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MTH 434

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Compute the curvature for the helix directly from definition and then by reparametrizing by arc length.

a)

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma(t) &= (\cos(t), \sin(t), t) \\ \gamma'(t) &= v(t) = (-\sin(t), \cos(t), 1) \\ \gamma''(t) &= a(t) = (-\cos(t), -\sin(t), 0) \\ a(t)^\parallel &= \text{proj}_a v = \frac{\langle a, v \rangle}{|v|^2} v \\ |\gamma'(t)| &= \sqrt{2} \\ \langle a, v \rangle &= \sin(t) \cos(t) - \sin(t) \cos(t) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow a^\perp &= a \\ |a| &= \sqrt{1} = 1 \\ |v| &= \sqrt{2} \\ \kappa(t) &= \frac{|a^\perp|}{|v|^2} = \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned}|\gamma'(t)| &= \sqrt{2} \\ s &= \int_0^t \sqrt{2} dt' \\ &= \sqrt{2}t \\ \Rightarrow t &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s \\ \gamma(s) &= \left(\cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s\right), \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s\right), \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s\right) \\ \gamma'(s) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(-\sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s\right), \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s\right), 1\right) \\ \gamma''(s) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s\right), -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s\right), 0\right) \\ \kappa(s) &= |a(s)| = |\gamma''(s)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown that both definitions serve to calculate the curvature.