

1 C - curve

Given

1. coordinate of initial point A (x, y)
2. length of initial line = len
3. angle α x-axis with initial line
4. order n of the C curve

Now if $n = 0$ we draw line segment from point A (x, y) of length len at angle α with x - axis. That's our 0^{th} degree C curve. Otherwise if $n > 0$ then we draw lines of equal length from each endpoints of line segment of $(n - 1)^{th}$ degree C curve making angle $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

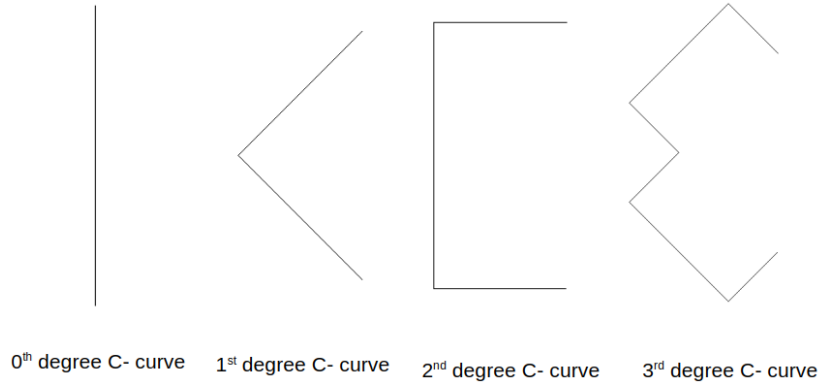


Figure 1: Various C curves

1.1 Derivations

We have an $\triangle ABC$ whose side AB make α with x-axis and $AC = BC$. We make following claims and then prove it.

- i. $\angle CAM = \angle CBM = \frac{\pi}{4}$
- ii. $AC = BC = \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}}$

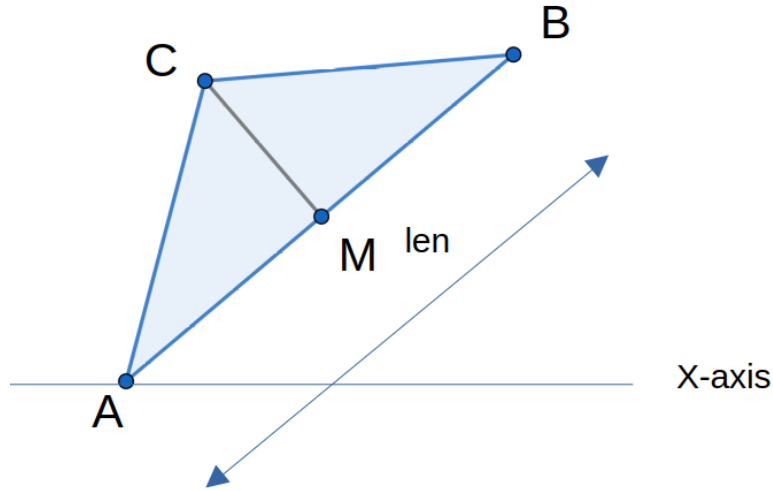


Figure 2: For proving elementary properties

For i.

We join line from C to M.

$\triangle ABC$ is an isosceles as $AC = BC$.

$\Rightarrow \angle CAM = \angle CBM$

Also, in $\triangle ABC$

$$\angle CAM + \angle CBM + \angle ACB = \pi$$

$$2\angle CAM + \angle ACB = \pi$$

$$2\angle CAM = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\text{Since } \angle ACB = \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$\angle CAM = \frac{\pi}{4} = \angle CBM$$

i. is proved.

For ii.

We draw a line from C to mid point M of AB.

Consider $\triangle CAM$ and $\triangle CBM$.

Clearly,

$$CA = CB$$

$$\angle CAM = \angle CBM$$

$$AM = BM$$

By SAS criterion,

$$\begin{aligned}\triangle CAM &\cong \triangle CBM \\ \Rightarrow \angle ACM &= \angle BCM\end{aligned}$$

But,

$$\begin{aligned}\angle ACB &= \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \angle ACM + \angle BCM &= \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 2\angle ACM &= \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \angle ACM &= \frac{\pi}{4} = \angle BCM\end{aligned}$$

So,

$\triangle ACM$ and $\triangle BCM$ are also isosceles.

$$\Rightarrow AM = MC = MB = \frac{len}{2}$$

Consider $\triangle ACM$,

$$\begin{aligned}AM^2 + CM^2 &= AC^2 \\ \frac{len^2}{4} + \frac{len^2}{4} &= AC^2 \\ AC &= \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} = BC\end{aligned}$$

ii. is also proved.

Now, we make few more claims and then prove them.

$$\text{iii. } B(a, b) \equiv (x + len \cos \alpha, y + len \sin \alpha)$$

$$\text{iv. } C(x', y') \equiv \left(x + \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{4}), y + \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{4})\right)$$

$$\text{v. } B(a, b) \equiv \left(x' + \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\alpha - \frac{\pi}{4}), y' + \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\alpha - \frac{\pi}{4})\right)$$

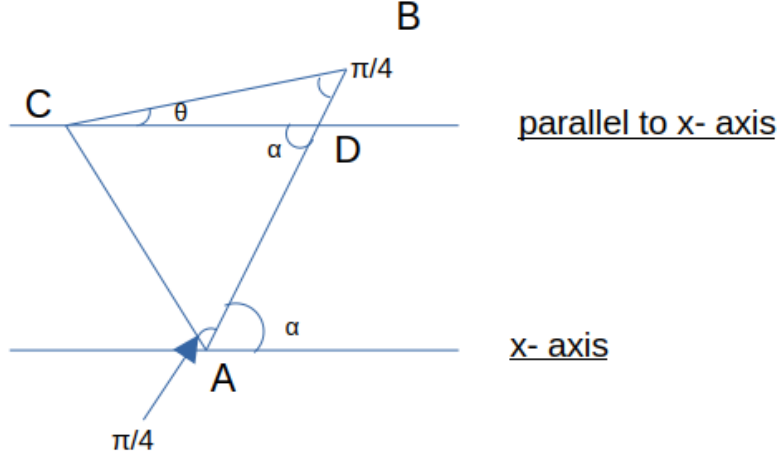


Figure 3: For proving core properties

For iii. We have,

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{a - x}{len}$$

$$a = x + len \cos \alpha$$

Similarly,

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{b - y}{len}$$

$$b = y + len \sin \alpha$$

Thus,

$$(a, b) \equiv (x + len \cos \alpha, y + len \sin \alpha)$$

For iv. We can clearly see that angle made by AC with x-axis is $\frac{\pi}{4}$. By same procedure as above, we arrive at

$$\cos \left(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{x' - x}{\frac{len}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

$$x' = x + \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \left(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

And,

$$\sin\left(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{y' - y}{\frac{len}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

$$y' = y + \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\left(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

Thus,

$$(x', y') \equiv \left(x + \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} \cos\left(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{4}\right), y + \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\left(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right)$$

For v. We will only show that $\theta = \alpha - \frac{\pi}{4}$ which is quite clear from fig. 3 and rest of the procedure is left to the reader as it is similar.

$$\angle CDA = \alpha \text{ [Since, CD is parallel to x-axis]}$$

So,

$$\angle BCD + \angle CBD + \angle CDB = \pi$$

$$\theta + \frac{\pi}{4} + (\pi - \alpha) = \pi$$

$$\theta = \alpha - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

By ditto procedure, we get

$$(a, b) \equiv \left(x' + \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} \cos\left(\alpha - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), y' + \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\left(\alpha - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right)$$

1.2 Pseudocode

C-curve ($x y len \alpha n$)

1. if $n = 0$

(a) draw line between (x, y) and $(x + len \cos \alpha, y + len \sin \alpha)$ i.e from A to B

2. if $n > 0$

(a) C-curve $(x y \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} (\alpha + \frac{\pi}{4}) (n - 1))$ i.e. draw C curve from A toward C, reducing degree by 1

- (b) Compute $C(x', y') \equiv \left(x + \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{4}), y + \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{4}) \right)$
- (c) C-curve $(x' y' \frac{len}{\sqrt{2}} (\alpha - \frac{\pi}{4}) (n - 1))$ i.e. draw C curve from C toward B reducing degree by 1

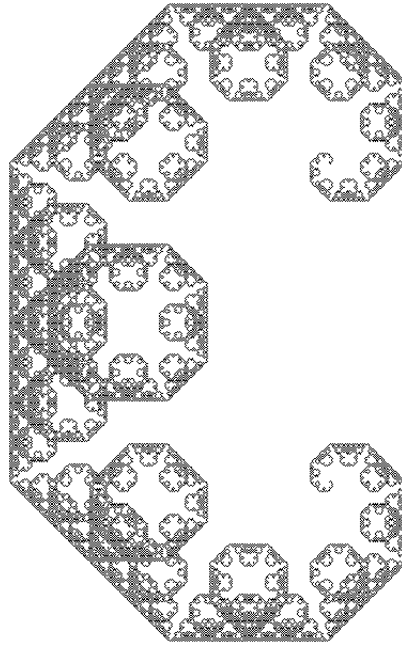


Figure 4: 15th degree C curve