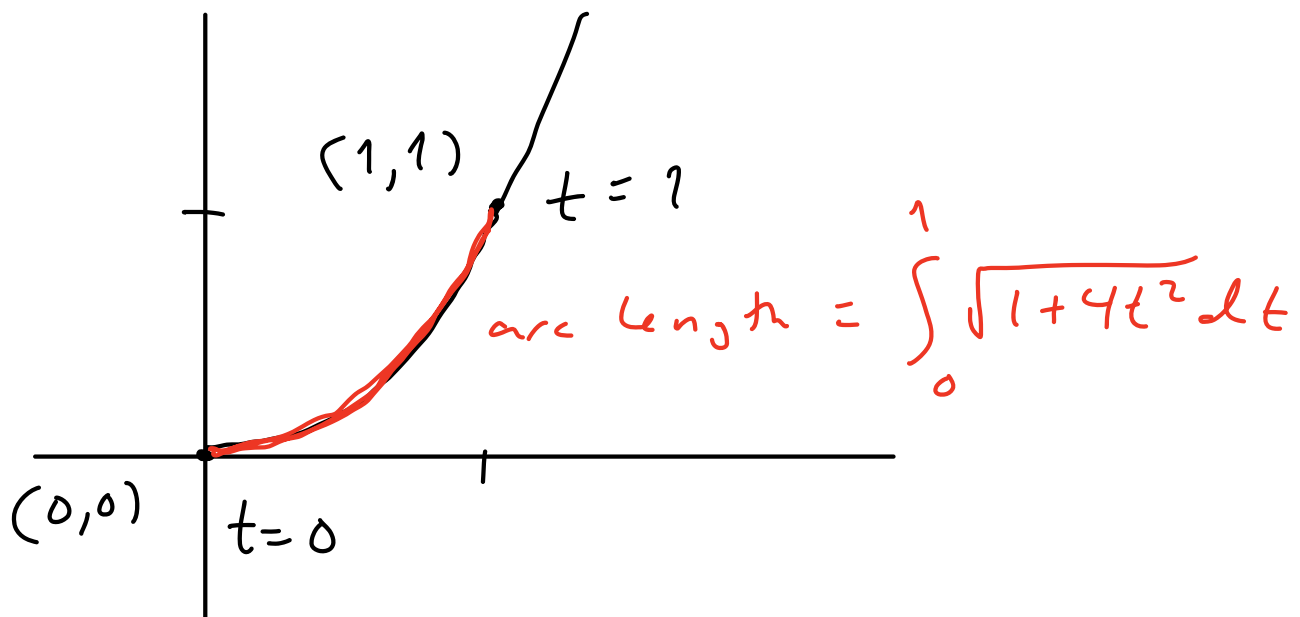
$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2} &= \sqrt{1^2 + (2t)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 4t^2} \text{ speed.} \end{aligned}$$

So the arc length between

times $t = a$ & $t = b$ is

$$\int_a^b \sqrt{1+4t^2} dt$$

Say $a = 0$ & $b = 1$.



Do you know how to compute this?

No. Me neither.

Computer : $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1+4t^2} dt \approx 1.479$

[Sadly, most arc length integrals cannot be solved by hand!]

• parametrized unit circle:

$$f(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$$

$$f'(t) = (-\sin t, \cos t)$$

$$\text{speed} = \sqrt{(-\sin t)^2 + (\cos t)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t}$$

$$= \sqrt{1} = 1$$

The speed is constant.

So the arc length is easy to compute.

e.g. circumference

= arc length between 0 & 2π

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 1 dt = [t]_0^{2\pi} = 2\pi - 0$$

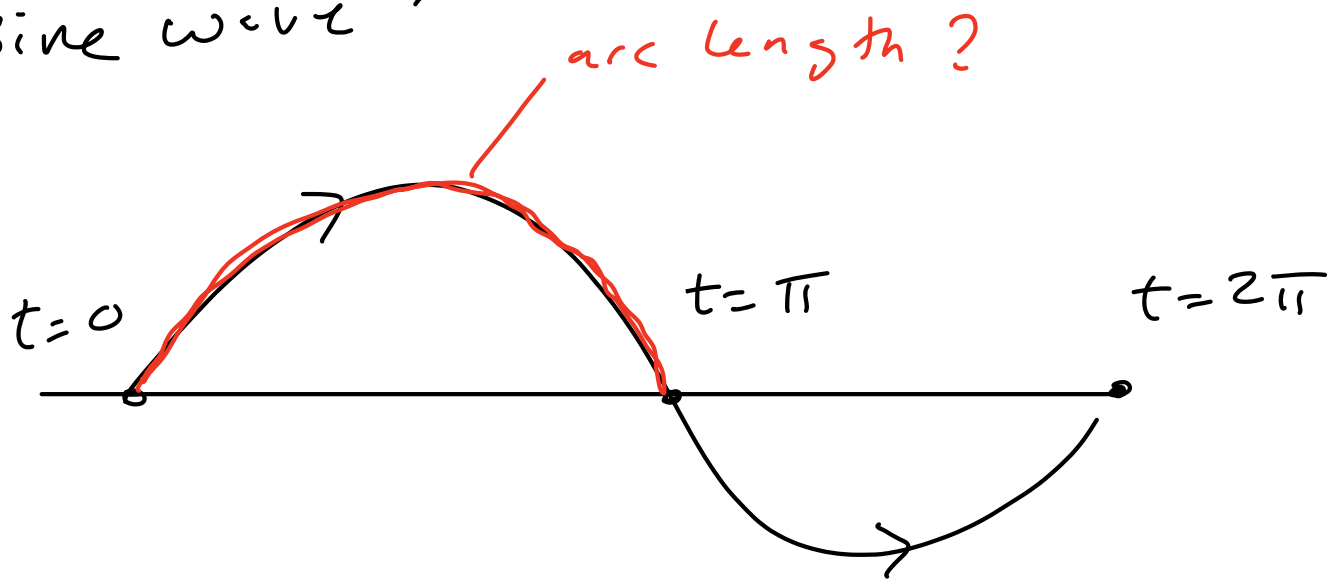
$$= 2\pi.$$

Yes, this is the circumference of a circle with radius 1. ✓

[HW 1: Do the same thing for a circle of radius r .]

• Consider curve $f(t) = (t, \sin t)$.

"Sine wave"

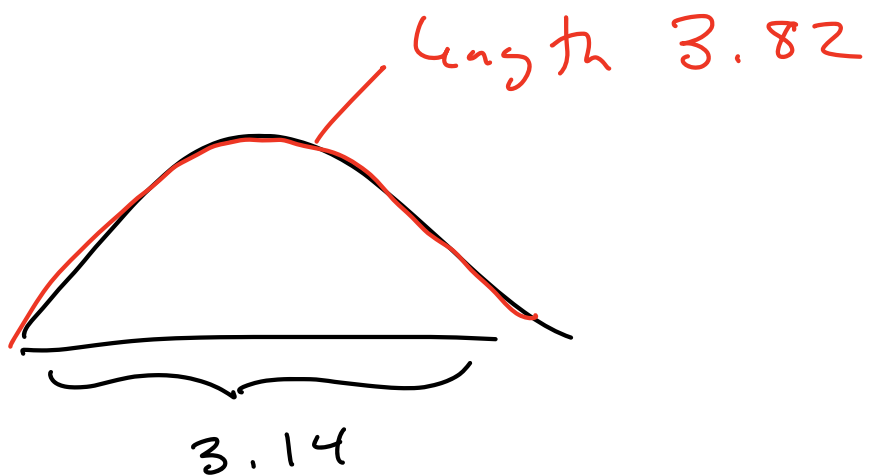


velocity $f'(t) = (1, \cos t)$

speed $\sqrt{1^2 + \cos^2 t}$

$$\text{Arc length} = \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{1 + \cos^2 t} \, dt$$

$$\approx 3.82 \text{ (via computer)}$$



HW 1 will be posted today, due Fri.



Recall:

\mathbb{R} = the set of real numbers
= the number line.

\mathbb{R}^2 = ordered pairs of real numbers
= the coordinate plane.

⋮

\mathbb{R}^n = ordered n -tuples of real numbers
= coordinate " n -space"

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

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

↑
input
from \mathbb{R}

↘ ↙
output in
the plane \mathbb{R}^2

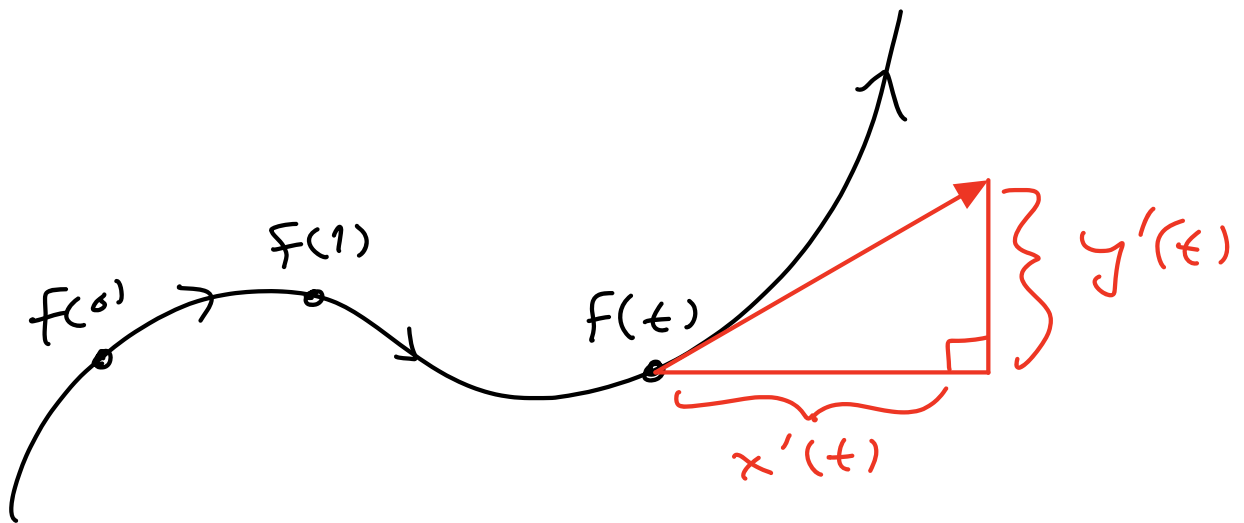
The derivative $f'(t)$ or df/dt is defined as

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

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

Note that $f' : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$.

Picture :

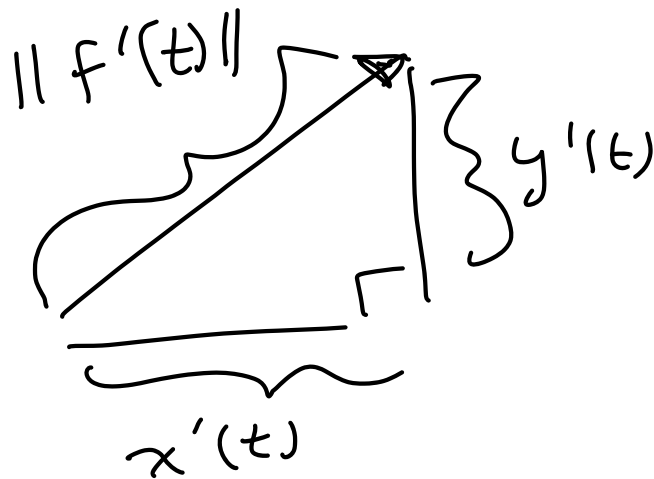


Every vector has a length or magnitude. The magnitude of velocity is speed.

$$\text{speed}(t) = \|f'(t)\|$$

$$= \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2}.$$

Picture: Pythagorean Theorem.



$$\|f'(t)\|^2 = x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2$$

Just as

$$\text{speed} = \frac{d}{dt} \text{ distance},$$

we have

$$\text{distance} = \int \text{speed} dt$$

Arc length of path $f(t) = (x(t), y(t))$

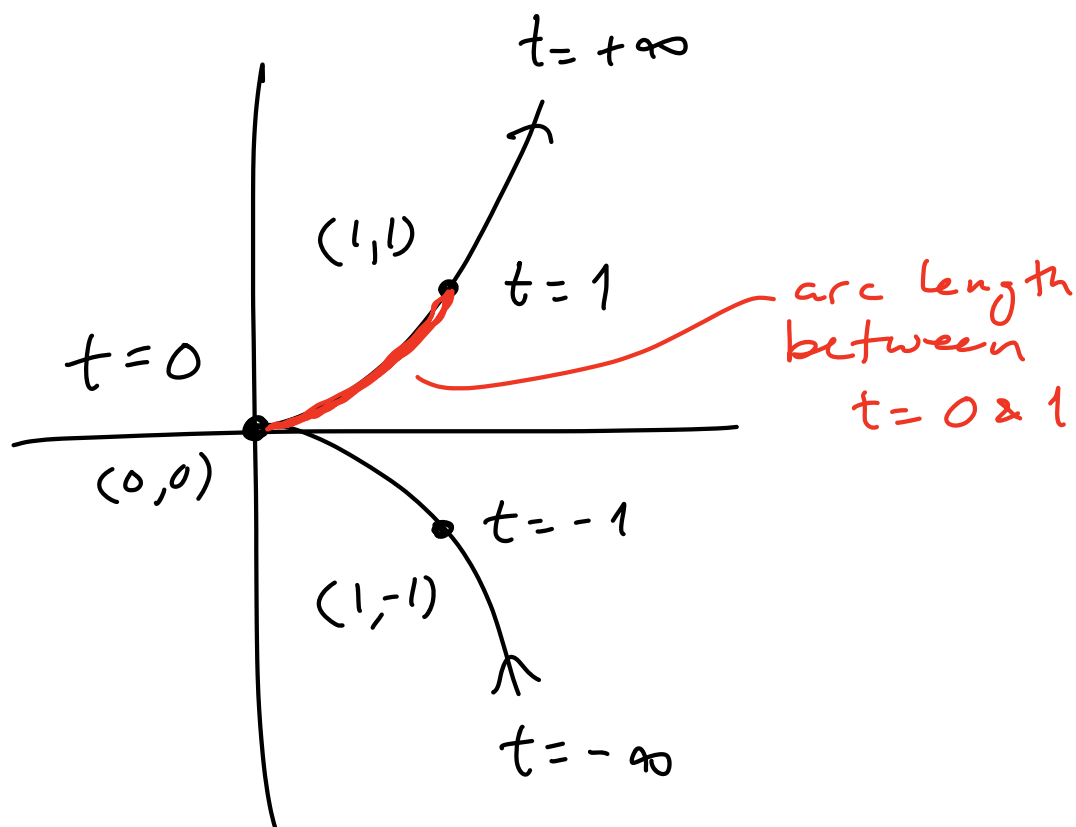
$$= \int \text{speed} dt = \int \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2} dt.$$

Generally, arc length integrals are impossible to solve by hand.

Here's a peculiar curve whose arc length is solvable by hand.

William Neile (1657):

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



velocity $F'(t) = (2t, 3t^2)$

At time $t=0$, velocity becomes

$(0,0)$. The particle briefly stops,
then changes direction.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{speed} &= \|F'(t)\| \\ &= \sqrt{(2t)^2 + (3t^2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4t^2 + 9t^4} \\ &= \sqrt{t^2(4 + 9t^2)} \\ &= |t| \sqrt{4 + 9t^2}\end{aligned}$$

Luckily this function can be
integrated by hand.

Arc length

$$\int_{t=0}^{t=1} t \sqrt{4 + 9t^2} dt$$

$$[u = 4 + 9t^2, \quad du = 18t dt]$$

$$\int_{u=4}^{u=13} \sqrt{u} \cdot \frac{du}{18} \quad \int u^{1/2} = \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2}$$

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

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

$$\approx 1.439$$

It doesn't look nice but we did it by hand!

Chapter 2: Vectors

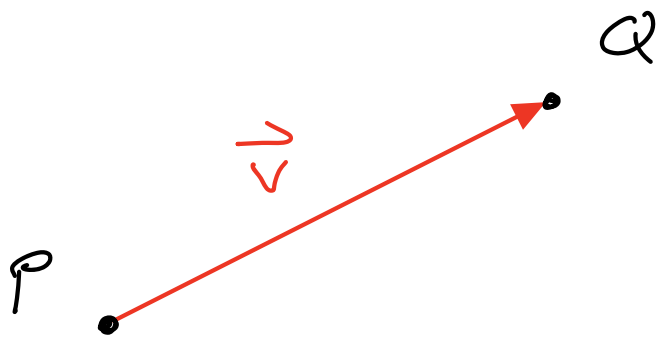
What is a "vector"?

- Physics: A vector is a

"quantity" with direction and magnitude.

• In this class, a vector is a directed line segment (an "arrow") in \mathbb{R}^2 or in \mathbb{R}^3 .

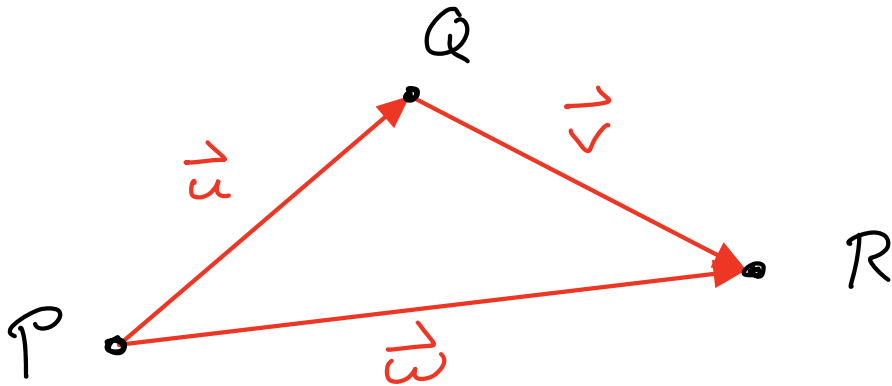
A vector is determined by an ordered pair of points P & Q , called the "tail" & "head":



Notation: $\vec{v} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$

There is an "arithmetic" of vectors. They can be added and scaled by constants.

Vectors are added "head-to-tail"



$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{w}$$

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

But why do we call this "addition"?

Definition of "coordinates" (or "components" of a vector:

If $P = (x_1, y_1)$ & $Q = (x_2, y_2)$

then we write

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

emphasize
that we
are talking
about a
vector
not a point.

Then addition of vectors becomes addition of components.

$$P = (x_1, y_1)$$

$$Q = (x_2, y_2)$$

$$R = (x_3, y_3)$$

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

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

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

Add component by component:

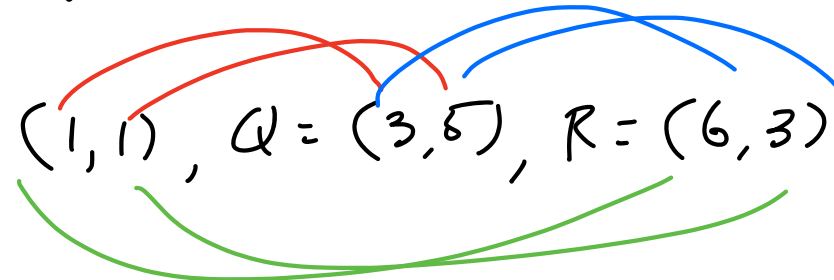
$$\vec{PQ} + \vec{QR} =$$

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

$$= \langle x_3 - x_1, y_3 - y_1 \rangle$$

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

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



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

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

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

Check :

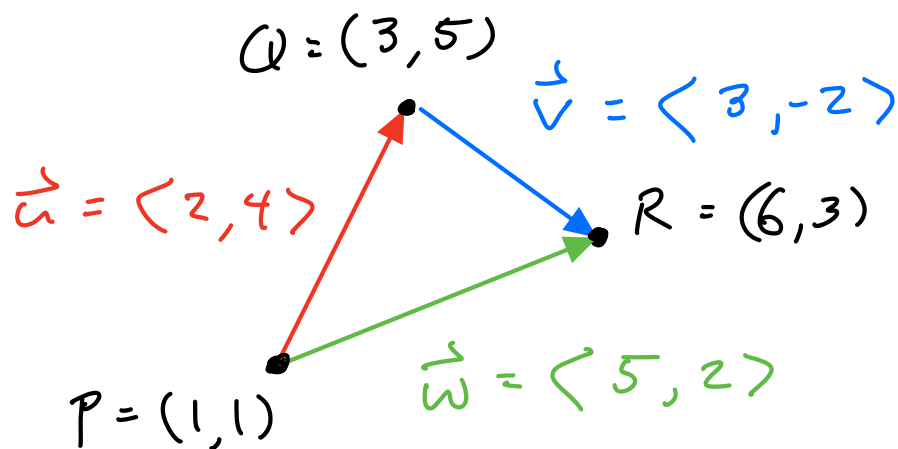
$$\vec{PQ} + \vec{QR} = \vec{PR}$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{w}$$

$$\langle 2, 4 \rangle + \langle 3, -2 \rangle$$

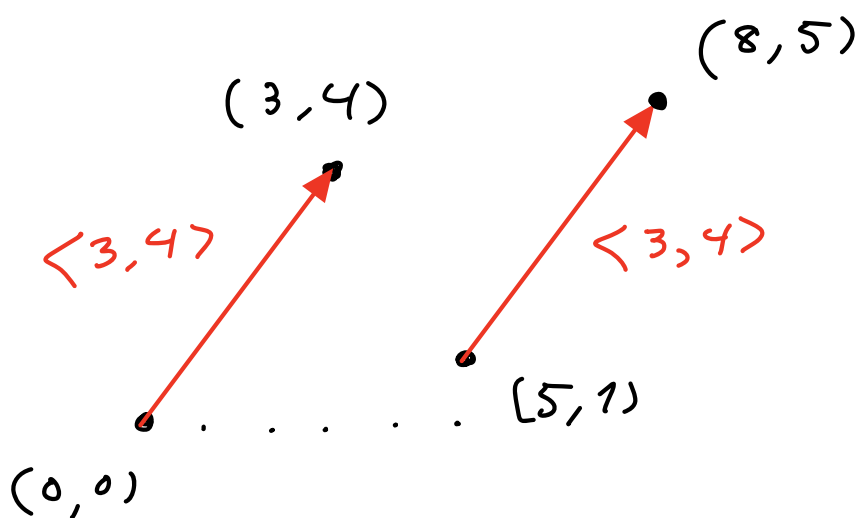
$$= \langle 2+3, 4+(-2) \rangle = \langle 5, 2 \rangle \quad \checkmark$$

Picture :



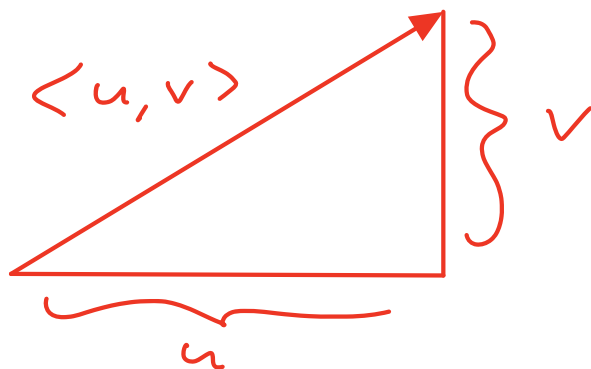
Subtlety : Just as a vector has magnitude & direction, two arrows should be considered "the same" when they have the same magnitude and direction.

e.g.



Same vector in different locations.

To compute the magnitude we use the Pythagorean Theorem



$$\| \langle u, v \rangle \|^2 = u^2 + v^2$$

$$\| \langle u, v \rangle \| = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g. } \| \langle 3, 4 \rangle \| &= \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9 + 16} \\ &= \sqrt{25} = 5. \end{aligned}$$



The other vector operation is called "scalar multiplication".

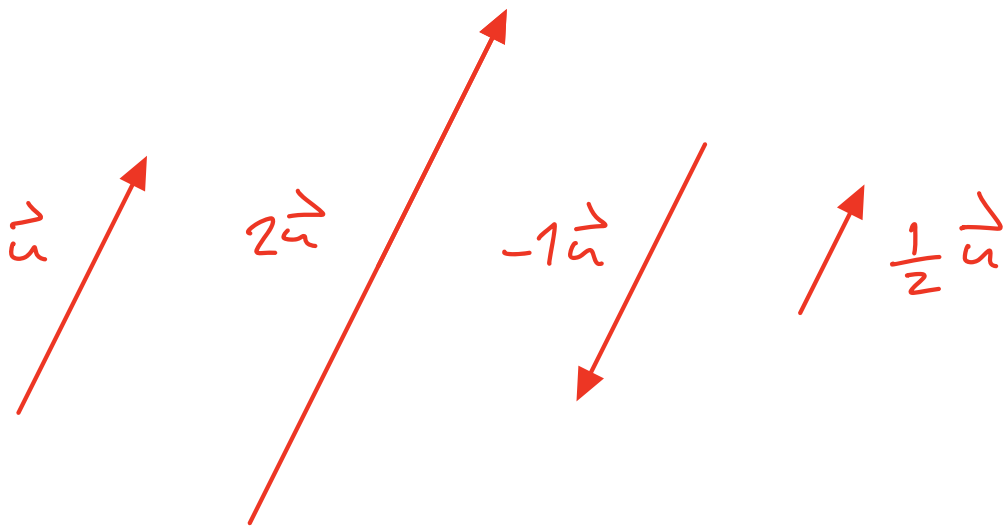
Given vector $\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$

and a number (scalar) k .

We define a new vector $k\vec{u}$ by multiplying each component by k :

$$k\vec{u} = \langle ku_1, ku_2 \rangle.$$

This changes the length but not the direction:



Finally, there is a special vector called the "zero vector", all of whose components are zero:

$$\vec{0} = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$$

[Tail & Head are equal.]

Here are the rules of vector arithmetic: (page 112 OpenStax)

Consider vectors \vec{u} , \vec{v} , \vec{w} and scalars r , s .

- $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$

- $\vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w}$

$$\bullet \vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{u}$$

$$\bullet \vec{u} + (-\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$$

$$\bullet r(s\vec{u}) = (rs)\vec{u}$$

$$\bullet (r+s)\vec{u} = r\vec{u} + s\vec{u}$$

$$\bullet r(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = r\vec{u} + r\vec{v}$$

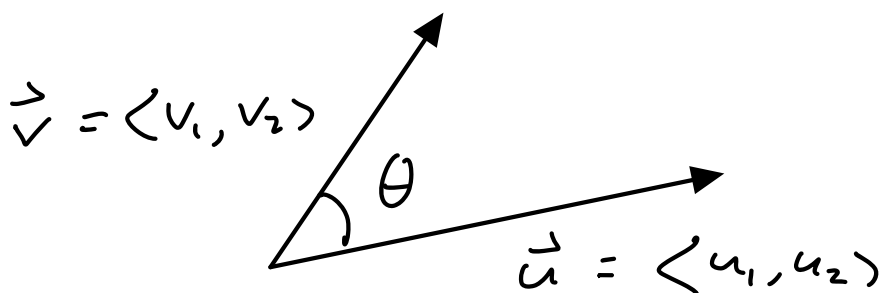
$$\bullet 1\vec{u} = \vec{u}$$

$$\bullet 0\vec{u} = \vec{0}$$

Moral: Everything that looks obvious is true!



Vector Arithmetic helps us to solve a hard problem: Find the angle between two vectors.



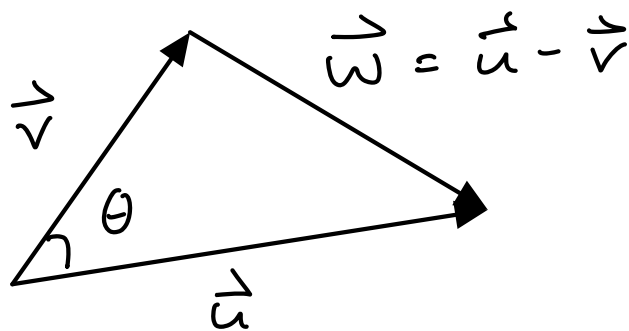
The angle is determined by the four numbers u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2 but what is the formula?

$\theta =$ some function
of $u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2 \dots$

[The answer will involve a strange arithmetic operation called

the "dot product" $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2$]

Key: Draw a triangle:



$$\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{u} \quad \text{so} \quad \vec{w} = \vec{u} - \vec{v}$$

The Law of Cosines says

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{u}\|\|\vec{v}\|\cos\theta.$$

On the other hand, we can compute the length in terms of the coordinates u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2 .

[Details on HW 1]

The result says that

$$u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta$$

Surprise!

We give this weird expression a name. We define

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2.$$

The Dot Product Theorem says

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta.$$

We can treat this as a third kind of arithmetic operation on vectors. It satisfies some rules:

(pg 147 of Open St-x)

$$\bullet \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$\bullet \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$$

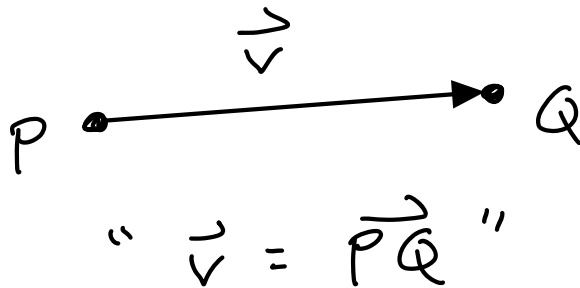
$$\bullet \delta(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = (\delta\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u} \cdot (\delta\vec{v})$$

$$\bullet \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{v}\|^2$$

HW1 is due Fri before class,
on Blackboard.



A vector is an ordered pair of
points in the plane (or in space
of any # of dimensions). We
view it as an arrow:



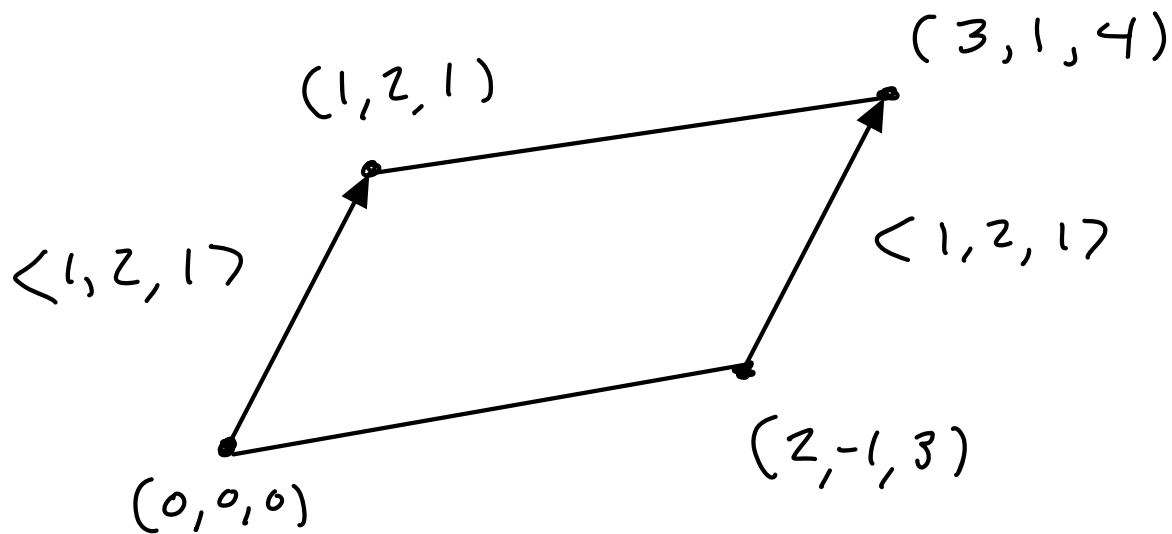
Coordinates: If $P = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$
 $Q = (q_1, q_2, q_3)$

then write

$$\vec{v} = \overrightarrow{PQ} = \text{"head minus tail"}$$
$$= \langle q_1 - p_1, q_2 - p_2, q_3 - p_3 \rangle.$$

Vectors can be moved around

without changing their coordinates:



Vectors with tail at $(0,0,0)$ are in "standard position".

Sometimes we discuss vectors without mentioning the endpoints.

There are 3 basic operations:

$$\text{Given } \vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$

define

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \langle u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3 \rangle$$

$$k\vec{u} = \langle ku_1, ku_2, ku_3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3 \quad (\text{strange})$$

These operations satisfy quite a few "obvious rules".

[Remark: we have

$$\text{vector} + \text{vector} = \text{vector}$$

$$\text{scalar} \cdot \text{vector} = \text{vector}$$

$$\text{vector} \cdot \text{vector} = \text{scalar}$$

There is no general way to "multiply" vectors to get a vector:

$$\text{vector} \times \text{vector} = \text{vector} ?$$

However, in 3D there is a strange operation called "cross product". }

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Length (or magnitude) of a vector is computed using the Pythagorean theorem:

$$\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$$



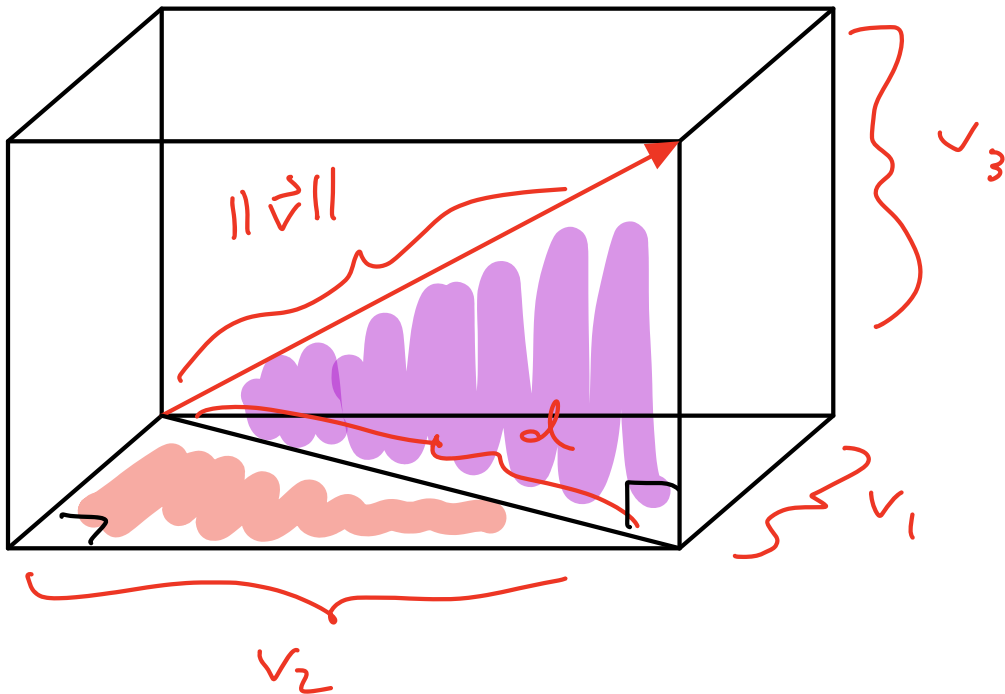


Let  $\|\vec{u}\|$  be the length of  $\vec{u}$ .

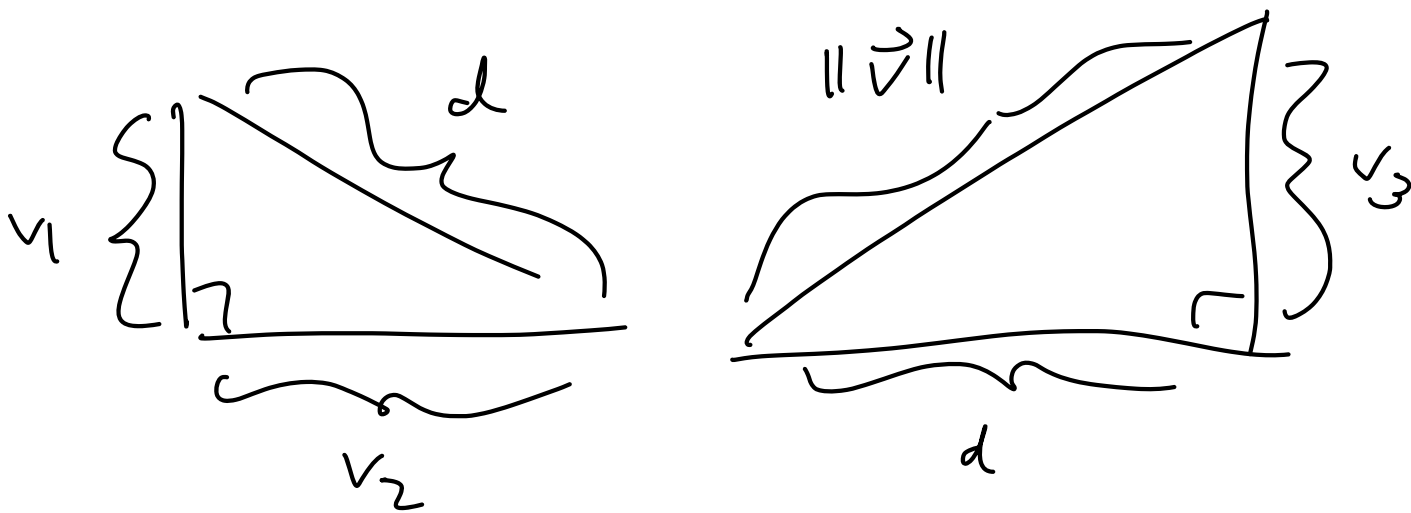
Then  $\|\vec{u}\|^2 = u_1^2 + u_2^2$

$$\|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2}$$

Let  $\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ .



There are 2 right triangles here:



$$d^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2$$

$$\|\vec{v}\|^2 = d^2 + v_3^2$$

$$\|\vec{v}\|^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2}$$

[ By analogy: We use the same definition in any # of dimensions.

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$$

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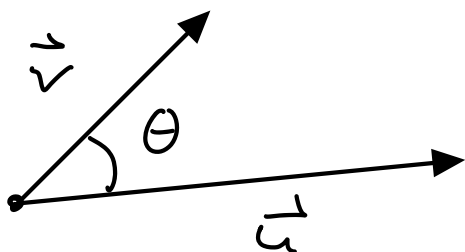
Dot Product is related to  
Lengths & Angles :

• Length :

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} &= \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle \cdot \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle \\ &= v_1 v_1 + v_2 v_2 + v_3 v_3 \\ &= v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2 \\ &= \|\vec{v}\|^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{v}\|^2$$

• Angles : Let  $\theta$  be the  
angle between vectors  $\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{v}$   
placed "tail-to-tail"



Dot Product Theorem:

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta$$

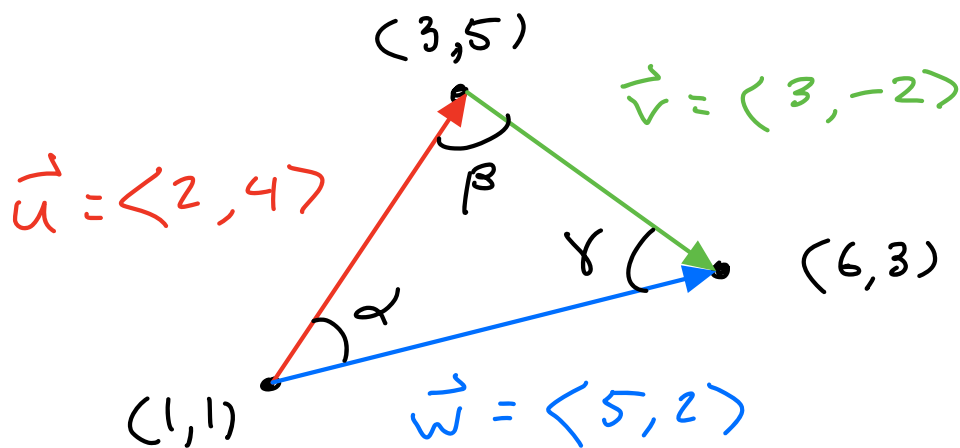
Combine these boxed formulas:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\sqrt{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}} \cdot \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}}$$



Example: Consider the triangle.



Compute the angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ .

First compute the dot products:

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = 2^2 + 4^2 = 20 \rightarrow \|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{20}$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = 3^2 + (-2)^2 = 13 \rightarrow \|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{13}$$

$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w} = 5^2 + 2^2 = 29 \rightarrow \|\vec{w}\| = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 2 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot (-2) = -2$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = 2 \cdot 5 + 4 \cdot 2 = 18$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 5 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot (-2) = 11$$

Compute  $\alpha$ :

Since  $\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{w}$  are tail-to-tail:

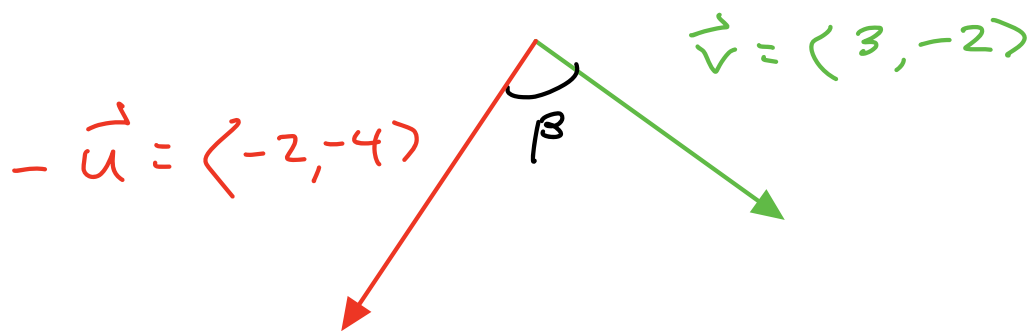
$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{w}\|}$$

$$= \frac{18}{\sqrt{20} \cdot \sqrt{29}} \rightarrow \alpha = 41.68^\circ$$

Compute  $\beta$ : Since  $\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{v}$  are not

tail-to-tail,

Use  $-\vec{u}$  instead of  $\vec{u}$ :



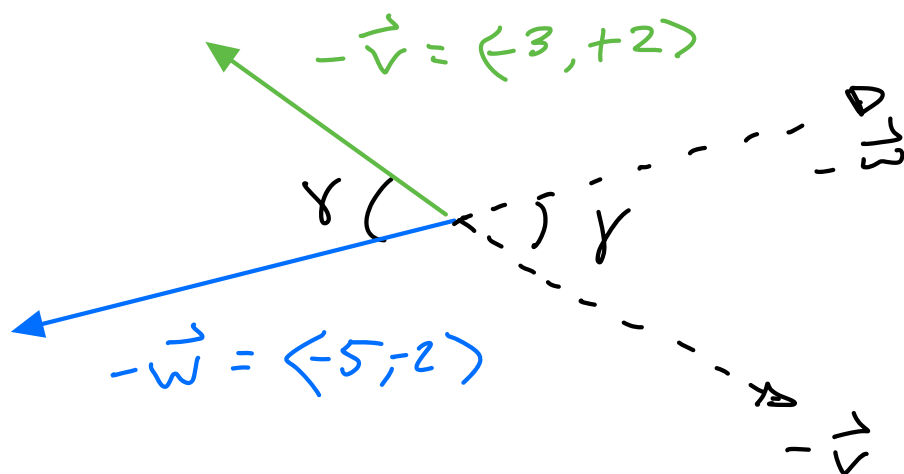
Observe :  $\|-\vec{u}\| = \|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{20}$

$$(-\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} = -(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = +2$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{(-\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v}}{\|-\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{20} \cdot \sqrt{13}}$$

$$\longrightarrow \beta = 82.85^\circ$$

Compute  $\gamma$  : Note  $-\vec{v}$  &  $-\vec{w}$   
are tail to tail :



$$\begin{aligned}\cos \gamma &= \frac{(-\vec{v}) \cdot (-\vec{w})}{\|-\vec{v}\| \cdot \|-\vec{w}\|} \\ &= \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{v}\| \cdot \|\vec{w}\|}\end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ (-\vec{v}) \cdot (-\vec{w}) = -(\vec{v} \cdot (-\vec{w})) = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} \right]$$

$$= \frac{11}{\sqrt{13} \sqrt{29}}$$

$$\leadsto \gamma = 55.49^\circ$$

Check:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha + \beta + \gamma &= 41.63^\circ + 88.85^\circ + 55.49^\circ \\ &= 180^\circ \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

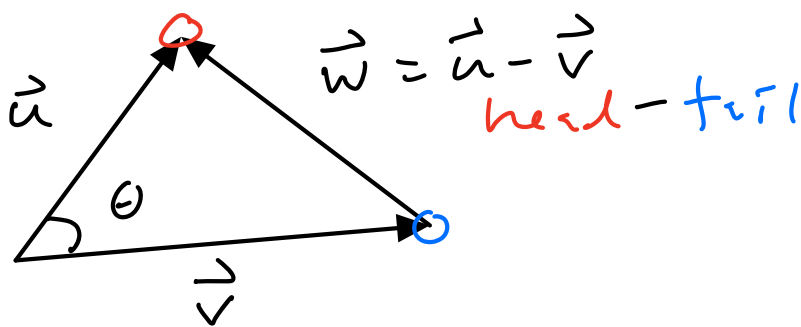
See HW 1 Problem 4 for an example in 3D.

HW 1 Problem 5 is about the

Dot Product Theorem:

Let  $\theta$  be angle between vectors

$\vec{u}$  &  $\vec{v}$  placed tail to tail:



$$\text{Let } \vec{w} = \vec{u} - \vec{v}$$
$$\vec{u} = \vec{w} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{w}$$

Geometry:

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{u}\|\|\vec{v}\|\cos\theta$$

Algebra:

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 = (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v})$$

Don't think!

$$= \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) - \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v})$$



[ Compare  $(a+b)c = ac + bc$  ]

$$= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} - \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} - (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v})$$

$$= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} - \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} - 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}.$$

[ use  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$  ]

$$= \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 - 2(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}).$$

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 - 2(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})$$

Now you can think again. same.

Compare to the geometry:

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta$$

ALGEBRA  $\leftrightarrow$  GEOMETRY

## Equations of Lines & Planes.

The gradeschool equation of a line is

$$y = mx + b.$$

But this equation does not generalize to higher dimensions.

In this class we prefer to write

$$ax + by = c.$$

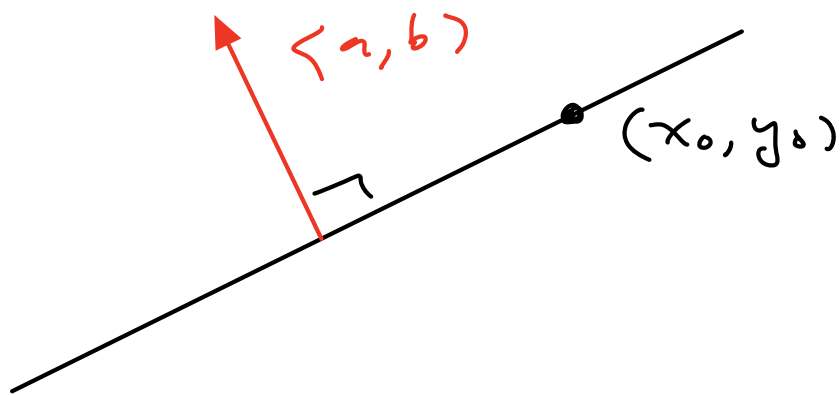
Even better:

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) = 0$$

What does it mean?

I claim this is the line that

- passes through point  $(x_0, y_0)$
- is perpendicular to vector  $\langle a, b \rangle$ .



Key: Dot product Theorem

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta$$

$\neq 0$

Note that

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \iff \cos \theta = 0$$

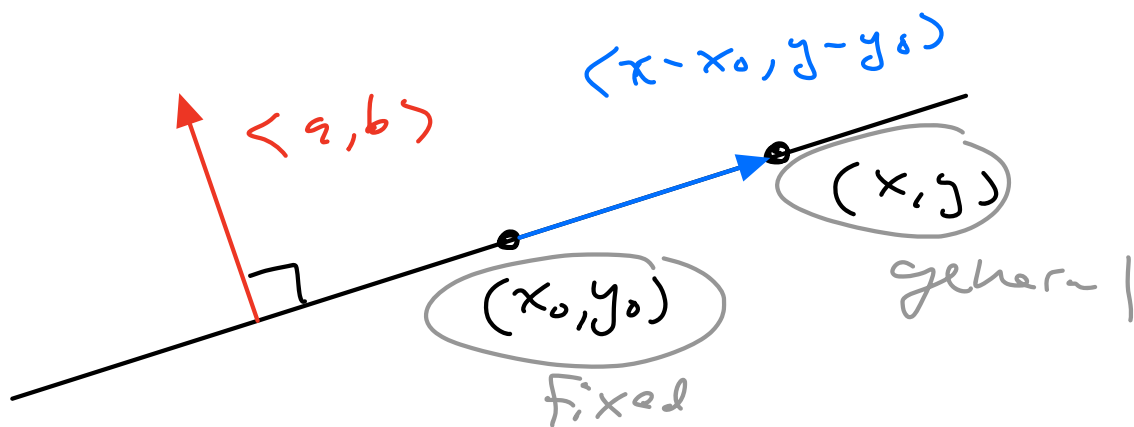
$$\iff \vec{u} \perp \vec{v}$$

"perpendicular"

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \iff \vec{u} \perp \vec{v}$$

So let  $L$  be the line passing through  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $\perp$  to the vector  $\langle a, b \rangle$ .

Then for any general point  $(x, y)$   
on the line we have



Since the vector  $\langle x - x_0, y - y_0 \rangle$   
is parallel to  $L$  &  $\langle a, b \rangle$   
is  $\perp$  to  $L$  we get

$$\langle a, b \rangle \perp \langle x - x_0, y - y_0 \rangle$$

hence

$$\langle a, b \rangle \cdot \langle x - x_0, y - y_0 \rangle = 0$$

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

We can convert into  $y = mx + b$   
form if we want.

Example: Consider the line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  passing through point  $(1, 2)$  & perp. to vector  $\langle 3, 1 \rangle$ .

$$\text{let } (x_0, y_0) = (1, 2)$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \langle 3, 1 \rangle$$

Equation of the line:

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) = 0$$

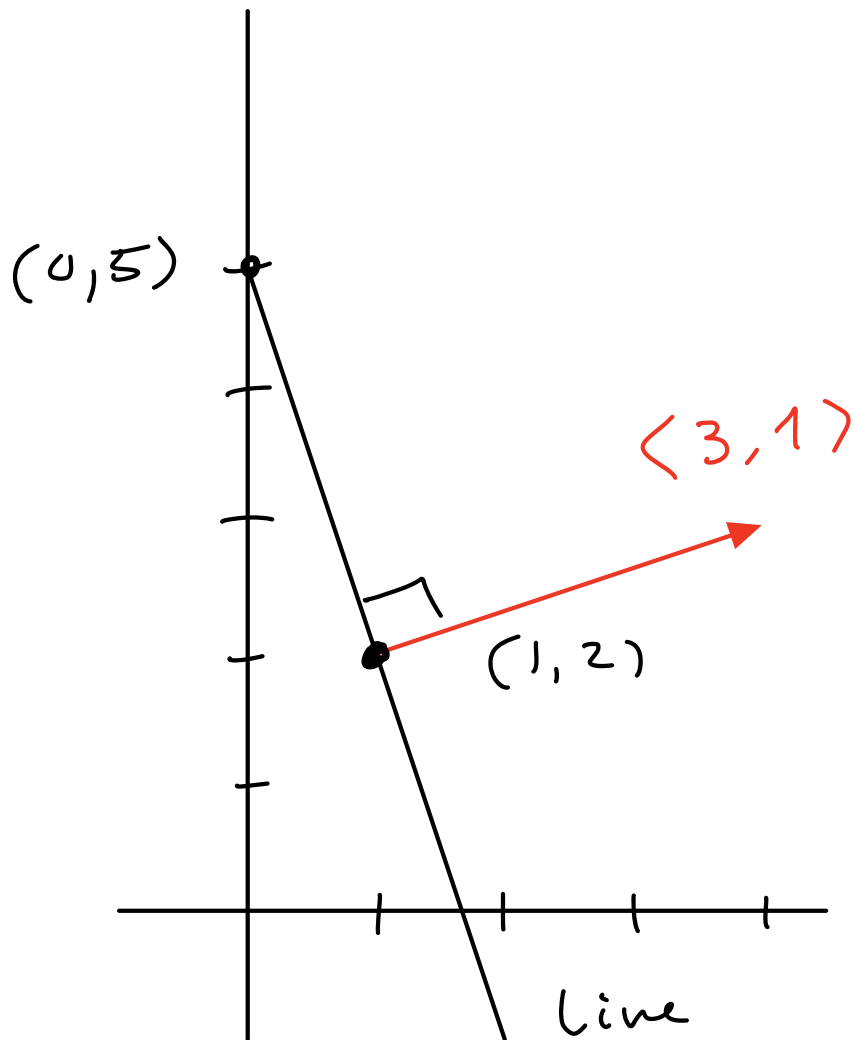
$$3(x - 1) + 1(y - 2) = 0$$

$$3x - 3 + y - 2 = 0$$

$$3x + y - 5 = 0$$

$$y = \underbrace{-3}_{\text{slope}}x + \underbrace{5}_{\text{y-intercept}}$$

Picture:



Line

$$3(x-1) + 1(y-2) = 0$$

or

$$y = -3x + 5$$

Note: The form of the equation is not unique. We could pick any point on the line

& any vector  $\perp$  to line.

e.g.  $(x_0, y_0) = (0, 5)$

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \langle 6, 2 \rangle$$

Check:

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) = 0$$

$$6(x - 0) + 2(y - 5) = 0$$

$$6x - 0 + 2y - 10 = 0$$

$$6x + 2y - 10 = 0 \quad \swarrow \text{divide by 2}$$

$$3x + y - 5 = 0$$

$$y = -3x + 5$$

SAME ✓

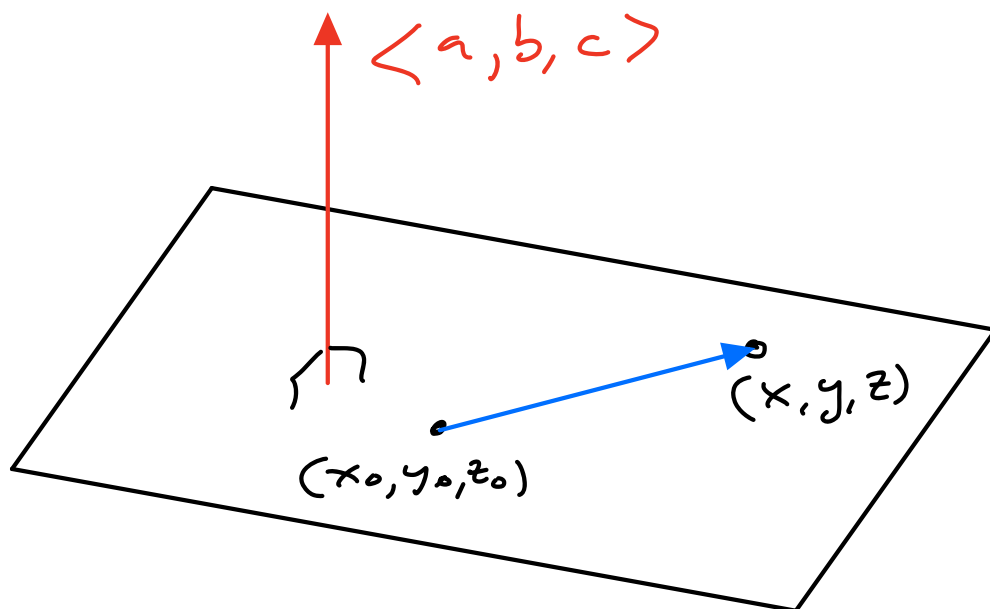


Question: What shape is represented by following eq?

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0.$$

This is a plane in 3D!

Picture:



The plane contains  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$   
and is  $\perp$  to vector  $\langle a, b, c \rangle$   
so for any point  $(x, y, z)$  in plane  
we have

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle \perp \langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle$$

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

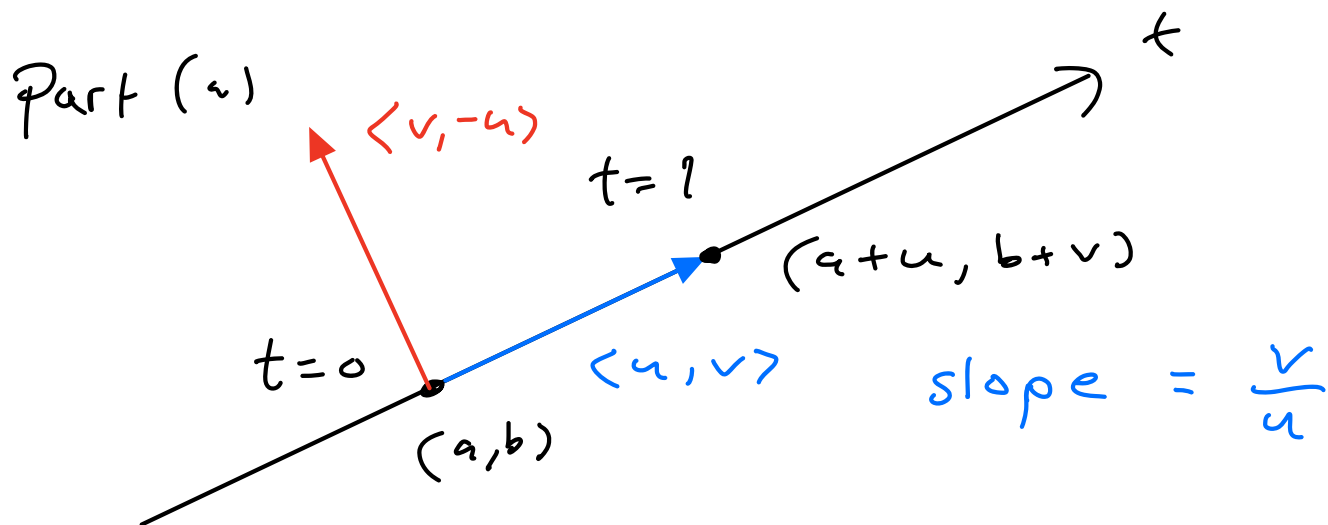
dot product.



Today: HW 1 Discussion.

Monday: Quiz 1 at the beginning  
of class for 20 minutes  
(11:40 AM - 12:00 PM)

Problem 1: Lines & Circles



This gives a parametrization

$$(x, y) = (a + ut, b + vt).$$

velocity

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

CONSTANT VELOCITY!

Conversely: We will see later that any curve of constant velocity must be a straight line.

speed

$$\| \langle u, v \rangle \| = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}$$

ALSO CONSTANT.

We can eliminate  $t$ :

$$x = a + ut \longrightarrow t = (x - a)/u$$

$$y = b + vt \longrightarrow t = (y - b)/v$$

$$\frac{(x - a)}{u} = \frac{(y - b)}{v} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{if } u \neq 0 \\ v \neq 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x - a)v = (y - b)u \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{now } u = 0 \\ \text{or } v = 0 \text{ OK } \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{v}x + \boxed{-u}y = av - bu$$

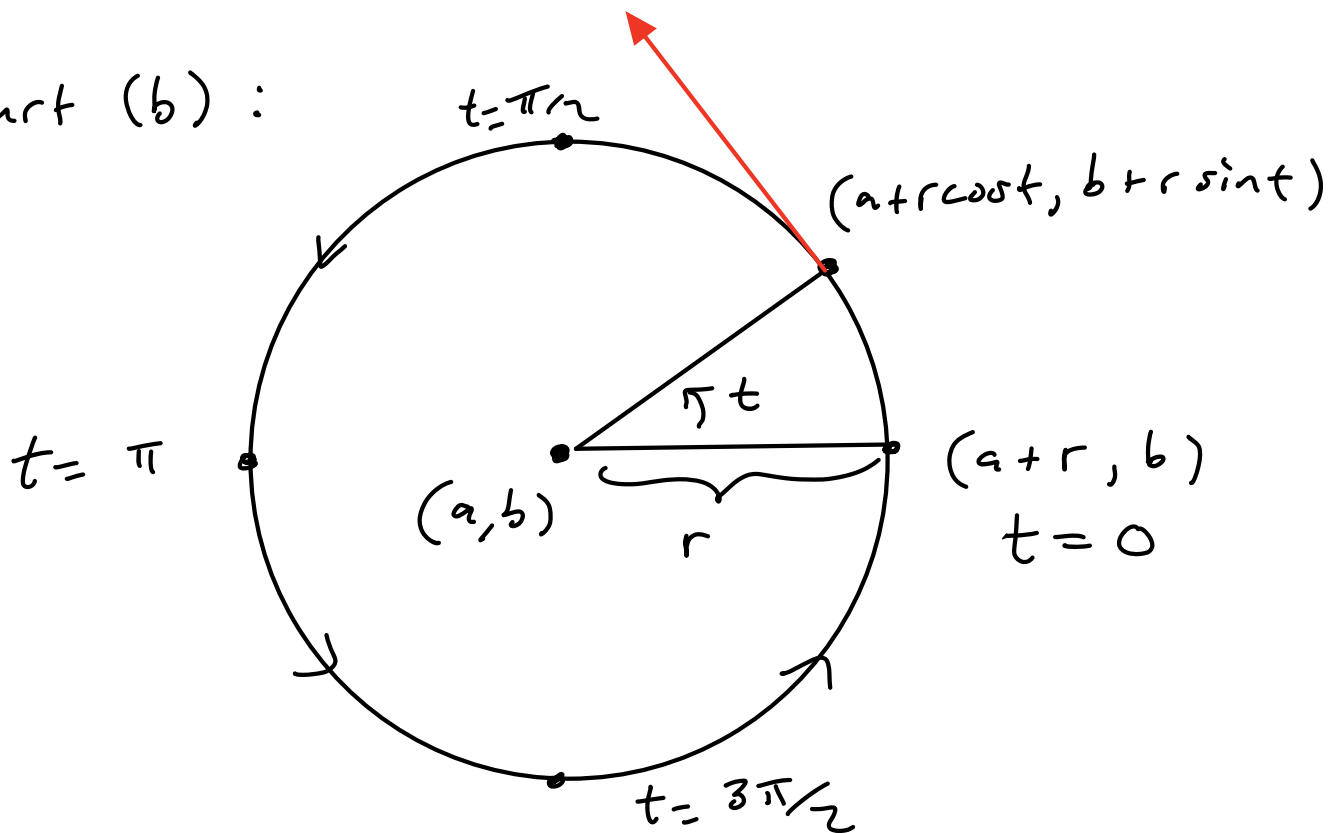
The equation of a line that is  $\perp$  to vector  $\boxed{\langle v, -u \rangle}$

Slope - Intercept :

$$uy = vx - av + bu$$

$$y = \underbrace{\left(\frac{v}{u}\right)}_{\text{slope}} x + b - \frac{av}{u}$$

Part (b) :



$$(x, y) = (a + r \cos t, b + r \sin t)$$

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}\right) = (-r \sin t, r \cos t)$$

NOT CONSTANT.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{speed} &= \sqrt{(-r \sin t)^2 + (r \cos t)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{r^2 \sin^2 t + r^2 \cos^2 t} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{r^2 (\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t)}$$

$$= \sqrt{r^2} = |r| = r.$$

CONSTANT SPEED ☺

We can eliminate  $t$ :

$$\text{Use } \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t = 1.$$

$$x = a + r \cos t \rightarrow \cos t = (x-a)/r$$

$$y = b + r \sin t \rightarrow \sin t = (y-b)/r$$

$$\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{x-a}{r}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-b}{r}\right)^2 = 1.$$

$$(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 = r^2$$

Circle centred at  $(a, b)$

with radius  $r$ .



Problem 2:

$$(x, y) = (t^2 - 1, t^3 - t)$$

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}\right) = (2t, 3t^2 - 1)$$

slope of the tangent line at time  $t$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{3t^2 - 1}{2t}$$

When is it  $0, \pm 1, \infty$  (vertical)

$t = 0 \rightarrow$  vertical tangent

$$(x, y) = (0^2 - 1, 0^3 - 0) = (-1, 0)$$

$$\text{Slope } 0 : \frac{3t^2 - 1}{2t} = 0 \quad (t \neq 0)$$

$$3t^2 - 1 = 0 \rightarrow t = \pm \sqrt{1/3}$$

points:

$$(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{3} - 1, \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^3 - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}\right) \quad t = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$
$$= (-0.67, 0.3)$$

$$(x, y) = \left( \frac{1}{3} - 1, \left( -\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^3 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \right)$$

$$= (-0.67, -0.3) \quad t = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Slope  $\pm 1$ :

$$\frac{3t^2 - 1}{2t} = +1 \rightarrow 3t^2 - 1 = 2t$$

$$3t^2 - 2t - 1 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 12}}{6}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm 4}{6} = 1 \text{ or } -\frac{1}{3}$$

$(0, 0)$   $(-0.87, 0.3)$

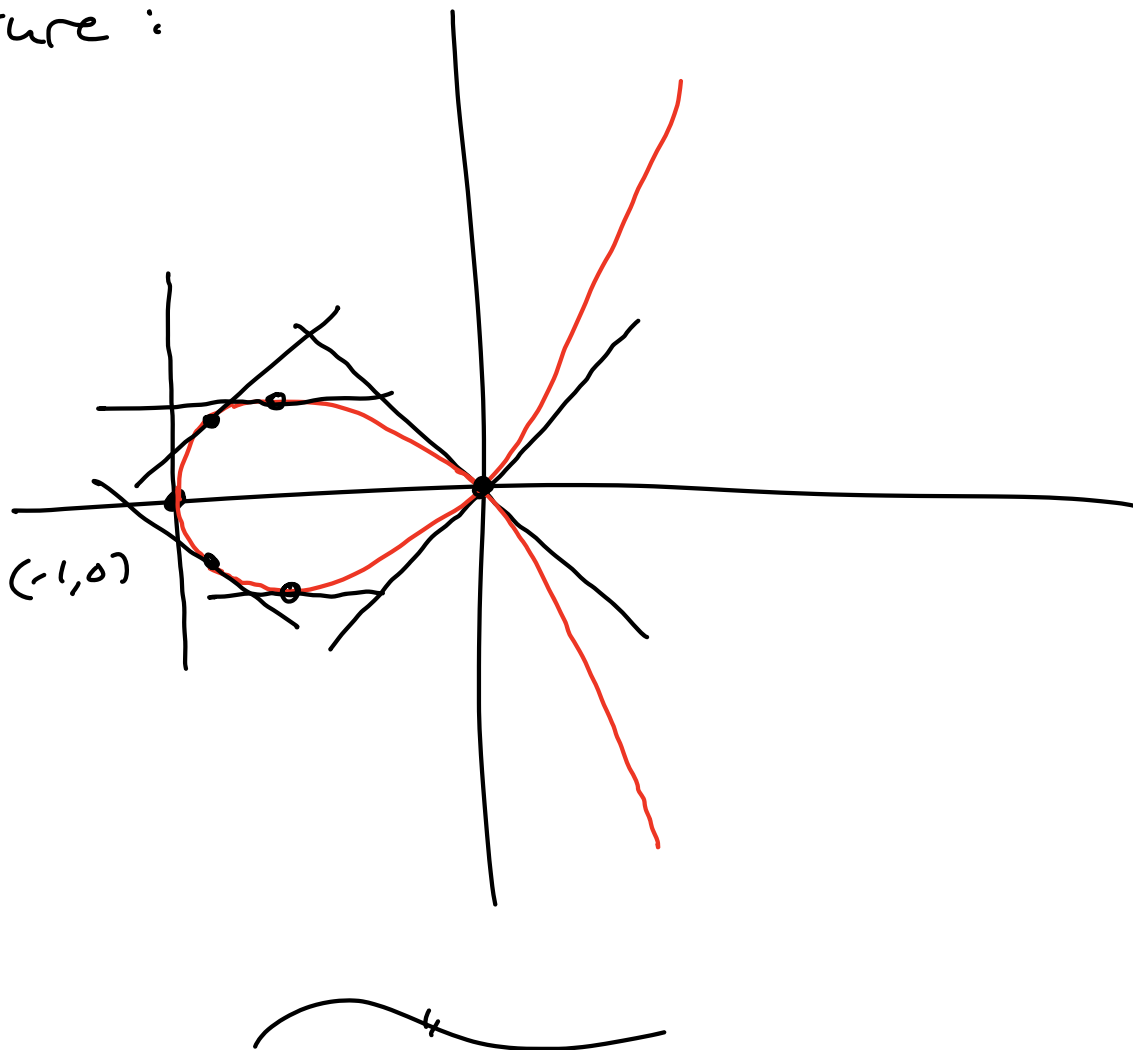
$$\frac{3t^2 - 1}{2t} = -1 \rightarrow 3t^2 - 1 = -2t$$

$$3t^2 + 2t - 1 = 0$$

$$t = -1 \text{ or } +\frac{1}{3}$$

$$(0, 0) \quad (-0.87, -0.3)$$

Picture :



Problem 3: The Cycloid.

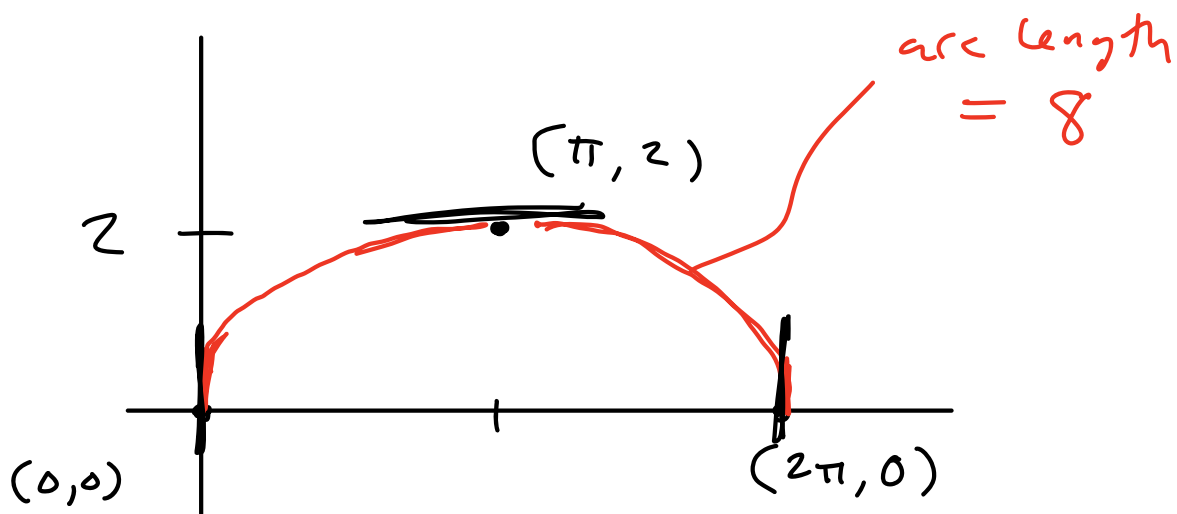
$$(x, y) = (t - \sin t, 1 - \cos t)$$

Sketch between  $t=0$ ,  $t=2\pi$ .

$$t=0 : (0 - \sin 0, 1 - \cos 0) = (0, 0)$$

$$t=2\pi : (2\pi - \sin 2\pi, 1 - \cos 2\pi) = (2\pi, 0)$$

$$t=\pi : (\pi - \sin \pi, 1 - \cos \pi) = (\pi, 2)$$



slope of tangent  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin t}{1 - \cos t}$ .

$t = \pi$ : slope 0

$t = 0$  or  $t = 2\pi$ : slope  $\rightarrow \infty$ .

As  $t \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{\sin t}{1 - \cos t} \rightarrow \frac{0}{0}$  (oops!)

L'Hôpital's Rule

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{1 - \cos t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos t}{\sin t} = \infty$$

Arc Length:

$$\text{velocity} = \langle 1 - \cos t, \sin t \rangle$$



$$\text{speed}^2 = (1 - \cos t)^2 + \sin^2 t$$

$$\left[ \sin^2 t = (\sin t)^2. \text{ Weird...} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow = 1 - 2\cos t + \cancel{\cos^2 t} + \cancel{\sin^2 t}$$

$$= 2 - 2\cos t$$

$$= 2(1 - \cos t)$$

$$\text{speed} = \sqrt{2(1 - \cos t)}$$

Something Lucky:

Half-Angle Formula

$$\sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos t}{2}}$$

$$\sin^2\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \cos t}{2}$$

$$1 - \cos t = 2 \sin^2\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)$$

$$2(1 - \cos t) = 4 \sin^2\left(\frac{t}{2}\right),$$

So ...

$$\begin{aligned}\text{speed} &= \sqrt{2(1-\cos t)} \\ &= \sqrt{4 \sin^2(t/2)} \\ &= 2 \sin(t/2) \quad \text{"}\end{aligned}$$

Finally: Arc length

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \text{speed} \, dt$$

$$= \int_{t=0}^{t=2\pi} 2 \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}u &= t/2 \\ du &= dt/2 \\ dt &= 2 du.\end{aligned}$$

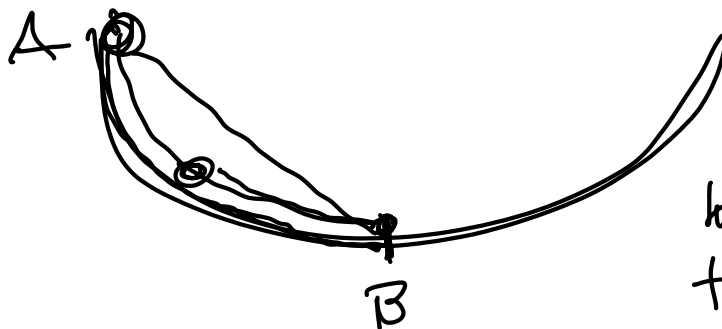
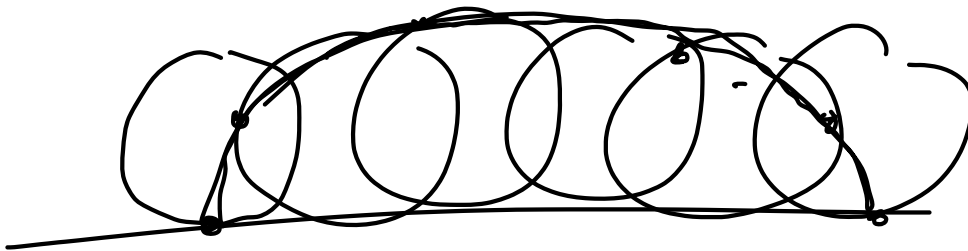
$$= \int_{u=0}^{u=\pi} 2 \sin(u) \cdot 2 du.$$

$$= 4 \left[ -\cos(u) \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= 4 \left[ \underset{1}{-\cancel{\cos(\pi)}} + \underset{1}{\cancel{\cos(0)}} \right]$$

$$= 8 \text{ weird!}$$

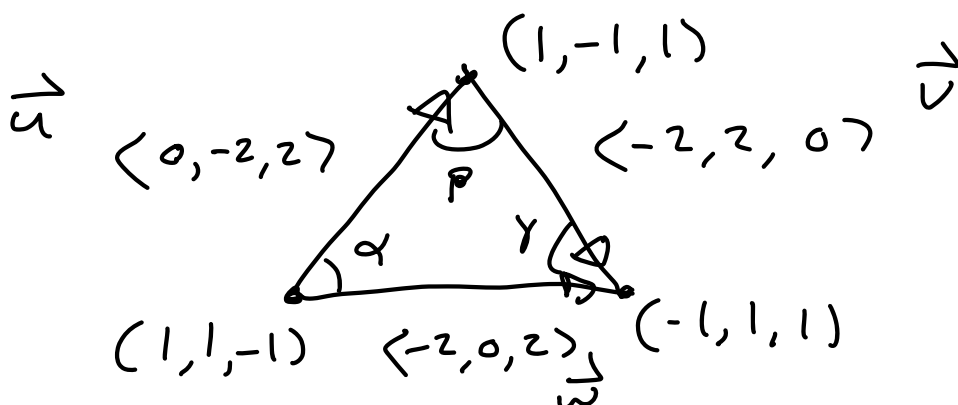
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Problem 4: Triangle in Space.



$$\|\vec{u}\| = \|\vec{v}\| = \|\vec{w}\| =$$

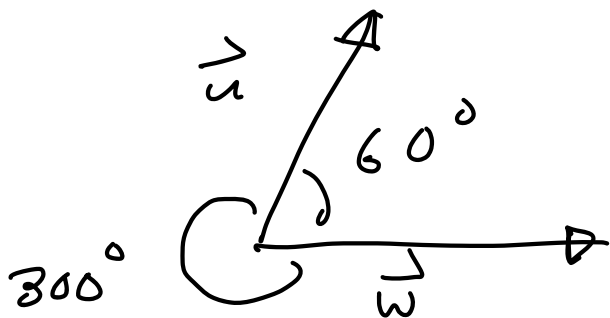
$$\sqrt{0^2 + (-2)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}.$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{w}\|} = \frac{(0)(-2) + (-2)(0) + (2)(2)}{\sqrt{8} \cdot \sqrt{8}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \underline{60^\circ} \text{ or } 300^\circ$$

pick  
the  
smaller.

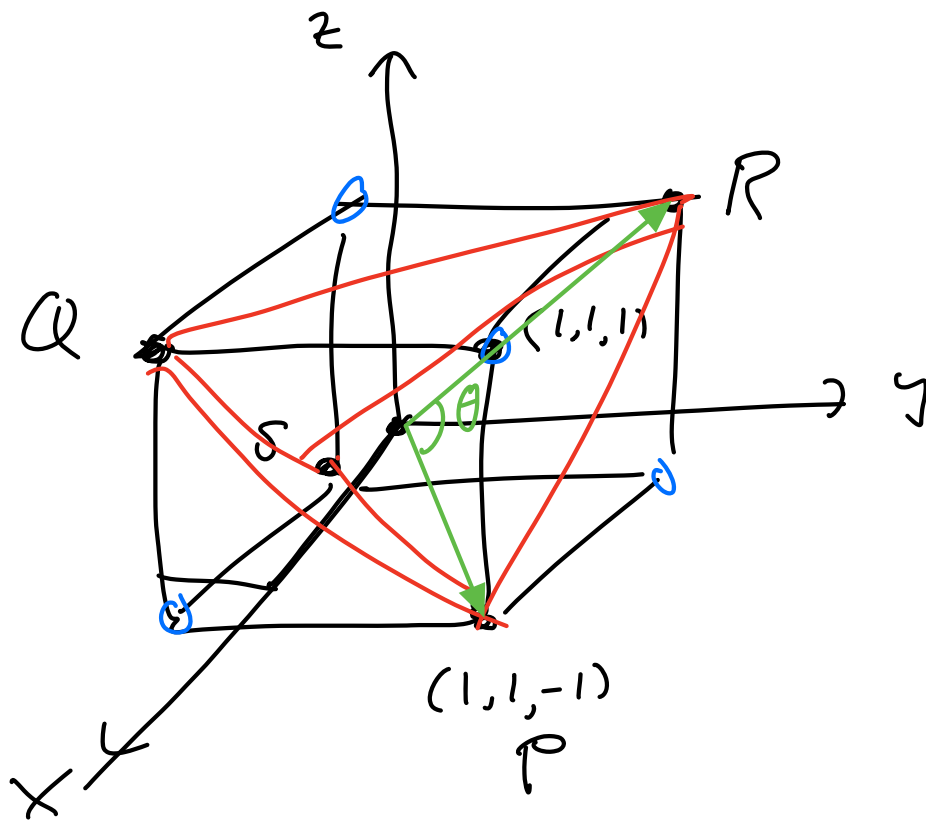


Remark: Add 4th point  $S = (-1, -1, -1)$

Then  $PQR, PQS, PRS, QRS$

all equilateral triangles

$PQRS$  is a regular tetrahedron



Call the origin  $O = (0, 0, 0)$

The tetrahedral angle  $\theta$  between any two vertices, measured from the central point  $O$ .

$\theta =$  angle between  $\vec{OP}$  &  $\vec{OR}$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{OP} \cdot \vec{OR}}{\|\vec{OP}\| \|\vec{OR}\|}$$

$$= \frac{\langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle -1, 1, 1 \rangle}{\|\langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle\| \|\langle -1, 1, 1 \rangle\|}$$

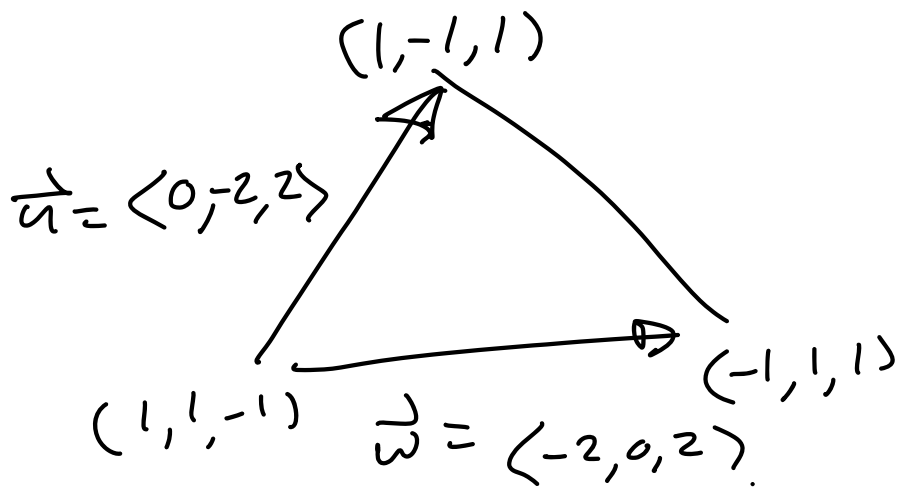
$$= \frac{-1 + 1 - 1}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \approx 109.5^\circ$$



Problem 6: Too easy!

Here's a harder version. Find equation of the plane containing points P, Q, R from Problem 4.



Need one point & the normal vector.  
✓

To get a normal vector, take  
 cross product of any two vectors  
 in the plane. e.g.  $\vec{u} = \langle -2, 2, 0 \rangle$   
 $\vec{w} = \langle -2, 0, 2 \rangle$ .

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{w} = \text{det} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i} \text{det} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$- \vec{j} \text{det} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ \vec{k} \text{det} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (4-0)\vec{i} - (-4-0)\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$$

$$= 4\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$$

$$= \langle 4, 4, 4 \rangle$$

Using normal vector  $\langle 4, 4, 4 \rangle$   
and any point, say  $P = (1, 1, -1)$ ,  
the equation of the plane is

$$4(x-1) + 4(y-1) + 4(z-(-1)) = 0$$

$$4x + 4y + 4z = 4$$

$$x + y + z = 1$$

In retrospect this was very  
easy to see. Indeed the  
 $x, y, z$  coordinates of any  
point in the plane sum to 1.

$$P = (1, 1, -1) \rightarrow 1 + 1 - 1 = 1$$

$$Q = (1, -1, 1) \rightarrow 1 - 1 + 1 = 1$$

$$R = (-1, 1, 1) \rightarrow -1 + 1 + 1 = 1$$



Remark :

