

Lecture 9 part 2

Key characteristics of manifold using moving frame method

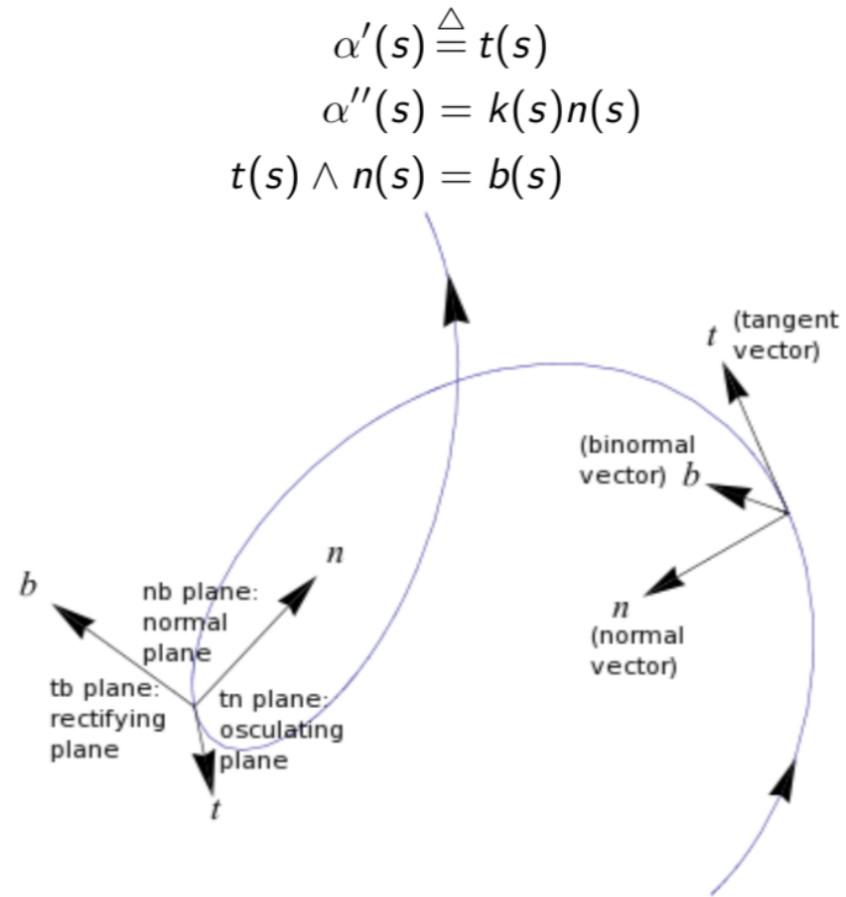
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Recall: Key Characteristics by Using Moving Frames

- For curves: Frenet frame and formul

$$\begin{cases} t' = kn, \\ n' = -kt - \tau b, \\ b' = \tau n \end{cases}$$

Key: Express the rate change of the frame in the same frame!
The coefficients involved are the important characteristics.



Fundamental Theorem of the Local Theory of Curves

Theorem

Given differentiable functions $k(s) > 0$ and $\tau(s)$, $s \in I$, there exists a regular parametrized curve $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ such that s is the arc length, $k(s)$ is the curvature, and $\tau(s)$ is the torsion of α . Moreover, any other curve $\bar{\alpha}$ satisfying the same conditions differs from α by a rigid motion; that is, there exists an orthogonal map ρ of \mathbb{R}^3 , with positive determinant, and a vector c such that $\bar{\alpha} = \rho \circ \alpha + c$.

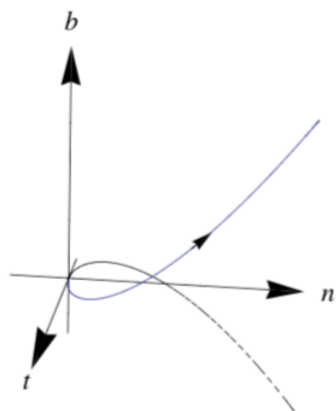
Curvature and Torsion Locally totally determine a curve: Local Canonical Form

Let us now take the system $0xyz$ in such a way that the origin 0 agrees with $\alpha(0)$ and that $t = (1, 0, 0)$, $n = (0, 1, 0)$, and $b = (0, 0, 1)$. Under these conditions, $\alpha(s) = (x(s), y(s), z(s))$ is given by

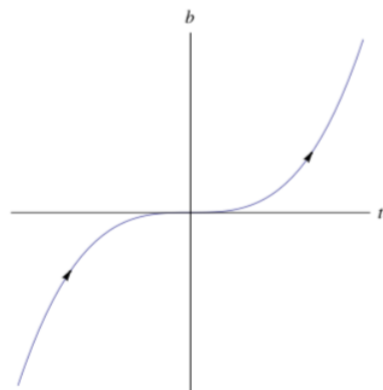
$$\begin{cases} x(s) = s - \frac{k^2 s^3}{6} + R_x, \\ y(s) = \frac{ks^2}{2} + \frac{k's^3}{6} + R_y, \\ z(s) = -\frac{k\tau s^3}{6} + R_z, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $R = (R_x, R_y, R_z)$. The representation (1) is called the *local canonical form* of α , in a neighborhood of $s = 0$.

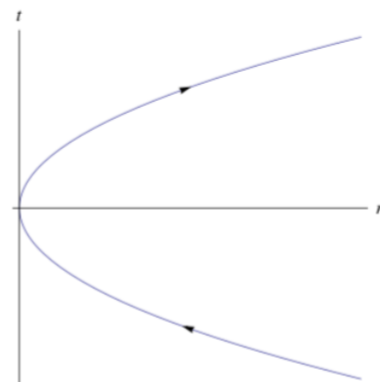
A Sketch of projections of the trace of α , for small s , in the tn , tb , and nb planes:



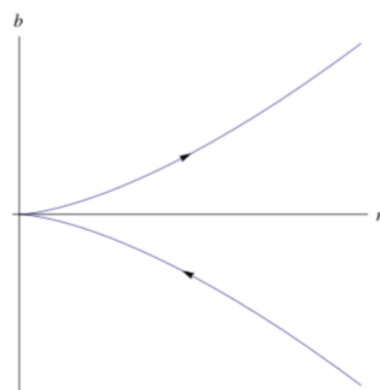
A Curve in \mathbb{R}^3



Projection over the plane tb



Projection over the plane tn



Projection over the plane nb

For Surfaces: Christofel Symbols are basic characteristics!

- Recall:

Trihedron at a Point of a Surface

S will denote, as usual, a regular, orientable, and oriented surface. Let $\mathbf{x} : U \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S$ be a parametrization in the orientation of S . It is possible to assign to each point of $\mathbf{x}(U)$ a natural trihedron given by the vectors \mathbf{x}_u , \mathbf{x}_v , and N .

By expressing the derivatives of the vectors \mathbf{x}_u , \mathbf{x}_v , and N in the basis $\{\mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_v, N\}$, we obtain

$$\mathbf{x}_{uu} = \Gamma_{11}^1 \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{11}^2 \mathbf{x}_v + L_1 N,$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{uv} = \Gamma_{12}^1 \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{12}^2 \mathbf{x}_v + L_2 N,$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{vu} = \Gamma_{21}^1 \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{21}^2 \mathbf{x}_v + \bar{L}_2 N,$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{vv} = \Gamma_{22}^1 \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{22}^2 \mathbf{x}_v + L_3 N,$$

$$N_u = a_{11} \mathbf{x}_u + a_{21} \mathbf{x}_v,$$

$$N_v = a_{12} \mathbf{x}_u + a_{22} \mathbf{x}_v.$$