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## 0.1 Planes on a Space Curve

**Definition 1** (Normal Plane). .

*Determined by Normal and Binormal vectors,  $\overline{N}$  and  $\overline{B}$  where  $\overline{T}$  is normal vector to normal plane.  
The normal plane contains all lines orthogonal to  $\overline{T}$*  •

**Definition 2** (Osculating Plane). .

*Determined by  $\overline{T}$  and  $\overline{N} \rightarrow \overline{B}$  is normal vector to osculating plane.  
The osculating plane lies closest to the space curve  $\overline{r}(x)$  in 3-D space.* •

**Definition 3** (Rectifying Plane). .

*Contains tangent  $\overline{T}$  and binormal  $\overline{B}$  vectors so that the normal vector  $\overline{N}$  is normal to the rectifying plane.* •

Table 1: Vectors of 3 Planes

Plane	Vectors contained	Orthogonal to
Normal	$\overline{N} \ \overline{B}$	$\overline{T}$
Osculating	$\overline{T} \ \overline{N}$	$\overline{B}$
Rectifying	$\overline{T} \ \overline{B}$	$\overline{N}$

**Example 1** (Find 3 planes at a point). .

*let  $\overline{r}(t) = \langle \cos(3t), t, \sin(3t) \rangle$ , find the equation of the Normal plane, Osculating plane, and Rectifying plane at  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$*  •

**Solution 1** (Find 3 planes at a point). .

*A) Normal Plane: Find Unit Tangent Vector*

*point:  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$*

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{r}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= \left\langle \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right), \frac{\pi}{2}, \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, -1 \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

*generic vector  $\langle x, y - \frac{\pi}{2}, z + 1 \rangle$*

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{r}'(t) &= \langle -3 \sin(3t), 1, 3 \cos(3t) \rangle \\ |\overline{r}'(t)| &= \sqrt{9 \sin^2(3t) + 1 + 9 \cos^2(3t)} \\ |\overline{r}'(t)| &= \sqrt{9 (\sin^2(3t) + \cos^2(3t)) + 1} \\ &= \sqrt{10}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{T} &= \frac{1}{|r'(t)|} r'(t) \\
\bar{T}(t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \langle -3 \sin(3t), 1, 3 \cos(3t) \rangle \\
\bar{T}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \langle 0, 0, -3 \rangle \\
&= \left\langle 0, 0, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \right\rangle \\
\bar{N}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) : \left\langle 0, 0, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle x, y - \frac{\pi}{2}, z + 1 \right\rangle &= 0 \\
-\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}z - \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Normal Plane:

$$\boxed{z = -1}$$

B) Rectifying Plane: Find Normal Tangent Vector

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{T}'(t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \langle -9 \cos(3t), 0, -9 \sin(3t) \rangle \\
|\bar{T}'(t)| &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \sqrt{81 \cos^2(3t) + 0 + 81 \sin^2(3t)} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \sqrt{91} \\
&= \frac{9}{\sqrt{10}} \\
\bar{N}(t) &= \frac{1}{\frac{9}{\sqrt{10}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \langle -9 \cos(3t), 0, -9 \sin(3t) \rangle \\
\bar{N}(t) &= \frac{1}{9} \langle -9 \cos(3t), 0, -9 \sin(3t) \rangle \\
&= \langle -\cos(3t), 0, -\sin(3t) \rangle \\
\bar{N}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle \\
\text{Rectifying plane} &= \langle 0, 0, -1 \rangle \cdot \left\langle x, y - \frac{\pi}{2}, z + 1 \right\rangle = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
0x + 0(y - \frac{\pi}{2}) + 1(z + 1) &= 0 \\
z + 1 &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Rectifying Plane: } \boxed{z = -1}$$

C) Osculating Plane: Find Binormal Unit Vector

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{B}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= \bar{T}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \times \bar{N}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \left\langle -\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}, 0 \right\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Oscilating Plane } \left\langle -\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}, 0 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle x, y - \frac{\pi}{2}, z + 1 \right\rangle = 0$$

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}x + \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}y - \frac{3}{2\sqrt{10}} + 0 = 0$$

C)

$$\boxed{-2x + 6y - 3 = 0}$$

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