

Vector-Valued Functions:

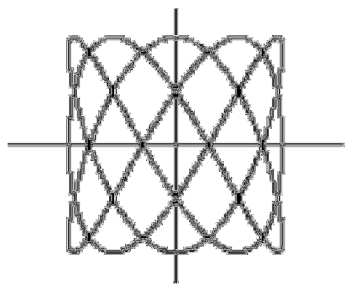
Suppose a particle moves along a smooth curve in the plane so that its position at any time is t is $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$ where x and y are differentiable functions of t .

1. The particle's **position vector** is $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$.
2. The particle's **velocity vector** is $\mathbf{v}(t) = \left\langle \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} \right\rangle$
3. The particle's **speed** is the magnitude of \mathbf{v} , denoted $|\mathbf{v}|$. Speed is a scalar, not a vector.

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$$
4. The particle's **acceleration vector** is $\mathbf{a}(t) = \left\langle \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}, \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \right\rangle$
5. The particle's **direction vector** is the **direction vector** $\frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|}$.
6. A particle moves in the plane with a position vector $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \sin 3t, \cos 5t \rangle$.
 - a. Find the velocity vector
 - b. Find the acceleration vector
 - c. Using a calculator, determine the path of the particle.

Solution:

- a. Velocity $\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle 3 \cos 3t, -5 \sin 5t \rangle$.
- b. Acceleration $\mathbf{a}(t) = \langle -9 \sin 3t, -25 \cos 5t \rangle$.
- c. The path of the particle is found by graphing in parametric mode, the curve defined by $x = \sin 3t$ and $y = \cos 5t$.



7. A particle moves in an elliptical path so that its position at any time $t \geq 0$ is given by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 4 \sin t, 2 \cos t \rangle$.

a. Find the velocity and acceleration vectors.

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle 4 \cos t, -2 \sin t \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = \langle -4 \sin t, -2 \cos t \rangle$$

b. Find the velocity, acceleration, speed, and direction of motion at $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

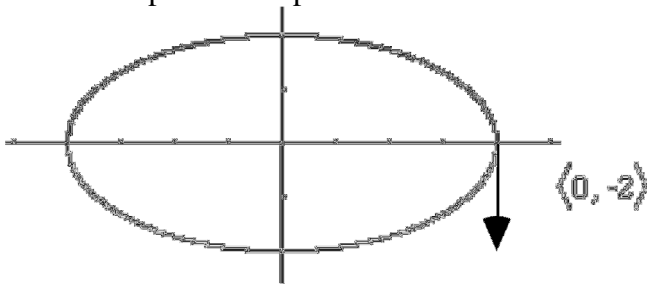
$$\mathbf{v}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 2\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\mathbf{a}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -2\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Speed} = \left| \mathbf{v}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right| = \sqrt{8 + 2} = \sqrt{10}$$

$$\text{Slope} = \tan \theta = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \theta = -0.463648 = -26.5651^\circ$$

c. Sketch the path of the particle and show the velocity vector at the point $(4, 0)$



d. Does the particle travel clockwise or counterclockwise around the origin?
The particle travels clockwise.

Displacement and Distance Traveled

When a particle moves along a line with velocity $v(t)$, the displacement (or net distance traveled) from time $t = a$ to time $t = b$ is given by $\int_a^b v(t) dt$, while the (total) distance traveled is given by $\int_a^b |v(t)| dt$. When a particle moves in the plane with velocity vector $\mathbf{v}(t)$, displacement and distance traveled can be found by applying the same integrals to the vector \mathbf{v} , although in slightly different ways.

Suppose a particle moves along a path in the plane so that its velocity at any time t is $\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle v_1(t), v_2(t) \rangle$, where v_1 and v_2 are integrable functions of t .

The **displacement** from $t = a$ to $t = b$ is given by $\left\langle \int_a^b v_1(t) dt, \int_a^b v_2(t) dt \right\rangle$.

This vector is added to the position at time $t = a$ to get the position at time $t = b$.

The **distance traveled** from $t = a$ to $t = b$ is $\int_a^b |v(t)| dt = \int_a^b \sqrt{(v_1(t))^2 + (v_2(t))^2} dt$.

For #'s 1-5: Find $\mathbf{r}'(t)$

1. $\mathbf{r}(t) = 6t\mathbf{i} - 7t^2\mathbf{j} + t^3\mathbf{k}$

2. $\mathbf{r}(t) = \frac{1}{t}\mathbf{i} + 16t\mathbf{j} + \frac{t^2}{2}\mathbf{k}$

3. $\mathbf{r}(t) = a \cos^3 t\mathbf{i} + a \sin^3 t\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$

4. $\mathbf{r}(t) = 4\sqrt{t}\mathbf{i} + t^2\sqrt{t}\mathbf{j} + \ln t^2\mathbf{k}$

5. $\mathbf{r}(t) = e^{-t}\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$

6. $\int (2t\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) dt =$

7. $\int \left(\frac{1}{t}\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - t^{3/2}\mathbf{k} \right) dt =$

8. $\int \left((2t-1)\mathbf{i} + 4t^3\mathbf{j} + 3\sqrt{t}\mathbf{k} \right) dt =$

A particle moves in a plane with velocity vector $\mathbf{v}(t) = \langle t - 3\pi \cos \pi t, 2t - \pi \sin \pi t \rangle$. At $t = 0$, the particle is at the point $(1, 5)$.

9. Find the position of the particle at $t = 4$.

10. What is the total distance traveled by the particle from $t = 0$ to $t = 4$?

11. Determine the path that the particle travels going from $(1, 5)$ to $(9, 21)$