

Thm.: Let  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a  $C^1$ -curve. Then  $\ell(\gamma)$  exists (i.e.,  $\gamma$  is rectifiable), and:

$$\ell(\gamma) = \int_a^b \|\gamma'(t)\| dt$$

$\therefore C^1 \text{ curve} \Rightarrow \text{rectifiable.}$

Proof. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Set  $I = \int_a^b \|\gamma'(t)\| dt$ .  $\leftarrow$  Recall: it exists.

Claim:  $\exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } |I - \ell(\gamma, P)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall P \in \mathcal{P}[a, b] \text{ s.t. } \|P\| < \delta.$

Recall:  $\sum_{i=1}^m \|\gamma(t_i) - \gamma(t_{i-1})\|$  if  $P: a=t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_m=b$

Back Calculation:  $\ell(\gamma, P) = \sum_{i=1}^m \|\gamma(t_i) - \gamma(t_{i-1})\|$

A given partition of  $[a, b]$ ,  $a=t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_m=b$ .

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n (\gamma_j(t_i) - \gamma_j(t_{i-1}))^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $\gamma(t) = (\gamma_1(t), \dots, \gamma_n(t))$ ,  $\gamma_j : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$\therefore \gamma \text{ is } C^1 \Rightarrow \gamma_j : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is } C^1, j=1, \dots, n.$

$\therefore$  By MVT [!! BTW: there is no vector-valued MVT !!],

$\forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \exists t_{ij} \in [t_{i-1}, t_i]$

s.t.  $\gamma_j(t_i) - \gamma_j(t_{i-1}) = \gamma_j'(t_{ij}) (t_i - t_{i-1})$ .

$$\therefore \ell(\gamma, P) = \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j'(t_{ij})^2 \times (t_i - t_{i-1})^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Recall: Riemann sum for  $f \in \mathcal{B}[a, b]$  is  $S(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^m f(\xi_i) |I_i|$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j'(\underbrace{t_{ij}}_{\text{trouble}})^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \times (t_i - t_{i-1}).$$

Suppose, we have that:  $t_{ij} = t_i^* \in [t_{i-1}, t_i] \quad \forall j=1, \dots, n$

$\leftarrow j$ -free,  $j=1, \dots, n$ .

i.e., the choice of  $t_{ij}$  is independent of the choice

# We know,  $f \in \mathcal{B}[a, b]$  of  $j$ , then:

$$\ell(\gamma, P) = \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j'(t_i^*) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} (t_i - t_{i-1})$$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} S(f, P)$  exists. Then  $\int_a^b f = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} S(f, P).$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m \|\gamma'(t_i^*)\| (t_i - t_{i-1}) = \mathcal{B}(\|\gamma'\|, P)$$

Finally: The tag set is not restricted only on just the subinterval  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ .

The Riemann sum of  $\|\gamma'\|$  for  $P$ .

$\Rightarrow L(\gamma, P) = S(\|\gamma'\|, P)$ .  $\leftarrow$  This would finish the proof as  $\|\gamma'\| \in R[a, b]$ . (8)

So, we need to work on " $t_{ij}$ " part.

Define  $B^n = [a, b] \times \dots \times [a, b] = [a, b]^n \leftarrow$  a box in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$\gamma: B^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\Gamma(t_1, \dots, t_n) = \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j'(t_j)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Note  
 $\Gamma(t, \dots, t) = \|\gamma'(t)\|$   $\forall t \in [a, b]$ .

$\because \gamma_j \in C^1$ ,  $\Gamma: B^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.

$\Rightarrow \Gamma$  is uniformly continuous  $[\because B^n \text{ is compact}]$

$\therefore$  For  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

$$|\Gamma(x) - \Gamma(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(b-a)} \quad \forall \|x - y\| < \delta. \quad (2)$$

Now By (1):  $L(\gamma, P) = \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j'(t_{ij})^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} (t_i - t_{i-1})$ .  
 $\uparrow$  Recall: This is the trouble. (i-th part).

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m \Gamma(t_{i1}, t_{i2}, \dots, t_{in}) (t_i - t_{i-1}).$$

Here  $P: a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_m = b$  a partition of  $[a, b]$  s.t.  $\|P\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} (t_i - t_{i-1}) < \delta$ .

Moreover,  ~~$R(\gamma, P) := \sum_{i=1}^m \|\gamma'(t_i)\| (t_i - t_{i-1})$~~

if  $S(\gamma, P) := \sum_{i=1}^m \|\gamma'(t_i)\| (t_i - t_{i-1})$ , then

The Riemann Sum.

$$S(\gamma, P) = \sum_{i=1}^m \Gamma(t_i, \dots, t_i) (t_i - t_{i-1}).$$

$t_i \in [t_{i-1}, t_i]$  is the tag point.

(9)

$$\therefore \underbrace{L(\gamma, P)}_{\text{polygonal approx}} - \underbrace{S(\gamma, P)}_{\text{Riemann sum of } \|\gamma'\|} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \Gamma(t_{i1}, \dots, t_{in}) - \Gamma(t_i, \dots, t_i) \right) \times (t_i - t_{i-1}).$$

$$\Rightarrow |L(\gamma, P) - S(\gamma, P)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \Gamma(t_{i1}, \dots, t_{in}) - \Gamma(t_i, \dots, t_i) \right| (t_i - t_{i-1}).$$

$$\stackrel{\text{by (2)}}{\leq} \frac{\varepsilon}{2(b-a)} \times \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n (t_i - t_{i-1})}_{= b-a}$$

$$= \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

$$\therefore |L(\gamma, P) - S(\gamma, P)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \forall P \in \mathcal{P}[a, b] \text{ s.t. } \|P\| < \delta_1.$$

The needed estimate.

Also, as  $\|\gamma'\| \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ ,  $\exists \delta_2 > 0$  s.t.

$$\left| \underbrace{S(\gamma, P)}_{\|\gamma'\|} - \int_a^b \|\gamma'(t)\| dt \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \forall \|P\| < \delta_2.$$

$|L(\gamma, P) - \int \dots|$

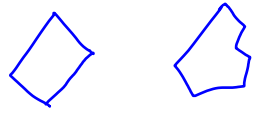
$\therefore$  For  $\delta := \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$  s.t.  $\forall P$  s.t.  $\|P\| < \delta$ , we have:

$$\underbrace{|L(\gamma, P) - \int_a^b \|\gamma'(t)\| dt|}_{\text{triangle inequality}} \leq |L(\gamma, P) - S(\gamma, P)| + \underbrace{\left| S(\gamma, P) - \int_a^b \|\gamma'(t)\| dt \right|}_{\text{(S)}}$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} L(\gamma, P) = \int_a^b \|\gamma'\|.$$

QED



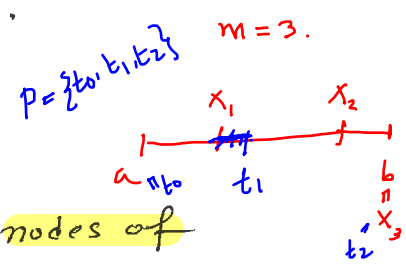
Cor: A piecewise smooth parametrized curve  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is rectifiable.  
 Moreover  $L(\gamma) = \int_a^b \|\gamma'\|$ . ← However, rectifiable  $\nRightarrow$  piecewise smooth

Consider: graph of the Cantor function  
 ← Devil's staircase

Proof: Let  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_m = b$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$   
 s.t.  $\gamma|_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]} : [x_{i-1}, x_i] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a smooth parametrized curve,  $\forall i = 1, \dots, m$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \gamma = \bigcup_{i=1}^m \gamma_i$  Smooth  $\nRightarrow$  +

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ .  
 $\therefore \gamma$  is uniformly continuous ( $\because$  curve  $\Rightarrow$  cont.),  $\exists \delta > 0$   
 $\exists \cdot \quad \|\gamma(s) - \gamma(t)\| < \frac{\epsilon}{6m} \quad \forall |s - t| < \delta$

Suppose  $P \in \mathcal{P}[a, b]$  s.t.  $\|P\| < \delta$ .  
mesh



Let  $\tilde{P} \supset P$ , where  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m$  are also the nodes of  $\tilde{P}$ .  
refinement

$\tilde{P}$  are  $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^m \cup \{\text{nodes of } P\}$ .

[Clearly,  $\|\tilde{P}\| < \delta$ ]

Then  $|L(\gamma, \tilde{P}) - L(\gamma, P)| = \left| \sum_{s \in \Lambda(\tilde{P}) \setminus \{a\}} \|\gamma(s_{i-1}) - \gamma(s_i)\| - \sum_{t \in \Lambda(P) \setminus \{a\}} \|\gamma(t_{j-1}) - \gamma(t_j)\| \right|$

[Here  $\Lambda(P) = \text{nodes of } P$   
 $\Lambda(\tilde{P}) = \text{nodes of } \tilde{P}$ ]

$$\sum_{i \in \Lambda(\tilde{P})} \|\gamma(s_{i-1}) - \gamma(s_i)\| + \sum_{j \in \Lambda(P)} \|\gamma(t_{j-1}) - \gamma(t_j)\|$$

Observe that  $\Lambda(\tilde{P}) = \Lambda(P) \cup \{x_i\}_{i=1}^m$ .

Apply ~~the~~ triangle inequality ~~in terms of~~ to  $\|\gamma(s_{i-1}) - \gamma(s_i)\|$ ,  
 if necessary, we get We get  $\sum$  has  $m$  terms  
 ~~$\sum_{i \in \Lambda(\tilde{P})}$  has at most  $2m$  terms. Also each term can be dominated by  $\epsilon/6m$ .~~

$|L(\gamma, \tilde{P}) - L(\gamma, P)| \leq 3m \times \left\{ \|\gamma(s) - \gamma(t)\| : s, t \in [a, b] \text{ s.t. } |s - t| < \delta \right\}$

$$< 3m \times \frac{\epsilon}{6m}$$
  

$$= \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |l(\gamma, \tilde{P}) - l(\gamma, P)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{--- Fact 1}$$

Now,  $\forall i=1, \dots, m$ ,  $\gamma_i := \gamma|_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]} : [x_{i-1}, x_i] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is rectifiable.

$\therefore$  For  $\frac{\varepsilon}{2m} > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta_i > 0$  s.t.  $\forall P_i \in \mathcal{P}([x_{i-1}, x_i])$  with  $\|P_i\| < \delta_i$ , we have

$$\left| l(\gamma_i, P_i) - \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \|\gamma'_i\| \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2m} \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{+}$$

Set  $\delta := \min\{\tilde{\delta}, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_m\}$ .

Let  $P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b])$  s.t.  $\|P\| < \delta$ .  $\Rightarrow \| \tilde{P} \| < \delta$ , where  $\tilde{P} = \text{nodes of } P \cup \{x_i\}_{i=1}^m$ .   
 *Like the previous construction of  $\tilde{P}$ .*

$$\therefore \left| l(\gamma, P) - \int_a^b \|\gamma'\| \right| \leq |l(\gamma, P) - l(\gamma, \tilde{P})| + |l(\gamma, \tilde{P}) - \int_a^b \|\gamma'\||$$

by Fact 1.  $\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \left| l(\gamma, \tilde{P}) - \int_a^b \|\gamma'\| \right|$

Now  $\left| l(\gamma, \tilde{P}) - \int_a^b \|\gamma'\| \right| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^m l(\gamma_i, \tilde{P}_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \|\gamma'_i\| \right|$

$\tilde{P}_i \in \mathcal{P}([x_{i-1}, x_i])$  defined by  $\tilde{P}_i := \tilde{P} \cap [x_{i-1}, x_i]$   $\forall i=1, \dots, m$ .

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^m \left| l(\gamma_i, \tilde{P}_i) - \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \|\gamma'_i\| \right|$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{2m} \times m \quad \text{(by } \textcircled{+} \text{)} \quad \text{As } \|\tilde{P}_i\| \leq \|\tilde{P}\| < \delta, \quad \forall i=1, \dots, m.$$

$$= \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\therefore \left| l(\gamma, P) - \int_a^b \|\gamma'\| \right| < \varepsilon \quad \forall P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]) \text{ s.t. } \|P\| < \delta.$$

$$\Rightarrow l(\gamma) = \int_a^b \|\gamma'\|.$$



Thm:

Remark: Recall that a parametrized curve  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is smooth, if  $\gamma'(t) \neq 0 \quad \forall t$ .

# Clearly  $\gamma(t) = (t^3, t^6)$  is non-smooth at  $t = 0$ .

But  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (t, t^2)$  is smooth at  $t = 0$ . [ $\because \tilde{\gamma}'(t) = (1, 2t) \neq (0, 0) \quad \forall t$ ].

$\because \gamma'(t) = (3t^2, 6t^5)$   
 $\Rightarrow \gamma'(0) = (0, 0)$

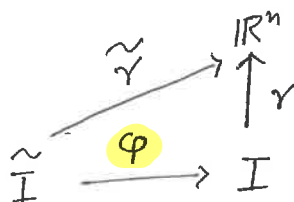
But the path of  $\gamma$  & the path of  $\tilde{\gamma}$  are the same (i.e. the same trace/path).

$\Rightarrow$  Smoothness is NOT an intrinsic property of the curve as just path/subset/trace. Smoothness is a local property of parametrization.

However:

Thm: Consider a smooth curve  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  & a parametrization  $\phi: [\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}] \rightarrow [a, b]$ , smooth, then  $\tilde{\gamma} = \gamma \circ \phi$  is also smooth.

A reparametrization of  $\gamma$ , but we are not assuming onto.



Proof:

Easy:

$$\tilde{\gamma}(s) = \gamma(\phi(s))$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\gamma}' = \gamma'(\phi(s)) \times \phi'(s) \quad [\text{Chain rule}]$$

$\because \gamma' \& \phi'$  non-vanishing  $\Rightarrow \tilde{\gamma}'$  is non-vanishing.

Eg:

For  $\gamma(t) = (t^3, t^6)$  &  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (t, t^2)$ ,  $\phi(s) = s^{\frac{1}{3}}$ . [ $\Rightarrow \tilde{\gamma} = \gamma \circ \phi$ ]

But  $\phi$  is not even diff. at 0.

(From  $\oplus$ )

$\square$