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MAT 226 (Spring 2020)
Quiz 2

1. (6 pts) Compute the length $\|\gamma'(t)\|$ of the tangent vector to the curve

$$\gamma(t) = (\cos t + t \sin t) \mathbf{i} + \frac{t^2}{2} \mathbf{j} + (t \cos t - \sin t) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'(t) &= (-\sin t + \sin t + t \cos t) \hat{i} + t \hat{j} \\ &\quad + (\cos t - t \sin t - \cos t) \hat{k} \\ &= t \cos t \hat{i} + t \hat{j} - t \sin t \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\gamma'(t)\|^2 &= t^2 \cos^2 t + t^2 + t^2 \sin^2 t = t^2 (\underbrace{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t}_1) + t^2 \\ &= 2t^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\|\gamma'(t)\| = \sqrt{2} \cdot t} \quad \text{if } t \geq 0$$

2. (4 pts) Use the above computation to find the arclength of $\gamma(t)$ from $t = 0$ to $t = 1$.

$$l_0^1(\gamma) = \int_0^1 \|\gamma'(t)\| dt = \int_0^1 \sqrt{2} \cdot t dt = \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}$$