

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

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

$$\mathcal{O}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Cont.}} \mathbb{R}^n \quad (n \geq 3).$$

$\subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ , open &  $\partial \mathcal{O}_2$  is of Content zero.  
i.e.,  $\mathcal{O}_2$  has area.

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  $C^1 =$  ~~smooth~~ continuously diff. fns.  
( $(-\infty, a)$ ,  $(-\infty, a)$ ).

Def: 1) A parametrized Curve/path is a continuous fn.

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

2) Given a parametrized Curve,  $\{\gamma(t) : t \in I\}$  is called ~~the~~ a path.

just a set / subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
given as: the range of a parametrized Curve.

3) A parametrized Curve is  $C^1$ -Curve if  $\gamma$  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  $\gamma(t)$  is  $C^1$  means  $\gamma_i: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is ~~smooth~~  $C^1$ ,  $\forall i$  is in  $n$ .  
② If  $I = [a, b]$ , then  $\gamma'(a)$  or  $\gamma'(b)$  will be defined as one-sided limits [or,  $\gamma$  has a  $C^1$ -extension to an open set  $\mathcal{O} \supset I$ ]

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

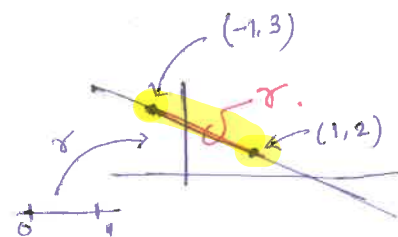
$$\gamma(t) = \underbrace{(1, 2)}_{\in \mathbb{R}^2} + t \underbrace{(-2, 1)}_{\in \mathbb{R}^2} = (1-2t, 2+t).$$

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

A line:

$x = 1-2t$   
 $y = 2+t$  } parametric 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  $\gamma(t) = (r \cos t, r \sin t)$ .  $r > 0$ .

Here  $\gamma'(t) = (-r \sin t, r \cos t)$ .  $\Rightarrow \gamma'(t) \neq 0 \quad \forall t$ .

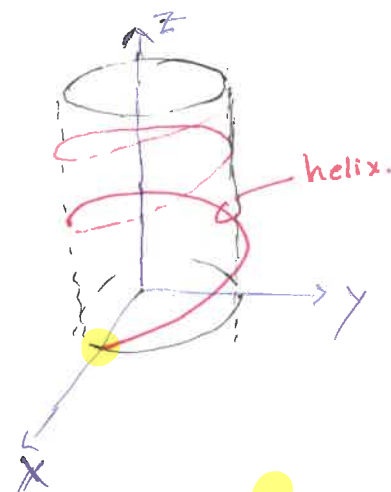
$\therefore \gamma$  represents a Circle oriented counterclockwise.

③  $\gamma: [0, a] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\gamma(t) := (r \cos t, r \sin t, ct)$ ,  $r > 0, c \neq 0$ .  
 $a = 4\pi/n\pi$

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

The ~~curve~~ 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:

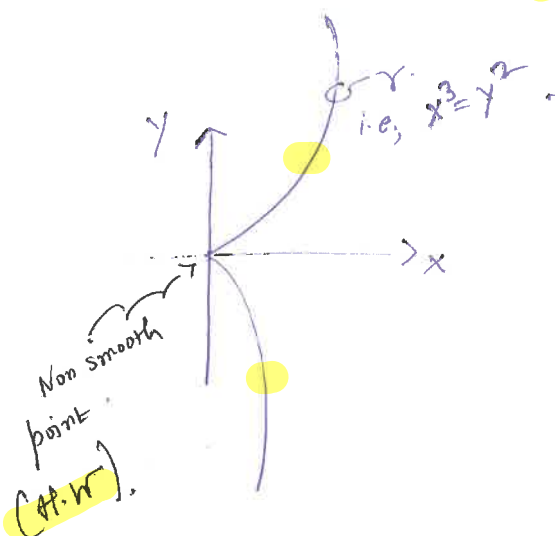
$\gamma'(t) = (0, 2t) \Rightarrow \gamma'(0) = 0$ .

$(0, 0) \xrightarrow{(0,1)} (0,1)$   
 $\gamma(t) = t(0,1) = (0,t)$

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

$C^1$  but non-smooth.

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



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

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

$$= \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{ \tilde{\gamma}(t) : 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \}, \text{ where } \tilde{\gamma}(t) = (r \cos 2t, r \sin 2t)$$

$t \in [0, 2\pi]$ .



$\therefore \gamma$  &  $\tilde{\gamma}$  are different parametrizations of  $C_r(0)$ .  
 the path.

⑦ Given a ~~smooth~~ fn  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , define  $\gamma(t) = (t, f(t))$ ,  $t \in I$ .

$\therefore \gamma$  is a parametrization of the graph of  $f$ .

parametrizations of graphs.

# If  $f \in C^1$ , then  $\gamma$  is smooth.  $e \in [0, 1]$   
 $t \mapsto (t, t)$   
 $[0, 1] \ni t \mapsto (t^2, t^2)$

⑧  $\gamma(t) = (e^t \cos t, e^t \sin t)$   $t \in I$  Any interval.

$$\therefore x^2 + y^2 = e^{2t} \quad (\text{Not a good representation})$$

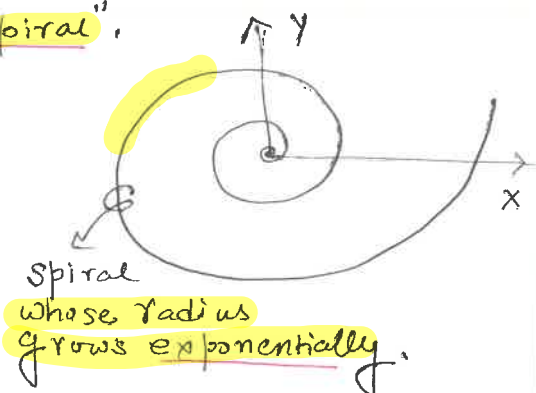
$$\text{But } \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = e^t.$$

$\therefore$  In polar coordinate:  $r = e^t$ . Also  $\cos \theta = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \cos t$

$$\therefore \theta = t$$

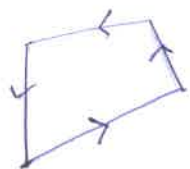
$$\theta = t \quad (t = 0 \text{ to } 2\pi)$$

$\therefore r = e^\theta$   $\leftarrow$  polar representation of  $\gamma$ .  
 Called "Logarithmic spiral".

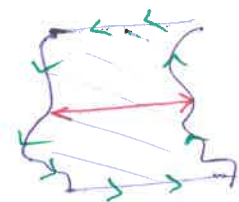
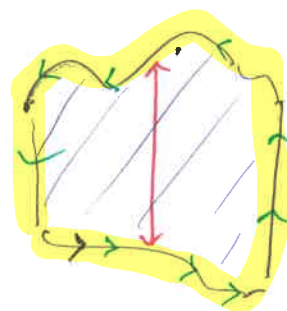


Def: A parametrized curve  $\gamma: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is called piecewise smooth if  $\exists$  a partition of  $I = [a, b]$ , say,  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ , s.t.  $\gamma|_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]}: [x_{i-1}, x_i] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a smooth parametrized curve,  $i = 1, \dots,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

eg:



boundary of  
Type I & Type II:



### Equivalent Curves:

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

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

# But often, we need  $\varphi$  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  $C^1$ )

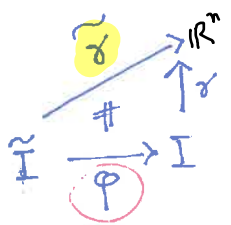
s.t.

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

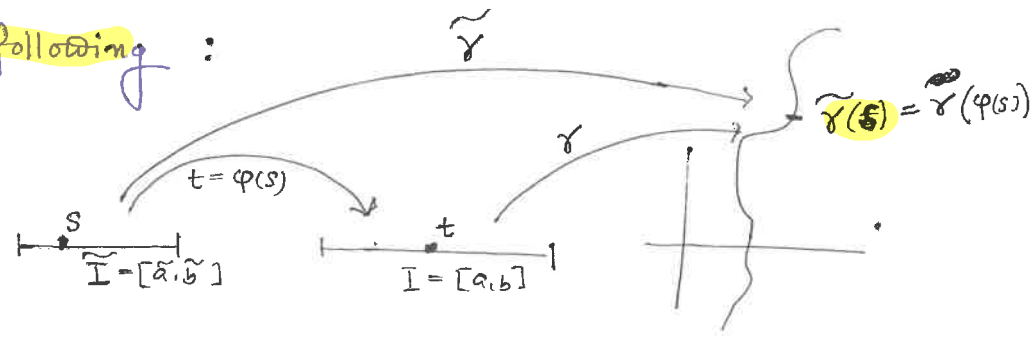
A reparametrization.

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  $\varphi$ .

$\therefore \varphi$  is change of time. Here  $\tilde{\gamma}$ , at time  $s$ , is at  $\tilde{\gamma}(s)$ , where  $\gamma$  arrives there at time  $t = \varphi(s)$ !!

# From now on: Curve  $\longleftrightarrow$  parametrized curve.

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

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

(2)  $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \|\gamma'(t)\| dt :=$  Arc length of  $\gamma$  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  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

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

$\underline{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$

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

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

$\Rightarrow$  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.

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

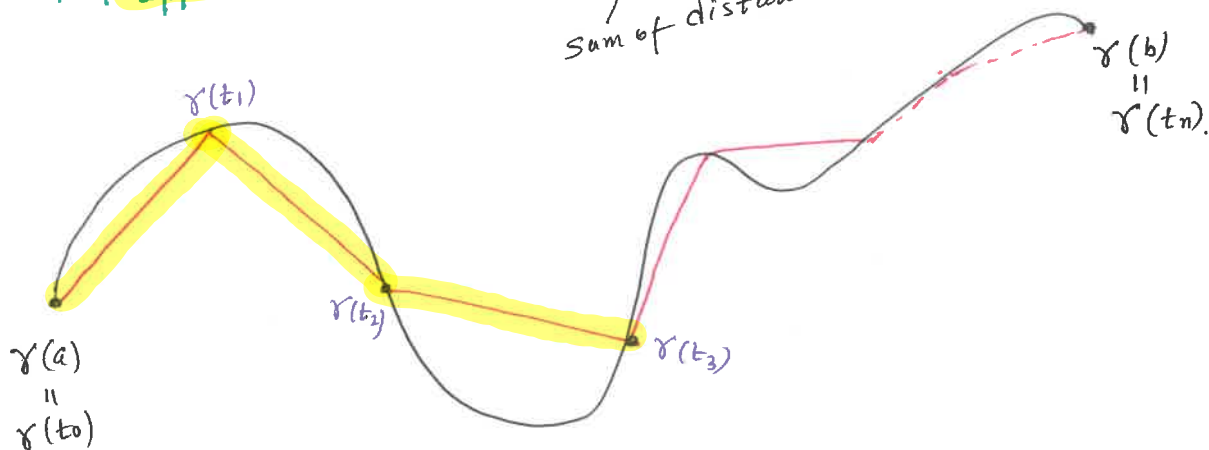
Now we consider  $\{\gamma(t_0), \gamma(t_1), \dots, \gamma(t_n)\}$ , and then the distance between  $\gamma(t_{i-1})$  and  $\gamma(t_i)$  as:  $\|\gamma(t_i) - \gamma(t_{i-1})\|$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

Finally, define:

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

polygonal approximation.

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



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

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

length of  $\gamma$ .

if exists, it is !.

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

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

$$\text{mesh} = \max \{ \text{subinterval of } P \}.$$