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Session 18: Point (Cusp) on Cycloid 1.9

cusps: the point of the Cycloid where the graph touches the x-axis

take $a=1$, then

$$x(\theta) = \theta - \sin\theta, \quad y(\theta) = 1 - \cos\theta$$

take derivatives

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 1 - \cos\theta \quad \frac{dx}{d\theta} \cdot \frac{dy}{d\theta} = \sin\theta$$

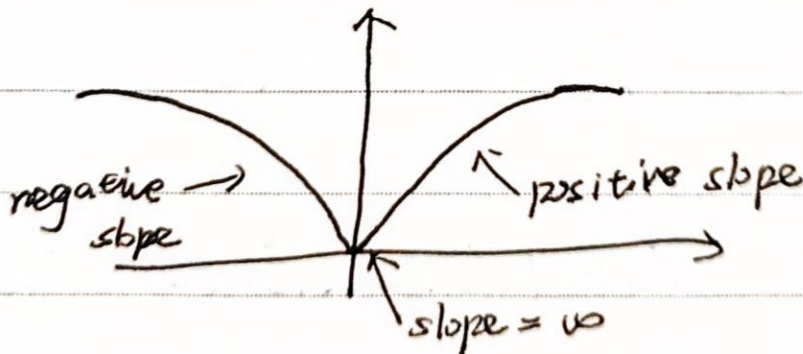
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin\theta}{1 - \cos\theta}$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\theta}{1 - \cos\theta} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

$$\theta \rightarrow 0^-, \text{ limit} \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\theta \rightarrow 0^+, \text{ limit} \rightarrow +\infty$$

~~where~~ this mirrors:



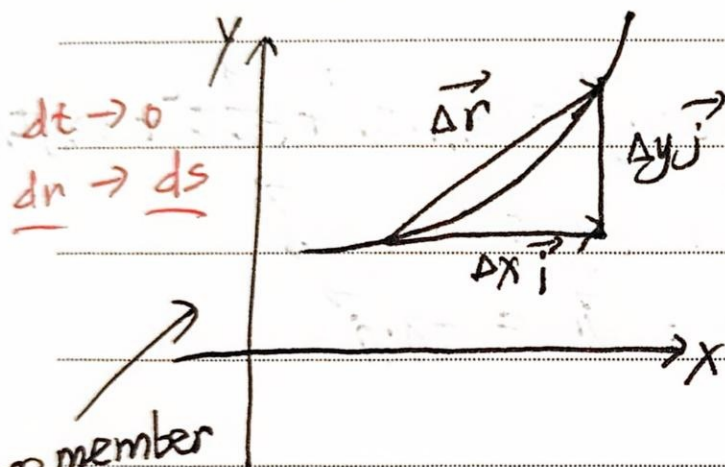
Session 19. Velocity and Acceleration

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the benefits of the position vector:

$$\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\vec{i} + y(t)\vec{j}$$

Velocity:



avg velocity: $\frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}$

$$\Delta \vec{r} = \Delta x \vec{i} + \Delta y \vec{j}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \vec{i} + \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} \vec{j}$$

remember

this

$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \vec{i} + \frac{dy}{dt} \vec{j} = x' \vec{i} + y' \vec{j} = \langle x', y' \rangle$$

Tangent vector:

if Δr shrinks to 0, the vector $\frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}$ becomes tangent to the curve.

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \text{velocity}$$

called the tangent velocity vector

Acceleration:

$$\text{acceleration} = \vec{a}(t) = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \vec{r}''(t) = x''(t)\vec{i} + y''(t)\vec{j} = \langle x''(t), y''(t) \rangle$$

Examples

A rocket follows a trajectory

$$\vec{r}(t) =$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\vec{i} + y(t)\vec{j} = v_{0,x}t\vec{i} + \left(\frac{g}{2}t^2 + v_{0,y}t\right)\vec{j}$$

$$1. \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = v_{0,x}\vec{i} + (-gt + v_{0,y})\vec{j}$$

$$2. \text{acceleration: } \vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}' = -g\vec{j}$$

Problems:

$$\vec{r}_1(t) \quad \vec{r}_2(t)$$

$$(\vec{r}_1(t) \times \vec{r}_2(t))' = \vec{r}_1'(t) \times \vec{r}_2(t) + \vec{r}_1(t) \times \vec{r}_2'(t)$$

$$\vec{r}_1(t) = \langle x_1, y_1, z_1 \rangle \quad \vec{r}_2(t) = \langle x_2, y_2, z_2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \end{vmatrix} = (y_1 z_2 - z_1 y_2)\vec{i} - \vec{j}(x_1 z_2 - x_2 z_1) + \vec{k}(x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1)$$

$$= \langle y_1 z_2 - z_1 y_2, x_2 z_1 - x_1 z_2, x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1 \rangle$$

$$x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1$$



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$$\frac{d(\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2)}{dt} = \dots = \langle x'_1, y'_1, z'_1 \rangle \times \langle x_2, y_2, z_2 \rangle + \langle x_1, y_1, z_1 \rangle \times \langle x'_2, y'_2, z'_2 \rangle$$

properties:

$$\textcircled{1} \frac{d\vec{r}_1(t) \cdot \vec{r}_2(t)}{dt} = \vec{r}'_1(t) \cdot \vec{r}_2(t) + \vec{r}_1(t) \cdot \vec{r}'_2(t)$$

$$\textcircled{2} (\vec{r}_1(t) \times \vec{r}_2(t))' = \vec{r}'_1(t) \times \vec{r}_2(t) + \vec{r}_1(t) \times \vec{r}'_2(t)$$

Session 20: Velocity and Arc Length

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Speed

$$\text{speed} = |\vec{v}| = \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right|$$

Example: