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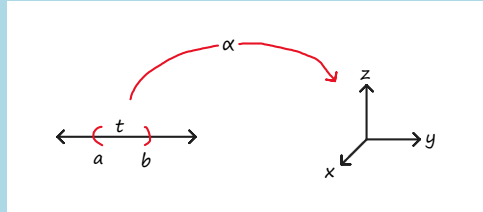
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1 Curves in \mathbb{R}^3

1.1 Curves

Definition 1.1. A curve in \mathbb{R}^3 is a differentiable function $\alpha : I = (a, b) \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$.



$\alpha(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$ Parametric form
 t : is called a parameter

Definition 1.2. (Regular Curve) A regular curve in \mathbb{R}^3 is a differentiable function $\alpha : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ such that

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} \neq 0 \quad \forall t \in I$$

Example 1.1. Show that the curve $\alpha(t) = (a \cos t, a \sin t, bt)$ is regular for $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Solution:

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = (-a \sin t, a \cos t, b) \neq 0$$

$\therefore \alpha(t)$ is regular

Example 1.2. Is $\alpha(t) = (t^3 - 4t, t^2 - 4)$ a regular curve for $t \in \mathbb{R}$?

Solution:

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = (3t^2 - 4, 2t) \neq 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\therefore \alpha(t)$ is regular

Example 1.3. Is $\alpha(t) = (t, \cosh t)$ a regular curve for $t \in \mathbb{R}$?

Solution:

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = (1, \sinh t) \neq 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\therefore \alpha(t)$ is regular

Example 1.4. Is $\alpha(t) = (\cos^2 t, \sin^2 t)$ a regular curve for $t \in \mathbb{R}$?

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= (-2 \sin t \cos t, 2 \sin t \cos t) \\ &= (-\sin 2t, \sin 2t) = 0 \quad \text{at } t = 0 \\ \therefore \alpha(t) &\text{ is not regular}\end{aligned}$$

Example 1.5. Is $\alpha(t) = (\cos^2 t, \sin^2 t)$ a regular curve for $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$?

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= (-2 \sin t \cos t, 2 \sin t \cos t) \\ &= (-\sin 2t, \sin 2t) \neq 0 \quad \forall t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \\ \therefore \alpha(t) &\text{ is regular}\end{aligned}$$

Example 1.6. Let $\alpha(t) = (e^t, e^{-t}, t^2)$ be a curve for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Determine if $\alpha(t)$ is a regular curve.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= (e^t, -e^{-t}, 2t) \\ &\neq 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \\ \therefore \alpha(t) &\text{ is regular.}\end{aligned}$$

1.2 Arc Length

Definition 1.3. (Arc Length) Consider the curve $\alpha : I = (a, b) \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$. The arc length of this curve from a to b is given by:

$$s = \int_a^b \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| dt$$

Remark 1.1. In case (a, b) was not given use $(0, t)$

Example 1.7. Find the arc length of the curve $\alpha(t) = (6t, 3t^2, t^3)$ for $0 \leq t \leq 6$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= (6, 6t, 3t^2) \\ \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| &= \sqrt{36 + 36t^2 + 9t^4} \\ &= \sqrt{9(4 + 4t^2 + t^4)} \\ &= 3\sqrt{(2 + t^2)^2} \\ &= 3(2 + t^2) \\ &= 3t^2 + 6 \\ \therefore s &= \int_0^6 3(t^2 + 2)dt \\ &= 3 \left[\frac{t^3}{3} + 2t \right]_0^6 \\ &= 3 \left[\left(\frac{216}{3} + 12 \right) - 0 \right] \\ &= 3 \left[\frac{216}{3} + \frac{36}{3} \right] \\ &= 252\end{aligned}$$

Example 1.8. Calculate the arc length of the curve $\alpha(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, t)$ starting at the point $(0, t)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= (-\sin t, \cos t, 1) \\ \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| &= \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 1} = \sqrt{2} \\ \therefore s &= \int_0^t \sqrt{2} dt = \sqrt{2} \int_0^t dt \\ &= \sqrt{2} [t]_0^t = t\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

Example 1.9. calculate the arc length of the curve $\alpha(t) = (e^t \cos t, e^t \sin t)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= \left(\frac{d}{dt}(e^t \cos t), \frac{d}{dt}(e^t \sin t) \right) \\ &= (e^t \cos t - e^t \sin t, e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| &= \sqrt{(e^t \cos t - e^t \sin t)^2 + (e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{e^{2t} \cos^2 t - 2e^{2t} \cos t \sin t + e^{2t} \sin^2 t + e^{2t} \sin^2 t + 2e^{2t} \cos t \sin t + e^{2t} \cos^2 t} \\ &= \sqrt{2e^{2t}(\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t)} = \sqrt{2}e^t\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}s &= \int_0^t \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| dt = \int_0^t \sqrt{2}e^t dt \\ &= \sqrt{2} \int_0^t e^t dt = \sqrt{2}(e^t - e^0) = \sqrt{2}(e^t - 1)\end{aligned}$$

So, the arc length of the curve $\alpha(t) = (e^t \cos t, e^t \sin t)$ is $\sqrt{2}(e^t - 1)$.

Example 1.10. Find the arc length of the curve

$$\alpha(t) = (\cosh t, \sinh t, t) \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq 5$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= (\sinh t, \cosh t, 1) \\ \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| &= \sqrt{\sinh^2 t + \cosh^2 t + 1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\cosh^2 t - \sinh^2 t = 1} \Rightarrow 1 + \sinh^2 t = \cosh^2 t$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| &= \sqrt{2 \cosh^2 t} = \sqrt{2} \cosh t \\ \therefore s &= \int_0^5 \sqrt{2} \cosh t dt \\ &= \sqrt{2} [\sinh]_0^5 \\ &= \sqrt{2} [\sinh 5 - \sinh 0] \\ s &= \sqrt{2} \sinh 5\end{aligned}$$

Remark 1.2.

$$\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$
$$\sinh 0 = \frac{e^0 - e^0}{2} = \frac{1 - 1}{2} = \boxed{0}$$

Example 1.11. Find the arc length of the curve

$$\alpha(t) = (4 \cos t, 4 \sin t, 3t) \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = (-4 \sin t, 4 \cos t, 3)$$
$$\left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| = \sqrt{16 \sin^2 t + 16 \cos^2 t + 9} = 5$$
$$\therefore s = \int_0^{2\pi} 5 dt = 10\pi$$

Example 1.12. Find the parametric form of the curve

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2, \quad x^2 + z^2 = a^2$$

Solution:

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2$$
$$-$$
$$x^2 + z^2 = a^2$$
$$= y^2 - z^2 = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 = z^2$$
$$\Rightarrow \text{put } y = z = a \sin t$$
$$\therefore x^2 + y^2 = a^2 \Rightarrow x = a \cos t$$
$$\alpha(t) = (a \cos t, a \sin t, a \sin t)$$

or

$$\alpha(t) = (a \sin t, a \cos t, a \cos t)$$

Example 1.13. Find the parametric form of the following curve:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad \text{curve} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1 \quad \text{Ellipse} \quad (2)$$

$$y^2 - x^2 = 1 \quad \text{hyperbola} \quad (3)$$

$$y = (\ln x)^2 \quad (4)$$

$$y = x^2 \quad \text{Parabola} \quad (5)$$

sol: (1)

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

put

$$x = \sin t, y = \cos t$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(t) = (\sin t, \cos t)$$

or put

$$x = \cos t, y = \sin t \Rightarrow \alpha(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$$

(2)

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$$

put

$$x = 2 \sin t, y = 3 \cos t$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(t) = (2 \sin t, 3 \cos t)$$

(3)

$$y^2 - x^2 = 1$$

put

$$y = \sec t, x = \tan t$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(t) = (\tan t, \sec t)$$

$$\boxed{\sec^2 t - \tan^2 t = 1}$$

(4)

$$y = (\ln x)^2$$

put

$$\ln x = t \Leftrightarrow x = e^t$$

$$\therefore y = t^2 \Rightarrow \alpha(t) = (e^t, t^2)$$

(5) $y = x^2$ put

$$x = t \Rightarrow y = t^2$$

$$\alpha(t) = (t, t^2)$$

Definition 1.4. A curve in \mathbb{R}^3 can be defined as the intersection of two surface

$$F_1(x, y, z) = 0, F_2(x, y, z) = 0$$

Example 1.14. Find the parametric form of the curve $y^2 = x, z^2 = 1 - x$ sol:

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 &= x \\ &+ \\ z^2 &= 1 - x \\ &= y^2 + z^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

put $y = \sin t, z = \cos t, x = \sin^2 t$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(t) = (\sin^2 t, \sin t, \cos t)$$

Example 1.15. Find the parametric form of the curve

$$y = 2x^2 - 4$$

sol:

put $x = t, y = 2t^2 - 4$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(t) = (t, 2t^2 - 4)$$

Definition 1.5. Unit-speed curve

Consider a curve $\alpha(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$

speed of a curve :

$$\left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt} \right)^2}$$

A curve $\alpha(t)$ is called unit speed curve if $\left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| = 1$

Example 1.16. Show that the curve $\alpha(t) = \left(\frac{4}{5} \cos t, 1 - \sin t, -\frac{3}{5} \cos t \right)$ is a unit speed curve.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= \left(-\frac{4}{5} \sin t, -\cos t, \frac{3}{5} \sin t \right) \\ \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{16}{25} \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + \frac{9}{25} \sin^2 t \right)} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \alpha(t)$ is a unit speed curve.

Example 1.17. Show that the curve $\alpha(t) = \left(\frac{1}{3}(1+t)^{\frac{3}{2}}, \frac{1}{3}(1-t)^{\frac{3}{2}}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ is a unit speed curve.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2}(1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}}, -\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2}(1-t)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}(1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}}, -\frac{1}{2}(1-t)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \\ \left|\frac{d\alpha}{dt}\right| &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{4}(1+t) + \frac{1}{4}(1-t) + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \\ &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}t + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}t + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \alpha(t)$ is a unit speed curve.

Example 1.18. Show that the curve $\alpha(t) = \left(\frac{2}{5}, \frac{3t}{5}, \frac{4t}{5}\right)$ is a unit speed curve.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= \left(0, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}\right) \\ \left|\frac{d\alpha}{dt}\right| &= \sqrt{\left(0 + \frac{9}{25} + \frac{16}{25}\right)} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{25}{25}} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \alpha(t)$ is a unit speed curve.

1.3 Helix

$$\alpha(t) = (a \cos t, a \sin t, bt)$$

Right Circular Helix



$$a > 0$$

$$b > 0$$

Left Circular Helix



$$a > 0$$

$$b < 0$$

Remark 1.3. (i) If $b = 0$, then $\alpha(t) = (a \cos t, a \sin t, 0)$ is a circle.

(ii) If $a = 0$, then $\alpha(t) = (0, 0, bt)$ is a straight line.

1.4 Reparametrization

Example 1.19. Reparametrize the helix $\alpha(t) = (a \cos t, a \sin t, bt)$ by the arc length.

Solution:

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = (-a \sin t, a \cos t, b)$$

$$\left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| = \sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 t + a^2 \cos^2 t + b^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$s = \int_0^t \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| dt = \int_0^t \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} dt = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} [t]_0^t$$

$$\Rightarrow s = t \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\therefore \alpha(s) = \left(a \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, a \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{bs}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right).$$

Example 1.20. Reparameterize the curve $\alpha(t) = (e^t \cos t, e^t \sin t)$ by the arc length.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= (e^t \cos t - e^t \sin t, e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t) \\
 \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| &= \sqrt{(e^t \cos t - e^t \sin t)^2 + (e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{e^{2t}(\cos^2 t - 2 \cos t \sin t + \sin^2 t + \sin^2 t + 2 \cos t \sin t + \cos^2 t)} \\
 &= \sqrt{e^{2t}(2(\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t))} \\
 &= \sqrt{2e^{2t}} \\
 &= e^t \sqrt{2} \\
 s &= \int_0^t \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| dt = \int_0^t e^t \sqrt{2} dt = \sqrt{2} [e^t]_0^t \\
 &= \sqrt{2}(e^t - e^0) = \sqrt{2}(e^t - 1) \\
 \Rightarrow s &= e^t \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

To find t in terms of s , we'll need to solve $s = e^t \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}$ for t :

$$\begin{aligned}
 s + \sqrt{2} &= e^t \sqrt{2} \\
 \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 &= e^t \\
 \ln \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right) &= t
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the reparameterized curve is:

$$\alpha(s) = \left(\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right) \cos \ln \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right), \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right) \sin \ln \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right) \right).$$

Example 1.21. Reparametrize the curve $\alpha(t) = (\cosh t, \sinh t, t)$ by the arc length.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= (\sinh t, \cosh t, 1) \\
 \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| &= \sqrt{\sinh^2 t + \cosh^2 t + 1} \\
 &= \sqrt{2 \cosh^2 t} \\
 &= \sqrt{2} \cosh t \\
 s &= \int_0^t \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| dt = \int_0^t \cosh t \sqrt{2} dt \\
 &= \sqrt{2} \int_0^t \cosh t dt \\
 &= \sqrt{2} [\sinh t]_0^t \\
 &= \sqrt{2} (\sinh t - \sinh 0) \\
 &= \sqrt{2} \sinh t \\
 \Rightarrow s &= \sqrt{2} \sinh t
 \end{aligned}$$

To find t in terms of s , we'll need to solve $s = \sqrt{2} \sinh t$ for t :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} &= \sinh t \\
 \sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} \right) &= t
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the reparametrized curve is:

$$\alpha(s) = \left(\cosh \left(\sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right), \sinh \left(\sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right), \sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right).$$

Example 1.22. Reparametrize the curve $\alpha(t) = (t, \frac{t^2}{2})$ by the arc length if possible.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= (1, t) \\
 \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| &= \sqrt{1^2 + t^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{1 + t^2} \\
 s &= \int_0^t \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| dt = \int_0^t \sqrt{1 + t^2} dt \\
 s &= \sqrt{t^2 + 1} + \ln(t + \sqrt{t^2 + 1})
 \end{aligned}$$

Since it is difficult to separate the variables, reparametrizing the curve becomes impossible.

Example 1.23. Reparametrize the curve $\alpha(t) = (-2 \sin t, 3 \cos t)$ by the arc length if possible.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= (-2 \cos t, -3 \sin t) \\ \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| &= \sqrt{(-2 \cos t)^2 + (-3 \sin t)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 \cos^2 t + 9 \sin^2 t} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 5 \sin^2 t} \\ s &= \int_0^t \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| dt = \int_0^t \sqrt{4 + 5 \sin^2 t} dt\end{aligned}$$

Since it is difficult to evaluate the integral $\int_0^t \sqrt{4 + 5 \sin^2 t} dt$, it is impossible to reparametrize the curve by arc length.

Example 1.24. Reparametrize the curve $\alpha(t) = (t, t^2, t^3)$ by the arc length. **Solution:**

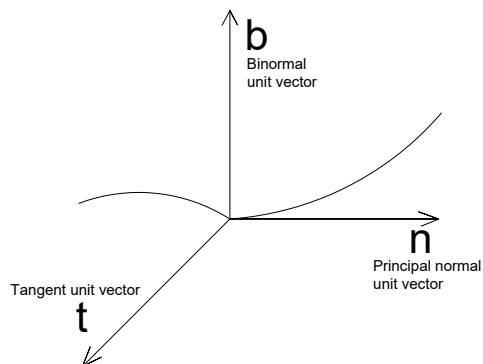
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= (1, 2t, 3t^2) \\ \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| &= \sqrt{1^2 + (2t)^2 + (3t^2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 4t^2 + 9t^4} \\ s &= \int_0^t \sqrt{1 + 4t^2 + 9t^4} dt\end{aligned}$$

Since the integral $\int \sqrt{1 + 4t^2 + 9t^4} dt$ does not have a closed form solution, it is impossible to compute the arc length parameter s explicitly. Therefore, we cannot reparametrize the curve using arc length.

2 Unit Vectors, Lines and Planes

Associated to The Curve

2.1 Unit Vectors Associated to The Curve

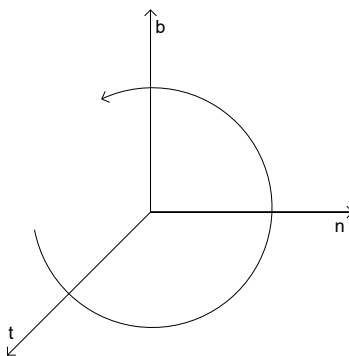


$$\alpha(s) \quad \alpha' = \frac{d\alpha}{ds} \quad \alpha' = \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \quad \alpha(t)$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \alpha'(s) \quad \mathbf{t} = \frac{\alpha'}{|\alpha'|}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\alpha''(s)}{|\alpha''(s)|} \quad \mathbf{b} = \frac{\alpha' \times \alpha''}{|\alpha' \times \alpha''|}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{n} \quad \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{t}$$



Example 2.1. Find $\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{b}$ for the helix

$$\alpha(s) = \left(a \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, a \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{bs}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right)$$

Solution:

$$\mathbf{t} = \alpha'(s) = \left(\frac{-a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right)$$

$$\alpha''(s) = \left(\frac{-a}{a^2 + b^2} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{-a}{a^2 + b^2} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, 0 \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha''(s)| &= \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} \cos^2 \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{a^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} \sin^2 \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2}} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\alpha''(s)}{|\alpha''(s)|} = \left(-\cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, -\sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, 0 \right)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{t} & \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{b} \\ \frac{-a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} & \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} & \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \\ -\cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} & -\sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{t} - \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \mathbf{n} \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin^2 \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos^2 \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right) \mathbf{b} \\ \therefore \mathbf{b} &= \left(\frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{-b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Example 2.2. Find $\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{b}$

$$\alpha(s) = (6 \sinh s, 6 \cosh s, s)$$

Solution:

$$\mathbf{t} = \alpha'(s) = (6 \cosh s, 6 \sinh s, 1)$$

$$\alpha''(s) = (6 \sinh s, 6 \cosh s, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha''(s)| &= \sqrt{6^2(\sinh^2 s + \cosh^2 s)} \\ &= 6\sqrt{\cosh 2s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\cosh^2 s + \sinh^2 s = \cosh 2s}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\alpha''(s)}{|\alpha''(s)|} = \left(\frac{\sinh s}{\sqrt{\cosh 2s}}, \frac{\cosh s}{\sqrt{\cosh 2s}}, 0 \right)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{n}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{t} & \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{b} \\ 6 \cosh s & 6 \sinh s & 1 \\ \frac{\sinh s}{\sqrt{\cosh 2s}} & \frac{\cosh s}{\sqrt{\cosh 2s}} & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{-\cosh s}{\sqrt{\cosh 2s}} \right) \mathbf{t} + \left(\frac{\sinh s}{\sqrt{\cosh 2s}} \right) \mathbf{n} + \left(\frac{6 \cosh^2 s}{\sqrt{\cosh 2s}} - \frac{6 \sinh^2 s}{\sqrt{\cosh 2s}} \right) \mathbf{b}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{b} = \left(\frac{-\cosh s}{\sqrt{\cosh 2s}}, \frac{\sinh s}{\sqrt{\cosh 2s}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{\cosh 2s}} \right)$$

Example 2.3. Find $\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{b}$ for the parabola

$$\alpha(t) = (t, t^2/2, 0)$$

solution:

$$\alpha'(t) = (1, t, 0) \quad |\alpha'(t)| = \sqrt{1+t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{t} = \frac{\alpha'}{|\alpha'|} = \frac{(1, t, 0)}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}, 0 \right)$$

$$\alpha'' = (0, 1, 0)$$

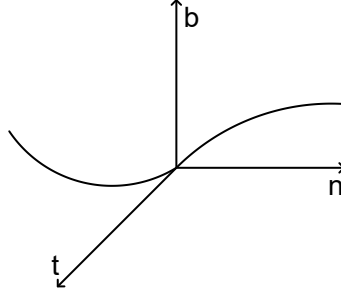
$$\alpha' \times \alpha'' = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{t} & \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{b} \\ 1 & t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0\mathbf{t} - 0\mathbf{n} + 1\mathbf{b}$$

$$\alpha' \times \alpha'' = (0, 0, 1) \quad \Rightarrow |\alpha' \times \alpha''| = 1 \quad \therefore \mathbf{b} = \frac{\alpha' \times \alpha''}{|\alpha' \times \alpha''|} = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{t} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{t} & \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{b} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} & \frac{t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{-t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}\mathbf{t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}\mathbf{n} + 0\mathbf{b}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{n} = \left(\frac{-t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}, 0 \right)$$

2.2 Lines Associated to the Curve at the Point $\alpha(s_o)$ or $\alpha(t_o)$



Tangent line $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{passing through } \alpha(s_o) \\ \text{parallel } \mathbf{t} \end{array} \right.$

Tangent equation of this line is

$$\alpha_T = \alpha(s_o) + \lambda \mathbf{t}(s_o)$$

$$(x, y, z) = (a, b, c) + \lambda(A_1, A_2, A_3)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = a + \lambda A_1 \\ y = b + \lambda A_2 \\ z = c + \lambda A_3 \end{array} \right\} \text{ Parametric equations of the line}$$

$$\frac{x-a}{A_1} = \lambda, \quad \frac{y-b}{A_2} = \lambda, \quad \frac{z-c}{A_3} = \lambda$$

$$\boxed{\frac{x-a}{A_1} = \frac{y-b}{A_2} = \frac{z-c}{A_3}} \quad \text{Parametric equations of straight lines (standard form)}$$

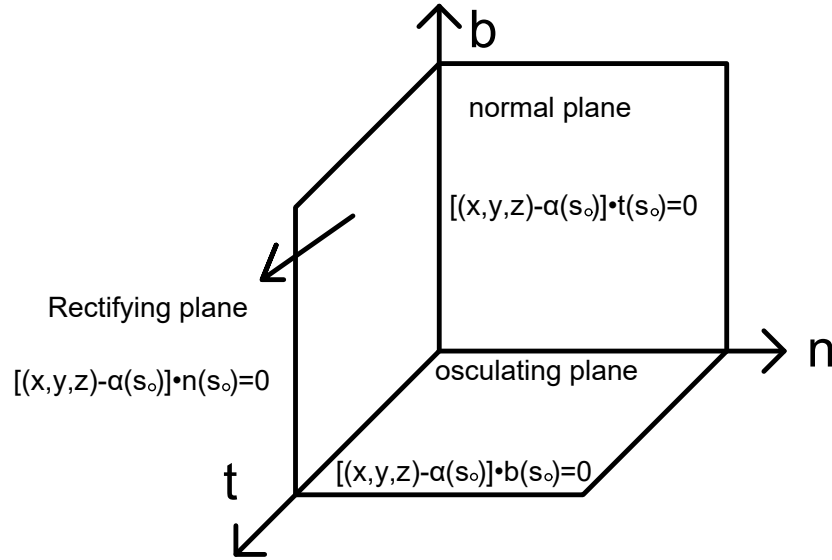
principle normal line $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{passing through the point } \alpha(s_o) = (a, h, c) \\ \text{parallel } \mathbf{n}(s_o) = (B_1, B_2, B_3) \end{array} \right.$

$$\boxed{\frac{x-a}{B_1} = \frac{y-b}{B_2} = \frac{z-c}{B_3}}$$

binormal line $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{passing through the point } \alpha(s_o) = (a, h, c) \\ \text{parallel } \mathbf{b}(s_o) = (C_1, C_2, C_3) \end{array} \right.$

$$\boxed{\frac{x-a}{C_1} = \frac{y-b}{C_2} = \frac{z-c}{C_3}}$$

2.3 Planes Associated to the Curve



Example 2.4. Consider the helix $\alpha(s) = (a \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, a \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{bs}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}})$. Find the tangent line, principal normal line, binormal line, osculating plane, normal plane, and rectifying plane at $\alpha(0)$ or $s = 0$.

Solution:

$$\alpha(0) = (a, 0, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \alpha'(s) = \left(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{t}(0) = \left(0, \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right)$$

Tangent line:

$$\frac{x-a}{0} = \frac{y-0}{\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}} = \frac{z-0}{\frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{x-a}{0} = \frac{y}{a} = \frac{z}{b}$$

Normal plane:

$$[(x, y, z) - \alpha(0)] \cdot \mathbf{t}(0) = 0$$

$$[(x, y, z) - (a, 0, 0)] \cdot \left(0, \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right) = 0$$

$$(x-a, y, z) \cdot \left(0, \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}y, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}z = 0 \Rightarrow ay = bz = 0$$

Example 2.5. Find the tangent line, principal normal line, binormal line, osculating plane, normal plane, and rectifying plane to the parabola: $\alpha(t) = (t, \frac{t^2}{2}, 0)$ at $t = 1$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\alpha} &= (1, t, 0) \\ |\dot{\alpha}| &= \sqrt{1 + t^2} \\ \mathbf{t} &= \frac{\dot{\alpha}}{|\dot{\alpha}|} = \frac{(1, t, 0)}{\sqrt{1 + t^2}} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + t^2}}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{1 + t^2}}, 0 \right) \\ \mathbf{t}(1) &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right)\end{aligned}$$

Tangent line:

$$\frac{x - 1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = \frac{y - \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = \frac{z - 0}{\frac{0}{\sqrt{2}}} \Rightarrow \frac{x - 1}{1} = \frac{y - \frac{1}{2}}{1} = \frac{z}{0}$$

Normal plane:

$$\begin{aligned}[(x, y, z) - \alpha(1)] \cdot \mathbf{t}(1) &= 0 \\ (x - 1, y - \frac{1}{2}, z) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right) &= 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(x - 1) + \frac{1}{2}\left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x - 1 + y - \frac{1}{2} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x + y - \frac{3}{2} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

2.4 Frenet-Serret Equations

Along a curve $\alpha(s)$, the vectors \mathbf{t} , \mathbf{n} , and \mathbf{b} satisfy the following equations:

1. $\mathbf{t}' = K\mathbf{n}$
2. $\mathbf{n}' = K\mathbf{t} - \tau\mathbf{b}$
3. $\mathbf{b}' = \tau\mathbf{n}$

$$\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t}' \\ \mathbf{n}' \\ \mathbf{b}' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K & 0 \\ -K & 0 & -\tau \\ 0 & \tau & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof:

$$1. \because \mathbf{t} = \alpha' \Rightarrow \mathbf{t}' = \alpha''$$

$$\because \mathbf{n} = \frac{\alpha''}{|\alpha''|} = \frac{\alpha''}{K} \Rightarrow \alpha'' = K\mathbf{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{t}' = K\mathbf{n}}$$

$$2. \because \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{t}$$

Differentiate both sides w.r.t. s

$$\mathbf{n}' = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{t}' + \mathbf{b}' \times \mathbf{t}$$

$$= \mathbf{b} \times (K\mathbf{n}) + (\tau\mathbf{n}) \times \mathbf{t}$$

$$= K(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{n}) + \tau(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{t})$$

$$= K(-\mathbf{t}) + \tau(-\mathbf{b})$$

$$= \boxed{-K\mathbf{t} - \tau\mathbf{b}} \quad 3. \because \tau = \mathbf{b}' \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

$$\tau\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{b}' \cdot \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{b}'(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{b}' = \tau\mathbf{n}}$$

Example 2.6. A curve $\alpha(s)$ is a straight line iff $K = 0$

Proof:

(i) Suppose $\alpha(s)$ is a straight line.

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(s) = as + b$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha'(s) = a \Rightarrow \alpha''(s) = 0 \Rightarrow |\alpha''| = 0 \Rightarrow K = 0$$

(ii) Suppose $K = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow |\alpha''| = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha'' = 0$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{integrating}} \alpha' = a \xrightarrow{\text{integrating}} \alpha(s) = as + b$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(s) \text{ is a straight line.}$$

3 Plane Curves, Involutives, Evolutes, and Bertrand Curves

3.1 Plane Curves $\tau = 0$

Remark 3.1. If one of the components of a curve is found to be constant, the curve can be classified as a plane curve. However, the converse is not true in general. e.g. $\alpha(t) = (t, \frac{t^2}{2}, 0)$ 0 is a constant, then the curve is a plane curve.

Example 3.1. Show that the curve $\alpha(t) = (t, \frac{1+t}{t}, \frac{1-t^2}{t})$ is a plane curve

Solution:

$$\alpha(t) = (t, \frac{1}{t} + 1, \frac{1}{t} - t)$$

$$\dot{\alpha}(t) = (1, -\frac{1}{t^2}, -\frac{1}{t^2} - 1)$$

$$\ddot{\alpha}(t) = (0, \frac{2}{t^3}, \frac{2}{t^3})$$

$$\ddot{\alpha}(t) = (0, -\frac{6}{t^4}, -\frac{6}{t^4})$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{t} & \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{b} \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{t^2} & -\frac{1}{t^2} - 1 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t^3} & \frac{2}{t^3} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{2}{t^3}t - \frac{2}{t^3}n + \frac{2}{t^3}b$$

3.2 Curvature and Torsion

Definition 3.1. (Curvature K)

$$K = |\alpha''(s)| \longrightarrow \text{in the parameter } (s)$$

$$K = \frac{|\dot{\alpha}(t) \times \ddot{\alpha}(t)|}{|\dot{\alpha}(t)|^3} \longrightarrow \text{in the parameter } (t)$$

Definition 3.2. (Torsion τ)

$$\tau = \mathbf{b}' \cdot \mathbf{n} \longrightarrow \text{in the parameter } (s)$$

$$\tau = \frac{-(\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}) \cdot \ddot{\alpha}}{|\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}|^2} \longrightarrow \text{in the parameter } (t)$$

Example 3.2. Find K and τ for the helix

$$\alpha(s) = \left(a \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, a \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{bs}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right)$$

Solution:

$$\alpha'(s) = \left(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right)$$

$$\alpha''(s) = \left(-\frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, -\frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, 0 \right)$$

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} \cos^2 \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right) + \frac{a^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right)} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

Now, we previously found that \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{n} are:

$$\therefore \mathbf{b} = \left(\frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{-b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{b}' = \left(\frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{-b}{a^2 + b^2} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, 0 \right)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{n} = \left(-\cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, -\sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, 0 \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \tau &= \mathbf{b}' \cdot \mathbf{n} = \left(-\cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right) \left(-\frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \right) + \left(-\sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right) \left(-\frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \right) + 0 \\ &= \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \\ &= \frac{-b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.3. Find K and τ for the parabola $\alpha(t) = (t, \frac{t^2}{2}, 0)$.

Solution:

$$\dot{\alpha}(t) = (1, t, 0) \Rightarrow |\dot{\alpha}| = \sqrt{1+t^2}$$

$$\ddot{\alpha}(t) = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$\ddot{\alpha}(t) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} t & n & b \\ 1 & t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$|\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}| = 1 \Rightarrow K = \frac{|\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}|}{|\dot{\alpha}|^3} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{1+t^2})^3} = \frac{1}{(1+t^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\therefore (\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}) \cdot \ddot{\alpha} = 0 \Rightarrow \tau = 0$$

$$\therefore \dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha} = \left(\frac{2}{t^3}, \frac{-2}{t^3}, \frac{2}{t^3} \right)$$

$$(\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}) \cdot \ddot{\alpha} = 0 + \frac{1^2}{t^7} - \frac{1^2}{t^7} = 0$$

$$\therefore \tau = \frac{-(\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}) \cdot \ddot{\alpha}}{|\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}|^2} = \frac{0}{|\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}|^2} = 0$$

$\therefore \alpha(t)$ is a plane curve.

Let $\alpha : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a regular parametrized curve. We need to prove the following:

$$(I) \frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{1}{|\dot{\alpha}|}$$

$$(II) \frac{d^2t}{ds^2} = -\frac{\dot{\alpha} \cdot \ddot{\alpha}}{|\dot{\alpha}|^4}$$

$$(III) \mathbf{b}(t) = \frac{\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}}{|\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}|}$$

$$(IV) K(t) = \frac{|\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}|}{|\dot{\alpha}|^3}$$

Proof (I):

$$\therefore s = \int_0^t \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| dt = \int_0^t |\dot{\alpha}| dt$$

Differentiating w.r.t. t :

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = |\dot{\alpha}| \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{1}{\dot{\alpha}}$$

Proof (II):

$$\because \frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{1}{\dot{\alpha}}$$

Differentiating:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{dt}{ds} \right) &= \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{\dot{\alpha}} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 t}{ds^2} &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{\dot{\alpha}} \right) \frac{dt}{ds} \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} (|\dot{\alpha}|)^{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\dot{\alpha}} \\ &= -(|\dot{\alpha}|)^{-2} \frac{d}{dt} (|\dot{\alpha}|) \frac{1}{\dot{\alpha}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 t}{ds^2} &= -\frac{1}{|\dot{\alpha}|^3} \frac{d}{dt} (|\dot{\alpha}|) \end{aligned}$$

Proof (III) & (IV):

$$\begin{aligned} \because \dot{\alpha} &= \frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \frac{d\alpha}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt} = \alpha' |\dot{\alpha}| = |\dot{\alpha}| \mathbf{t} \\ \ddot{\alpha} &= \frac{d}{dt} (\dot{\alpha}) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} (\alpha' |\dot{\alpha}|) \\ &= \frac{d}{ds} (\alpha' |\dot{\alpha}|) \frac{ds}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d}{ds} (\alpha' |\dot{\alpha}|) \cdot |\dot{\alpha}| \\ &= \left(\alpha' \frac{d}{ds} (|\dot{\alpha}|) + \alpha'' |\dot{\alpha}| \right) |\dot{\alpha}| \\ &= \alpha' |\dot{\alpha}| \frac{d}{ds} (|\dot{\alpha}|) + \alpha'' |\dot{\alpha}|^2 \\ &= \alpha' |\dot{\alpha}| \frac{d}{dt} (|\dot{\alpha}|) \frac{dt}{ds} + \alpha'' |\dot{\alpha}|^2 \\ &= \alpha' |\dot{\alpha}| \frac{d}{dt} (|\dot{\alpha}|) \frac{1}{|\dot{\alpha}|} + \alpha'' |\dot{\alpha}|^2 \\ \alpha'' &= \alpha' \frac{d}{dt} (|\dot{\alpha}|) + \alpha'' |\dot{\alpha}|^2 (*) \end{aligned}$$

Now, differentiate $\dot{\alpha} \cdot \dot{\alpha} = |\dot{\alpha}|^2$ w.r.t. t :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\alpha} \cdot \ddot{\alpha} + \ddot{\alpha} \cdot \dot{\alpha} &= 2|\dot{\alpha}| \frac{d}{dt} (|\dot{\alpha}|) \\ 2(\dot{\alpha} \cdot \ddot{\alpha}) &= 2|\dot{\alpha}| \frac{d}{dt} (|\dot{\alpha}|) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} (|\dot{\alpha}|) &= \frac{\dot{\alpha} \cdot \ddot{\alpha}}{|\dot{\alpha}|} (**) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting from (**) into (*):

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{\alpha} &= \alpha' \frac{\dot{\alpha} \cdot \ddot{\alpha}}{|\dot{\alpha}|} + \alpha'' |\dot{\alpha}|^2 \\ &= \boxed{\frac{\dot{\alpha} \cdot \ddot{\alpha}}{|\dot{\alpha}|} \mathbf{t} + |\dot{\alpha}|^2 K \mathbf{n}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{t} & \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{b} \\ |\dot{\alpha}| & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\dot{\alpha} \cdot \ddot{\alpha}}{|\dot{\alpha}|} & |\dot{\alpha}| K & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha} = 0\mathbf{t} - 0\mathbf{n} + |\dot{\alpha}|^3 K \mathbf{b}$$

$$\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha} = (0, 0, |\dot{\alpha}|^3 K)$$

$$|\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}| = \sqrt{|\dot{\alpha}|^6 K^2} = |\dot{\alpha}|^3 K$$

$$(IV) \quad K = \frac{|\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}|}{|\dot{\alpha}|^3}$$

And for \mathbf{b} :

$$\because \dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha} = |\dot{\alpha}|^3 K \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \frac{\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}}{K |\dot{\alpha}|^3} = \frac{\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}}{\frac{|\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}|}{|\dot{\alpha}|^3}} |\dot{\alpha}|^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{b} = \frac{\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}}{|\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}|}$$

And this completes the proof of (III) .

3.3 Involutes and Evolutes

Consider a curve $\alpha(s)$ where s is the arc length parameter. By drawing tangents at every point along this curve, we generate a surface known as the tangent surface. An **involute** $\alpha^*(s)$ is a curve that lies on this tangent surface and is orthogonal to all the tangents drawn at every point along the original curve.

Equation of The Involute:

Consider a point $\alpha(s)$ on the curve α and the point $\alpha^*(s)$ on the curve α^* (involute).

Thus, $\alpha^*(s) - \alpha(s)$ is a tangent vector of α , but \mathbf{t} is the unit tangent vector of α .

$$\therefore (\alpha^*(s) - \alpha(s)) \propto \mathbf{t} \Rightarrow \alpha^*(s) - \alpha(s) = \lambda(s)\mathbf{t}(s) \longrightarrow (1)$$

Differentiate Eq. (1) with respect to s :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\alpha^*}{ds} - \frac{d\alpha}{ds} &= \lambda(s)\mathbf{t}'(s) + \mathbf{t}(s)\lambda'(s) \\ \frac{d\alpha^*}{ds} &= \frac{d\alpha}{ds} + \lambda(s)\mathbf{t}'(s) + \mathbf{t}(s)\lambda'(s) \\ &= \mathbf{t}(s) + \lambda(s)\mathbf{t}'(s) + \mathbf{t}(s)\lambda'(s) \\ \therefore \frac{d\alpha^*}{ds} &= (1 + \lambda'(s))\mathbf{t}(s) + \lambda(s)k\mathbf{n}(s) \longrightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \because \frac{d\alpha^*}{ds} &\text{ is a tangent of } \alpha^*: \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d\alpha^*}{ds} \perp \mathbf{t} &\Rightarrow \frac{d\alpha^*}{ds} \cdot \mathbf{t} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (2) (scalar product) by \mathbf{t} we get:

$$0 = \frac{d\alpha^*}{ds} \cdot \mathbf{t} = (1 + \lambda'(s))\mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{t} + \lambda(s)k\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{t}$$

$$0 = 1 + \lambda'(s) \Rightarrow \lambda'(s) = -1$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Integration}} \lambda(s) = -s + c \text{ or } \lambda(s) = c - s$$

Substituting into (1)

$$\alpha^*(s) - \alpha(s) = (c - s)\mathbf{t}(s) \text{ or}$$

$$\alpha^*(s) = \alpha(s) + (c - s)\mathbf{t}(s)$$

Definition 3.3. (Involutes)

$$\alpha^*(s) = \alpha(s) + (c - s)\mathbf{t}(s)$$

Remark 3.2. The curve α has an infinite number of involutes since c is an arbitrary constant.

Example 3.4. Find the involute of the helix.

$$\alpha(s) = \left(a \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, a \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{bs}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right)$$

Solution:

$$\alpha^*(s) = \alpha(s) + (c-s)\mathbf{t}(s)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } \mathbf{t} = \alpha'(s) &= \left(\frac{-a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \alpha^*(s) &= \left(a \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, a \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{bs}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right) \\ &\quad + (c-s) \left(\frac{-a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right) \\ &= \left(a \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} - \frac{(c-s)a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. a \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} + \frac{(c-s)a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{bs}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} + \frac{(c-s)b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right) \\ &= \left(a \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} - \frac{(c-s)a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. a \sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} + \frac{(c-s)a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}, \frac{bc}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.5. Find the involute of the curve.

$$\alpha(s) = (s, s^2, \frac{s^3}{3}), \text{ where } s \text{ is the arc length parameter.}$$

Solution:

$$\alpha^*(s) = \alpha(s) + (c-s)\mathbf{t}(s)$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{t}(s) = \alpha'(s) = (1, 2s, s^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^*(s) = (s, s^2, \frac{s^3}{3})$$

$$+ (c-s)(1, 2s, s^2)$$

$$= (s, s^2, \frac{s^3}{3}) + (c-s)(1, 2s, s^2)$$

$$= (s + (c-s), s^2 + 2s(c-s), \frac{s^3}{3} + s^2(c-s))$$

$$= (c, s^2 + 2sc - 2s^2, \frac{s^3}{3} + s^2c - s^3)$$

$$= (c, s^2(1-2), s^2(\frac{1}{3} - 1))$$

$$= (c, -s^2, -\frac{2}{3}s^2)$$

Example 3.6. Find the involute of the unit circle $\alpha(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, 0)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\alpha} &= (-\sin t, \cos t, 0) \\ |\dot{\alpha}| &= \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 0^2} = \sqrt{1} = 1 \\ \mathbf{t} &= \frac{\dot{\alpha}}{|\dot{\alpha}|} = (-\sin t, \cos t, 0) \\ &= (-\sin t, \cos t, 0) \\ \text{Since } s &= \int_0^t |\dot{\alpha}| dt = \int_0^t 1 dt \\ &= [t]_0^t = t \\ \Rightarrow s &= t \\ \alpha^*(s) &= (\cos t, \sin t, 0) + (c - t)(-\sin t, \cos t, 0) \\ &= (\cos t - (c - t) \sin t, \sin t + (c - t) \cos t, 0)\end{aligned}$$

Example 3.7. Find the involute of the curve $\alpha(t) = (\cosh t, \sinh t, t)$.

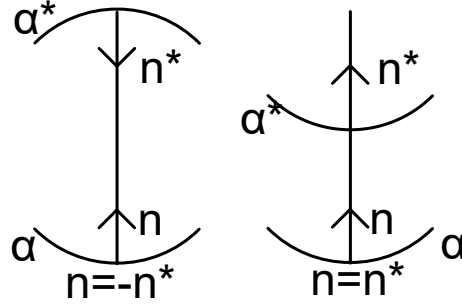
Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\alpha} &= (\sinh t, \cosh t, 1) \\ |\dot{\alpha}| &= \sqrt{\sinh^2 t + \cosh^2 t + 1^2} = \sqrt{2 \cosh^2 t} = \sqrt{2} \cosh t \\ \mathbf{t} &= \frac{\dot{\alpha}}{|\dot{\alpha}|} = \frac{(\sinh t, \cosh t, 1)}{\sqrt{2} \cosh t} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tanh t, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \operatorname{sech} t \right) \\ \text{Since } s &= \int_0^t |\dot{\alpha}| dt = \int_0^t \sqrt{2} \cosh t dt \\ &= \sqrt{2} [\sinh t]_0^t = \sqrt{2} [\sinh t - \sinh 0] \\ \Rightarrow s &= \sqrt{2} \sinh t \\ \alpha^*(s) &= (\cosh t, \sinh t, t) + (c - \sqrt{2} \sinh t) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tanh t, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \operatorname{sech} t \right) \\ &= \left(\cosh t + \frac{c - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \sinh t \tanh t, \sinh t + \frac{c - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \sinh t, t + \frac{c - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \sinh t \operatorname{sech} t \right)\end{aligned}$$

3.4 Bertrand Curves

Definition 3.4. Two curves $\alpha(s)$ and $\alpha^*(s)$ are called Bertrand curves if $n = \pm n^*$

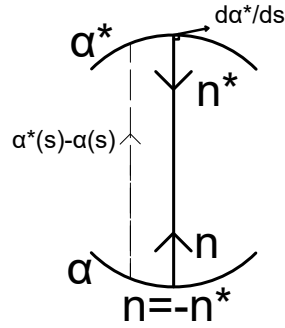
where that n is principle normal unite of α and n^* is principle normal unite of α^*



Example 3.8. Prove that the distance between corresponding points on two Bertrand curves is constant

Proof: consider α and α^* are two Bertrand curves($n = \pm n^*$)

take a point $\alpha(s)$ on α and $\alpha^*(s)$ on α^* thus $\alpha^*(s) - \alpha(s)$ is a vector



Example 3.9. From the figure

$$\alpha^*(s) - \alpha(s) // n$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^*(s) - \alpha(s) = \lambda(s) n(s) \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Diff Eq(1) with regards of s

$$\Rightarrow d\alpha^*/ds - d\alpha/ds = \lambda n'(s) + n(s) \lambda'(s)$$

$$d\alpha^*/ds = d\alpha/ds + \lambda(s) n'(s) + n(s) \lambda'(s)$$

$$d\alpha^*/ds = t + \lambda(s)(-k t - \tau b) + n(s) \lambda'(s) \quad \boxed{n' = -k t - \tau b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha^*(s)}{ds} = (1 - k \lambda(s))t + \lambda'(s) n - \tau \lambda(s) b \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$\therefore \frac{d\alpha^*}{ds}$ is atangent of α^*

$$\therefore \frac{d\alpha^*}{ds} \perp n^* \Rightarrow \frac{d\alpha^*}{ds} \perp n \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d\alpha^*}{ds} * n = 0}$$

multiplying Eq (2)by n

$$\frac{\alpha^*(s)}{ds} * n = (1 - k \lambda(s))(t * n) + \lambda'(s) (n * n) - \tau \lambda(s)(b * n)$$

as

$$t n = b n = 0 \ \& \ n n = 1$$

$0 = \lambda'(s)$ integrate both sides

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(s) = c$$

substituting into 1 we get

$$\alpha^*(s) - \alpha(s) = c n(s)$$

$$|\alpha^*(s) - \alpha(s)| = |c n(s)| = c |n(s)| = c$$

$$\Rightarrow |\alpha^*(s) - \alpha(s)| = c \text{ (constant)}$$

Example 3.10. Show that two curves:

$$\alpha(s) = 1/2(\cos^{-1} s - s\sqrt{1-s^2}, 1-s^2, 0)$$

$$\alpha^*(s) = 1/2(\cos^{-1} s - s\sqrt{1-s^2} - s, 1-s^2 + \sqrt{1-s^2}, 0)$$

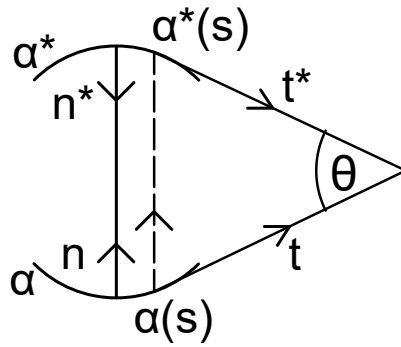
are Bertrand curves

Sol:

$$\alpha(s) - \alpha^*(s) = 1/2(-s, \sqrt{1-s^2}, 0)$$

$$|\alpha(s) - \alpha^*(s)| = 1/2\sqrt{s^2 + 1-s^2 + 0} = 1/2 \text{ (constant)}$$

$\therefore \alpha^*(s)$ and $\alpha(s)$ are Bertrand curves



Example 3.11. show that the angle between corresponding tangent lines on two Bertrand curves is constant

sol:

consider α and α^* are two Bertrand curves ($n = \pm n^*$)

take a point $\alpha(s)$ on α and a point $\alpha^*(s)$ on α^*

take t is the tangent unit vector of α at $\alpha(s)$ and t^* is the tangent unit vector of α at $\alpha^*(s)$

now we prove that θ is const or $\cos \theta = \text{const}$

$$\because \cos \theta = \frac{t \cdot t^*}{|t| |t^*|} = \frac{t \cdot t^*}{1 \cdot 1} = t \cdot t^*$$

now we prove that $t \cdot t^* = \text{const}$

$$\begin{aligned} (t \cdot t^*)' &= t \cdot t^{*'} + t^* \cdot t' \\ &= t \cdot \frac{dt^*}{ds} + t^* k \cdot n \\ &= t \cdot \left(\frac{dt^*}{ds^*} \cdot \frac{ds^*}{ds} \right) + k(t^* \cdot n) \\ &= \frac{ds^*}{ds} (t \cdot k^* n^*) + k(t^* \cdot n) \\ &= k^* \frac{ds^*}{ds} (t \cdot n^*) + k(t^* \cdot n) \\ &= \pm k^* \frac{ds^*}{ds} (t \cdot n) \pm k(t^* \cdot n^*) \\ &= \pm k^* \frac{ds^*}{ds} (0) \pm k(0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (t \cdot t^*)' = 0 \quad \Rightarrow t \cdot t^* = \text{const}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \text{const}$$

$$\theta = \text{const}$$

3.5 Global Properties of Plane Curves

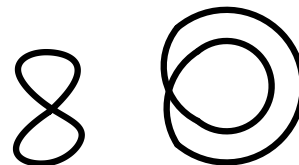
Definition 3.5.

- 1- A closed plane curve is a regular parametrized curve $\alpha: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $\alpha(a) = \alpha(b)$, $\alpha'(a) = \alpha'(b)$, ...
- 2- the curve α is simple if it has no further self-intersection

EX:



simple curve



not simple curve

that is

the curve $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is simple if $\alpha(t_1) = \alpha(t_2) \Rightarrow t_1 = t_2$

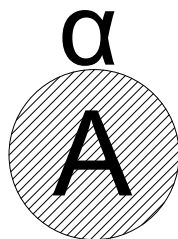
Theorem 3.1. consider the simple closed plane curve

$$\alpha(t) = (x(t), y(t)), \quad t \in [a, b]$$

$$A = - \int_a^b y(t) x'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_a^b x(t) y'(t) dt$$

$$A = 1/2 \int_a^b [x(t) y'(t) - y(t) x'(t)] dt$$



Example 3.12. Circle $x^2 + y^2 = \alpha^2$

Parametric form :

$$\alpha(t) = (\alpha \cos t, \alpha \sin t)$$

$$x = \alpha \cos t, y = \alpha \sin t$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_a^b x(t)y'(t)dt \\ A &= \int_0^{2\pi} \alpha \cos t \cdot \alpha \cos t dt \\ &= \alpha^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 t dt = \alpha^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2t) dt \\ &= \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \left[t + \frac{\sin 2t}{2} \right]_0^{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \left[(2\pi + \frac{\sin 4\pi}{2}) - (0) \right] = \pi\alpha^2 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.13.

$$\alpha(t) = (\ln(\sec t + \tan t) - \sin t, \cos t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= - \int_a^b x'(t)y(t)dt \\ &= - \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\sin^2 t}{\cos t} \cdot \cos t dt = - \int_0^{\pi/3} \sin^2 t dt \\ &= - \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{1 - \cos 2t}{2} dt = - \left[\frac{t}{2} - \frac{\sin 2t}{4} \right]_0^{\pi/3} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} - \frac{\pi}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.2. let α be a simple closed plane curve with length L, and let A be the area of the region bounded by α . then

$$L^2 - 4\pi A \geq 0$$

the equality hold if and only if α is a circle

since the area of circle $A = \pi r^2$ and the length $L = 2\pi r$

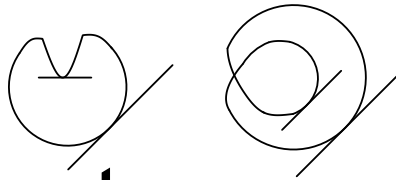
$$L^2 - 4\pi A = 4\pi^2 r^2 - 4\pi(\pi r^2) = 4\pi^2 r^2 - 4\pi^2 r^2 = 0$$

Definition 3.6. .

A regular plane curve $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is convex if for all $t \in I$ the trace $\alpha(t)$ lies entirely on one side of any tangent line at t



convex



not convex

Definition 3.7. Vertex of a curve The vertex of a curve $\alpha(t)$ is a point at which $K'(t) = 0$

Example 3.14. prove that the parabola $\alpha(t) = (t, t^2/2, 0)$ has only one vertex
sol:

$$K = \frac{|\alpha' \times \alpha''|}{|\alpha'|^3}$$

$$\alpha' = (1, t, 0) \quad |\alpha'| = \sqrt{1+t^2}$$

$$\alpha'' = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$\alpha' \times \alpha'' = \begin{vmatrix} t & n & b \\ 1 & t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\alpha' \times \alpha''| = 1 \quad K = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{1+t^2})^3} =$$

$$K' = \frac{-3}{2}(1+t^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \cdot (2t) = -3t(1+t^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}}$$

put $K' = 0$

$$0 = -3t(1+t^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \quad \Rightarrow t = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(t) = (t, t^2/2, 0) \quad \text{has only one vertex}$$

Example 3.15. prove that the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{1} = 1 \quad \alpha(t) = (2 \cos t, \sin t)$$

has four vertices

sol:

$$k = \frac{x'y'' - x''y'}{(x'^2 + y'^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\alpha'(x) = -2 \sin t \quad \alpha''(x) = -2 \cos t$$

$$\alpha'(y) = \cos t \quad \alpha''(y) = -\sin t$$

$$K = \frac{2 \sin t \cdot \sin t + 2 \cos t \cdot \cos t}{(4 \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{2}{(3 \sin^2 t + 1)^{3/2}}$$

$$K' = \frac{-9 \sin 2t}{(3 \sin^2 t + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

put $K' = 0$

$$0 = \frac{-9 \sin 2t}{(3 \sin^2 t + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \{0, \pi, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\}$$

Example 3.16. prove that $\mathfrak{N}(t) = (t, t^2, t^2 + t)$

sol:

$$K = \frac{|\alpha' \times \alpha''|}{|\alpha'|^3}$$

$$\alpha'(t) = (1, 2t, 2t + 1) \quad \alpha'' = (0, 2, 2) \quad |\alpha'| = \sqrt{8t^2 + 4t + 2}$$

$$\alpha' \times \alpha'' = \begin{vmatrix} t & n & b \\ 1 & 2t & 2t + 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (-2, -2, 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\alpha' \times \alpha''| = \sqrt{12} \quad K = \frac{\sqrt{12}}{(\sqrt{8t^2 + 4t + 2})^3}$$

$$K' = -\frac{24t\sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{3}}{(8t^2 + 4t + 2)^{3/2}(4t^2 + 2t + 1)}$$

put $K' = 0$

$$0 = -\frac{24t\sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{3}}{(8t^2 + 4t + 2)^{3/2}(4t^2 + 2t + 1)} \quad \Rightarrow t = \frac{-1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(t) = (t, t^2, t^2 + t) \quad \text{has only one vertex}$$

Theorem 3.3. Four vertex Theorem

A simple closed convex plane curve has at least four vertices

4 Exercises

Example 4.1. Find all the function $f(t)$ that make the curve flat

$$x_1 = \cos t \quad x_2 = \sin t \quad x_3 = f(t)$$

sol:

$$\alpha(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, f(t))$$

to make the curve flat $\Rightarrow \tau = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \because \tau = \frac{[\alpha'(t), \alpha''(t), \alpha'''(t)]}{|\alpha'(t) \times \alpha''(t)|^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [\alpha'(t), \alpha''(t), \alpha'''(t)] = 0$$

$$\alpha'(t) = (-\sin t, \cos t, f')$$

$$\alpha''(t) = (-\cos t, -\sin t, f'')$$

$$\alpha'''(t) = (\sin t, -\cos t, f''')$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\sin t & \cos t & f' \\ -\cos t & -\sin t & f'' \\ \sin t & -\cos t & f''' \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sin t(-f''' \sin t + f'' \cos t) - \cos t(-f''' \cos t - f'' \sin t) + f'(\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f''' \sin^2 t - f'' \sin t \cos t + f''' \cos^2 t + f'' \sin t \cos t + f' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f''' \sin^2 t + f''' \cos^2 t + f' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f''' + f' = 0 \quad \text{put } f'(x) = g(t)$$

$$\therefore g'' + g = 0 \quad \rightarrow g'' = -g$$

$$g = A \cos t + B \sin t$$

$$f'(t) = A \cos t + B \sin t$$

$$f(t) = A \sin t - B \cos t + c$$

Example 4.2. prove that if $\alpha = \alpha(s)$ then $K^2\tau = [\alpha', \alpha'', \alpha''']$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\because \alpha = \alpha(s) \\
 &\Rightarrow \alpha' = T \\
 &\alpha'' = T' = KN \\
 &\alpha''' = (KN)' = KN' + K'N \\
 &\quad = K(-KT + \tau B) + K'N \\
 &\alpha''' = -K^2T + K'N + K\tau B \\
 \\
 &[\alpha', \alpha'', \alpha'''] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & K & 0 \\ -K^2 & K' & K\tau' \end{vmatrix} = (K^2\tau)
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 4.3. if $|\alpha'(s)| = 1$ and $K > 0$ Prove that

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 - [\alpha'', \alpha''', \alpha^{iv}] &= K^5(\tau/K)' \\
 2 - \alpha \text{ is general spiral} &\Leftrightarrow [\alpha'', \alpha''', \alpha^{iv}] = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

sol:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\because \alpha''' = -K^2T + K'N + K\tau B \quad \text{from previous Example} \\
 &\alpha^{iv} = -K^2T' + 2KK'T + K'N' + K''N + K'\tau B + K\tau B' + K\tau B' \\
 &\quad = -K^3N - 2KK'T + K'(-KT + \tau B) + K''N + K'\tau B + K\tau' B - K\tau^2N \\
 &\alpha^{iv} = (-3KK')T + (-K^3 + K'' - K\tau^2)N + (2K'\tau + K\tau')B
 \end{aligned}$$

$$[\alpha'', \alpha''', \alpha^{iv}] = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & K & 0 \\ -K^2 & K' & K\tau' \\ -3KK' & -K^3 + K'' - K\tau^2 & 2K'\tau + K\tau' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -K \left[-2K^2K'\tau - K^3\tau' + 3K^2K'\tau \right] \\
 &= -K^3 \left[K'\tau - K\tau' \right] \\
 &= K^5 \left[\frac{K\tau' - K'\tau}{K^2} \right] = K^5 \left(\frac{\tau}{K} \right)'
 \end{aligned}$$

$$2- \quad (\Leftarrow) \quad \text{assume that } [\alpha'', \alpha''', \alpha^{iv}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow K^5 \left(\frac{\tau}{K} \right)' = 0 \quad \because K > 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\tau}{K} \right)' = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\tau}{K} \right) = \text{const} \Rightarrow \text{is general spiral}$$

$$(\Rightarrow) \text{assume that } \alpha \text{ is general spiral } \therefore \left(\frac{\tau}{K} \right)' = \text{const} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\tau}{K} \right)' = 0 \Rightarrow [\alpha'', \alpha''', \alpha^{iv}] = 0$$

Example:

$$\alpha(t) = (t, \cosh t, 0)$$

Find T,N,B -Tangent line - Principal normal line - Binormal line
and compute arc length - Osculating Plane - normal plane - Rectifying plane at t=0

Reparametrization

and find Involutives and Evolutes
and compute Curvature and Torsion

solution:

1 - Tangent line

$$\alpha(0) = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$\alpha'(t) = (1, \sinh t, 0) \quad |\alpha'| = \cosh t$$

$$T = \left(\frac{1}{\cosh t}, \tanh t, 0 \right) \quad T(0) = (1, 0, 0)$$

$$\text{Tangent line:} \quad \frac{x-a}{A_1} = \frac{y-b}{A_2} = \frac{z-c}{A_3}$$

$$\frac{x-0}{1} = \frac{y-1}{0} = \frac{z-0}{0} \Rightarrow \frac{x}{1} = \frac{y-1}{0} = \frac{z}{0}$$

2 - Binormal line

$$B = \frac{\alpha' \times \alpha''}{|\alpha' \times \alpha''|}$$

$$\alpha'' = (0, \cosh t, 0)$$

$$\alpha' \times \alpha'' = \begin{vmatrix} t & n & b \\ 1 & \sinh t & 0 \\ 0 & \cosh t & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (0, 0, \cosh t)$$

$$|\alpha' \times \alpha''| = \cosh t$$

$$B = \frac{(0, 0, \cosh t)}{\cosh t} = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$B(0) = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\text{Binormal line:} \quad \frac{x-a}{C_1} = \frac{y-b}{C_2} = \frac{z-c}{C_3}$$

$$\frac{x}{0} = \frac{y-1}{0} = \frac{z}{1}$$

3 - Principal normal unit vector

$$N = B \times T$$

$$B \times T = \begin{vmatrix} t & n & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1/\cosh t & \tanh t & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \left(-\tanh t, \frac{1}{\cosh t}, 0 \right)$$

$$N(0) = (0, 1, 0)$$

Principle normal line: $\frac{x-a}{B_1} = \frac{y-b}{B_2} = \frac{z-c}{B_3}$

$$\frac{x}{0} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z}{0}$$

4 - Arc length

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha'(t) &= (1, \sinh t, 0) & |\alpha'| &= \cosh t \\ s &= \int_a^b \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| dt = \int_a^b \cosh t = \sinh b - \sinh a\end{aligned}$$

5 - Normal plane

$$\begin{aligned}[(x, y, z) - \alpha(t_0)] \cdot T(t_0) &= 0 \\ [(x, y, z) - \alpha(0)] \cdot T(0) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow [(x, y, z) - (0, 1, 0)] \cdot (1, 0, 0) &= 0 & (x, y-1, z) \cdot (1, 0, 0) &= x \\ &\Rightarrow x = 0\end{aligned}$$

6 - Osculating plane

$$\begin{aligned}[(x, y, z) - \alpha(t_0)] \cdot B(t_0) &= 0 \\ [(x, y, z) - (0, 1, 0)] \cdot (0, 0, 1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

7 - Rectifying plane

$$\begin{aligned}[(x, y, z) - \alpha(t_0)] \cdot N(t_0) &= 0 \\ [(x, y, z) - (0, 1, 0)] \cdot (0, 1, 0) &= 0 \\ &\Rightarrow y = 1\end{aligned}$$

8 - Reparametrize by the arc length

$$\begin{aligned}s &= \int_0^t \left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right| dt = \sinh t \\ &\Rightarrow t = \sinh^{-1} s \\ \therefore \alpha(s) &= (\sinh^{-1} s, \cosh \sinh^{-1} s, 0)\end{aligned}$$

9 - Find the involute

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha^*(t) &= \alpha(t) + (c-s)T(t) \\ \text{since } \Rightarrow s &= \sinh t & \text{and } T &= \left(\frac{1}{\cosh t}, \tanh t, 0 \right) \\ \alpha^*(t) &= (t, \cosh t, 0) + (c - \sinh t) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\cosh t}, \tanh t, 0 \right) \\ \alpha^*(t) &= (t, \cosh t, 0) + \left(\frac{c - \sinh t}{\cosh t}, (c - \sinh t) \cdot \tanh t, 0 \right) \\ \alpha^*(t) &= \left(t + \frac{c - \sinh t}{\cosh t}, \cosh t + (c - \sinh t) \cdot \tanh t, 0 \right)\end{aligned}$$

10 - Curvature

$$K = \frac{|\alpha' \times \alpha''|}{|\alpha'|^3}$$

$$K = \frac{\cosh t}{\sinh^3 t}$$

11 - Torsion

$$\tau = \frac{-(\alpha' \times \alpha'') \cdot \alpha'''}{|\alpha' \times \alpha''|^2}$$

$$\alpha''' = (0, \sinh t, 0)$$

$$\tau = \frac{-(0, 0, \cosh t) \cdot (0, \sinh t, 0)}{\cosh^2 t} = 0$$

Example 4.4. Explain with an example that the four-vertices theory is not true if the curve is not simple

sol:

we take

$$\alpha(t) = (\cos t - 2 \sin t \cos t, \sin t - 2 \sin^2 t, 0)$$

$$\alpha'(t) = (-\sin t + 2 \sin^2 t - 2 \cos^2 t, \cos t - 4 \sin t \cos t, 0)$$

$$\alpha''(t) = (-\cos t + 4 \sin t \cos t + 4 \cos t \sin t, -\sin t + 4 \sin^2 t - 4 \cos^2 t, 0)$$

$$|\alpha'(t) \times \alpha''(t)| = 9 - 6 \sin t \quad |\alpha'(t)| = (5 - 4 \sin t)^{1/2}$$

$$K = \frac{|\alpha'(t) \times \alpha''(t)|}{|\alpha'(t)|^3} \Rightarrow K(t) = \frac{9 - 6 \sin t}{(5 - 4 \sin t)^{3/2}} = (9 - 6 \sin t)(5 - 4 \sin t)^{-3/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K'(t) &= (9 - 6 \sin t) \cdot (3/2)(5 - 4 \sin t)^{-5/2} \cdot (-4 \cos t) - 6 \cos t (5 - 4 \sin t)^{-3/2} \\ &= 6 \cos t (9 - 6 \sin t)(5 - 4 \sin t)^{-5/2} - 6 \cos t (5 - 4 \sin t)^{-3/2} \\ &= 6 \cos t (5 - 4 \sin t)^{-5/2} [9 - 6 \sin t - (5 - 4 \sin t)] \\ &= 6 \cos t (5 - 4 \sin t)^{-5/2} (4 - 2 \sin t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K'(s) &= \frac{dK}{ds} = \frac{dK}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{ds} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow K'(s) \cdot \frac{dt}{ds} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 6 \cos t (5 - 4 \sin t)^{-5/2} (4 - 2 \sin t) \cdot \frac{dt}{ds} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{ds} \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \Rightarrow \cos t (4 - 2 \sin t) = 0$$

$$\cos t = 0 \quad \& \quad 2 - \sin t = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{\pi}{2}, 3\frac{\pi}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sin t = 2$$

but we know that $-1 \leq \sin t \leq 1$

$$\therefore t = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad , \quad \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

\therefore The given curve has only two vertices

therefore The four-vertices theory must not be true if the curve is not simple

Example 4.5. Explain with an example that the four-vertices theory is not true if the curve is not closed

sol:

We take the parabola

$$\alpha(t) = (t, t^2) \quad \alpha'(t) = (1, 2t) \quad \alpha''(t) = (0, 2)$$

$$|\alpha'(t) \times \alpha''(t)| = 2 \quad |\alpha'(t)| = (1 + 4t^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$K(t) = \frac{2}{(1 + 4t^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 2(1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$K'(t) = 2\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)(1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \cdot 8t = -24t(1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow K'(s) = \frac{dK}{ds} = \frac{dK}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{ds} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow K'(s) \cdot \frac{dt}{ds} = \quad \Rightarrow -24t(1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \cdot \frac{dt}{ds} = 0$$

$$\because (1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \neq 0 \text{ \& } \frac{dt}{ds} \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \therefore t = 0$$

\therefore the parabola has only one-vertex

\therefore therefore The four-vertices theory must not be true if the curve is not closed

Example 4.6. Prove that the ellipse has four vertices

$$\alpha(t) = (2 \cos t, \sin t)$$

sol:

$$\dot{\alpha} = (-2 \sin t, \cos t) \quad \ddot{\alpha} = (-2 \cos t, -\sin t)$$

$$\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ -2 \sin t & \cos t & 0 \\ -2 \cos t & -\sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (0, 0, 2)$$

$$|\dot{\alpha} \times \ddot{\alpha}| = \sqrt{0+0+4} = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\dot{\alpha}| &= \sqrt{4 \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t} \\ &= \sqrt{4 \sin^2 t + 1 - \sin^2 t} \\ &= \sqrt{3 \sin^2 t + 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore K = \frac{2}{(3 \sin^2 t + 1)^{3/2}} = 2(3 \sin^2 t + 1)^{-3/2}$$

$$K'(t) = 2\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)(3 \sin^2 t + 1)^{-5/2}(\sin t \cos t)$$

Put $K' = 0$

$$0 = -18(3 \sin^2 t + 1)^{-5/2}(\sin t \cos t)$$

$$\therefore -18(3 \sin^2 t + 1)^{-5/2} \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\sin t \cos t = 0}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \swarrow & \searrow \\ \sin t = 0 & \text{or} & \cos t = 0 \\ \Rightarrow t = 0, \pi & & t = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \alpha(t) \text{ ellipse has four vertex}$$