

# Chapter 2: Frame Fields

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## 1 Dot Product

### 1.1

(a)  $v \cdot w = 1(-1) + 2(0) + (-1)3 = -4$

(b)  $v \times w = 2(3)U_1 - (3 - 1)U_2 + (2)U_3 = 6U_1 - 2U_2 + 2U_3$

(c)  $v/||v|| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1, 2, -1)$ . and  $w/||w|| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(-1, 0, 3)$

(d)  $||v \times w|| = \sqrt{36 + 4 + 4} = \sqrt{44}$

(e)  $\cos \theta = \frac{v \cdot w}{||v|| ||w||} = \frac{-4}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{10}} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{15}}$

### 1.2

(a)  $d(p, q) = 0 \Leftrightarrow ||p - q|| = 0 \Leftrightarrow p - q = 0 \Leftrightarrow q = p$

(b)  $d(p, q) = ||p - q|| = |-1||q - p| = d(q, p)$

(c)  $d(p, q) + d(q, r) = ||p - q|| + ||q - r|| \geq ||p - q + q - r|| = ||p - r||$

### 1.3

$v = xe_1 + ye_2 + ze_3$ . Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} & 2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ -2/\sqrt{8} & 0 & 2/\sqrt{8} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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### 1.4

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} u \cdot (v \times w) &= (u_1U_1 + u_2U_2 + u_3U_3) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} U_1 & U_2 & U_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (u_1U_1 + u_2U_2 + u_3U_3) \cdot (D_1U_1 - D_2U_2 + D_3U_3) \\ &= D_1u_1 - D_2u_2 + D_3u_3 \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(b) By (a), the product is equal to the determinant, the 3 vectors are independent iff the determinant is non zero.

(c) By (a), the product is equal to the determinant, swapping any two vectors is equivalent to swapping the rows in the determinant which in turn changes the sign.

(d) This is equivalent to swapping the rows even numbers of times so the sign of the determinant is unchanged.

### 1.5

(a) Suppose  $v$  and  $w$  are linearly dependent, then  $v \times w = a(w \times w) = 0$ .

Now suppose  $v \times w = 0$ , then for any vector  $u$ ,  $u \cdot (v \times w) = \det(u, v, w) = 0$ . This means for any  $u$ ,  $u, v, w$  are linearly dependent. Since  $\mathbb{R}^3$  requires 3 vectors to span the space, there exists  $u$  such

that  $u$  is not linearly dependent with  $v$  and  $w$  yet the determinant of the three is 0. Therefore  $v, w$  are linearly dependent.

(b) Since  $v \times w = \|v\| \|w\| \sin \theta$ , by basic geometry,  $\|w\| \sin \theta$  is the height of the parallelogram and the  $\|v\|$  is the base of it. Therefore cross product is the area of the parallelogram formed by  $w, v$ .

## 1.6

Consider a matrix  $E$ , where its rows are denoted as  $e_1, e_2, e_3$ . Then

$$E^T E = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \cdot e_1 & e_1 \cdot e_2 & e_1 \cdot e_3 \\ e_2 \cdot e_1 & e_2 \cdot e_2 & e_2 \cdot e_3 \\ e_3 \cdot e_1 & e_3 \cdot e_2 & e_3 \cdot e_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

. If  $E$  is orthogonal matrix, then the product above is the identity matrix which means the  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  will need to satisfy the definition of a frame. If we take determinant on both side

$$\det\{E^T E\} = (\det E)^2 = 1$$

. Therefore  $\det E = \pm 1$ .

## 1.7

Take  $v_1 = (v \cdot u)u$  to be the projection along  $u$ . Then  $v = v_1 + v_2$  where  $v_2$  is defined by  $v - v_1$ . We just need to check their dot product.

$$v_1 \cdot v_2 = v_1 \cdot (v - v_1) = v_1 \cdot v - \|v_1\|^2 = (v \cdot u)u \cdot v - \|(v \cdot u)u\|^2 = (v \cdot u)^2(1 - \|u\|^2) = 0$$

Since  $u$  is unit vector.

## 1.8

For a parallelepiped formed by  $u, v, w$ , the volume is the height,  $h$  times the base parallelogram area  $A$ , formed by  $v, w$ .

$h$  can be found by projecting  $u$  onto the unit vector  $v \times w / \|v \times w\|$ . So  $h = u \cdot v \times w / \|v \times w\|$ .

$A$  is simply  $\|v \times w\|$ .

Therefore

$$V = hA = u \cdot \frac{v \times w}{\|v \times w\|} \|v \times w\| = u \cdot (v \times w)$$

## 1.9

(a) For any point  $p$  such that  $\|p\| < 1$ . There exists an  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\|p\| < 1 - \epsilon$ . Then we have an open ball  $B_\epsilon(p)$ . For any  $q$  in the open ball,

$$\|q\| = \|q - p + p\| \leq \|q - p\| + \|p\| < \epsilon + (1 - \epsilon) = 1$$

Therefore the open ball is a proper subset and hence  $\{p \mid \|p\| < 1\}$  is open.

(b)  $\{p \mid p_3 > 0\} = \mathbb{R}^2 \times H^+$ .  $H^+$  is open by the same argument from (a). Product of open sets is open in the induced product topology.

## 1.10

(a) closed. Sphere boundary points are closed.

(b) Open.  $p_3 \neq 0$  means  $\{p_3 > 0\} \cup \{p_3 < 0\}$ . And union of open sets is open from 1.9(b).

(c) Not open. This set is equal to the set of points on the plane constructed by  $p_1 = p_2$  minus the set of points on the line by  $p_1 = p_2 = p_3$ . For example  $(1, 1, 2)$  is a boundary point in the set. So not open.

(d) Open. Interior of a cylinder.

## 1.11

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} v \cdot (\nabla f(p)) &= \left\langle \sum_i v_i U_i, \sum_i \partial_i f U_i \right\rangle(p) \\ &= \sum_i v_i \partial_i f(p) \\ &= v[p] \\ &= (df)(v) \end{aligned}$$

(b) For a unit vector  $u$  at  $p$ ,  $u = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$  for some  $v$ . Therefore  $u[f] = \langle u, \nabla f \rangle \leq \frac{1}{\|v\|} |\langle v, \nabla f \rangle| \leq \frac{1}{\|v\|} \|v\| \|\nabla f\| = \|\nabla f\|$  by Cauchy Schwarz inequality. It achieves maximum when  $v = \nabla f$  which implies  $u = \frac{v}{\|v\|} = \frac{\nabla f}{\|\nabla f\|}$

## 1.12

Since  $f^2 + g^2 = 1$ , so  $f'f + g'g = 0$ . The derivative of  $U$ ,  $U' = fg' - gf'$ . Let  $K(t) = (f - \cos U)^2 + (g - \sin U)^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 K'/2 &= (f - \cos U)(f' + U' \sin U) + (g - \sin U)(g' - U' \cos U) \\
 &= ff' + fU' \sin U - f' \cos U - U' \sin U \cos U + gg' - gU' \cos U - g' \sin U + U' \sin U \cos U \\
 &= (ff' + g'g) + fU' \sin U - f' \cos U - gU' \cos U - g' \sin U \\
 &= fU' \sin U - f' \cos U - gU' \cos U - g' \sin U \\
 &= U'(f \sin U - g \cos U) - (f' \cos U + g' \sin U) \\
 &= (fg' - gf')(f \sin U - g \cos U) - (f' \cos U + g' \sin U) \\
 &= f^2g' \sin U - fgg' \cos U - gf'f \sin U + g^2f' \cos U - (f' \cos U + g' \sin U) \\
 &= f^2g' \sin U + f^2f' \cos U + g^2g' \sin U + g^2f' \cos U - (f' \cos U + g' \sin U) \\
 &= f^2(g' \sin U + f' \cos U) + g^2(g' \sin U + f' \cos U) - (g' \sin U + f' \cos U) \\
 &= (g' \sin U + f' \cos U)(f^2 + g^2 - 1) \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

The implies  $K(t) = (f - \cos U)^2 + (g - \sin U)^2 = \text{constant}$ . Let  $t = 0$ ,  $K(0) = (f(0) - \cos U_0)^2 + (g(0) - \sin U_0)^2 = 0$  since  $f(0) = \cos U_0$  and  $g(0) = \sin U_0$ . Therefore  $(f - \cos U)^2 + (g - \sin U)^2 = 0$  for all  $t$ . Hence  $f = \cos U$  and  $g = \sin U$ . ■

## 2 Curves

### 2.1

(a)  $\alpha(t) = (2t, t^2, t^3/3)$ ,  $v(t) = (2, 2t, t^2)$ ,  $|v(t)| = \sqrt{4 + 4t^2 + t^4} = 2 + t^2$  and  $a(t) = (0, 2, 2t)$ . Then  $v(1) = (2, 2, 1)$ ,  $|v(1)| = 3$  and  $a(1) = (0, 2, 2)$ .

(b)  $s(t) = \int_0^t |v(u)| du = \int_0^t 2 + u^2 du = 2t + t^3/3$

(c) Since  $|v(t)| = 2 + t^2$  is even function, so  $s = \int_{-1}^1 2 + u^2 du = 2 \int_0^1 2 + u^2 du = 2s(1) = 4 + 2/3$

### 2.2

Suppose  $|\alpha'(t)| = c$ , Then  $\alpha' \cdot \alpha' = c^2$ . Take derivative on both side,  $2\alpha' \cdot \alpha'' = 0$  so they are orthogonal.

Suppose  $\alpha' \cdot \alpha'' = 0$ , then  $c = \int 0 = \int \alpha' \cdot \alpha'' = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d}{dt}(\alpha' \cdot \alpha') dt = ||\alpha||^2/2$ . ■

### 2.3

$a(t) = (\cosh t, \sinh t, t)$ . Then  $a'(t) = (\sinh t, \cosh t, 1)$ . So

$$s(t) = \int_0^t |a'(t)| dt = \int_0^t \sqrt{\sinh^2 t + \cosh^2 t + 1} dt = \int_0^t \sqrt{2} \cosh t dt = \sqrt{2} \sinh t$$

So a unit length parameterization is  $t = \sinh^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$ .

$$\beta(s) = a(\sinh^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} \right)) = \left( 1 + \frac{s^2}{2}, \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}, \sinh^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right)$$

### 2.4

$a(t) = (2t, t^2, \log t)$ , take  $t = 1$  and  $t = 2$  the curve passes through both points. the length between the two point is  $l = \int_1^2 |a'(t)| dt = \int_1^2 \sqrt{4 + 4t^2 + 1/t^2} dt = \int_1^2 2t + 1/t dt = 3 + \log 2$

### 2.5

Suppose  $\alpha(s)$  with unit parameterization and  $\beta(s_1) = \alpha(s)$  is another unit parameterization ( $s(s_1)$ ). Then  $\frac{d\beta}{ds_1} = \frac{d\alpha}{ds} \frac{ds}{ds_1}$ . Take the norm on both side, by the unit length assumption, we get  $\left| \frac{ds}{ds_1} \right| = 1$ . Integrating both side gives us  $s = s_1 + C$ .

### 2.6

(a)  $Y(t) = -\cos t U_1 - \sin t U_2 - t U_3$

(b)  $Y(t) = (-\sin t, \cos t, 1) - (-\cos t, -\sin t, 0) = (\cos t - \sin t)U_1 + (\cos t + \sin t)U_2 + U_3$

(c)

$$a'(t) \times a''(t) = \begin{vmatrix} U_1 & U_2 & U_3 \\ -\sin t & \cos t & 1 \\ -\cos t & -\sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \sin t U_1 - \cos t U_2 + U_3$$

Then  $Y(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sin t U_1 - \cos t U_2 + U_3)$

(d)  $Y(t) = a(t+\pi) - a(t) = (-\cos t, -\sin t, t+\pi) - (\cos t, \sin t, t) = -2\cos t U_1 - 2\sin t U_2 + \pi U_3$

### 2.7

After parameterization,  $a(h(t))$  is now defined on  $t \in [c, d]$ . Then the new arc length is

$$s = \int_c^d \left| \frac{da}{dt} \right| dt = \int_c^d \left| \frac{da}{dh} \right| \left| \frac{dh}{dt} \right| dt$$

Only when  $\left|\frac{dh}{dt}\right|$  is monotone can we remove the absolute value. When we remove the absolute value, we get

$$s = \int_c^d \left| \frac{da}{dh} \right| \left| \frac{dh}{dt} \right| dt = \pm \int_c^d \left| \frac{da}{dh} \right| \frac{dh}{dt} dt = \pm \int_{h(c)}^{h(d)} \left| \frac{da}{dh} \right| dh = \pm \int_a^b \left| \frac{da}{dh} \right| dh$$

The last expression is exactly the definition of arc length of the original curve. ■

## 2.8

Let  $Y$  be a vector field on  $\alpha$  and  $h(t)$  be a parameterization of  $\alpha$ . For each  $t$ , there exists  $Y(t)$  as a vector on  $\alpha(t)$ . For each  $h$ , there exists  $t$  such that  $h = h(t)$ ,  $Y(h) = Y(h(t))$  is a tangent vector at  $\alpha(h(t))$ . Therefore  $Y(h)$  is a tangent vector at  $\alpha(h)$  hence a vector field on  $\alpha(h)$ .

By chain rule,

$$Y(h)' = \sum_i Y_i(h)' U_i = \sum_i Y_i'(h) h' U_i = h' Y'(h)$$
■

## 2.9

The integral for  $\alpha$  is

$$s = \int_0^\pi \sqrt{\cos^2 t + (2t \cos t - t^2 \sin t)^2 + 4 \cos^2(2t)} dt \approx 12.9153$$

The integral for  $\beta$  is

$$s = \int_0^\pi \sqrt{(2t \sin t + t^2 \cos t)^2 + 4t^2 + (2t + 2t \cos t - t^2 \sin t)^2} dt \approx 14.461$$

$\beta$  is longer.

## 2.10

If  $\alpha'$  and  $\beta'$  are parallel for all  $t$ , then they have the same tangent vector component.  $\alpha'_i(t) = \beta'_i(t)$  for all  $i$ . Integrating both side gives  $\alpha_i(t) = \beta_i(t) + c_i$ . Let  $p = (c_1, c_2, c_3)$ , then  $\alpha(t) = \beta(t) + p$ .

## 2.11

(a)  $L(\sigma) = |\sigma'(t)| = |-p + q| = d(p, q)$

(b) Perform Gram-schmidt on  $u$ , we get an orthonormal basis  $\{u, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ .  $\alpha'$  can be expressed in this new basis.  $\|\alpha'\| = \|\alpha'_u u + \sum_{i=2}^n \alpha'_i u_i\| = \sqrt{\|\alpha'_u\|^2 + \sum_{i=2}^n \|\alpha'_i\|^2} \geq \|\alpha'_u\| = \alpha' \cdot u$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\alpha) &= \int_a^b |\alpha'(t)| dt \\
&\geq \int_a^b \alpha'(t) \cdot u dt \\
&= \int_a^b \alpha'_u(t) dt \\
&= \alpha_u(b) - \alpha_u(a) \\
&= |p - q|
\end{aligned}$$

The last equality holds because we use basis  $\{u, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ .  $p$  and  $q$  both lies on the line  $p + tu$  So  $\alpha(a) = p = (\alpha_u(a), 0, 0)$  and  $\alpha(b) = q = (\alpha_u(b), 0, 0)$ .

(c)\*

### 3 The Frenet Formula

#### 3.1

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta(s) &= \left(\frac{4}{5} \cos s, 1 - \sin s, -\frac{3}{5} \cos s\right) \\
T(s) &= \beta'(s) = \left(-\frac{4}{5} \sin s, -\cos s, \frac{3}{5} \sin s\right) \\
T'(s) &= \left(-\frac{4}{5} \cos s, \sin s, \frac{3}{5} \cos s\right) \\
\kappa &= |T'(s)| = 1 \\
N &= T'/\kappa = T'
\end{aligned}$$

$B = T \times N = (-3/5, -4/5)$ . Base on Frenet Formula,  $B' = 0 = -\tau N \Rightarrow \tau = 0$ .

$\beta$  is planar and has constant curvature. Therefore it is a circle. To find its center, note that  $s$  has a period of  $2\pi$  and since it is unit speed, we can find center as the midpoint of two points  $s = 0$  and  $s = \pi$  on the circle.

$\beta(0) = (4/5, 1, -3/5)$  and  $\beta(\pi) = (-4/5, 1, 3/5)$ . So the center is  $(0, 1, 0)$ . It's radius is 1.

#### 3.2

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta(s) &= \left(\frac{(1+s)^{3/2}}{3}, \frac{(1-s)^{3/2}}{3}, \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \\
T &= \beta'(s) = (\sqrt{1+s}/2, -\sqrt{1-s}/2, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) \\
T' &= \left(\frac{1}{4\sqrt{1+s}}, \frac{1}{4\sqrt{1-s}}, 0\right) \\
\kappa &= |T'| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8(1+s)(1-s)}}
\end{aligned}$$



$$N = T'/\kappa = \left( \sqrt{(1-s)/2}, \sqrt{(1+s)/2}, 0 \right)$$

$$B = T \times N = \left( -\sqrt{1+s}/2, \sqrt{1-s}/2, 1/\sqrt{2} \right)$$

### 3.3

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### 3.4

use  $T, N, B$  are orthonormal basis which is equivalent to the  $i, j, k$  canonical basis. The identities follow.

### 3.5

$$A = \tau T + \kappa B$$

Using Frenet's formula and identities from exercise 3.4, we have

$$A \times T = \tau T \times T + \kappa B \times T = \kappa B \times T = \kappa N = T'$$

$$A \times B = \tau T \times B + \kappa B \times B = -\tau N = B'$$

$$A \times N = \tau T \times N + \kappa B \times N = \tau B - \kappa T = N'$$

### 3.6

Suppose  $\gamma(s) = c + r \cos \frac{s}{r} e_1 + r \sin \frac{s}{r} e_2$ .

We will find the torsion of  $\gamma$ .

$$T_\gamma = \gamma'(s) = -\sin \frac{s}{r} e_1 + \cos \frac{s}{r} e_2$$

$$T'_\gamma = \gamma''(s) = -\frac{1}{r} \cos \frac{s}{r} e_1 - \frac{1}{r} \sin \frac{s}{r} e_2$$

$$\kappa = \|T'_\gamma\| = \frac{1}{r}$$

$$N_\gamma = T'_\gamma / \kappa = r T'_\gamma$$

$$B_\gamma = T_\gamma \times N_\gamma = e_3$$

$$\tau N_\gamma = B'_\gamma = 0 \Rightarrow \tau = 0$$

$\tau = 0$  implies  $\gamma$  is planar.

Let  $\gamma(0) = \beta(0)$ ,  $\gamma'(0) = \beta'(0)$  and  $\gamma''(0) = \beta''(0)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}\beta(0) &= c + re_1 \\ T(0) &= \beta'(0) = e_2 \\ T'(0) &= \beta''(0) = -\frac{1}{r}e_1 \\ \kappa(0) &= \|T'(0)\| = \frac{1}{r} \\ N(0) &= T'(0)/\kappa = -e_1 \\ B(0) &= T(0) \times N(0) = e_2 \times e_1 = -e_3\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\gamma$  is planar, we just need to show  $B(0)$  is perpendicular to the difference between any two points on  $\gamma$ , so

$$B(0) \cdot (\gamma(0) - \gamma(s)) = -e_3 \cdot (r - r \cos \frac{s}{r}e_1 - r \sin \frac{s}{r}e_2) = 0$$

$\gamma$  lies on the osculating plane at  $\beta(0)$ .

Now we can calculate  $c$  and  $r$  for the circle.

$$\beta''(0) \cdot \beta''(0) = \frac{1}{r^2} \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{\|\beta''(0)\|}$$

$$c = \beta(0) - re_1 = \beta(0) + r^2\beta''(0) = \beta(0) + \frac{\beta''(0)}{\beta''(0) \cdot \beta''(0)}$$

### 3.7

Let  $\alpha(s)$  be unit speed curves and  $h(s)$  be unit length parameterization and  $\bar{\alpha} = \alpha(h)$ .

(a) Taking the derivative on both side wrt to  $u$ ,  $\bar{\alpha}' = \alpha'(h)h'$ . Since both tangents are unit length, by taking the norm on both side we have  $|h'| = 1 \Rightarrow h = \pm s + s_0$ .

(b)

$$\bar{T} = \bar{\alpha}' = \alpha'(h)h' = \pm\alpha'(h) = \pm T(h).$$

$$\bar{N} = \bar{T}' = \alpha''(h)h'h' + \alpha'(h)h'' = (\pm)^2\alpha''(h) = N(h)$$

$$\bar{\kappa} = |\bar{T}'| = |N'(h)| = \kappa(h)$$

$$\bar{B} = \bar{T} \times \bar{N} = \pm T(h) \times N(h) = \pm B(h)$$

$$-\bar{\tau}\bar{N} = \bar{B}' = \pm B'(h)h' = B'(h) = -\tau(h)N(h) \Rightarrow \bar{\tau} = \tau(h)$$

### 3.8

(a) Since  $T' = \tilde{\kappa}N$ , take dot product of  $N$  on both side gives  $\tilde{\kappa} = T' \cdot N$ .

From definition of  $N$  being vertical to  $T$ ,  $N, T$  form a basis. So  $N' = aN + bT$ . Note that  $N \cdot N = 1$ . Take derivative on both sides gives  $N' \cdot N = 0$ . Therefore we know  $a = 0$ . So  $T, N'$  are collinear,  $N' = bT$ . Multiply by  $T$  on both side,  $b = T \cdot N'$ .

To find  $b$ , we take derivative of  $T \cdot N = 0$ , which gives

$$\begin{aligned} T' \cdot N + N' \cdot T &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (\tilde{\kappa}N) \cdot N + b &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow b &= -\tilde{\kappa} \end{aligned}$$

. Therefore  $N' = -\tilde{\kappa}T$

(b) Suppose  $T = (x', y') = (\cos \psi, \sin \psi)$ ,  $N = (-y', x') = (-\sin \psi, \cos \psi)$  and  $N' = (-\psi' \cos \psi, -\psi' \sin \psi)$ . From (a),  $\tilde{\kappa} = -T \cdot N' = \psi'$

(c) Regardless of the sign for  $t/r$ , both curves gives  $T = (\sin \frac{t}{r}, \cos(\frac{t}{r}))$  due to chain rule. So  $\tilde{\kappa} = \psi' = \frac{1}{r}$  in both cases independent of the orientation.

(d)

### 3.9

Skipping the sketch.

### 3.10

(a)  $(\alpha - c)(\alpha - c) = r^2$ , then  $(\alpha - c)'(\alpha - c) = T \cdot (\alpha - c) = 0$ . This implement  $\alpha - c = aN + bB$ . for some  $a$  and  $b$ . Take derivative on both side.

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha' &= a'N + aN' + b'B + bB' \\ \Rightarrow T &= a'N + a(-\kappa T + \tau B) + b'B - b\tau N \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= (a' - b\tau)N + (-1 - a\kappa)T + (a\tau + b')B \\ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a' - b\tau = 0 \\ -1 - a\kappa = 0 \\ a\tau + b' = 0 \end{cases} &\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = -\frac{1}{\kappa} = -\rho \\ b = \frac{a'}{\tau} = -\rho'\sigma \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\alpha - c = -\rho N - \rho'\sigma B$

(b) We need to find a fixed point  $c$  such that  $|\alpha - c| = r$ . From (a), we have  $\alpha - c = -\rho N - \rho'\sigma B$ . So  $c = \alpha + \rho N + \rho'\sigma B$  is a candidate, we just need to show  $c$  is constant, in other word  $c' = 0$ .

Taking the derivative of  $c$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
c' &= \alpha' + \rho'N + \rho N' + (\rho'\sigma)'B + \rho'\sigma B' \\
&= T + \rho'N + \rho(-\kappa T + \tau B) + (\rho'\sigma)'B - \rho'\sigma\tau N \\
&= T + \rho'N + \rho\left(-\frac{1}{\rho}T + \frac{1}{\sigma}B\right) + (\rho'\sigma)'B - \rho'\sigma\frac{1}{\sigma}N \\
&= \left(\frac{\rho}{\sigma} + (\rho'\sigma)'\right)B
\end{aligned}$$

Note that we assume  $\rho^2 + (\rho'\sigma)^2 = r^2$ . Taking the derivative on both side gives  $(\rho'\sigma)' = -\frac{\rho}{\sigma}$ . Substituting the expression for  $c'$  above gives  $c' = 0$ . Therefore  $c$  is a fixed point. ■

### 3.11

If  $B = \bar{B}$ , then  $B' = \bar{B}' \Rightarrow \tau N = \bar{\tau}\bar{N}$ .  $N, \bar{N}$  are colinear. Since they are also unit vector,  $|\tau| = |\bar{\tau}| \Rightarrow \tau = \pm\bar{\tau} \Rightarrow N = \pm\bar{N}$ . Since  $T \times N = B$ , by cross product property for basis,  $T = N \times B$ . So we end up with  $T = \pm\bar{T}$ . By 2.10,  $\beta$  is either parallel to  $\bar{\beta}$  or  $\bar{\beta}$  with  $-s$  parameterization.

## 4 Arbitrary speed curves

### 4.1

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha &= (2t, t^2, t^3/3) \\
 \alpha' &= (2, 2t, t^2) \\
 |\alpha'| &= \sqrt{4 + 4t^2 + t^4} = 2 + t^2 \\
 \alpha'' &= (0, 2, 2t) \\
 \alpha''' &= (0, 0, 2) \\
 \alpha' \times \alpha'' &= (2t^2, -4t, 4) \\
 |\alpha' \times \alpha''| &= \sqrt{4t^4 + 16t^2 + 16} = 2t^2 + 4 \\
 T &= \frac{\alpha'}{|\alpha'|} = \frac{1}{2 + t^2} (2, 2t, t^2) \\
 B &= \frac{\alpha' \times \alpha''}{|\alpha' \times \alpha''|} = \frac{1}{2(t^2 + 2)} (2t^2, -4t, 4) \\
 N &= B \times T = \frac{1}{2(t^2 + 2)} (-4t, -2(t^2 - 2), 4t) \\
 \kappa &= \frac{|\alpha' \times \alpha''|}{|\alpha'|^3} = \frac{2t^2 + 4}{(2 + t^2)^3} = \frac{2}{(t^2 + 2)^2} \\
 \tau &= \frac{(\alpha' \times \alpha'') \cdot \alpha'''}{|\alpha' \times \alpha''|^2} = \frac{2}{(t^2 + 2)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(2) &= \frac{1}{6}(2, 4, 4) = \frac{1}{3}(1, 2, 2) \\
 N(2) &= \frac{1}{12}(-8, -4, 8) = \frac{1}{3}(-2, -1, 2) \\
 B(2) &= \frac{1}{12}(8, -8, 4) = \frac{1}{3}(2, -2, 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) As  $t \Rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_\infty &= (0, 0, 1) \\
 B_\infty &= (1, 0, 0) \\
 N_\infty &= (0, -1, 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

## 4.2

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha(t) &= (\cosh t, \sinh t, t) \\
\alpha'(t) &= (\sinh t, \cosh t, 1) \\
\alpha''(t) &= (\cosh t, \sinh t, 0) \\
\alpha'''(t) &= (\sinh t, \cosh t, 0) \\
|\alpha'(t)| &= \sqrt{\cosh^2 t + \sinh^2 t + 1} = \sqrt{2} \cosh t \\
\alpha' \times \alpha'' &= (-\sinh t, \cosh t, -1) \\
s(t) &= \int_{u=0}^t |\alpha'(u)| du = \sqrt{2} \sinh(u) \Big|_0^t = \sqrt{2} \sinh(t) \\
\kappa &= \frac{|\alpha' \times \alpha''|}{|\alpha'(t)|^3} = \frac{1}{2 \cosh^2 t} = \frac{1}{2 + s^2} \\
\tau &= \frac{1}{2 \cosh^2 t} = \frac{1}{2 + s^2}
\end{aligned}$$

So  $\kappa(0) = \tau(0) = 1/2$ .

## 4.3

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha &= (t \cos t, t \sin t, t) \\
\alpha' &= (\cos t - t \sin t, \sin t + t \cos t, 1) \\
\alpha'' &= (-2 \sin t - t \cos t, 2 \cos t - t \sin t, 0) \\
\alpha''' &= (-3 \cos t + t \sin t, -3 \sin t - t \cos t, 0) \\
\alpha'''(0) &= (-3, 0, 0) \\
\alpha'(0) \times \alpha''(0) &= (1, 0, 1) \times (0, 2, 0) = (-2, 0, 2) \\
T(0) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 0, 1) \\
B(0) &= \frac{(-2, 0, 2)}{|(-2, 0, 2)|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1, 0, 1) \\
N(0) &= B(0) \times T(0) = (0, 1, 0) \\
\kappa(0) &= \frac{|(-2, 0, 2)|}{|(1, 0, 1)|^3} = 1 \\
\tau(0) &= (-2, 0, 2) \cdot (-3, 0, 0) / |(-2, 0, 2)|^2 = \frac{3}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

#### 4.4

Since  $\alpha' = vT$ , then  $\alpha'' = v'T + vT'$ . By Frenet's formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow T' = \kappa v N \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{\alpha'}{v}\right)' = \kappa v N \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \alpha'' v - \alpha' v' = \kappa v^3 N \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{\alpha''}{v} \cdot (\alpha'' v - \alpha' v') = \frac{\alpha''}{v} \cdot (\kappa v^3 N) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow |\alpha''|^2 - \alpha'' \cdot \alpha' \frac{v'}{v} = \kappa v^2 (\alpha'' \cdot N) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow |\alpha''|^2 - (v'T + vT') \cdot T v' = \kappa v^2 ((v'T + vT') \cdot N) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow |\alpha''|^2 - (v')^2 = \kappa v^3 (T' \cdot N) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow |\alpha''|^2 - (v')^2 = \kappa v^3 (\kappa v N \cdot N) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow |\alpha''|^2 - (v')^2 = \kappa^2 v^4
 \end{aligned}$$

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#### 4.5

Given  $|\alpha'| = c$  where  $c$  is constant. We have  $T = \frac{\alpha'}{c}$  obviously.

By Frenet's equation,  $T' = \frac{\alpha''}{c} = \kappa c N$ . Given  $\kappa > 0$ .  $N$  has the same direction of  $\alpha''$  therefore  $N = \frac{\alpha''}{|\alpha''|}$ . And we can find  $\kappa = \frac{|\alpha''|}{c^2}$  by substituting  $N$  back in.

$B = T \times N = \alpha' \times \alpha'' / (c|\alpha'|)$  and  $\tau$  follows.

#### 4.6

By definition of cylindrical helix,  $u$  is a unit fixed vector such that  $T \cdot u = \cos \theta$  for some constant  $\theta$ . If we take derivative on both side, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow T' \cdot u + T \cdot u' = 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow T' \cdot u = 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \kappa v N \cdot u = 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow N \cdot u = 0 \quad \text{Regularity} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow N \perp u \\
 &\Leftrightarrow u = aT + bB
 \end{aligned}$$

We can take derivative of  $N \cdot u = 0$  and we get

$$N' \cdot u = (-\kappa v T + \tau v B) \cdot (aT + bB) = -\kappa a + \tau b = 0 \Rightarrow b = \frac{\kappa a}{\tau}$$

On the other hand,  $T \cdot u = \cos \theta$  implies  $a = \cos \theta$ . So  $b = \frac{\kappa \cos \theta}{\tau}$ . The fact that  $u$  is unit vector gives an expression of  $\theta$ .

$$a^2 + b^2 = \cos^2 \theta + \frac{\kappa^2 \cos^2 \theta}{\tau^2} = 1 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{\kappa^2 + \tau^2}}$$

Therefore

$$u = aT + bB = \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{\kappa^2 + \tau^2}}T + \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{\kappa^2 + \tau^2}}B$$

## 5 Covariant Derivative

### 5.1

$$p + tv = (1, 3, -1) + t(1, -1, 2) = (1 + t, 3 - t, -1 + 2t)$$

$$(a) W = x^2U_1 + yU_2.$$

$$W(p + tv)'(0) = ((1 + t)^2U_1 + (3 - t)U_2)'(0) = (2(1 + t)U_1 - U_2)(0) = 2U_1 - U_2$$

$$(b) W = xU_1 + x^2U_2 - z^2U_3$$

$$W(p + tv)'(0) = ((1 + t)U_1 + (1 + t)^2U_2 - (2t - 1)^2U_3)'(0) = U_1 + 2U_2 + 4U_3$$

### 5.2

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_V W &= \sum_i V[W_i]U_i \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j v_j \frac{\partial W_i}{\partial x_j} U_i \\ &= \left( \sum_i v_i \partial_i W_1 \right) U_1 + \left( \sum_i v_i \partial_i W_2 \right) U_2 + \left( \sum_i v_i \partial_i W_3 \right) U_3 \\ &= y \sin x U_1 - y \cos x U_2 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\nabla_V V = -yU_3$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_V(z^2W) &= V[z^2]W + z^2\nabla_V W \\ &= 2xzW + z^2(y \sin x U_1 - y \cos x U_2) \\ &= (2xz \cos x + z^2 y \sin x)U_1 + (\sin x - z^2 y \cos x)U_2 \end{aligned}$$



(d)

$$\nabla_W(V) = W_2 \partial_2(-y)U_1 + W_1 \partial_1(x)U_3 = -\sin x U_1 + \cos x U_3$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_V(\nabla_V W) &= \nabla_V(y \sin x U_1 - y \cos x U_2) \\ &= -y^2 \cos x U_1 - y^2 \sin x U_2\end{aligned}$$

(f)

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_V(xV - zW) &= \nabla_V(xV) - \nabla_V(zW) \\ &= V[x]V + x\nabla_V V - V[z]W - z\nabla_V W \\ &= -yV + x\nabla_V V - xW - z\nabla_V W \\ &= (y^2 - x \cos x - zy \sin x)U_1 \\ &\quad + (-x \sin x - zy \cos x)U_2 \\ &\quad + (-2xy)U_3\end{aligned}$$

### 5.3

If  $|W| = \sum_i W_i^2 = c$ , then  $\sum_i W_i \partial_j W_i = 0$  for any  $j$ .

$$\nabla_V W \cdot W = \sum_i \sum_j v_j W_i \partial_j W_i = \sum_j v_j \sum_i W_i \partial_j W_i = \sum_j v_j 0 = 0$$

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### 5.4

$$\nabla_V X = \sum_i \sum_j V_j \partial_j X_i U_i = \sum_i \sum_j V_j \delta_{ij} U_i = \sum_i V_i U_i = V$$

### 5.5

$$\nabla_{\alpha'} W = \sum_i \sum_j \frac{d\alpha_j}{dt} \frac{\partial W_i(\alpha(t))}{\partial x_j} U_i = \sum_i \sum_j \frac{d\alpha_j}{dt} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial \alpha_j} \frac{\partial W_i(\alpha(t))}{\partial x_j} U_i = \sum_i \frac{dW_i(\alpha(t))}{dt} U_i = (W_\alpha)'(t)$$

## 6 Frame Fields

### 6.1

By definition of cross product,  $E_3 \perp E_2$ ,  $E_3 \perp E_1$ . Since  $V$  and  $W$  are linearly independent,  $W$  is linearly independent with  $E_1$  as well,  $W = aE_1 + bE_1^\perp$  where  $E_1^\perp$  is not 0 and  $a = W \cdot E_1$ ,  $b = W \cdot E_1^\perp$ . From the definition of  $\tilde{W}$ , we see  $\tilde{W} = E_1^\perp \perp E_1$ . So  $E_2 \perp E_1$ .

## 6.2

To express in terms of cylindrical frame, we just need to calculate  $M^{-1}v$  where

$$M^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

For spherical frame,

$$M^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & -\sin \phi \cos \theta \\ \cos \phi \sin \theta & \cos \theta & -\sin \phi \sin \theta \\ \sin \phi & 0 & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

(a)

$$v = (1, 0, 0)^T$$

(b)

$$v = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta, 1)^T$$

(c)

$$v = (x, y, z)^T$$

## 6.3

Since  $E_1 = (\cos x, \sin x \cos z, \sin x \sin z)$ , this is just a variant of spherical frame. Let  $E_2 = (-\sin x, \cos x \cos z, \cos x \sin z)$ . Then  $E_2 \cdot E_1 = -\sin x \cos x + \sin x \cos x (\cos^2 z + \sin^2 z) = 0$ ,  $|E_2| = 1$ .  $E_3 = E_1 \times E_2 = (0, -\sin z, \cos z)$

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