

1. Find a parametric equation of the tangent line to the curve $\mathbf{r} = \langle \cos 2t, \sin t, t \rangle$ at $t = \pi/4$.

Solution. When $t = \pi/4$, $x = \cos(\pi/2) = 0$, $y = \sin(\pi/4) = \sqrt{2}/2$ and $z = \pi/4$. That gives the information of “one point”. In addition, $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle -2 \sin 2t, \cos t, 1 \rangle$. This gives the information about “one direction”:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{r}'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \left\langle -2 \sin \frac{\pi}{2}, \cos \frac{\pi}{4}, 1 \right\rangle = \left\langle -2, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 1 \right\rangle$$

So the parametric equation of the tangent line is

$$\begin{cases} x = 0 - 2t = -2t \\ y = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t \\ z = \frac{\pi}{4} + t \end{cases}$$

2. Find the length of the curve $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, 3 \cos t, 3 \sin t \rangle$ over $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

Solution. $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 1, -3 \sin t, 3 \cos t \rangle$ and

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

$$s = \int_0^1 \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt = \int_0^1 \sqrt{10} dt = \sqrt{10}$$