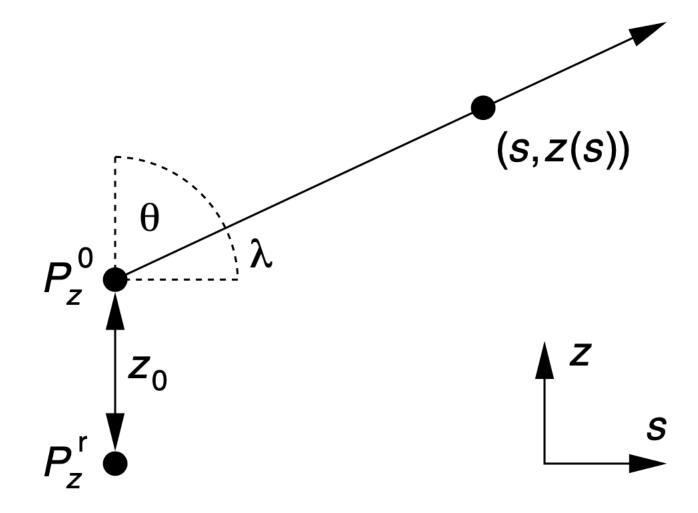


Figure 1: The projection of a helix segment in the xy plane is a part of an arc Figure 2: The projection of a helix in the sz plane is a straight line (see Eq. 10). with centre P^{c} and radius R. The direction of the particle is shown with the arrow at the arc. All track parameters are given relative to the reference point P^{r} .



The variable s at a point \boldsymbol{P} is the arc length in the xy plane from \boldsymbol{P}^0 to **P**. This also implies that s = 0, if $z = z_0$.