

13.2, number 11: Find $\vec{r}(t)$ if $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = -t\vec{i} - t\vec{j} - t\vec{k}$ and $\vec{r}(0) = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$.

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(t) &= \int \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt \\ &= \int (-t\vec{i} - t\vec{j} - t\vec{k}) dt \\ &= \frac{-t^2}{2}\vec{i} + \frac{-t^2}{2}\vec{j} + \frac{-t^2}{2}\vec{k} + \vec{c}\end{aligned}$$

Use the initial condition to find \vec{c} :

$$\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k} = \vec{r}(0) = \vec{c}.$$

We conclude that

$$\boxed{\vec{r}(t) = \left(\frac{-t^2}{2} + 1\right)\vec{i} + \left(\frac{-t^2}{2} + 2\right)\vec{j} + \left(\frac{-t^2}{2} + 3\right)\vec{k} .}$$