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1.1.1 Is $\gamma(t) = (t^2, t^4)$ a parametrization of the parabola $y = x^2$?

1.1.2 Find parametrizations of the following level curves:

No, pues t^2 no toma todos los valores de \mathbb{R} , i.e. γ solo parametriza media parábola.

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(i) $y^2 - x^2 = 1$;

(ii) $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$.

Sol.

De (i): Tome $y = \cosh(t)$ y $x = \sinh(t)$, como $\cosh^2(t) - \sinh^2(t) = 1$, $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$, entonces $y^2 - x^2 = 1$. Así: $\alpha(t) = (\sinh(t), \cosh(t))$, $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ es una parametrización.

De (ii): tome $\beta(t) = (2\cos t, 3\sin t)$, $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$.

1.1.3 Find the Cartesian equations of the following parametrized curves:

(i) $\gamma(t) = (\cos^2 t, \sin^2 t)$;

(ii) $\gamma(t) = (e^t, t^2)$.

Sol.

De (i):

Claramente $x = \cos^2 t$ y $y = \sin^2 t$ cumplen $x + y = 1$, luego $y = 1 - x$.

De (ii):

Chapter 1

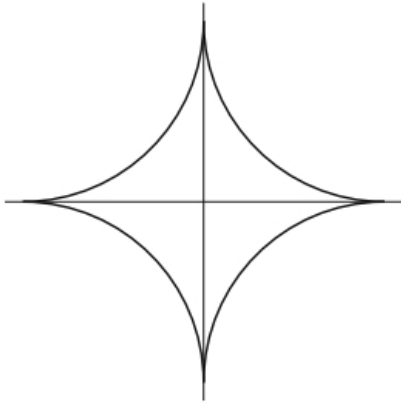
1.1.1 It is a parametrization of the part of the parabola with $x \geq 0$.

1.1.2 (i) $\gamma(t) = (\sec t, \tan t)$ with $-\pi/2 < t < \pi/2$ and $\pi/2 < t < 3\pi/2$. Note that γ is defined on the union of two disjoint intervals: this corresponds to the fact that the hyperbola $y^2 - x^2 = 1$ is in two pieces, where $y \geq 1$ and where $y \leq -1$. (ii) $\gamma(t) = (2 \cos t, 3 \sin t)$.

1.1.3 (i) $x + y = 1$. (ii) $y = (\ln x)^2$.

1.1.4 (i) $\dot{\gamma}(t) = \sin 2t(-1, 1)$. (ii) $\dot{\gamma}(t) = (e^t, 2t)$.

1.1.5 $\dot{\gamma}(t) = 3 \sin t \cos t(-\cos t, \sin t)$ vanishes where $\sin t = 0$ or $\cos t = 0$, i.e., $t = n\pi/2$ where n is any integer. These points correspond to the four cusps of the astroid (see Exercise 1.3.3).



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1.2.4 Since \mathbf{u} is a unit vector, $|\dot{\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{u}| = \|\dot{\gamma}\| \cos \theta$, where θ is the angle between $\dot{\gamma}$ and \mathbf{u} , so $\dot{\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{u} \leq \|\dot{\gamma}\|$. Then, $(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}) \cdot \mathbf{u} = (\gamma(b) - \gamma(a)) \cdot \mathbf{u} = \int_a^b \dot{\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{u} dt \leq \int_a^b \|\dot{\gamma}\| dt$. Taking $\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}) / \|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}\|$ gives the result.

1.3.1 (i) $\dot{\gamma} = \sin 2t(-1, 1)$ vanishes when t is an integer multiple of $\pi/2$, so γ is not regular. (ii) γ is regular since $\dot{\gamma} \neq \mathbf{0}$ for $0 < t < \pi/2$. (iii) $\dot{\gamma} = (1, \sinh t)$ is obviously never zero, so γ is regular.

1.3.2 $x = r \cos \theta = \sin^2 \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta = \sin^2 \theta \tan \theta$, so the parametrization in terms of θ is $\theta \mapsto (\sin^2 \theta, \sin^2 \theta \tan \theta)$. Since $\theta \mapsto \sin \theta$ is a bijective smooth map $(-\pi/2, \pi/2) \rightarrow (-1, 1)$, with smooth inverse $t \mapsto \sin^{-1} t$, $t = \sin \theta$ is a reparametrization map. Since $\sin^2 \theta = t^2$, $\sin^2 \theta \tan \theta = t^3 / \sqrt{1 - t^2}$, so the reparametrized curve is as stated.

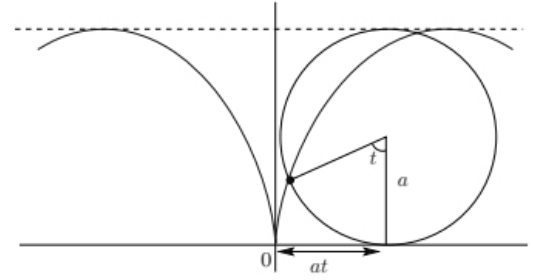
1.3.3 (i) $\dot{\gamma} = \mathbf{0}$ at $t = 0 \iff m$ and n are both ≥ 2 . If $m > 3$ the first components of $\ddot{\gamma}$ and $\ddot{\gamma}$ are both 0 at $t = 0$ so $\ddot{\gamma}$ and $\ddot{\gamma}$ are linearly dependent at $t = 0$; similarly if $n > 3$. So there are four cases: if $(m, n) = (2, 2)$ or $(3, 3)$ then either $\ddot{\gamma}$ or $\ddot{\gamma}$ is zero at $t = 0$, so the only possibilities for an ordinary cusp are $(m, n) = (2, 3)$ and $(3, 2)$ and then $\ddot{\gamma}$ and $\ddot{\gamma}$ are easily seen to be linearly independent at $t = 0$. (ii) Using the parametrization $\gamma(t) = (t^2, \frac{t^3}{\sqrt{1-t^2}})$, we get $\dot{\gamma} = \mathbf{0}$, $\ddot{\gamma} = (2, 0)$, $\ddot{\gamma} = (0, 6)$ at $t = 0$ so the origin is an ordinary cusp. (iii) Let $\tilde{\gamma}(\tilde{t})$ be a reparametrization of $\gamma(t)$, and suppose γ has an ordinary cusp at $t = t_0$. Then, at $t = t_0$, $d\tilde{\gamma}/d\tilde{t} = (d\gamma/dt)(dt/d\tilde{t}) = \mathbf{0}$, $d^2\tilde{\gamma}/d\tilde{t}^2 = (d^2\gamma/dt^2)(dt/d\tilde{t})^2$, $d^3\tilde{\gamma}/d\tilde{t}^3 = (d^3\gamma/dt^3)(dt/d\tilde{t})^3 + 3(d^2\gamma/dt^2)(d^2t/d\tilde{t}^2)(dt/d\tilde{t})$. Using the fact that $dt/d\tilde{t} \neq 0$, it is easy to see that $d^2\tilde{\gamma}/d\tilde{t}^2$ and $d^3\tilde{\gamma}/d\tilde{t}^3$ are linearly independent when $t = t_0$.

1.3.4 (i) If $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = \gamma(\varphi(t))$, let ψ be the inverse of the reparametrization map φ . Then $\tilde{\gamma}(\psi(t)) = \gamma(\varphi(\psi(t))) = \gamma(t)$. (ii) If $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = \gamma(\varphi(t))$ and $\hat{\gamma}(t) = \tilde{\gamma}(\psi(t))$, where φ and ψ are reparametrization maps, then $\hat{\gamma}(t) = \gamma((\varphi \circ \psi)(t))$ and $\varphi \circ \psi$ is a reparametrization map because it is smooth and $\frac{d}{dt}(\varphi(\psi(t))) = \dot{\varphi}(\psi(t))\dot{\psi}(t) \neq 0$ as $\dot{\varphi}$ and $\dot{\psi}$ are both $\neq 0$.

1.4.1 It is closed because $\gamma(t + 2\pi) = \gamma(t)$ for all t . Suppose that $\gamma(t) = \gamma(u)$. Then $\cos^3 t (\cos 3t, \sin 3t) = \cos^3 u (\cos 3u, \sin 3u)$. Taking lengths gives $\cos^3 t = \pm \cos^3 u$ so $\cos t = \pm \cos u$, so $u = t, \pi - t, \pi + t$ or $2\pi - t$ (up to adding multiples of 2π). The second possibility forces $t = n\pi/3$ for some integer n and the third possibility is true for all t . Hence, the period is π and for the self-intersections we need only consider $t = \pi/3, 2\pi/3$, giving $u = 2\pi/3, \pi/3$, respectively. Hence, there is a unique self-intersection at $\gamma(\pi/3) = (-1/8, 0)$.

1.4.2 The curve $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (\cos(t^3 + t), \sin(t^3 + t))$ is a reparametrization of the circle $\gamma(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$ but it is not closed.

1.1.6 (i) The squares of the distances from \mathbf{p} to the foci are $(p \cos t \pm \epsilon p)^2 + q^2 \sin^2 t = (p^2 - q^2) \cos^2 t \pm 2\epsilon p^2 \cos t + p^2 = p^2(1 \pm \epsilon \cos t)^2$, so the sum of the distances is $2p$. (ii) $\dot{\gamma} = (-p \sin t, q \cos t)$ so if $\mathbf{n} = (q \cos t, p \sin t)$ then $\mathbf{n} \cdot \dot{\gamma} = 0$. Hence the distances from the foci to the tangent line at $\gamma(t)$ are $\frac{(p \cos t \mp \epsilon p, q \sin t) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} = \frac{pq(1 \mp \epsilon \cos t)}{(p^2 \sin^2 t + q^2 \cos^2 t)^{1/2}}$ and their product is $\frac{p^2 q^2 (1 - \epsilon^2 \cos^2 t)}{(p^2 \sin^2 t + q^2 \cos^2 t)} = q^2$. (iii) It is enough to prove that $\frac{(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{f}_1) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{f}_1\|} = \frac{(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{f}_2) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{f}_2\|}$. Computation shows that both sides are equal to q .



1.1.7 When the circle has rotated through an angle t , its centre has moved to (at, a) , so the point on the circle initially at the origin is now at the point $(a(t - \sin t), a(1 - \cos t))$ (see the diagram above).

1.1.8 Suppose that a point (x, y, z) lies on the cylinder if $x^2 + y^2 = 1/4$ and on the sphere if $(x + \frac{1}{2})^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$. From the second equation, $-1 \leq z \leq 1$ so let $z = \sin t$. Subtracting the two equations gives $x + \frac{1}{4} + \sin^2 t = \frac{3}{4}$, so $x = \frac{1}{2} - \sin^2 t = \cos^2 t - \frac{1}{2}$. From either equation we then get $y = \sin t \cos t$ (or $y = -\sin t \cos t$, but the two solutions are interchanged by $t \mapsto \pi - t$).

1.1.9 $\dot{\gamma} = (-2 \sin t + 2 \sin 2t, 2 \cos t - 2 \cos 2t) = \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} - 1, 1)$ at $t = \pi/4$. So the tangent line is $y - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1) = (x - \sqrt{2})/(\sqrt{2} - 1)$ and the normal line is $y - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1) = -(x - \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{2} - 1)$.

1.2.1 $\dot{\gamma}(t) = (1, \sinh t)$ so $\|\dot{\gamma}\| = \cosh t$ and the arc-length is $s = \int_0^t \cosh u du = \sinh t$.

1.2.2 (i) $\|\dot{\gamma}\|^2 = \frac{1}{4}(1 + t) + \frac{1}{4}(1 - t) + \frac{1}{2} = 1$. (ii) $\|\dot{\gamma}\|^2 = \frac{16}{25} \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + \frac{9}{25} \sin^2 t = \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1$.

1.2.3 Denoting $d/d\theta$ by a dot, $\dot{\gamma} = (\dot{r} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta, \dot{r} \sin \theta + r \cos \theta)$ so $\|\dot{\gamma}\|^2 = \dot{r}^2 + r^2$. Hence, γ is regular unless $r = \dot{r} = 0$ for some value of θ . It is unit-speed if and only if $\dot{r}^2 = 1 - r^2$, which gives $r = \pm \sin(\theta + \alpha)$ for some constant α . To see that this is the equation of a circle of radius $1/2$, see the diagram in the proof of Theorem 3.2.2.

1.4.3 If γ is T -periodic then it is kT -periodic for all $k \neq 0$ (this can be proved by induction on k if $k > 0$, or on $-k$ if $k < 0$). If γ is T_1 -periodic and T_2 -periodic then it is $k_1 T_1$ - and $k_2 T_2$ -periodic for all non-zero integers k_1, k_2 , so $\gamma(t + k_1 T_1 + k_2 T_2) = \gamma(t + k_1 T_1)$ as γ is $k_2 T_2$ -periodic, which $= \gamma(t)$ as γ is $k_1 T_1$ -periodic.

1.4.4 If γ is T -periodic write $T = kT_0 + T_1$ where k is an integer and $0 \leq T_1 < T_0$. By Exercise 1.4.3 γ is T_1 -periodic; if $T_1 > 0$ this contradicts the definition of T_0 .

1.4.5 (i) Choose $T_1 > 0$ such that γ is T_1 -periodic; then T_1 is not the smallest positive number with this property, so there is a $T_2 > 0$ such that γ is T_2 -periodic. Iterating this argument gives the desired sequence. (ii) The sequence $\{T_r\}_{r \geq 1}$ in (i) is decreasing and bounded below, so must converge to some $T_\infty \geq 0$. Then γ is T_∞ -periodic because (using continuity of γ) $\gamma(t + T_\infty) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(t + T_r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(t) = \gamma(t)$. By Exercise 1.4.3, γ is $(T_r - T_\infty)$ -periodic for all $r \geq 1$, and this sequence of positive numbers converges to 0. (iii) If $\{T_r\}$ is as in (i) and $T_r \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$, then by the mean value theorem $0 = (f(t + T_r) - f(t))/T_r = \dot{f}(t + \lambda T_r)$ for some $0 < \lambda < 1$. Letting $r \rightarrow \infty$ gives $\dot{f}(t) = 0$ for all t , so f is constant.

1.4.6 Following the hint, since $T_0 = (k_i/k)T_i$ is an integer multiple of T_i , each γ_i is T_0 -periodic. Let \mathcal{T} be the union of the finite sets of real numbers $\{T_i, 2T_i, \dots, k_i T_i\}$ over all i such that γ_i is not constant, and let $\mathcal{P} = \{T' \in \mathcal{T} \mid \gamma \text{ is } T'\text{-periodic}\}$. Then \mathcal{P} is finite (because \mathcal{T} is) and non-empty (because $T \in \mathcal{P}$). The smallest element of \mathcal{P} is the smallest positive number T'_0 such that γ is T'_0 -periodic (since if γ is T' -periodic either $T' > T$ or $T' \in \mathcal{P}$). By Exercise 1.4.4, $T_0 = k'T'_0$ for some integer k' and then there are integers k'_i such that $T'_0 = k'_i T_i$ for all i such that γ_i is not constant. Then, $k_i T_i/k = k' k'_i T_i$ so $k k'_i$ divides each k_i . As k is the largest such divisor, $k' = 1$, so $T_0 = T'_0$.

1.5.1 $x(1 - x^2) \geq 0 \iff x \leq -1$ or $0 \leq x \leq 1$ so the curve is in (at least) two pieces. The parametrization is defined for $t \leq -1$ and $0 \leq t \leq 1$ and it covers the part of the curve with $y \geq 0$.

1.5.2 If $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$ is a curve in the surface $f(x, y, z) = 0$, differentiating $f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) = 0$ with respect to t gives $\dot{x}f_x + \dot{y}f_y + \dot{z}f_z = 0$, so $\dot{\gamma}$ is perpendicular to $\nabla f = (f_x, f_y, f_z)$. Since this holds for every curve in the surface, ∇f is perpendicular to the surface. The surfaces $f = 0$ and $g = 0$ should intersect in a curve if the vectors ∇f and ∇g are not parallel at any point of the intersection.

1.5.3 Let $\gamma(t) = (u(t), v(t), w(t))$ be a regular curve in \mathbb{R}^3 . At least one of $\dot{u}, \dot{v}, \dot{w}$ is non-zero at each value of t . Suppose that $\dot{u}(t_0) \neq 0$ and $x_0 = u(t_0)$. As

in the ‘proof’ of Theorem 1.5.2, there is a smooth function $h(x)$ defined for x near x_0 such that $t = h(x)$ is the unique solution of $x = u(t)$ for each t near t_0 . Then, for t near t_0 , $\gamma(t)$ is contained in the level curve $f(x, y, z) = g(x, y, z) = 0$, where $f(x, y, z) = y - v(h(x))$ and $g(x, y, z) = z - w(h(x))$. The functions f and g satisfy the conditions in the previous exercise, since $\nabla f = (-\dot{v}h', 1, 0)$, $\nabla g = (-\dot{w}h', 0, 1)$, a dash denoting d/dx .

Chapter 2

- 2.1.1 (i) γ is unit-speed (Exercise 1.2.2(i)) so $\kappa = \|\ddot{\gamma}\| = \left\| \left(\frac{1}{4}(1+t)^{-1/2}, \frac{1}{4}(1-t)^{-1/2}, 0 \right) \right\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8(1-t^2)}}$. (ii) γ is unit-speed (Exercise 1.2.2(ii)) so $\kappa = \|\ddot{\gamma}\| = \left\| \left(-\frac{4}{5}\cos t, \sin t, \frac{3}{5}\cos t \right) \right\| = 1$.
 (iii) $\kappa = \frac{\|(1, \sinh t, 0) \times (0, \cosh t, 0)\|}{\|(1, \sinh t, 0)\|^3} = \frac{\cosh t}{\cosh^3 t} = \operatorname{sech}^2 t$ using Proposition 2.1.2.
 (iv) $(-3\cos^2 t \sin t, 3\sin^2 t \cos t, 0) \times (-3\cos^3 t + 6\cos t \sin^2 t, 6\sin t \cos^2 t - 3\sin^3 t, 0) = (0, 0, -9\sin^2 t \cos^2 t)$, so $\kappa = \frac{\|(0, 0, -9\sin^2 t \cos^2 t)\|}{\|(-3\cos^2 t \sin t, 3\sin^2 t \cos t, 0)\|^3} = \frac{1}{3|\sin t \cos t|}$. This becomes infinite when t is an integer multiple of $\pi/2$, i.e., at the four cusps $(\pm 1, 0)$ and $(0, \pm 1)$ of the astroid.

- 2.1.2 The proof of Proposition 1.3.5 shows that, if $\mathbf{v}(t)$ is a smooth (vector) function of t , then $\|\mathbf{v}(t)\|$ is a smooth (scalar) function of t provided $\mathbf{v}(t)$ is non-zero for all t . The result now follows from the formula in Proposition 2.1.2. The curvature of the regular curve $\gamma(t) = (t, t^3)$ is $\kappa(t) = 6|t|/(1+9t^4)^{3/2}$, which is not differentiable at $t = 0$.

- 2.2.1 Differentiate $\mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{n}_s = 0$ and use $\dot{\mathbf{t}} = \kappa_s \mathbf{n}_s$.

- 2.2.2 If γ is smooth, $\mathbf{t} = \dot{\gamma}$ is smooth and hence so are $\dot{\mathbf{t}}$ and \mathbf{n}_s (since \mathbf{n}_s is obtained by applying a rotation to \mathbf{t}). So $\kappa_s = \dot{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_s$ is smooth.

- 2.2.3 For the first part, from the results in Appendix 2 it suffices to show that $\bar{\kappa}_s = -\kappa_s$ if M is the reflection in a straight line l . But this is clear: if we take the fixed angle φ_0 in Proposition 2.2.1 to be the angle between l and the positive x -axis, then (in the obvious notation) $\bar{\varphi} = -\varphi$. Conversely, if γ and $\bar{\gamma}$ have the same non-zero curvature, their signed curvatures are either the same or differ in sign. In the first case the curves differ by a direct isometry by Theorem 2.2.5; in the latter case, applying a reflection to one curve gives two curves with the same signed curvature, and these curves then differ by a direct isometry, so the original curves differ by an opposite isometry.

- 2.2.4 The first part is obvious as the effect of the dilation is to multiply s by a and leave φ unchanged. For the second part, consider the small piece of the chain between the points with arc-length s and $s + \delta s$. The net horizontal force on this piece is (in the obvious notation) $\delta(T \cos \varphi)$, and as this must vanish $T \cos \varphi$ must be a constant, say λ . The net vertical force is $\delta(T \sin \varphi)$, and this must balance the weight of the piece of chain, which is a constant multiple of δs . This shows that $T \sin \varphi = \mu s + \nu$ for some constants μ, ν , and ν must be zero because $\varphi = s = 0$ at the lowest point of \mathcal{C} . From $T \cos \varphi = \lambda$, $T \sin \varphi = \mu s$, we get $\tan \varphi = s/a$ where $a = \lambda/\mu$. Hence, $\sec^2 \varphi \frac{d\varphi}{ds} = 1/a$, so the signed curvature is $\kappa_s = d\varphi/ds = 1/a \sec^2 \varphi = 1/a(1 + \tan^2 \varphi) = \frac{1}{a}(1 + s^2/a^2)^{-1}$. Using the first part and Example 2.2.4 gives the result.

- 2.2.5 We have $d\gamma^\lambda/dt = d\gamma/dt + \lambda d\mathbf{n}_s/dt = (1 - \lambda\kappa_s)ds/dt \mathbf{t}$, so the arc-length s^λ of γ^λ satisfies $ds^\lambda/dt = |1 - \lambda\kappa_s|ds/dt$. The unit tangent vector of γ^λ is $\mathbf{t}^\lambda = (d\gamma^\lambda/dt)/(ds^\lambda/dt) = \epsilon \mathbf{t}$, hence the signed unit normal of γ^λ is $\mathbf{n}^\lambda = \epsilon \mathbf{n}_s$. Then, the signed curvature κ_s^λ of γ^λ is given by $\kappa_s^\lambda \mathbf{n}^\lambda = d\mathbf{t}^\lambda/ds^\lambda = (d\mathbf{t}^\lambda/dt)/|1 - \lambda\kappa_s|(ds/dt) = \epsilon|1 - \lambda\kappa_s|^{-1}d\mathbf{t}/ds = \kappa_s(1 - \lambda\kappa_s)^{-1}\mathbf{n}_s = \epsilon\kappa_s(1 - \lambda\kappa_s)^{-1}\mathbf{n}^\lambda = \kappa_s|1 - \lambda\kappa_s|^{-1}\mathbf{n}^\lambda$.

- 2.2.6 $\epsilon(s_0)$ lies on the perpendicular bisector of the line joining $\gamma(s_0)$ and $\gamma(s_0 + \delta s)$. So

$$(\epsilon(s_0) - \frac{1}{2}(\gamma(s_0) + \gamma(s_0 + \delta s))) \cdot (\gamma(s_0 + \delta s) - \gamma(s_0)) = 0.$$

Using Taylor’s theorem, and discarding terms involving powers of δs higher than the second, this gives (with all quantities evaluated at s_0) $(\epsilon - \gamma) \cdot \dot{\gamma}\delta s + \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon \cdot \ddot{\gamma} - 1 - \gamma \cdot \ddot{\gamma})(\delta s)^2 = 0$. This must also hold when δs is replaced by $-\delta s$; adding and subtracting the two equations give $(\epsilon - \gamma) \cdot \dot{\gamma} = 0$ and $(\epsilon - \gamma) \cdot \ddot{\gamma} = 1$. The first equation gives $\epsilon = \gamma + \lambda \mathbf{n}_s$ for some scalar λ , and since $\ddot{\gamma} = \kappa_s \mathbf{n}_s$ the second gives $\lambda = 1/\kappa_s$.

- 2.2.7 The tangent vector of ϵ is $\mathbf{t} + \frac{1}{\kappa_s}(-\kappa_s \mathbf{t}) - \frac{\dot{\kappa}_s}{\kappa_s^2} \mathbf{n}_s = -\frac{\dot{\kappa}_s}{\kappa_s^2} \mathbf{n}_s$ so its arc-length is $u = \int \|\dot{\epsilon}\| ds = \int \frac{\dot{\kappa}_s}{\kappa_s^2} ds = u_0 - \frac{1}{\kappa_s}$, where u_0 is a constant. Hence, the unit tangent vector of ϵ is $-\mathbf{n}_s$ and its signed unit normal is \mathbf{t} . Since $-d\mathbf{n}_s/du = \kappa_s \mathbf{t}/(du/ds) = \frac{\kappa_s^3}{\dot{\kappa}_s} \mathbf{t}$, the signed curvature of ϵ is $\kappa_s^3/\dot{\kappa}_s$.

Any point on the normal line to γ at $\gamma(s)$ is $\gamma(s) + \lambda \mathbf{n}_s(s)$ for some λ . Hence, the normal line intersects ϵ at the point $\epsilon(s)$, where $\lambda = 1/\kappa_s(s)$, and since the tangent vector of ϵ there is parallel to $\mathbf{n}_s(s)$ by the first part, the normal line is tangent to ϵ at $\epsilon(s)$.

Denoting d/dt by a dash, $\gamma' = a(1 - \cos t, \sin t)$ so the arc-length s of γ is given by $ds/dt = 2a \sin(t/2)$ and $\mathbf{t} = d\gamma/ds = (\sin(t/2), \cos(t/2))$. So $\mathbf{n}_s = (-\cos(t/2), \sin(t/2))$ and $\dot{\mathbf{t}} = (d\mathbf{t}/dt)/(ds/dt) = \frac{1}{4a \sin(t/2)}(\cos(t/2),$