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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

0.0.1 Another formula for curvature

$$\kappa = \frac{|\bar{T}'|}{|\bar{r}'|}$$

$$\bar{T} = \frac{1}{|\bar{r}'|} \bar{r}' \rightarrow \bar{r}' = |\bar{r}'| \bar{T}$$

$$\bar{r}''(t) = |\bar{r}'| \bar{T}' + |\bar{r}'|' \bar{T}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{r}' \times \bar{r}'' &= \bar{r}' \times (|\bar{r}'| \bar{T}' + |\bar{r}'|' \bar{T}) \\ &= |\bar{r}'| (\bar{r}' \times \bar{T}') + |\bar{r}'|' (\bar{r}' \times \bar{T}) \end{aligned}$$

Second term is equivalent to a scalar times $(\bar{r}' \times \bar{r}')$, evaluates to zero vector.

$$\bar{r}' \times \bar{r}'' = |\bar{r}'| (\bar{r}' \times \bar{T}')$$

Multiply by one: $\frac{|\bar{r}'|}{|\bar{r}'|}$

$$\bar{r}' \times \bar{r}'' = |\bar{r}'|^2 (\bar{T} \times \bar{T}')$$

$$|\bar{r}' \times \bar{r}''| = |\bar{r}'|^2 |\bar{T} \times \bar{T}'|$$

$$|\bar{a} \times \bar{b}| = |\bar{a}| |\bar{b}| \sin \theta$$

\bar{T} and \bar{T}' are \perp

$$|\bar{r}' \times \bar{r}''| = |\bar{r}'|^2 |\bar{T}| |\bar{T}'| \sin 90$$

\bar{T} is a unit vector and $\sin 90$ is 1

$$|\bar{r}' \times \bar{r}''| = |\bar{r}'|^2 |\bar{T}'|$$

$$|\bar{T}'| = \frac{|\bar{r}' \times \bar{r}''|}{|\bar{r}'|^2}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{|\bar{T}'|}{|\bar{r}'|} = \frac{|\bar{r}' \times \bar{r}''|}{|\bar{r}'|^3}$$

$$\boxed{\kappa = \frac{|\bar{r}' \times \bar{r}''|}{|\bar{r}'|^3}}$$

Example 1 (Curvature). Given $\bar{r} = \langle 2t, t^2, \frac{1}{3}t^3 \rangle$, find κ

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Solution 1 (Curvature).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{r}' &= \langle 2, 2t, t^2 \rangle \\
 |\vec{r}'| &= \sqrt{4 + 4t^2 + t^4} \\
 &= 2 + t^2 \\
 \vec{r}'' &= \langle 0, 2, 2t \rangle \\
 \vec{r}' \times \vec{r}'' &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 2t & t^2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2t \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \langle 2t^2, -4t, 4 \rangle \\
 |\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''| &= \sqrt{4t^4 + 16t^2 + 4} \\
 &= 2(t^2 + 1) \\
 \kappa &= \frac{2(t^2 + 1)}{(2 + t^2)^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

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0.0.2 Curvature of a plane curve (2-D)

Definition 1 (Curvature of a plane curve).

$$\kappa(x) = \frac{|f'(x)|}{[1 + (f'(x))^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

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Curvature of a plane curve.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \kappa &= \frac{|\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''|}{|\vec{r}'|^3} \\
 y &= f(x) \\
 \vec{r}(t) &= \langle t, f(t), 0 \rangle \\
 \vec{r}'(t) &= \langle 1, f'(t), 0 \rangle \\
 \vec{r}''(t) &= \langle 0, f''(t), 0 \rangle \\
 |\vec{r}'| &= \sqrt{1 + (f'(t))^2} \\
 \vec{r}' \times \vec{r}'' &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & f'(t) & 0 \\ 0 & f''(t) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \langle 0, 0, f''(t) \rangle \\
 |\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''| &= |f''(t)| \\
 \kappa(x) &= \frac{|f'(x)|}{[1 + (f'(x))^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Example 2 (Finding plane curvature with derivation of formula). *Given $y = 4 - x^2$, find curvature.* •

Solution 2 (Finding plane curvature with derivation of formula).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{r}(t) &= \langle t, 4 - t^2, 0 \rangle \\
 \vec{r}'(t) &= \langle 1, -2t, 0 \rangle \\
 \vec{r}''(t) &= \langle 0, -2, 0 \rangle \\
 |\vec{r}'(t)| &= \sqrt{1 + 4t^2} \\
 \vec{r}' \times \vec{r}'' &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -2t & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \langle 0, 0, -2 \rangle \\
 |\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''| &= \sqrt{(-2)^2} = 2 \\
 k &= \frac{2}{(\sqrt{1 + 4t^2})^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$k = \boxed{\frac{2}{(\sqrt{1 + 4t^2})^3}}$$

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0.0.3 Review equation of a plane

1. need point on plane

$$(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

2. vector normal to plane

$$\vec{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

1. turn point into generic vector in plane

$$\langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle$$

2. \vec{n} is perpendicular to every vector in plane so

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle \cdot \langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle = 0$$