

Arc length:



Intuition: measure each segment as a straight line segment. Make the segments infinitely small.

$$\vec{r}(t) = f(t)\hat{i} + g(t)\hat{j} + h(t)\hat{k}$$

$$L_k \approx \|\vec{r}(t_k) - \vec{r}(t_{k-1})\|$$

$$\approx \sqrt{[f(t_k) - f(t_{k-1})]^2 + [g(t_k) - g(t_{k-1})]^2 + [h(t_k) - h(t_{k-1})]^2}$$

The curve is continuous, satisfying the mean value theorem. There exist t_k^* , t_k^{**} , t_k^{***} such that

$$L_k \approx \sqrt{[f'(t_k^*)(t_k - t_{k-1})]^2 + [g'(t_k^{**})(t_k - t_{k-1})]^2 + [h'(t_k^{***})(t_k - t_{k-1})]^2}$$

$$\approx \sqrt{[f'(t_k^*)]^2 + [g'(t_k^{**})]^2 + [h'(t_k^{***})]^2} (t_k - t_{k-1})$$

Taking the limit of the sum of all segments $L = \sum L_k$ as $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$:

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{[f'(t)]^2 + [g'(t)]^2 + [h'(t)]^2} dt$$

$$= \int_a^b \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt$$

Ex.) $\vec{r}(t) = (2+t)\hat{i} - (t+1)\hat{j} + t\hat{k}, t \in [0, 3]$

$$L = \int_0^3 \|(1, -1, 1)\| dt = \int_0^3 \sqrt{3} dt = 3\sqrt{3}$$

Ex.) $\vec{r}(t) = 2\cos t\hat{i} + 2\sin t\hat{j} + t^2\hat{k}, t \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}'(t) = -2\sin t\hat{i} + 2\cos t\hat{j} + 2t\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{4\sin^2 t + 4\cos^2 t + 4t^2} = 2\sqrt{1+t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \int_0^{\pi/2} 2\sqrt{1+t^2} dt$$

$$= [t\sqrt{1+t^2} + \ln|\sqrt{1+t^2} + t|]_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1+\frac{\pi^2}{4}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \ln\left|\sqrt{1+\frac{\pi^2}{4}} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right|$$

Recitation

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1) $\vec{r}(t) = \cos 2t\hat{i} + 3\sin 2t\hat{j}$
 $\vec{v}(t) = -2\sin 2t\hat{i} + 6\cos 2t\hat{j}$



*Use $\vec{v}(t)$ to find direction of parametrization.

$$2) \vec{r}(t) = t e^t \hat{i} + e^t \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\int_0^1 \vec{r}(t) dt = \left(\int_0^1 t e^t dt, \int_0^1 e^t dt, \int_0^1 dt \right)$$

$$u(t) = t, dv(t) = e^t dt$$

$$du(t) = dt, v(t) = \int dv(t) = e^t + C$$

$$\int u(t) dv(t) = t e^t - \int e^t dt = t e^t - e^t + C$$

$$\int_0^1 \vec{r}(t) dt = (t e^t - e^t|_0^1, e^t|_0^1, t|_0^1) = (1, e-1, 1)$$

$$3) \vec{v}(t) = \frac{t e^{t^2} \sin t}{\sqrt{1+t^{2014}}} \hat{i} + \cos t e^t \hat{j}$$

$$\int_0^1 \vec{v}(t) dt = \left(0, \int_0^1 \cos t e^t dt \right)$$

u	dv
$\cos t$	e^t
$-\sin t$	e^t
$-\cos t$	e^t

$$\int \cos t e^t dt = \cos t e^t - \int (-\sin t) e^t dt = \cos t e^t + \int \sin t e^t dt$$

$$2 \int \cos t e^t dt = e^t \cos t + e^t \sin t$$

$$\int \cos t e^t dt = \frac{e^t (\cos t + \sin t)}{2}$$

$$\int_0^1 \vec{v}(t) dt = \left(0, \frac{e^1 (\cos 1 + \sin 1)}{2} - \frac{e^0 (\cos 0 + \sin 0)}{2} \right)$$

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Arc length parameter:

Choose a pt. $\vec{r}(t_0)$ in a smooth curve.

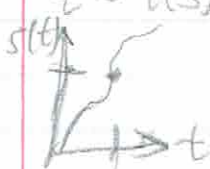
Define the arc length distance as the function:

$$s(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \|\vec{r}'(u)\| du$$

Note: $\frac{ds}{dt} = \|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \|\vec{v}(t)\| \geq 0$

Now t can be solved for as a function of s :

$$t = t(s)$$



If $\vec{v}(t) \neq 0$ then $\|\vec{v}\| > 0 \Rightarrow s'(t) > 0$.

Then the parametrization by arc length is $\vec{R}(s) = \vec{r}(t(s))$.

Ex.) $\vec{r}(t) = \cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j} + t \hat{k}, t_0 = 0.$

$\vec{r}'(t) = -\sin t \hat{i} + \cos t \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

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

$s(t) = \int_0^t \|\vec{r}'(s)\| ds = \int_0^t \sqrt{2} ds = \sqrt{2}s \Big|_0^t = \sqrt{2}t$

$\Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s$

Parametrization by arc length: $\vec{R}(s) = \vec{r}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s) = \cos(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s) \hat{i} + \sin(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s) \hat{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s \hat{k}$

Unit tangent vector:

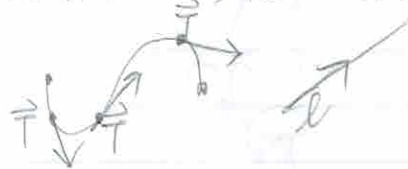
$\vec{r}'(t)$ is tangent to the curve at $\vec{r}(t)$. Define the unit tangent vector as

$\vec{T} = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}.$

Note: $\frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{1}{ds/dt} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}$

and $\frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \frac{1}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \frac{1}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \frac{1}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}$

Then $\vec{T} = \vec{T}(t)$ is the change of the position vector in terms of arc length.



Curvature: the rate at which the unit tangent vector changes direction with respect to arc length.

$$K = \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right\| = \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \frac{dt}{ds} \right\| = \left| \frac{dt}{ds} \right| \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \right\| = \frac{1}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \right\|$$

Ex.) $\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{d}, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$\vec{r}'(t) = \vec{d} \Rightarrow \vec{T} = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{\vec{d}}{\|\vec{d}\|}$ is constant. $\frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} = 0.$

Then the curvature $K = 0.$

Ex.) $\vec{r}(t) = a \cos t \hat{i} + a \sin t \hat{j}$

$\vec{r}'(t) = -a \sin t \hat{i} + a \cos t \hat{j}$

$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 t + a^2 \cos^2 t} = a$

$\vec{T} = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} = -\sin t \hat{i} + \cos t \hat{j}$

Then $\frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} = -\cos t \hat{i} - \sin t \hat{j}$
 and $\|\frac{d\vec{T}}{dt}\| = \sqrt{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} = 1$.

Finally:

$$K = \frac{1}{\|\vec{r}'\|} \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \right\| = \frac{1}{a}$$



Larger circle has higher curvature.

In the special case of $\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j}$ (curve in the plane), K becomes

$$K = \frac{|x'y'' - y'x''|}{[(x')^2 + (y')^2]^{3/2}}$$

Principle unit normal:

$$\vec{N} = \frac{1}{K} \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} = \frac{1}{\|d\vec{T}/ds\|} \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{T}/ds}{\|d\vec{T}/ds\|} = \frac{d\vec{T}/dt}{\|d\vec{T}/dt\|}$$

Ex.) Helix is given by $\vec{r}(t) = a \cos t \hat{i} + a \sin t \hat{j} + b t \hat{k}$. Calculate K , \vec{N} , and \vec{T} .

$$\vec{r}'(t) = -a \sin t \hat{i} + a \cos t \hat{j} + b \hat{k} = \vec{v}$$

$$\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \|\vec{v}\|$$

$$\vec{T} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (-a \sin t \hat{i} + a \cos t \hat{j} + b \hat{k})$$

$$K = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} \right\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (-a \cos t \hat{i} - a \sin t \hat{j}) \right\|$$

$$= \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} \sqrt{a^2 (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t)}$$

$$= \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\vec{N} = \frac{d\vec{T}/dt}{\|d\vec{T}/dt\|} = \frac{1}{a/\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (-a \cos t \hat{i} - a \sin t \hat{j}) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} (-a \cos t \hat{i} - a \sin t \hat{j})$$

$$= -\cos t \hat{i} - \sin t \hat{j}$$

\times Points toward z-axis.

