Curvature for any curve

Definition 1 (What is curvature). A curvature is the amount by which a curve deviates from a straight line. Or in simply term, a curve is how far apart from a straight line.

1.1 What is the curvature of table, soccer and horse saddle

1.2 Curvature in real life

Drive your car in a straight road or in a curve road.

Definition 2 (Osculating Circle). What is Osculating Circle? Osculating Circle is the maximum circle which is just touch one point on the curve.

2 Find intersection of circle and parabola

Circle Equation

$$x^2 + (y - r)^2 = r^2$$

Parabola Equation

$$y = x^2$$

Expand (1)

$$x^2 + y^2 + r^2 - 2ry = r^2$$

Sub (2) into (1)

$$x^2+x^4+r^2-2rx^2=r^2 \quad \text{where} \quad \text{Sub } y=x^2$$

$$x^2+x^4-2rx^2=0$$

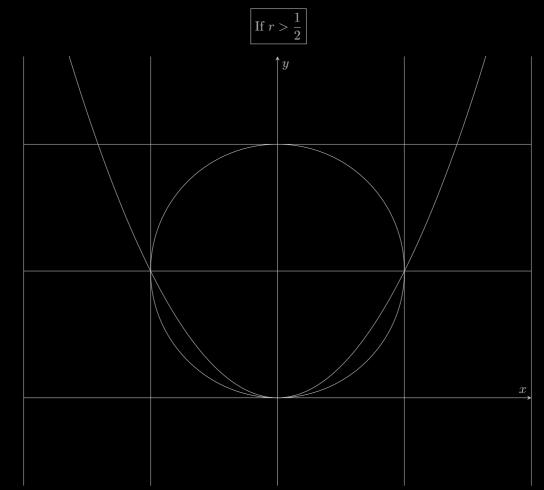
$$1+x^2-2r=0 \quad \text{where} \quad x\neq 0$$

$$x^2=2r-1$$

$$x^2 = 2r - 1$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{2r - 1} \quad \text{where} \quad r \neq \frac{1}{2}$$

3 Intersection of three points between circle and parabola



4 Intersection of only ONE points between circle and parabola

If $r \to \frac{1}{2}$ $\Rightarrow x^2 + (y - \frac{1}{2})^2 = \frac{1}{2}$ is an Osculating Circle

5 Validation Osculating Circle

$$\operatorname{If} r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x^2 + (y - \frac{1}{2})^2 = (\frac{1}{2})^2$$
 circle
$$y = x^2$$
 parabola Sub parabola into circle
$$y + (y - \frac{1}{2})^2 = (\frac{1}{2})^2$$

 $y + y^2 - y + (\frac{1}{2})^2 = (\frac{1}{2})^2$

$$y+y-y+(\frac{1}{2})=(\frac{1}{2})$$

$$y^2=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x=0 \quad \land \quad y=0$$
 Proof. Circle $x^2+(y-\frac{1}{2})^2=(\frac{1}{2})^2$ and Parabola $y=x^2$ intersects only ONE point

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