

Vector Functions and Curves
One variable functions

Question

Find the velocity, speed and acceleration of the particle with position given by $\underline{r}(t)$ at time t . Also determine the particles path.

$$\underline{r} = 3 \cos t \underline{i} + 4 \cos t \underline{j} + 5 \sin t \underline{k}$$

Answer

Position: $\underline{r} = 3 \cos t \underline{i} + 4 \cos t \underline{j} + 5 \sin t \underline{k}$

Velocity: $\underline{v} = -3 \sin t \underline{i} - 4 \sin t \underline{j} + 5 \cos t \underline{k}$

Speed: $v = \sqrt{9 \sin^2 t + 16 \sin^2 t + 25 \cos^2 t} = 5$

Acceleration: $\underline{a} = -3 \cos t \underline{i} - 4 \cos t \underline{j} - 5 \sin t \underline{k} = -\underline{r}$

Path: the circle of intersection of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 25$ and the plane $4x = 3y$.