Force Vectors

Vectors directions as a function of α , for the 2D case.

Where unit vectors are defined as:

$$\hat{t}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \\ -r \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{||T_{1}||} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{T}_{1} \cdot \hat{n}_{x} \\ \vec{T}_{1} \cdot \hat{n}_{y} \\ -\vec{r} \times \vec{T}_{1} \cdot \hat{n}_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$
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Where compressive forces are denoted c_1 , c_2 , and tension in adhesive is denoted t_1 , t_2 .

Putting this in a matrix format yields:

$$A = [\hat{t}_1 \ \hat{t}_2 \ \hat{c}_1 \ \hat{c}_2] \tag{2}$$

Where A is $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ in this 2D case. We have m=3 DOF and n=4 force vectors.