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Curves and Surfaces (in \mathbb{R}^n)

$$I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\text{Cont.}} \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$C_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Cont.}} \mathbb{R}^n \quad (n > 3)$$

Roughly:
 Curve \leftrightarrow 1 dimensional object.
 Surface \leftrightarrow 2 dim. object.

Goal

Differentiate,
integrate, & then also relate them.

Notation: ① $I = [a, b]$, $a < b$. ② $C^1 = \text{smooth}$ Continuously diff. fn's.

Defo 1) A parameterized curve/path is a continuous fn.

$$\gamma: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

2) Given a. parameterized curve γ , $\{\gamma(t) : t \in I\}$ is called
path/a path.

just a set/subset of \mathbb{R}^n
gives us: the range of
a parameterized curve.

3) A parameterized curve is smooth if γ is a C^1 -fn.

4) A C^1 -curve $\gamma: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

is said to be smooth

if $\gamma'(t) \neq 0 \quad \forall t \in I$.

You don't want
the direction
to change rapidly.

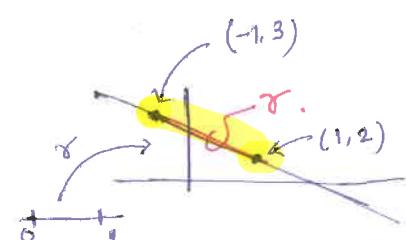
[Recall: ① $\gamma(t) = (\gamma_1(t), \dots, \gamma_n(t))$.
Here $\gamma_i(t)$ is C^1 means $\gamma_i: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
is smooth C^1 , i is n .
② If $I = [a, b]$, then $\gamma'(a)$ or $\gamma'(b)$
will be defined as one-sided
limits [or, γ has a C^1 -
extension to an open set $O \supseteq I$]

e.g.: ① $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, defined by

$$\gamma(t) = \underbrace{(1, 2)}_{\in \mathbb{R}^2} + t \underbrace{(-2, 1)}_{\in \mathbb{R}^2} \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

$\gamma'(t) = (-2, 1)$
Smooth curve

A line: $x = 1 - t$ } parametric
 $y = 2 + t$ } form. $\Rightarrow \frac{1-x}{2} = y - 2$
 $\Rightarrow x + 2y = 5$.



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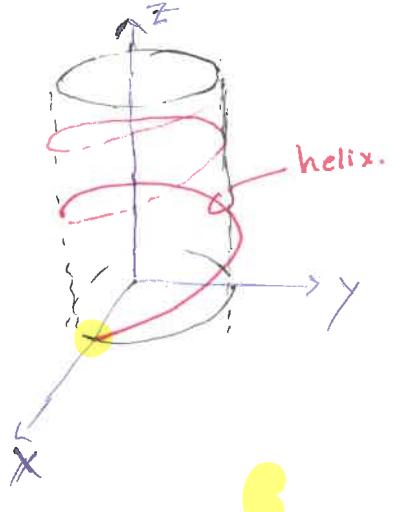
- ② $\gamma : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $\gamma(t) = (\gamma_{\text{cost}}, \gamma_{\text{sint}})$, $\gamma > 0$.
 Here $\gamma'(t) = (-\gamma_{\text{sint}}, \gamma_{\text{cost}})$. $\Rightarrow \gamma'(t) \neq 0 \quad \forall t$.
 $\therefore \gamma$ represents a circle oriented counterclockwise.

- ③ $\gamma : [0, a] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, $\gamma(t) := (\gamma_{\text{cost}}, \gamma_{\text{sint}}, ct)$, $\gamma > 0, c \neq 0$.

If $t=0$: $\gamma(0) = (0, 0, 0)$.

The ~~smooth~~ path is known as Helix.

Smooth Curve



- ④ $\gamma : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by

$\gamma(t) = (|t|, t)$ is not a

C^1 -curve (\Rightarrow non-smooth).

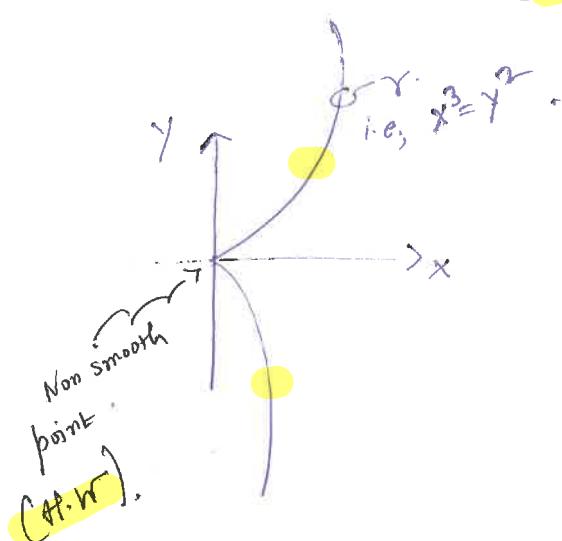
Also, $\gamma(t) = (0, t^2)$ is C^1 -curve but not smooth:

$$\gamma'(t) = (0, 2t) \Rightarrow \gamma'(0) = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (0, 0) &\xrightarrow{\gamma(t)} (0, 1) \\ \gamma(t) &= t(0, 1) = (0, t) \end{aligned}$$

- ⑤ $\gamma : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $\gamma(t) = (t^2, t^3)$ \leftarrow ~~loop~~ Cuspidal Cubic.

C^1 but non-smooth.

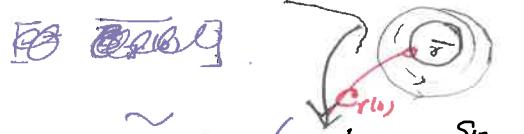


Here $x = t^2$, $y = t^3$
 $\Rightarrow x^3 = y^2$
Cuspidal Cubic.

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- ⑥ Recall: path is the range / trace of a parameterized curve.
 Then for $\gamma(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$, $t \in [0, 2\pi]$, the corresponding path

$$\text{path} = \{ \gamma(t) : 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \}$$

$$= \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 1 \}$$
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- \Rightarrow twice rotation.
- $\Rightarrow \{ \tilde{\gamma}(t) : 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \}$, where $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (\cos \cos t, \sin \sin t)$, $t \in [0, 2\pi]$.
 $\because \gamma$ & $\tilde{\gamma}$ are
- ~~the same path~~ under different parametrizations of $C_{\gamma}(0)$.

- ⑦ Given a ~~smooth~~ function $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, define $\gamma(t) = (t, f(t))$, $t \in I$.
 $\therefore \gamma$ is a parameterization of the graph of f .

parametrizations of graphs.

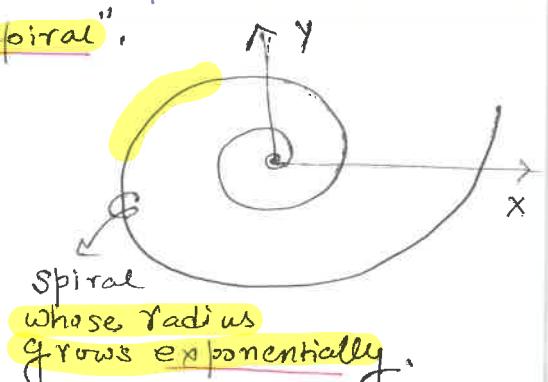
If $f \in C^1$, then γ is smooth. $t \in [a, b] \ni t \mapsto (t, t)$

$\exists t \in [a, b] \ni t \mapsto (t, t^2)$

- ⑧ $\gamma(t) = (e^{t \cos t}, e^{t \sin t})$, $t \in I \subset \mathbb{R}$ Any interval.
- \downarrow $x = e^{t \cos t}$ $y = e^{t \sin t}$
- $\therefore x^2 + y^2 = e^{2t}$ (Not a good representation)
 But $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = e^t$.
- \therefore In polar coordinate: $r = e^t$. Also $\cos \theta = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \cos t$
~~so $\theta = t$~~ $\theta = t$ ($t = \theta + 2k\pi$).

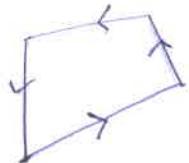
$\therefore r = e^\theta$ ← polar representation of γ .

Called "Logarithmic spiral".

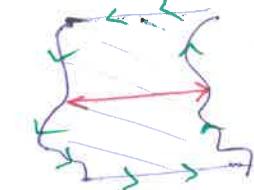
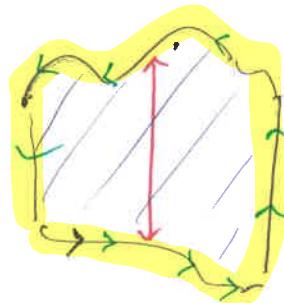


Def: A parametrized curve $\gamma: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is called piecewise smooth if \exists a partition of $I = [a, b]$, say, $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$, s.t. $\gamma|_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]}: [x_{i-1}, x_i] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a smooth parametrized curve, $i = 1, \dots, n$.

e.g.



boundary of
 γ Type I & Type II:



Equivalent Curves:

Consider $t \xrightarrow{\gamma} (r \cos t, r \sin t)$ $t \in [0, 2\pi]$.
 $t \xrightarrow{\tilde{\gamma}} (r \cos at, r \sin at)$. $t \in [0, \pi]$.

Clearly, $\gamma(2t) = \tilde{\gamma}(t)$.

or $\gamma(\varphi(t)) = \tilde{\gamma}(t)$, where $\varphi(t) = 2t$.
 $\tilde{\gamma}$ is a reparametrization of γ . φ is a parameterization.

But often, we need φ to be a "good" parametrization!! \Rightarrow

Def: Two parametrized curves $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ & $\tilde{\gamma}: [\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ are said to be equivalent if \exists strictly increasing parametrized curve $\varphi: [\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}] \rightarrow [a, b]$, onto, & differentiable (often C^1)

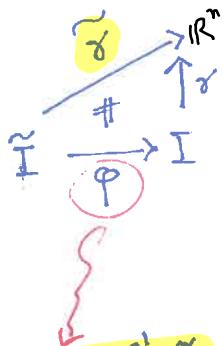
s.t.

$$\tilde{\gamma} = \gamma \circ \varphi,$$

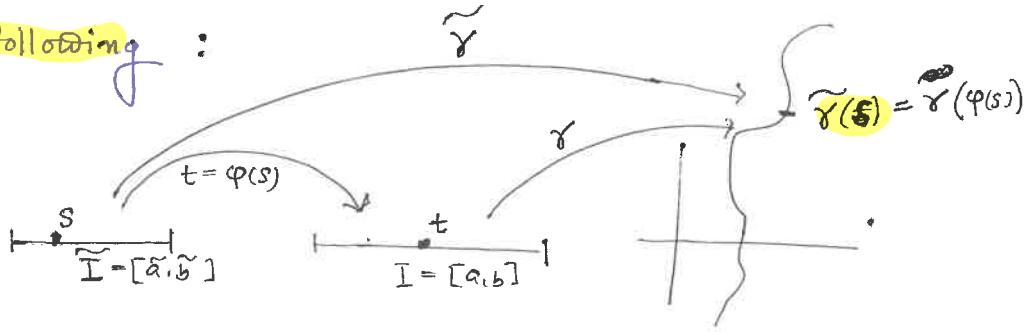
A reparametrization.

a "Smooth" / C^1 parametrization.

So, we have the following:



i.e.



If $\gamma, \tilde{\gamma}$ are C^1 , or smooth, then we also impose the same to φ .

From now on: Curve \leftrightarrow parametrized curve.

Def: Let $\gamma: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a C^1 curve.

(1) $\|\gamma'(t)\| :=$ "Speed" of γ at time $t \in I$.

(2) $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \|\gamma'(t)\| dt :=$ Arc length of γ between times t_1 & t_2 . ($t_1 < t_2$).

Question:

Speed is somewhat clear (practical point of view), as $\|\gamma'(t)\|$ is the magnitude of the velocity $\gamma'(t)$. But what is the interpretation of arc length ?? — WAIT.

Remark: 1) For $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = d(x, \underline{0})$$

2) Let $\gamma(t) = (x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t))$.

$$\therefore \gamma'(t) = (x'_1(t), \dots, x'_n(t)).$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\gamma'(t)\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x'_i(t))^2}.$$

$\therefore \gamma$ is $C^1 \Rightarrow$ each $x_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, is C^1

$$\Rightarrow \|\gamma'(t)\| \in C(I).$$

\Rightarrow Arc length is well defined.



But, there is another way, (perhaps more natural) to introduce arc length of curves. We do it by ~~linear~~ polygonal approximation

Consider a path $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$.

Let P be a partition of $[a, b]$, i.e.

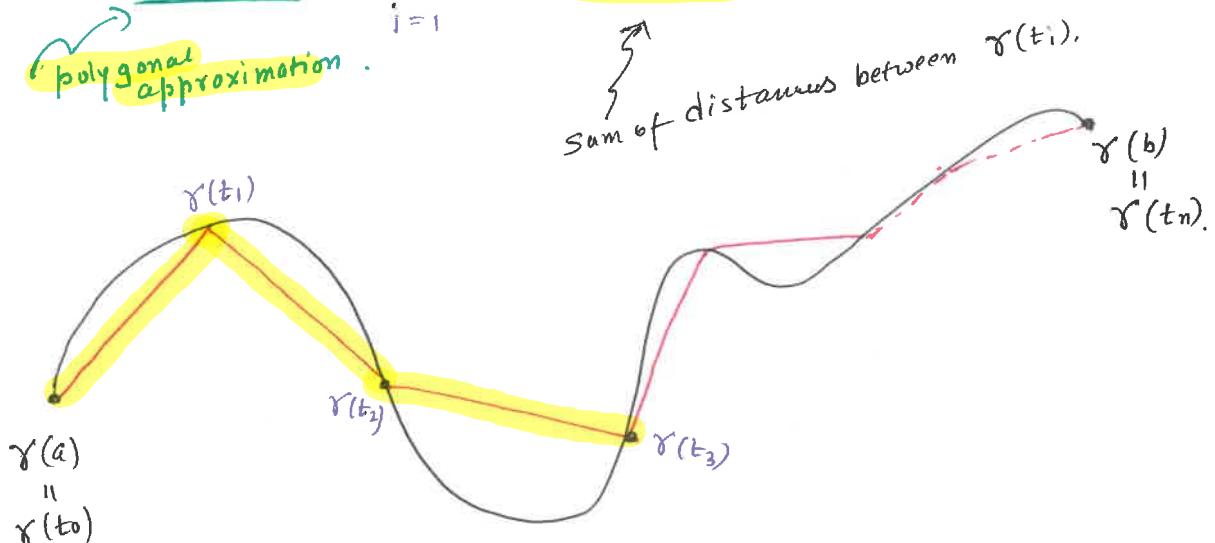
$$P: a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = b.$$

Now we consider $\{\gamma(t_0), \gamma(t_1), \dots, \gamma(t_n)\}$, and then the distance between $\gamma(t_{i-1})$ and $\gamma(t_i)$ as: $\|\gamma(t_i) - \gamma(t_{i-1})\|$, $i=1, \dots, n$.

Finally, define:

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

"polygonal approximation"



sum of distances between $\gamma(t_i)$,

Def: A curve $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to have arc length, or to be rectifiable, if

if exists, it is!

$$\lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \ell(\gamma, P) := \ell(\gamma) \quad \text{exists.}$$

length of γ .

For $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t.

$$|\ell(\gamma, P) - \ell(\gamma)| < \epsilon \quad \forall P \text{ s.t. } \|P\| < \delta.$$

$$\text{mesh} = \max_{\bullet} \{\text{subinterval of } P\}.$$