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Define $\gamma(t) = (t, \sin(t))$. Find the curvature function.

$$\gamma'(t) = v(t) = (1, \cos(t))$$

$$\gamma''(t) = a(t) = (0, \cos(t))$$

$$\kappa(t) \equiv \frac{|\mathbf{t}'(t)|}{|v(t)|}$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \frac{v}{|v|} = \left((1 + \cos^2(t))^{-1/2}, \cos(t) (1 + \cos^2(t))^{1/2} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{t}' = \left(\frac{\sin(t)\cos(t)}{(1 + \cos^2(t))^{3/2}}, -\frac{\sin(t)}{(1 + \cos^2(t))^{3/2}} \right)$$

$$|\mathbf{t}'| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sin(t)\cos(t)}{(1 + \cos^2(t))^{3/2}} \right)^2 + \left(-\frac{\sin(t)}{(1 + \cos^2(t))^{3/2}} \right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa(t) = \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\sin(t)\cos(t)}{(1 + \cos^2(t))^{3/2}} \right)^2 + \left(-\frac{\sin(t)}{(1 + \cos^2(t))^{3/2}} \right)^2}}{\sqrt{1 + \cos^2(t)}}$$

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Let $\kappa:(a,b)\to\mathbb{R}$ be a function with $\kappa(t)>0\ \forall t\in(a,b)$ and let κ be integrable. Show that there exists a regular curve whose curvature is κ .

$$\phi(s) \equiv \int_{s_0}^s \kappa(u) du$$

$$\alpha(s) = \left(\int_{s_0}^s \cos(\phi(t)) dt, \int_{s_0}^s \sin(\phi(t)) dt \right)$$

$$\alpha'(s) = (\cos(\phi(s)), \sin(\phi(s))) \quad \text{(by the F.T.C)}$$

$$|\alpha'(s)| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(t) \text{ is a regular curve}$$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa(t) = |a(t)|$$

$$|a(t)| = |\alpha''(t)|$$

$$\alpha''(t) = (-\phi' \sin(\phi), \phi' \cos(\phi))$$

$$|a(t)| = \sqrt{\phi'^2} = \phi'(s)$$

$$= \frac{d}{ds} \int_{s_0}^s \kappa(u) du$$

$$= \kappa(s) \quad \text{(by F.T.C.)}$$

Therefore, given κ is an integrable function, we have shown there exists a regular curve with curvature κ .