

# Clothoids, a library for clothoids computation and more

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## Mex files for fast computation

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In directory `src_mex` you find the C++ implementation of the proposed algorithm with `mex` interface. To compile run `CompileLib` from MATLAB window. After compilation the compiled version of the scripts are available in the `matlab` directory.

## LineSegment

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The class `LineSegment` store a straight segment.

### Constuctors

```
% build segment given initial position, angle and length
L1 = LineSegment( x0, y0, theta0, L );

% build segment given initial and final point
L2 = LineSegment( [x0, y0], [x1, y1] );

% re-build segment given initial position, angle and length
L1.build( x0, y0, theta0, L );

% re-build segment given initial and final point
L2.build( [x0, y0], [x1, y1] );
```

### Methods

```

% translate a segment by `[tx,ty]`
L1.translate( tx, ty );

% rotate a segment by angle `ang` around center `[cx,cy]`
L1.rotate( ang, cx, cy );

% change the origin of a segment to `[ox,oy]`
L1.changeOrigin( ox, oy );

% cut or extend the segment at curvilinear coordinates `smin` and `smax`
L1.trim( smin, smax );

% return a structure containing description of the object as a MATLAB NURBS
bs = L1.to_nurbs();

% initial and final coordinates
x = L1.xBegin(); x = L1.xEnd();
y = L1.yBegin(); y = L1.yEnd();

% segment angle direction
ang = L1.theta();

% segment length
L = L1.length();

% segment initial and final point
[p1,p2] = L1.points();

% distance point `[x,y]` to the segment
% d = distance, s = parameter of the point of segment at minimum distance
[d,s] = L1.distance(x,y);

% print description of the segment
L1.info();

% plot the segment
L1.plot();
% some options may be passed to plot command
L1.plot('Color','red');

```

## Evaluation Methods

```

% evaluate the segment at curvilinear coordinate `s` (may be a vector)
[X,Y] = L1.eval( s ); % return separate vector for X and Y coordinates
XY     = L1.eval( s ); % return 2xN matrix, N = length(s)

% first derivative respect to s
[X_D,Y_D] = L1.eval_D( s );
XY_D      = L1.eval_D( s );

% second derivative respect to s (always 0)
[X_DD,Y_DD] = L1.eval_DD( s );
XY_DD       = L1.eval_DD( s );

% third derivative respect to s (always 0)
[X_DDD,Y_DDD] = L1.eval_DDD( s );
XY_DDD        = L1.eval_DDD( s );

```

## CircleArc

The class `CircleArc` store an arc of a circle.

### Constuctors

```

% build a circle arc given initial position, angle, curvature and length
C = CircleArc( x0, y0, theta0, k, L );

% build an empty circle
C = CircleArc();

% re-build circle arc given initial position, angle, curvature and length
C.build( x0, y0, theta0, k, L );

% re-build circle arc given initial position, angle and final position
C.build_G1( x0, y0, theta0, x1, y1 );
C.build_G1( [x0, y0], theta0, [x1, y1] );

% re-build circle arc passing by 3 points
C.build_3P( x0, y0, x1, y1, x2, y2 );
C.build_3P( [x0, y0], [x1, y1], [x2, y2] );

```

### Methods

```

% translate a circle arc by `[tx,ty]`
C.translate( tx, ty );

% rotate a circle arc by angle `ang` around center `[cx,cy]`
C.rotate( ang, cx, cy );

% change the origin of a circle arc to `[ox,oy]`
C.changeOrigin( ox, oy );

% cut or extend the circle arc at curvilinear coordinates `smin` and `smax`
C.trim( smin, smax );

% scale the circle arc by `fact` factor
C.scale( fact );

% return a structure containing description of the object as a MATLAB NURBS
bs = C.to_nurbs();

% initial and final coordinates
x = C.xBegin(); x = C.xEnd();
y = C.yBegin(); y = C.yEnd();

% initial and final angle
ang = C.thetaBegin(); ang = C.thetaEnd();

% circle arc length
L = C.length();

% circle curvature
kappa = C.kappa();

% print description of the segment
C.info();

% plot the circle arc
C.plot();
% some options may be passed to plot command
% npts = number of points used to plot the circle
C.plot(npts, 'Color', 'red');

```

## Distance Methods

```
% return the bounding box triangle
[p1,p2,p3] = C.bbTriangle( fact );

% distance point `[x,y]` to the circle arc
% d = distance, s = parameter of the point of segment at minimum distance
[d,s] = C.distance(x,y);
```

## Evaluation Methods

```
% evaluate the circle arc at curvilinear coordinate `s` (may be a vector)
[X,Y] = L1.eval( s ); % return separate vector for X and Y coordinates
XY     = L1.eval( s ); % return 2xN matrix, N = length(s)

% first derivative respect to s
[X_D,Y_D] = L1.eval_D( s );
XY_D      = L1.eval_D( s );

% second derivative respect to s
[X_DD,Y_DD] = L1.eval_DD( s );
XY_DD       = L1.eval_DD( s );

% third derivative respect to s
[X_DDD,Y_DDD] = L1.eval_DDD( s );
XY_DDD        = L1.eval_DDD( s );
```

## Biacr

The class `Biacr` store a biarc or two arc connected with G1 continuity.

### Constuctors

```
% build a biarc fitting intial `[x0,y0]` and final `[x1,y1]` with
% assigned initial `theta0` and final `theta0` angle.
B = Biarc( x0, y0, theta0, x1, y1, theta1 );

% build an empty biarc
B = Biarc();

% re-build a biarc
B.build( x0, y0, theta0, x1, y1, theta1);

% re-build a biarc circle arc passing by 3 points
% That minimize the weighted sum of the curvature
B.build_3P( x0, y0, x1, y1, x2, y2 );
B.build_3P( [x0, y0], [x1, y1], [x2, y2] );
```

## Methods

```
% translate a biarc by `[tx,ty]`
B.translate( tx, ty );

% rotate a biarc by angle `ang` around center `[cx,cy]`
B.rotate( ang, cx, cy );

% change the origin of the biarc to `[ox,oy]`
B.changeOrigin( ox, oy );

% scale the biarc by `fact` factor
B.scale( fact );

% reverse curvilinear coordinate of the biarc
B.reverse( fact );

% return the circle arcs forming the biarc
[C1,C2] = B.getCircles();

% return a structure containing description of the object as a MATLAB NURBS
bs = B.to_nurbs();

% initial and final coordinates of first circle
x = B.xBegin0(); x = B.xEnd0();
y = B.yBegin0(); y = B.yEnd0();

% initial and final coordinates of second circle
x = B.xBegin1(); x = B.xEnd1();
y = B.yBegin1(); y = B.yEnd1();

% initial and final angle of first circle
ang = B.thetaBegin0(); ang = B.thetaEnd0();

% initial and final angle of second circle
ang = B.thetaBegin1(); ang = B.thetaEnd1();

% circle arc length for first and second circle
L0 = B.length0(); L1 = B.length1();
% total length of biarc
L = B.length();

% circle curvature for first and second circle
kappa0 = B.kappa0(); kappa1 = B.kappa1();

% print description of the segment
B.info();

% plot the circle arcs
```

```
% plot the circle arc
B.plot();
% some options may be passed to plot command
% npts = number of points used to plot the circle
% fmt1/2 = cell array with formatting command for first and second circle
npts = 100;
fmt1 = {'Color','red'};
fmt2 = {'Color','blue'};
B.plot(npts,fmt1,fmt2);
```

## Distance Methods

```
% distance point `[x,y]` to the biarc
% d = distance, s = parameter of the point of segment at minimum distance
[d,s] = B.distance(x,y);

% closest point to `[x,y]` onto the biarc
% d = distance, s = parameter of the point of segment at minimum distance
[x,y,s,d] = B.closestPoint(x,y);
```

## Evaluation Methods

```
% evaluate the biarc at curvilinear coordinate `s` (may be a vector)
[X,Y] = B.evaluate( s ); % return separate vector for X and Y coordinates
[X,Y,theta,kappa] = B.evaluate( s ); % return also angle and curvature

% first derivative respect to s
[X_D,Y_D] = B.eval_D( s );
XY_D = B.eval_D( s );

% second derivative respect to s
[X_DD,Y_DD] = B.eval_DD( s );
XY_DD = B.eval_DD( s );

% third derivative respect to s
[X_DDD,Y_DDD] = B.eval_DDD( s );
XY_DDD = B.eval_DDD( s );
```

## ClothoidCurve

The class `ClothoidCurve` store a clothoid curve arc. A clothoid curve is curve where curvature change linearly respect to the curvilinear abscissa. The circle arc and the line segment are particular case when curvature is constant and 0.

The G1 fitting problem of method `build_G1` implements the algorithm described in reference [1]. Given two points and two direction associated with the points, a clothoid, i.e. a curve with linear varying curvature is computed in such a way it pass to the points with the prescribed direction. The solution in general is not

unique but choosing the one for which the angle direction variation is less than  $2\pi$  the solution is unique.

## Constructors

```
% build a clothoid curve starting at `[x0,y0]` with angle `theta0` and curvature
% `kappa0` the curvature derivative is `dk` while `L` is the curve length.
CL = ClothoidCurve( x0, y0, theta0, kappa0, dk, L );

% build an empty clothoid curve
CL = ClothoidCurve();

% re-build a clothoid curve
CL.build( x0, y0, theta0, kappa0, dk, L );

% re-build a clothoid passing from point `[x0,y0]` with angle `theta0`
% to `[x1,y1]` with angle `theta1` (G1 fitting problem)
CL.build_G1( x0, y0, theta0, x1, y1, theta1);
```

## Methods

```
% translate a clothoid curve by `[tx,ty]`
CL.translate( tx, ty );

% rotate a clothoid curve by angle `ang` around center `[cx,cy]`
CL.rotate( ang, cx, cy );

% change the origin of the clothoid curve to `[ox,oy]`
CL.changeOrigin( ox, oy );

% scale the clothoid curve by `fact` factor
CL.scale( fact );

% cut or extend the clothoid curve at curvilinear coordinates `smin` and `smax`
CL.trim( smin, smax );

% reverse curvilinear coordinate of the clothoid curve
CL.reverse( fact );

% return a structure containing description of the object as a MATLAB NURBS
bs = CL.to_nurbs();

% initial and final coordinates of the clothoid curve
x = CL.xBegin(); x = CL.xEnd();
y = CL.yBegin(); y = CL.yEnd();

% initial and final angle of the clothoid curve
ang = CL.thetaBegin(); ang = CL.thetaEnd();
```



```

% initial and final curvature of the clothoid curve
k0 = CL.kappaBegin(); ang = CL.kappaEnd();

% derivative of curvature of the clothoid curve
dk = CL.kappa_D();

% length of the clothoid curve
L = CL.length();

% point at infinity of the clothoid
% `[xp,yp]` point at curvilinear coordinate +infinity
% `[xm,ym]` point at curvilinear coordinate -infinity
[xp,yp,xm,ym] = CL.infinity();

% print description of the clothoid curve
CL.info();

% return the parameters defining the clothoid curve
[x0,y0,theta0,k0,dk,L] = CL.getPars();

% plot the clothoid curve
CL.plot();
% some options may be passed to plot command
% npts = number of points used to plot the circle
npts = 100;
CL.plot(npts,'Color','red');

```

## Distance and intersection Methods

```

% distance point `[x,y]` to the clothoid curve
% d = distance, s = parameter of the point of segment at minimum distance
[d,s] = CL.distance(x,y);

% closest point to `[x,y]` onto the clothoid curve
% d = distance, s = parameter of the point of segment at minimum distance
[x,y,s,d] = CL.closestPoint(x,y);

% compute all the intersection of curve CL with curve CL1.
% CL1 may be a ClothoidCurve a CircleArc or a LineSegment object
% s = vector of curvilinear coordinates on CL of the intersection
% s1 = vector of curvilinear coordinates on CL1 of the intersection
[s,s1] = CL.intersect(CL1);

```

## Evaluation Methods

```

% evaluate the clothoid curve at curvilinear coordinate `s` (may be a vector)
[X,Y] = CL.evaluate( s ); % return separate vector for X and Y coordinates
[X,Y,theta,kappa] = CL.evaluate( s ); % return also angle and curvature

% first derivative respect to s
[X_D,Y_D] = CL.eval_D( s );
XY_D = CL.eval_D( s );

% second derivative respect to s
[X_DD,Y_DD] = CL.eval_DD( s );
XY_DD = CL.eval_DD( s );

% third derivative respect to s
[X_DDD,Y_DDD] = CL.eval_DDD( s );
XY_DDD = CL.eval_DDD( s );

```

an offset respect to the normal of the curve can be used

```

% evaluate the clothoid curve at curvilinear coordinate `s` (may be a vector)
[X,Y] = CL.evaluate( s, offs ); % return separate vector for X and Y coordinates
[X,Y,theta,kappa] = CL.evaluate( s, offs ); % return also angle and curvature

% first derivative respect to s
[X_D,Y_D] = CL.eval_D( s, offs );
XY_D = CL.eval_D( s, offs );

% second derivative respect to s
[X_DD,Y_DD] = CL.eval_DD( s, offs );
XY_DD = CL.eval_DD( s, offs );

% third derivative respect to s
[X_DDD,Y_DDD] = CL.eval_DDD( s, offs );
XY_DDD = CL.eval_DDD( s, offs );

```



## ClothoisList

Store a list of clothoids to be used as a spline

documentation will be available soon, see examples in `tests-matlab` for the moments

## ClothoisSplineG2

Implements the algorithm described in references [2] and [3].

documentation will be available soon, see examples in `tests-matlab` for the moments

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