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Vector function :- CC-4/Sem-2 . ①

If to each value of a scalar variable t , there corresponds a unique vector $\vec{F}$, determined by any given rule, then $\vec{F}(t)$ is called a vector function.

$\vec{F}(t) = F_1(t)\hat{i} + F_2(t)\hat{j} + F_3(t)\hat{k}$, where $F_1(t), F_2(t), F_3(t)$ are scalar functions of t .

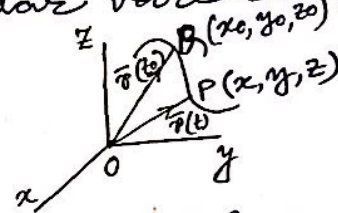
$\vec{F} = (F_1, F_2, F_3)$. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k} \text{ be three unit vectors} \\ \text{along three mutually perpendicular} \\ \text{fixed directions.} \end{array} \right.$

Example:

Let $\vec{r} = \vec{OP}$ be the vector from a fixed origin O to a variable point P on a space curve. for a fixed value of the scalar variable t , say t_0 , $\exists$ a unique vector $\vec{r}(t_0)$.

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$$

$\vec{r}$ is a vector function of position.



As t changes, the terminal point of $\vec{r}$ describes a space curve.

$\vec{r}(t)$ is the position vector of the variable point $P(x, y, z)$ on the space curve. Then

$$\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j} + z(t)\hat{k}.$$

Parametric equations of the space curve;

$$x = x(t)$$

$$y = y(t)$$

$$z = z(t)$$

t is a parameter.

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VECTOR CALCULUS . CC-4/2nd sem.Limit of a vector function :

A vector function $\vec{F}(t)$ is said to tend to a limit $\vec{A}$ (constant vector), as t approaches t_0 , if, to any preassigned +ve number ϵ , however small, there corresponds a +ve number δ , such that

$$|\vec{F}(t) - \vec{A}| < \epsilon \text{ when } |t - t_0| < \delta.$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t) = \vec{A}$$

Roughly speaking, the length of the vector $\vec{F}(t) - \vec{A}$ approaches zero.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t) = \vec{A} \text{ implies } \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} F_k(t) = A_k, \text{ for } k=1, 2, 3.$$

$$\text{where } \vec{F}(t) = F_1(t)\hat{i} + F_2(t)\hat{j} + F_3(t)\hat{k}, \quad \vec{A} = A_1\hat{i} + A_2\hat{j} + A_3\hat{k}.$$

PROPERTIES :

- (i) $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} [\vec{F}(t) \pm \vec{f}(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t) \pm \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{f}(t)$
- (ii) $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} [\vec{F}(t) \times \vec{f}(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t) \times \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{f}(t)$
- (iii) $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} [\phi(t) \vec{F}(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \phi(t) \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t)$

Continuity of a vector function

A vector function $\vec{F}(t)$ is said to be continuous at $t = t_0$ if, given any (+ve) number ϵ , it is possible to find another (+ve) number δ such that

$$|\vec{F}(t) - \vec{F}(t_0)| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } |t - t_0| < \delta.$$

Also $\vec{F}(t)$ is said to be continuous at $t = t_0$, if

$$\vec{F}_1(t), \vec{F}_2(t), \vec{F}_3(t) \text{ are all " " " "}$$

$$\vec{F}(t) \text{ is continuous at } t \text{ if } |\vec{F}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{F}(t)| < \epsilon, \text{ when } |\Delta t| < \delta.$$

$\vec{F}(t)$ " " in $a \leq t \leq b$ if $\vec{F}(t)$ is continuous for every value of t in this interval.

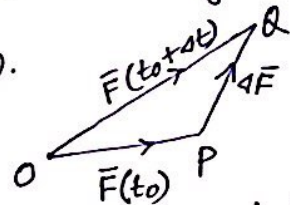
PROPERTIES :- Suppose, $\vec{F}(t), \vec{f}(t), \phi(t)$ are continuous at $t = t_0$.

- (i) $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} [\vec{F}(t) \pm \vec{f}(t)] = \vec{F}(t_0) \pm \vec{f}(t_0) \Rightarrow \vec{F}(t) \pm \vec{f}(t) \text{ are continuous at } t = t_0.$
- (ii) $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} [\vec{F}(t) \times \vec{f}(t)] = \vec{F}(t_0) \times \vec{f}(t_0)$
- (iii) $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} [\phi(t) \vec{F}(t)] = \phi(t_0) \vec{F}(t_0)$

DERIVATIVE OF VECTORS

Suppose that $\vec{F}(t)$ is a single-valued vector function of a scalar variable t .

Let $\vec{OP} = \vec{F}(t_0)$ w.r.t. fixed origin O .
 & $\vec{OQ} = \vec{F}(t_0 + \Delta t)$.



$$\vec{PQ} = \vec{OQ} - \vec{OP} \Rightarrow \vec{PQ} = \vec{F}(t_0 + \Delta t) - \vec{F}(t_0) = \Delta \vec{F}$$

$\therefore \frac{\vec{PQ}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta \vec{F}}{\Delta t}$; as $t \rightarrow 0$, $\frac{\Delta \vec{F}}{\Delta t} \rightarrow \vec{F}'(t_0)$, if the limit exists.

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{F}}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}(t_0 + \Delta t) - \vec{F}(t_0)}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = \vec{F}'(t_0) = \vec{F}'(t) \Big|_{at t=t_0}$$

If the derived function $\vec{F}'(t)$ is also derivable, i.e.,
 if $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}'(t_0 + \Delta t) - \vec{F}'(t_0)}{\Delta t}$ exists, then $= \vec{F}''(t) = \frac{d^2 \vec{F}}{dt^2}$.

Higher order derivatives $\frac{d^3 \vec{F}}{dt^3}$, $\frac{d^4 \vec{F}}{dt^4}$, etc. are similarly defined like in scalar calculus.

Relation between continuity and derivability $\rightarrow$

Theorem: If $\vec{F}'(t)$ exists at $t=t_0$, then $\vec{F}(t)$ is continuous at $t=t_0$. [Every derivable function is continuous].

Proof: $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \{\vec{F}(t_0 + \Delta t) - \vec{F}(t_0)\} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left[\Delta t \left\{ \frac{\vec{F}(t_0 + \Delta t) - \vec{F}(t_0)}{\Delta t} \right\} \right]$
 $= \left\{ \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \Delta t \right\} \left\{ \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}(t_0 + \Delta t) - \vec{F}(t_0)}{\Delta t} \right\} = 0 \cdot \vec{F}'(t_0) = \vec{0}$

$$\therefore \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \vec{F}(t_0 + \Delta t) = \vec{F}(t_0)$$

Converse is NOT True always $\rightarrow$

Let us take $\vec{F}(t) = |t| \hat{i}$. $\therefore \vec{F}(0) = \vec{0}$

$$|\vec{F}(t) - \vec{F}(0)| = ||t| \hat{i} - \vec{0}| = |t|$$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \vec{F}(t) = \vec{0} = \vec{F}(0)$, $\therefore \vec{F}(t) = |t| \hat{i}$ is continuous at $t=0$.

But, $\frac{\vec{F}(t) - \vec{F}(0)}{t - 0} = \frac{|t| \hat{i} - \vec{0}}{t} = \frac{|t|}{t} \hat{i} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \hat{i}, & \text{as } t \rightarrow 0 \text{ through (+ve) values} \\ -\hat{i}, & \text{as } t \rightarrow 0 \text{ through (-ve) values} \end{cases}$

So, the limit is not unique,
 hence $\vec{F}'(0)$ does not exist.

Derivatives of sums and products

- ① If $\vec{F}(t) = F_1(t)\hat{i} + F_2(t)\hat{j} + F_3(t)\hat{k}$ is derivable function of t , then F_1, F_2, F_3 are also derivable scalar functions of t .

Also $\frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = \frac{dF_1}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dF_2}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dF_3}{dt}\hat{k}$, and conversely.

Proof:
$$\frac{\vec{F}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{F}(t)}{\Delta t} = \frac{F_1(t+\Delta t) - F_1(t)}{\Delta t}\hat{i} + \frac{F_2(t+\Delta t) - F_2(t)}{\Delta t}\hat{j} + \frac{F_3(t+\Delta t) - F_3(t)}{\Delta t}\hat{k}$$

The limit as $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ on the R.H.S. exists iff the three limits of R.H.S. all exist.

$\therefore \vec{F}'(t) = F_1'(t)\hat{i} + F_2'(t)\hat{j} + F_3'(t)\hat{k}$.

- ② The derivative of any constant vector $\vec{c}$ is zero and conversely.

Proof: For any constant vector $\vec{c}$, $\Delta \vec{c} = 0$, so that $\frac{\Delta \vec{c}}{\Delta t} = 0$ and $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{c}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{c}}{dt} = \vec{0}$.

Conversely,

Let $\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$, $\therefore \frac{d\vec{c}}{dt} = \frac{dc_1}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dc_2}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dc_3}{dt}\hat{k}$.

Now $\frac{d\vec{c}}{dt} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \frac{dc_1}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dc_2}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dc_3}{dt}\hat{k} = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dc_1}{dt} = 0, \frac{dc_2}{dt} = 0, \frac{dc_3}{dt} = 0$

$\Rightarrow c_1, c_2, c_3$ are constants

$\Rightarrow \vec{c}$ is a constant vector.

③ $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{u} \pm \vec{v}) = \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \pm \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$.

Proof: $\Delta(\vec{u} \pm \vec{v}) = (\vec{u} + \Delta\vec{u} \pm \vec{v} + \Delta\vec{v}) - (\vec{u} \pm \vec{v}) = \Delta\vec{u} \pm \Delta\vec{v}$

$\therefore \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta(\vec{u} \pm \vec{v})}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t} \pm \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{v}}{\Delta t}$

$\therefore \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{u} \pm \vec{v}) = \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \pm \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$. [In fact, $\frac{d}{dt}(\sum_{i=1}^n \vec{u}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d\vec{u}_i}{dt}$]

④ $\frac{d}{dt}(f\vec{u}) = f\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} + \frac{df}{dt}\vec{u}$

Proof: $\Delta(f\vec{u}) = (f + \Delta f)(\vec{u} + \Delta\vec{u}) - f\vec{u} = f\Delta\vec{u} + \Delta f\vec{u} + \Delta f\Delta\vec{u}$.

$\therefore \frac{\Delta(f\vec{u})}{\Delta t} = f\frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t} + \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t}\vec{u} + \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t}\frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t} \cdot \Delta t$

$\therefore \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta(f\vec{u})}{\Delta t} = f\left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t}\right) + \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t}\right)\vec{u} + \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t}\right)\left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t}\right)\left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \Delta t\right)$

$\therefore \frac{d}{dt}(f\vec{u}) = f\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} + \frac{df}{dt}\vec{u} + \frac{df}{dt}\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \cdot 0 = f\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} + \frac{df}{dt}\vec{u}$.

Note: Law ④ can be deduced by Law ③

$$⑤ \quad \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = \vec{u} \cdot \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \cdot \vec{v}$$

Proof: $\Delta(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = \{(\vec{u} + \Delta\vec{u}) \cdot (\vec{v} + \Delta\vec{v})\} - (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})$
 $= \vec{u} \cdot \Delta\vec{v} + \Delta\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \Delta\vec{u} \cdot \Delta\vec{v}$

$$\frac{\Delta(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})}{\Delta t} = \vec{u} \cdot \frac{\Delta\vec{v}}{\Delta t} + \frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t} \cdot \vec{v} + \left(\frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t} \cdot \frac{\Delta\vec{v}}{\Delta t}\right) \Delta t$$

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})}{\Delta t} = \vec{u} \cdot \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{v}}{\Delta t} + \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t}\right) \cdot \vec{v} + \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t}\right) \cdot \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{v}}{\Delta t}\right) \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \Delta t$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = \vec{u} \cdot \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \cdot \vec{v} + \left(\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}\right) 0 = \vec{u} \cdot \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$⑥ \quad \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = \vec{u} \times \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \times \vec{v}$$

Proof: $\Delta(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = \{(\vec{u} + \Delta\vec{u}) \times (\vec{v} + \Delta\vec{v})\} - (\vec{u} \times \vec{v})$
 $= \vec{u} \times \Delta\vec{v} + \Delta\vec{u} \times \vec{v} + \Delta\vec{u} \times \Delta\vec{v}$

$$\therefore \frac{\Delta(\vec{u} \times \vec{v})}{\Delta t} = \vec{u} \times \frac{\Delta\vec{v}}{\Delta t} + \frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t} \times \vec{v} + \left(\frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t} \times \frac{\Delta\vec{v}}{\Delta t}\right) \Delta t$$

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta(\vec{u} \times \vec{v})}{\Delta t} = \vec{u} \times \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{v}}{\Delta t} + \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t}\right) \times \vec{v} + \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t}\right) \times \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{v}}{\Delta t}\right) \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \Delta t$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = \vec{u} \times \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \times \vec{v} + \left(\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \times \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}\right) 0 = \vec{u} \times \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \times \vec{v}$$

⑦ If $\vec{u} = \vec{u}(s)$ and $s = s(t)$, then $\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{u}}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt}$

Now, $\Delta\vec{u} = (\vec{u} + \Delta\vec{u}) - \vec{u} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t} = \frac{(\vec{u} + \Delta\vec{u}) - \vec{u}}{(s + \Delta s) - s} = \frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta s} \cdot \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\Delta\vec{u}}{\Delta s}\right) \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{u}}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt}}$$

Theorem:

- A necessary and sufficient condition that a proper vector $\vec{u}$
- (i) has a constant length is that $\vec{u} \cdot \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = 0$
 - (ii) always remains parallel to a fixed line is that $\vec{u} \times \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = \vec{0}$.

Proof: (i) Let $\vec{u} (\neq \vec{0})$ have a constant length $[=|\vec{u}|]$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{d}{dt}(|\vec{u}|^2) = \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \Rightarrow 2\vec{u} \cdot \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = 0$$

Conversely, let $\vec{u} \cdot \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow 2\vec{u} \cdot \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(|\vec{u}|^2) = 0 \Rightarrow |\vec{u}| = \text{constant}$

- (ii) Let $\vec{u}$ be always parallel to a fixed line.
 Let $\vec{u} = u\hat{u}$, where $\hat{u}$ is the unit vector along $\vec{u}$ and u be its length, i.e., $u = |\vec{u}|$.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u} \times \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} &= (u\hat{u}) \times \frac{d}{dt}(u\hat{u}) = (u\hat{u}) \times \left(u \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} + \frac{du}{dt} \hat{u}\right) \\ &= u^2 \left(\hat{u} \times \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt}\right) + u \frac{du}{dt} (\hat{u} \times \hat{u}) = u^2 \left(\hat{u} \times \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt}\right) \quad [\because \hat{u} \times \hat{u} = \vec{0}]\end{aligned}$$

When $\vec{u}$ remains parallel to a fixed line,
 $\hat{u}$ is constant and $\frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} = \vec{0}$

$$\therefore \hat{u} \times \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} = \vec{0}$$

$$\therefore \vec{u} \times \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = \vec{0}$$

Conversely, let $\vec{u} \times \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = \vec{0}$, where $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$

$$\therefore \vec{u} \times \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = u^2 \left(\hat{u} \times \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt}\right) \neq \vec{0} \implies \hat{u} \times \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} = \vec{0} \longrightarrow (1)$$

Since $\hat{u}$ is a vector of constant length 1, then

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\hat{u} \cdot \hat{u}) = 0 \implies 2\hat{u} \times \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} = 0 \implies \hat{u} \cdot \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} = 0 \longrightarrow (2)$$

Equations (1) & (2) are contradictory unless

$$\frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} = \vec{0} \implies \hat{u} \text{ is constant unit vector.}$$

$\therefore \vec{u}$ is parallel to a fixed line.

Derivatives of Triple products:-

$$(1) \frac{d}{dt}[\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})] = \frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + \vec{a} \cdot \left(\frac{d\vec{b}}{dt} \times \vec{c}\right) + \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \frac{d\vec{c}}{dt})$$

$$(2) \frac{d}{dt}[\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})] = \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) + \vec{u} \times \left(\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \times \vec{w}\right) + \vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \frac{d\vec{w}}{dt})$$

Q Solve: $\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} + 4\vec{r} = \vec{0}$; $\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} - 7\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + 12\vec{r} = \vec{0}$

Considering $\vec{r}$ as scalar variable,

$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} + 4\vec{r} = 0$. Let $\vec{r} = Ae^{mt}$ be a trial soln.

A.E. is $m^2 + 4 = 0 \implies m = \pm 2i$

Complete soln is given by $\vec{r} = c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t$.

Transferring $\vec{r}$ as $\vec{r}$, c_1 as $\vec{c}_1$, c_2 as $\vec{c}_2$,

$\vec{c}_1, \vec{c}_2$ are arbitrary vector const.

Req. Soln: $\vec{r} = \vec{c}_1 \cos 2t + \vec{c}_2 \sin 2t$

Similar for $\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} - 7\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + 12\vec{r} = \vec{0}$, we get

the complete soln as: $\vec{r} = \vec{c}_1 e^{3t} + \vec{c}_2 e^{4t}$

Vector Functions of several scalar variables

$\vec{V} = \vec{f}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ means that a vector $\vec{f}$ is uniquely determined when $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ are known real values within their ranges.

In particular, $\vec{F} = \vec{F}(x, y)$ in a region R

$\Rightarrow \vec{F}$ is a function of x and y for all points of the region R

$\Rightarrow$ to each point $(x, y) \in R$, a number and a direction can be assigned to $\vec{F}$

$$\vec{F} = F_1(x, y) \hat{i} + F_2(x, y) \hat{j} + F_3(x, y) \hat{k}; F_1, F_2, F_3 \text{ are all defined in } R.$$

PARTIAL DERIVATIVES:

Let us consider a vector function $\vec{F}(x, y)$.

$$\vec{F}_x = \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}(x + \Delta x, y) - \vec{F}(x, y)}{\Delta x}, \text{ if limit exists.}$$

$$\vec{F}_y = \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial y} = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}(x, y + \Delta y) - \vec{F}(x, y)}{\Delta y}, \text{ " " "}$$

$$\text{If } \vec{F}(x, y) = F_1(x, y) \hat{i} + F_2(x, y) \hat{j} + F_3(x, y) \hat{k}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} \hat{k}, \text{ etc.}$$

Total differential: $d\vec{F} = dF_1 \hat{i} + dF_2 \hat{j} + dF_3 \hat{k}$, where

$$dF_1 = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} dy, \text{ etc.}$$

$$d\vec{F} = \left(\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} dx \right) \hat{i} + \dots$$

$$= dF_1 \hat{i} + dF_2 \hat{j} + dF_3 \hat{k}.$$

Some Results:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\vec{F} + \vec{G}) = \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \vec{G}}{\partial x}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f \vec{F}) = f \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \vec{F}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{G}) = \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} \cdot \vec{G} + \vec{F} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{G}}{\partial x}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\vec{F} \times \vec{G}) = \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} \times \vec{G} + \vec{F} \times \frac{\partial \vec{G}}{\partial x}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{G}) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}(x + \Delta x, y) \cdot \vec{G}(x + \Delta x, y) - \vec{F}(x, y) \cdot \vec{G}(x, y)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}(x + \Delta x, y) \cdot \vec{G}(x + \Delta x, y) - \vec{F}(x, y) \cdot \vec{G}(x, y)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\{\vec{F}(x + \Delta x, y) - \vec{F}(x, y)\} \cdot \vec{G}(x + \Delta x, y)}{\Delta x}$$

$$+ \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}(x, y) \cdot \{\vec{G}(x + \Delta x, y) - \vec{G}(x, y)\}}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} \cdot \vec{G}(x, y) + \vec{F}(x, y) \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{G}}{\partial x}.$$

Example: ① If $\vec{F} = x^2 y \hat{i} + (2x - y) \hat{j} + y \sin x \hat{k}$, calculate $\vec{F}_x, \vec{F}_{xx}, \vec{F}_{xy}, \vec{F}_{yy}, \vec{F}_x \times \vec{F}_y$.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \vec{F} = xyz \hat{i} + x^2 z \hat{j} - y^3 \hat{k}, \quad \vec{G} = x^3 \hat{i} - xyz \hat{j} + x^2 z \hat{k}$$

Prove that (i) $\vec{F}_{xy}(0, 0) = \vec{0}$, (ii) $\vec{F}_{yy} \times \vec{G}_{xx}$ at $(1, 1, 0) = -36 \hat{j}$

Integration of Vectors.

Differentials: If $\vec{F}(t) = F_1(t)\hat{i} + F_2(t)\hat{j} + F_3(t)\hat{k}$, and if $\vec{F}'(t)$ exists, then $d\vec{F} = \vec{F}'(t)dt = dF_1\hat{i} + dF_2\hat{j} + dF_3\hat{k}$.
If $\vec{F}(t) = \vec{C}$ (constant), then $d\vec{C} = \vec{0}$.
Also, $d(\vec{F} \cdot \vec{F}) = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{F} + d\vec{F} \cdot \vec{F}$
 $d(\vec{F} \times \vec{F}) = \vec{F} \times d\vec{F} + d\vec{F} \times \vec{F}$

Indefinite integration:

If $\vec{F}(t) = \frac{d}{dt}\vec{f}(t)$, then $\vec{F}(t)dt = d\vec{f}(t)$, and
 $\int \vec{F}(t)dt = \int d\vec{f}(t) = \vec{f}(t) \rightarrow$ indefinite integral of $\vec{F}(t)$.

Theorem: If $\vec{f}(t)$ be an indefinite integral of $\vec{F}(t)$, then $\vec{f}(t) + \vec{C}$, where $\vec{C}$ is a constant vector, is also the integral of $\vec{F}(t)$.

Proof: By the given condition, $d\{\vec{f}(t)\} = \vec{F}(t)dt$
Also, $d\{\vec{f}(t) + \vec{C}\} = d\{\vec{f}(t)\} + d\vec{C} = \vec{F}(t)dt$ [$\because d\vec{C} = \vec{0}$]
Hence, by the definition, $\vec{f}(t) + \vec{C}$ is also an integral of $\vec{F}(t)$.

Important Formulae: Let $\vec{r}(t)$ and $\vec{s}(t)$ be two derivable functions, denoted by $\vec{r}, \vec{s}$ resp.

- ① $\int \left(\vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{s}}{dt} + \vec{s} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right) dt = \int \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}) dt = \vec{r} \cdot \vec{s} + C$
- ② $\int 2\vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt = \int \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}) dt = \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} + C = \vec{r}^2 + C$
- ③ $\int 2 \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt = \int \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right) dt = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + C = \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right)^2 + C$
- ④ $\int \left(\vec{r} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \right) dt = \int \frac{d}{dt} \left(\vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right) dt = \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + C$
- ⑤ $\int \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} - \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \frac{1}{r} \right) dt = \int \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{r} \vec{r} \right) dt = \frac{\vec{r}}{r} + C$
- ⑥ $\int \left(\vec{a} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right) dt = \int \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{a} \times \vec{r}) dt = \vec{a} \times \vec{r} + C$ [$\vec{a}$ is a given constant vector]
- ⑦ If $\vec{f}(t) = f_1(t)\hat{i} + f_2(t)\hat{j} + f_3(t)\hat{k}$, then
 $\int \vec{f}(t)dt = \hat{i} \int f_1(t)dt + \hat{j} \int f_2(t)dt + \hat{k} \int f_3(t)dt$.

Note: The constant of integration is a scalar or a vector according as the integrand is a scalar or a vector function.

Definite Integral as the limit of a sum:
 Let $\vec{F}(t)$ be a vector function, which is finite and continuous in $a \leq t \leq b$.

Let us divide $[a, b]$ into a finite number of sub-intervals, say, n which corresponds to increments of the scalar variable t
 $\Delta t_1, \Delta t_2, \dots, \Delta t_n$
 Let us take, some value t_1 for t in the subinterval Δt_1 ,
 " " t_2 " " " " " " Δt_2
 " " t_n " " " " " " Δt_n

Then the corresponding functions are respectively $\vec{F}(t_1), \vec{F}(t_2), \dots, \vec{F}(t_n)$
 Let us form the sum

$$\vec{S}_n = \Delta t_1 \vec{F}(t_1) + \Delta t_2 \vec{F}(t_2) + \dots + \Delta t_n \vec{F}(t_n).$$

Let the number of subintervals, $n \rightarrow \infty$ so that the greatest of $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$, then $\vec{S}_n \rightarrow$ unique finite limit which is independent of the choice of the values of $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$, and also independent of the mode of subdivision of the range $[a, b]$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \vec{S}_n = \vec{F}(b) - \vec{F}(a), \text{ where } \vec{F}(t) = \int \vec{F}(t) dt$$

This limiting value is called the definite integral of the function $\vec{F}(t)$ between a to b , and is given by

$$\int_a^b \vec{F}(t) dt = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^n \Delta t_r \vec{F}(t_r) = \vec{F}(b) - \vec{F}(a),$$

$$\text{where } \vec{f}(t) = \int \vec{F}(t) dt.$$

9. Solve for $\vec{r}$:

(i) $\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} + 4\vec{r} = \vec{0}$ (ii) $\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} - 7\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + 12\vec{r} = \vec{0}$ (iii) $\frac{d^3 \vec{r}}{dt^3} - 6\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} + 9\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{0}$

Integrating w.r.t. t , $m^2 - 7m + 12 = 0$
 $(m-4)(m-3) = 0$
 $m = 4, m = 3$
 $\vec{r} = e^{4t}, \vec{r} = e^{3t}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right)^2 + 4\vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right)^2 + 4\vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{0}$$

Integrating w.r.t. t , $\left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right)^2 + 2\vec{r}^2 = c$

(i) $\vec{r} = \vec{a} \cos 2t + \vec{b} \sin 2t$

(ii) $\vec{r} = \vec{a} e^{4t} + \vec{b} e^{3t}$

(iii) $\vec{r} = (\vec{a} + \vec{b}t) e^{3t}$

Exercise

1. If $\vec{r}(t) = (3t^2 - 1)\hat{i} + (2 - 6t)\hat{j} - 4t\hat{k}$, show that

$$\int \vec{r}(t) dt = (t^3 - \frac{1}{2}t^2)\hat{i} + (2t - 3t^2)\hat{j} - 2t^2\hat{k} + \vec{c},$$

and $\int_1^2 \vec{r}(t) dt = \frac{11}{2}\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$, $\int \vec{r} dt = \vec{f}(t) + \vec{c}$
 $\int_1^2 \vec{r} dt = \vec{f}(2) - \vec{f}(1)$

3. If $\vec{r}(t) = (t, -t^2, t-1)$, $\vec{s}(t) = (2t^2, 0, 6t)$, show that

$$\int_0^2 \vec{r} \cdot \vec{s} dt = 12 \text{ and } \int_0^2 \vec{r} \times \vec{s} dt = (-24, -\frac{10}{3}, \frac{65}{5})$$

Soln, $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{s} = 2t^3 + 6t^2 - 6t$, $\vec{r} \times \vec{s} = -6t^2\hat{j} + 2t^4\hat{k} - 6t^3\hat{i} + (2t^3 - 2t)\hat{i}$
 $= -6t^3\hat{i} + (2t^3 - 8t^2)\hat{j} + 2t^4\hat{k}$

5. (i) Prove that $\int_1^2 \vec{r} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} dt = -14\hat{i} + 75\hat{j} - 15\hat{k}$, where

$$\vec{r}(t) = (5t^2, t, -t^3), \quad \vec{v} = (10t, 1, -3t^2), \quad \vec{a} = (10, 0, -6t)$$

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{a} = (5t^2, t, -t^3) \times (10, 0, -6t) = 30t^2\hat{j} - 10t\hat{k} - 6t^3\hat{i} - 10t^3\hat{j} = (-6t^3, 20t^2, -10t)$$

$$\int \vec{r} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} dt = \int \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}) dt = \int d(\vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}) = \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + \vec{c}$$

If $\vec{f}(t) = \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$, then $\int_1^2 \vec{r} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} dt = \vec{f}(2) - \vec{f}(1)$

(ii) $\int_1^2 (\frac{1}{r} \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} - \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2}) dt = \int_1^2 \frac{d}{dt} (\frac{\vec{r}}{r}) dt = \left[\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right]_1^2$
 $= \vec{f}(2) - \vec{f}(1)$, where $\vec{f}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$

(iii) Given that $\vec{r}(t) = \begin{cases} 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, & \text{when } t=2 \\ 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, & \text{when } t=3 \end{cases}$

Show that $\int_2^3 \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt = 10$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_2^3 \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}) dt = \frac{1}{2} [\vec{r}^2]_{t=2}^3$$

6. (i) The acceleration at any instant t of a moving particle is given by $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = 12\cos 2t\hat{i} - 8\sin 2t\hat{j} + 16t\hat{k}$
 Find the velocity $\vec{v}$ and displacement $\vec{r}$ at any time t , if at $t=0$, $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ and $\vec{r} = \vec{0}$

Ans: $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 6\sin 2t\hat{i} + 4\cos 2t\hat{j} + 8t\hat{k} - 4\hat{j}_3$
 $\vec{r} = (3 - 3\cos 2t)\hat{i} + (2\sin 2t - 4t)\hat{j} + \frac{1}{2}8t^2\hat{k}$

Exercises - V(A) [Maity & Ghosh].

- ① If $\vec{r} = t^2 \hat{i} - t \hat{j} + (2t+1) \hat{k}$, find at $t=0$ the values of $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$, $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$, $\frac{d^3\vec{r}}{dt^3}$, $|\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}|$, $|\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}|$.
- ② If $\vec{r} = (5t^2, t, -t^3)$ and $\vec{s} = (\sin t, -\cos t, 0)$, find the values of $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{s})$, $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \times \vec{s})$, $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r})$.
- ③ If $\vec{r}_1 = (\sin \theta, \cos \theta, 0)$, $\vec{r}_2 = (\cos \theta, -\sin \theta, -3)$ and $\vec{r}_3 = (2, 3, -1)$, find $\frac{d}{d\theta} \{ \vec{r}_1 \times (\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3) \}$, at $\theta=0$.

④ Prove that $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}) = (\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt})^2 + \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$, and $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}) = \vec{r} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$.

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = (\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt})^2 + \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + \vec{r} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = \vec{0} + \vec{r} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = \vec{r} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$$

④ Evaluate the following derivatives:

① $\frac{d}{dt} \{ \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} + \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} + \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{dt^3}$
 $= 0 + 0 + \left[\vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{dt^3} \right] = \left[\vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{dt^3} \right]$

② $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \{ \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \} = \frac{d}{dt} \{ \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{dt^3} \}$
 $= \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{dt^3} + \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \times \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{dt^3} + \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^4\vec{r}}{dt^4}$
 $= 0 + \left[\vec{r} \cdot \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \times \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{dt^3} \right] + \left[\vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^4\vec{r}}{dt^4} \right]$

⑤ Find the derivatives w.r.t. t of the following:

① $\frac{d}{dt} \{ r^2 \vec{r} + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{b} \} = \left\{ \frac{d}{dt}(r^2) \right\} \vec{r} + r^2 \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + (\vec{a} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}) \vec{b}$
 $= 2r \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \vec{r} + r^2 \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + (\vec{a} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}) \vec{b} = 2r \vec{r}' + r^2 \vec{r}' + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r}') \vec{b}$

② $\frac{d}{dt} \{ (a\vec{r} + r\vec{b})^2 \} = \frac{d}{dt} (a^2 \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} + 2a\vec{r} \cdot r\vec{b} + r^2 \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b})$
 $= 2(a\vec{r} + r\vec{b})(a\vec{r}' + r'\vec{b})$

③ $\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right\} = \frac{\vec{r}'}{r} - \frac{1}{r^2} \vec{r} r' = \frac{1}{r^2} (r \vec{r}' - \vec{r} r')$

④ $\frac{d}{dt} \{ r^n \vec{r} \} = n r^{n-1} r' \vec{r} + r^n \vec{r}'$

⑤ $\frac{d}{dt} \{ r^3 \vec{r} + \vec{a} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \} = 3r^2 r' \vec{r} + r^3 \vec{r}' + \vec{a} \times \vec{r}''$

⑥ $\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{\vec{r} \times \vec{a}}{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a}} \right\} = \frac{\vec{r}' \times \vec{a}}{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a}} - \frac{(\vec{r} \times \vec{a})(\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{a})}{(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a})^2}$

And the acceleration vector is given by $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$.
Problem: At any instant t the vector from origin to a moving point is $\vec{r} = \vec{a}\cos\omega t + \vec{b}\sin\omega t$; $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ are constant vectors and ω is a scalar constant.

- (a) Find the velocity $\vec{v}$ and show that $\vec{r} \times \vec{v} = \text{a constant vector}$.
 (b) Show that the acceleration is directed towards the origin and is proportional to the displacement.
 (c) What is the physical interpretation of this motion?

(a) $\vec{r} = \vec{a}\cos\omega t + \vec{b}\sin\omega t$, $\vec{r}' = -\vec{a}\omega\sin\omega t + \vec{b}\omega\cos\omega t$
 & $\vec{r}'' = -\vec{a}\omega^2\cos\omega t - \vec{b}\omega^2\sin\omega t = -\omega^2\vec{r}$
 Velocity vector $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{r}' = \omega(-\vec{a}\sin\omega t + \vec{b}\cos\omega t)$
 Now $\vec{r} \times \vec{v} = (\vec{a}\cos\omega t + \vec{b}\sin\omega t) \times \{\omega(-\vec{a}\sin\omega t + \vec{b}\cos\omega t)\}$
 $= \omega\{(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\cos^2\omega t + (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\sin^2\omega t\} = \omega(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$
 $= \text{a constant vector}$.

- (b) Acceleration is $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = \vec{r}'' = -\omega^2\vec{r}$, which is directed towards the origin for its (ve) sign and is proportional to the displacement vector $\vec{r}$.
 Acceleration is opposite to the direction of $\vec{r}$, i.e., it is directed towards the origin.
 $|\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}| = \omega^2|\vec{r}|$, magnitude of acceleration is proportional to the displacement $|\vec{r}|$ which is the distance from the origin.

(c) Physical interpretation:

The motion is that of a particle moving on the circumference of a circle with constant angular speed ω . The acceleration (force), directed towards the centre of the circle is the centripetal acceleration (force).

- (d) Verify that $\vec{r} = \vec{a}e^{m_1t} + \vec{b}e^{m_2t}$ satisfies the differential equation $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} + k\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + l\vec{r} = \vec{0}$ (k, l are scalar constants) and m_1, m_2 are two unequal roots of the equation $m^2 + km + l = 0$ and $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ are arbitrary constant vectors.

Solution: $\vec{r}' = m_1\vec{a}e^{m_1t} + m_2\vec{b}e^{m_2t}$, $\vec{r}'' = m_1^2\vec{a}e^{m_1t} + m_2^2\vec{b}e^{m_2t}$
 $\vec{r}'' + k\vec{r}' + l\vec{r} = (m_1^2 + km_1 + l)\vec{a}e^{m_1t} + (m_2^2 + km_2 + l)\vec{b}e^{m_2t}$
 $= 0(\vec{a}e^{m_1t}) + 0(\vec{b}e^{m_2t}) = \vec{0}$.

$$(g) \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{\bar{r}}{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r}} - \frac{\bar{r} \times \bar{a}}{\bar{r}} \right\} = \frac{\bar{r}'}{(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r})} - \frac{\bar{r} (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r}')}{(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r})^2} - \frac{\bar{r}' \times \bar{a}}{\bar{r}} + \frac{1}{\bar{r}^2} (\bar{r} \times \bar{a}) \bar{r}'$$

$$= \frac{(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r}) \bar{r}' - (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r}') \bar{r}}{(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r})^2} - \frac{\bar{r} (\bar{r}' \times \bar{a}) - (\bar{r} \times \bar{a}) \bar{r}'}{\bar{r}^2}$$

$$(h) \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{\bar{r}}{\bar{r}^2} + \frac{\bar{r} \bar{b}}{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r}} \right\} = \frac{\bar{r}'}{\bar{r}^2} - \frac{2\bar{r}}{\bar{r}^3} \bar{r}' + \frac{\bar{r}' \bar{b}}{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r}} - \frac{\bar{r} \bar{b}}{(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r})^2} (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r}')$$

$$(i) \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \bar{r}^2 + \frac{1}{\bar{r}^2} \right\} = 2\bar{r} \bar{r}' - \frac{2}{\bar{r}^3} \bar{r}'$$

$$(j) \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \bar{r}^2 + \frac{1}{\bar{r}^2} \right\} = 2\bar{r} \bar{r}' - \frac{2}{\bar{r}^3} \bar{r}'$$

$$(k) \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{d\bar{r}}{dt} \right)^2 \right\} = \frac{1}{2} m 2\bar{r}' \bar{r}'' = m(\bar{r}' \cdot \bar{r}'')$$

$$(l) \frac{d}{dt} \{ \bar{r} \times \bar{s}' - \bar{r}' \times \bar{s} \} = (\bar{r}' \times \bar{s}') + \bar{r} \times \bar{s}'' - \bar{r}'' \times \bar{s} - (\bar{r}' \times \bar{s}') = \bar{r} \times \bar{s}'' - \bar{r}'' \times \bar{s}$$

(6) Differentiate $\frac{\bar{r} + \bar{b}}{\bar{r}^2 + \bar{b}^2}$ w.r.t. t .

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{\bar{r} + \bar{b}}{\bar{r}^2 + \bar{b}^2} \right\} = \frac{\bar{r}'}{\bar{r}^2 + \bar{b}^2} - \frac{(\bar{r} + \bar{b})}{(\bar{r}^2 + \bar{b}^2)^2} 2(\bar{r} \cdot \bar{r}') = \frac{(\bar{r}^2 + \bar{b}^2) \bar{r}' + 2(\bar{r} \cdot \bar{r}')(\bar{r} + \bar{b})}{(\bar{r}^2 + \bar{b}^2)^2}$$

(7) Given $\bar{r} = a \cos t \hat{i} + a \sin t \hat{j} + b t \hat{k}$, show that

$$(a) (\bar{r}')^2 = \dot{a}^2 + b^2 \quad (b) (\bar{r}' \times \bar{r}'')^2 = \dot{a}^2 (\dot{a}^2 + b^2) \quad (c) [\bar{r}' \bar{r}'' \bar{r}'''] = \dot{a}^2 b$$

$$(a) \bar{r}' = -a \sin t \hat{i} + a \cos t \hat{j} + b \hat{k}, \quad \bar{r}'' = -a \cos t \hat{i} - a \sin t \hat{j}$$

$$\bar{r}''' = a \sin t \hat{i} - a \cos t \hat{j}$$

$$\text{Now, } (\bar{r}')^2 = \dot{a}^2 (\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) + b^2 = \dot{a}^2 + b^2$$

$$(b) \bar{r}' \times \bar{r}'' = \dot{a}^2 \sin t (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) - \dot{a}^2 \cos t (\hat{j} \times \hat{i}) - ab \cos t (\hat{k} \times \hat{i}) - ab \sin t (\hat{k} \times \hat{j})$$

$$= \dot{a}^2 (\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) \hat{k} - ab \cos t \hat{j} + ab \sin t \hat{i}$$

$$= ab \sin t \hat{i} - ab \cos t \hat{j} + \dot{a}^2 \hat{k}$$

$$(\bar{r}' \times \bar{r}'')^2 = \dot{a}^2 b^2 + \dot{a}^4 = \dot{a}^2 (\dot{a}^2 + b^2)$$

$$(c) [\bar{r}' \bar{r}'' \bar{r}'''] = (\bar{r}' \times \bar{r}'') \cdot \bar{r}''' = \dot{a}^2 b \sin^2 t + \dot{a}^2 b \cos^2 t = \dot{a}^2 b$$

(8) If $\bar{r}$ be the displacement vector at any time t of a moving point $P(x, y, z)$, then as t changes, the terminal point of $\bar{r}$ describes a space curve having parametric equations: $x = x(t), y = y(t), z = z(t)$.

$$\bar{r}(t) = x(t) \hat{i} + y(t) \hat{j} + z(t) \hat{k}$$

Then $\frac{\Delta \bar{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\bar{r}(t + \Delta t) - \bar{r}(t)}{\Delta t}$ is a vector in the direction of $\Delta \bar{r}$.

If $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \bar{r}}{\Delta t}$ exists, then the limit is a vector in the direction of the tangent to the space curve at (x, y, z) and is given by

$$\frac{d\bar{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt} \hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt} \hat{k}, \text{ represents the velocity } \vec{v} \text{ with which the terminal point of } \bar{r} \text{ describes a}$$

⑤

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}) = \bar{u} \cdot \frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} + \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} \cdot \bar{v}$$

⑥

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\bar{u} \times \bar{v}) = \bar{u} \times \frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} + \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} \times \bar{v}$$

⑦

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} \times \bar{w}) = \bar{u} \cdot \frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} \times \bar{w} + \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} \cdot \bar{v} \times \bar{w} + \bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} \times \frac{d\bar{w}}{dt}$$

⑧

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\bar{u} \times (\bar{v} \times \bar{w})) = \bar{u} \times (\bar{v} \times \frac{d\bar{w}}{dt}) + \bar{u} \times (\frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} \times \bar{w}) + \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} \times (\bar{v} \times \bar{w})$$

~~Ex:~~ In ⑥, put $\bar{v} = \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt}$, then

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\bar{u} \times \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt}) = \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} \times \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} + \bar{u} \times \frac{d^2\bar{u}}{dt^2} = \bar{u} \times \frac{d^2\bar{u}}{dt^2}$$

⑨

If $\bar{u}$ is a derivable vector fn. of a scalar variable s and s is again a derivable fn. of another scalar variable t , then

$$\frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} = \frac{d\bar{u}}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt}$$

Ex: Find $\frac{d}{dt}[\bar{r} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}} \cdot \ddot{\bar{r}}]$, where $\bar{r}$ is a fn. of t .

$$\frac{d}{dt}[\bar{r} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}} \cdot \ddot{\bar{r}}] = \frac{d}{dt}\{\bar{r} \cdot (\dot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}})\} = \dot{\bar{r}} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}} + \bar{r} \cdot \ddot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}} + \bar{r} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}}$$

$$= 0 + 0 + [\bar{r} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}} \cdot \ddot{\bar{r}}]$$

Ex: If $\bar{w}$ is a constant vector, $\bar{r}, \bar{s}$ are vector fns of a scalar variable t and if $\frac{d\bar{r}}{dt} = \bar{w} \times \bar{r}$, $\frac{d\bar{s}}{dt} = \bar{w} \times \bar{s}$, then show that $\frac{d}{dt}(\bar{r} \times \bar{s}) = \bar{w} \times (\bar{r} \times \bar{s})$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(\bar{r} \times \bar{s}) &= \frac{d\bar{r}}{dt} \times \bar{s} + \bar{r} \times \frac{d\bar{s}}{dt} = (\bar{w} \times \bar{r}) \times \bar{s} + \bar{r} \times (\bar{w} \times \bar{s}) \\ &= (\bar{w} \cdot \bar{s})\bar{r} - (\bar{r} \cdot \bar{s})\bar{w} + (\bar{r} \cdot \bar{s})\bar{w} - (\bar{r} \cdot \bar{w})\bar{s} \\ &= \bar{w} \times (\bar{r} \times \bar{s}) \text{ proved} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Evaluate: $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\{\bar{r} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}}\} = \frac{d}{dt}\{\dot{\bar{r}} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}} + \bar{r} \cdot \ddot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}} + \bar{r} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}}\}$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}\{0 + 0 + \bar{r} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}}\} = \dot{\bar{r}} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}} + \bar{r} \cdot \ddot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}} + \bar{r} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}}$$

Ex: Differentiate $\frac{\bar{r} + \bar{b}}{\bar{r}^2 + \bar{b}^2}$ w.r.t. t

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left\{\frac{\bar{r} + \bar{b}}{\bar{r}^2 + \bar{b}^2}\right\} = \frac{(\dot{\bar{r}} + 0)(\bar{r}^2 + \bar{b}^2) - (\bar{r} + \bar{b})2\bar{r}\dot{\bar{r}}}{(\bar{r}^2 + \bar{b}^2)^2}, \quad \bar{b} \text{ is a const vector}$$

7. Given $\vec{r} = a \cos t \hat{i} + a \sin t \hat{j} + b t \hat{k}$, show that

(a) $(\vec{r}')^2 = a^2 + b^2$; (b) $(\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}'')^2 = a^2(a^2 + b^2)$

(c) $[\vec{r}' \vec{r}'' \vec{r}'''] = a^2 b$.

$$\vec{r}' = -a \sin t \hat{i} + a \cos t \hat{j} + b \hat{k} \Rightarrow (\vec{r}')^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\vec{r}'' = -a \cos t \hat{i} - a \sin t \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{r}''' = a \sin t \hat{i} - a \cos t \hat{j}$$

9. Verify that $\vec{r} = \vec{a} e^{m_1 t} + \vec{b} e^{m_2 t}$ satisfies the differential eqn $\ddot{\vec{r}} + k\dot{\vec{r}} + l\vec{r} = \vec{0}$ (k, l are scalars constants)

where m_1, m_2 are two unequal roots of the eqn $m^2 + km + l = 0$; $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ are arbitrary constant vectors.

Also if $m_1 = m_2$, then $\vec{r} = (\vec{a} + t\vec{b})e^{m_1 t}$ will satisfy the above D.E.

$$\dot{\vec{r}} = \vec{a} m_1 e^{m_1 t} + \vec{b} m_2 e^{m_2 t}$$

$$\ddot{\vec{r}} = \vec{a} m_1^2 e^{m_1 t} + \vec{b} m_2^2 e^{m_2 t}$$

$$\therefore \ddot{\vec{r}} + k\dot{\vec{r}} + l\vec{r} = \vec{a}(m_1^2 + km_1 + l)e^{m_1 t} + \vec{b}(m_2^2 + km_2 + l)e^{m_2 t} = \vec{0}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{0} e^{m_1 t} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{0} e^{m_2 t} = \vec{0} \text{ Satisfied}$$

8. If $\vec{r}$ be the displacement vector at any time t of a moving point, ~~then~~ ^{from the origin} where $\vec{r} = \vec{a} \cos \omega t + \vec{b} \sin \omega t$, ω is a scalar constant.

$$\vec{r} = \omega(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

- Find $\vec{v}$ and show that $\vec{r} \times \vec{v} = \text{a constant vector}$
- Show that the accelⁿ is directed towards the origin and $\propto$ to the displacement, $|\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2}| = |\omega^2 \vec{r}|$
- What is the physical interpretation of this motion?

The motion is that of a particle moving on the circumference of a circle with constant angular speed ω . The force directed towards the centre of the circle is the centripetal force.

MECHANICS:

- 1) Kinematics $\rightarrow$ study of the motion of particles along curve.
- 2) Dynamics $\rightarrow$ study of the forces on moving objects.

Q. Show that the acceleration $\vec{a}$ of a particle which travels along a space curve with velocity $\vec{v}$ is given by $\vec{a} = \frac{dv}{dt} \hat{T} + \frac{v^2}{\rho} \hat{N}$.
 $\hat{T}$: unit tangent vector
 $\hat{N}$: " principal normal
 ρ : radius of curvature

Solution:

$$\vec{v} = v \hat{T}$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dt} \hat{T} + v \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dt} \hat{T} + v \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt}$$

$$\therefore, \vec{a} = \frac{dv}{dt} \hat{T} + v^2 \kappa \hat{N} \quad \left[v = \frac{ds}{dt}, \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = \kappa \hat{N} \right]$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{dv}{dt} \hat{T} + \frac{v^2}{\rho} \hat{N} \quad \left[\rho = \frac{1}{\kappa} \right].$$

$\frac{v^2}{\rho} \rightarrow$ called the centripetal accⁿ.

Q. If $\vec{r}$ be the p.v. of a particle of mass m relative to point O and $\vec{F}$ is the external force on the particle, then $\vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \vec{M}$ is the torque or moment of $\vec{F}$ about O .
 Show that $\vec{M} = \frac{d\vec{H}}{dt}$, where $\vec{H} = \vec{r} \times m\vec{v}$, $\vec{v}$ is the vel. of particle.

Soln: $\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \vec{r} \times \frac{d}{dt}(m\vec{v})$, by Newton's 2nd law.

$$\text{Now } \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \times m\vec{v}) = \vec{r} \times \frac{d}{dt}(m\vec{v}) + \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times m\vec{v}$$

$$= \vec{r} \times \frac{d}{dt}(m\vec{v}) + \vec{v} \times m\vec{v} = \vec{r} \times \frac{d}{dt}(m\vec{v})$$

$$\therefore, \vec{M} = \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \times m\vec{v}) = \frac{d\vec{H}}{dt}, \vec{H} \text{ is called the angular momentum.}$$

i.e., Torque is equal to the time rate of change of angular momentum.

Q. A particle moves along the curve $\vec{r} = (t^3 - 4t, (t^2 + 4t), (8t^2 - 3t^3))$, find the magnitudes of the tangential & normal components of its accⁿ when $t = 2$.

$$\vec{a} = \frac{dv}{dt} \hat{T} + \frac{v^2}{\rho} \hat{N}, \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = 16, \quad \frac{v^2}{\rho} = 2\sqrt{73}.$$

Ex: If $\vec{\omega}$ is a constant vector, $\vec{r}$ and $\vec{s}$ are vector functions of t and if $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$, $\frac{d\vec{s}}{dt} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{s}$, then show that

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \times \vec{s}) = \vec{\omega} \times (\vec{r} \times \vec{s})$$

Soln: $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \times \vec{s}) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \vec{s} + \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{s}}{dt} = (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) \times \vec{s} + \vec{r} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{s})$
 $= \vec{s} \times (\vec{r} \times \vec{\omega}) + \vec{r} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{s})$
 $= (\vec{s} \cdot \vec{\omega}) \vec{r} - (\vec{s} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{\omega} + (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\omega}) \vec{s} - (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}) \vec{\omega}$
 $= (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{s}) \vec{r} - (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{s} = \vec{\omega} \times (\vec{r} \times \vec{s})$ Proved.

Ex: At any instant t the displacement vector of a moving point is $\vec{r} = \vec{a} \cos \omega t + \vec{b} \sin \omega t$, where $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ are constant vectors and ω is scalar constant.

- (a) Find the vel. $\vec{v}$ & s.t. $\vec{r} \times \vec{v} = \text{a constant vector}$
 (b) s.t. the acceleration is directed towards the origin and is proportional to the displacement. What is the physical interpretation of this motion?

Soln: (a) $\vec{r} = \vec{a} \cos \omega t + \vec{b} \sin \omega t$

$$\therefore \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = -\omega \vec{a} \sin \omega t + \omega \vec{b} \cos \omega t$$

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{v} = (\vec{a} \cos \omega t + \vec{b} \sin \omega t) \times \omega (-\vec{a} \sin \omega t + \vec{b} \cos \omega t)$$

$$= \omega (\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \cos^2 \omega t + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \sin^2 \omega t) = \omega \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \text{a constant vector}$$

(b) $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 (\vec{a} \cos \omega t + \vec{b} \sin \omega t) = -\omega^2 \vec{r}$ (Centripetal accⁿ)

$$|\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}| \propto |\vec{r}|$$

The motion is that of a particle moving on the circumference of a circle with constant angular speed ω . The force directed towards the centre of the circle, is the Centripetal force.

Ex: A particle moves along the curve $\vec{r} = (t^3 - 4t)\hat{i} + (t^2 + 4t)\hat{j} + (8t^2 - 3t^3)\hat{k}$, t is the time. Find the magnitudes of the tangential and normal components of its accⁿ when $t = 2$.

Soln: $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (3t^2 - 4)\hat{i} + (2t + 4)\hat{j} + (16t - 9t^2)\hat{k} = 8\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$
 $\vec{a} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = 6t\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + (16 - 18t)\hat{k} = 12\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 20\hat{k}$

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} = |\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}| = \sqrt{(3t^2 - 4)^2 + (2t + 4)^2 + (16t - 9t^2)^2} = \sqrt{64 + 64 + 16} = \sqrt{144} = 12$$

$$\vec{T} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{8\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}}{12} = \frac{2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{3}$$

$\therefore$ Tangential component of $\vec{a} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{T} = (12\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 20\hat{k}) \cdot \frac{(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})}{3}$
 $= \frac{1}{3} \cdot (24 + 4 + 20) = \underline{\underline{16}} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans}}}$