

# DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

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# Prerequisites

## SECTION 1

### Matrices

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**Theorem 1** To prove a system of vectors  $\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_n\}$  is free we prove:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \left| \begin{smallmatrix} \vec{u}_1 \\ \vec{u}_2 \\ \vec{u}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{u}_n \end{smallmatrix} \right| \end{bmatrix} \neq 0.$$

**Theorem 2** A transition matrix  $P_{B \rightarrow B'}$  between 2 basis  $B = \{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3\}$  and  $B' = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  we start by solving the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \left| \begin{smallmatrix} \vec{u}_1 \\ \vec{u}_2 \\ \vec{u}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{u}_n \end{smallmatrix} \right| \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_n \\ \beta_n \\ \gamma_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \left| \begin{smallmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ \vec{v}_3 \end{smallmatrix} \right| \end{bmatrix}.$$

or in other words finding

$$\begin{cases} \vec{v}_1 = \alpha_1 \vec{u}_1 + \beta_1 \vec{u}_2 + \gamma_1 \vec{u}_3 \\ \vec{v}_2 = \alpha_2 \vec{u}_1 + \beta_2 \vec{u}_2 + \gamma_2 \vec{u}_3 \\ \vec{v}_3 = \alpha_3 \vec{u}_1 + \beta_3 \vec{u}_2 + \gamma_3 \vec{u}_3 \end{cases}.$$

Finally we say that

$$P_{B \rightarrow B'} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & \gamma_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Remark* To find the transition matrix in the inverse direction (from  $B'$  to  $B$ ) we simply do

$$P_{B' \rightarrow B} = P_{B \rightarrow B'}^{-1}.$$

## SECTION 2

### Vectors

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**Definition 1** We define an operation called the scalar product (dot product)

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\vec{u}, \vec{v} \longmapsto \langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \cdot u_i.$$

**Definition 2** We define the usual norm on  $\mathbb{R}$  to be

$$\| \cdot \| : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\vec{u} \longmapsto \|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{\langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle}.$$

**Theorem 3** The projection of a vector  $\vec{u}$  on to another vector  $\vec{v}$  is

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{v}}(\vec{u}) = \frac{\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle}{\|\vec{v}\|^2} \vec{v}.$$

#### SUBSECTION 2.1

### GramSchmidt process

The aim of this process is to find a new basis  $\Gamma = \{\hat{e}_1, \hat{e}_2, \dots, \hat{e}_n\}$  derived from a basis  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  such that it is orthonormal or in other words

$$\forall \hat{x}, \hat{y} \in \Gamma : \langle \hat{x}, \hat{y} \rangle = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|\hat{x}\| = 1.$$

We find it as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}_1 &= \vec{v}_1 & \hat{e}_1 &= \frac{\vec{u}_1}{\|\vec{u}_1\|} \\ \vec{u}_2 &= \vec{v}_2 - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}_1}(\vec{v}_2) & \hat{e}_2 &= \frac{\vec{u}_2}{\|\vec{u}_2\|} \\ \vec{u}_3 &= \vec{v}_3 - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}_1}(\vec{v}_3) - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}_2}(\vec{v}_3) & \hat{e}_3 &= \frac{\vec{u}_3}{\|\vec{u}_3\|} \\ &\vdots & & \\ \vec{u}_n &= \vec{v}_n - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}_1}(\vec{v}_n) - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}_2}(\vec{v}_n) - \dots - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}_{n-1}}(\vec{v}_n) & \hat{e}_n &= \frac{\vec{u}_n}{\|\vec{u}_n\|} \end{aligned}$$

# Conics and Quadrics

## SECTION 3

### Conics

We define a quadric form to be a mapping  $q$

$$q : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\vec{u} \longmapsto q(\vec{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & {}^t\vec{u} & \text{---} \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix} \vec{u}.$$

Where the matrix  $A$  is a symmetric matrix.<sup>1</sup>

The conics under study are

<sup>1</sup>symmetric matrices ( $A = {}^tA$ ) is always diagonalizable

$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$	ellipse (circle if $a = b$ )
$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = -1$	imaginary ellipse
$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \pm 1$	hyperbola with asymptote $y = \pm \frac{b}{a}x$
$\left. \begin{array}{l} y^2 = \pm 2px \quad p > 0 \\ x^2 = \pm 2py \quad p > 0 \end{array} \right\}$	parabolas
$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 0$	union of two straight lines
$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = \text{const} \\ y = \text{const} \end{array} \right\}$	straight lines

#### SUBSECTION 3.1

### Identification of the conics

Let the general equation of all conics be:

$$\Gamma : ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 + 2dx + 2ey + f = 0.$$

- if  $b = 0$ : then we simply group together the terms  $x^2$  and  $x$  as well as  $y^2$  and  $y$  followed by completing the square to get an equation of a conic.
- if  $b \neq 0$ : in this case we have to introduce a new system of reference which eliminates the existence of  $xy$   
We do this by first defining a quadratic form  $q(x, y) = ax^2 + 2bxy +$

$cy^2$  using a matrix

$$q(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

which we diagonalize in to an or tho normal age-basis which we project our equation in to in order to get rid of the  $xy$  term

*Example* Find the nature of the conic

$$\Gamma : 5x^2 - 4xy + 8y^2 + \frac{20}{\sqrt{5}}x - \frac{80}{\sqrt{5}}y + 4 = 0.$$

Let  $q(x, y) = 5x^2 - 4xy + 8y^2 = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = {}^t \vec{u} A \vec{u}$ . We find that the matrix  $A$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 4$  and  $\lambda_2 = 9$  with eigenvalues  $\vec{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ , the age vectors are already orthogonal so we just find  $\vec{e}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{e}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ , finally

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & \\ & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We define  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$  to be any vector with basis  $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = P \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\alpha - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(2\alpha - \beta) \\ y &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\alpha + \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(\alpha + 2\beta) \end{aligned}$$

now we substitute  $x$  and  $y$  with  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  into  $\Gamma$  and we manipulate the expression until we get

$$\frac{(x-1)^2}{9} + \frac{(y-2)^2}{4} = 1.$$

$\therefore \Gamma$  is an ellipse.

SUBSECTION 3.2

**Tangent to a conic at point  $B$**

**Theorem 4**

The normal to vector to a conic  $\Gamma$

$$\Gamma : ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 + 2dx + 2ey + f = 0.$$

at a point  $B \in \Gamma$  is defined to be

$$\nabla f(B) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x_B, y_B)} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Big|_{(x_B, y_B)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

where  $f(x, y) = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 + 2dx + 2ey + f = 0$

The equation of a tangent to a conic at a point  $B$  is

$$a(x - x_B) + b(y - y_B) = 0.$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are respectively the  $x$  and  $y$  components of the normal vector at  $B$

## SECTION 4

## Quadrics

**Definition 3**

A quadric is any surface in 3D space with an equation of the form:

$$\underbrace{ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2dyz + 2exy + 2fxy}_{q(x,y,z): \text{quadratic form of 3 variables}} + \underbrace{gx + hy + iz}_{\text{linear part}} + \underbrace{j}_{\text{constant}} = 0.$$

The quadrics under study are<sup>2</sup>

$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Ellipsoid
$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Hyperboliod of one sheet
$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = -1$	Hyperboliod of 2 sheets
$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 0$	Asymptote cone
$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 2pz$	Hyperbolic paraboloid
$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = z^2$	Elliptic cone

<sup>2</sup>if  $a = b$  the surface is a surface of revolution of axis ( $Oz$ )

If a one of variables is missing in the equation then the surface is said to be "(Conic name)-ic Cylinder". For example "Hyperbolic cylinder",



"Circular cylinder", and "Elliptical cylinder"

# Parametric Curves

A vector function/parametric curve is a function of the form

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\mathbf{F}} : \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ t &\longmapsto \vec{\mathbf{F}}(t) = (x(t), y(t)).\end{aligned}$$

With a domain of definition  $\mathbb{D}_{\vec{\mathbf{F}}} = \mathbb{D}_x \cap \mathbb{D}_y$

*Remark* The length of a curve when  $t \in [a, b]$  is

$$\int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2} dt.$$

## SECTION 5

### Symmetry

Consider the domain of definition to be  $\mathbb{R}$ .

If a function is even ( $f(-x) = f(x)$ ) or odd ( $f(-x) = -f(x)$ ) the domain of study  $\mathbb{D}_S$  is only  $[0, +\infty[$ , and it is symmetric with respect to some axis. (refer to the table)

If a curve  $x(t+T) = x(t)$  and  $y(t+T) = y(t)$  then the curve is  $T$ -periodic.

Then the domain of study  $\mathbb{D}_S = [0, T] \cap \mathbb{D}_{\vec{\mathbf{F}}}$  or  $= \left[-\frac{T}{2}, \frac{T}{2}\right] \cap \mathbb{D}_{\vec{\mathbf{F}}}$ .

*Remark* The tangent line of a curve at  $t = t_0$  is

$$-y'(t_0)(x - x(t_0)) + x'(t_0)(y - y(t_0)) = 0.$$

and the normal is

$$x'(t_0)(x - x(t_0)) + y'(t_0)(y - y(t_0)) = 0.$$

## SECTION 6

### Infinite Branches

- If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} x(t) = \pm\infty$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} y(t) = y_0$  then the line  $y = y_0$  is a horizontal asymptote.
- If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} x(t) = x_0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} y(t) = \pm\infty$  then the line  $x = x_0$  is a vertical asymptote.

$\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \end{array}$	Even	Odd
Even	None	$y$ -axis
Odd	$x$ -axis	Center $O$

**Table 1.** Axis of symmetry of  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}(t)$  depending on the nature of  $x$  and  $y$ .

- If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} x(t) = \pm\infty$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} y(t) = \pm\infty$  then we study  $\frac{y(t)}{x(t)}$ 
  - If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{y(t)}{x(t)} = \pm\infty$  then the curve admits a parabolic directed by  $(Oy)$ .
  - If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{y(t)}{x(t)} = 0$  then the curve admits a parabolic directed by  $(Ox)$ .
  - If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{y(t)}{x(t)} = a \in \mathbb{R}^*$  then we study  $y(t) - ax(t)$ 
    - \* If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} y(t) - ax(t) = b \in \mathbb{R}$  then the curve admits an oblique asymptote  $y = ax + b$
    - \* If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} y(t) - ax(t) = \pm\infty$  then the curve admits an asymptotic direction  $y = ax$

## SECTION 7

# Particular Points

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A point is said to be stationary if  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}'(t) = 0$ , regular if  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}'(t) \neq 0$ , and biregular if  $\det(\vec{\mathbf{F}}'(t), \vec{\mathbf{F}}''(t)) \neq 0$ .

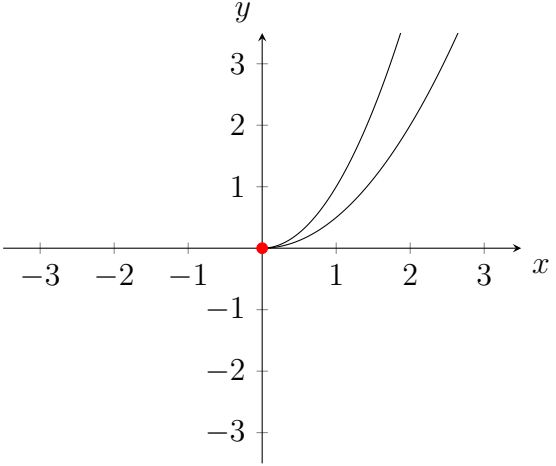
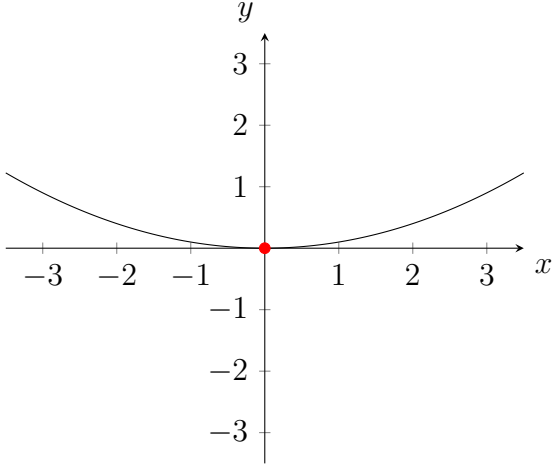
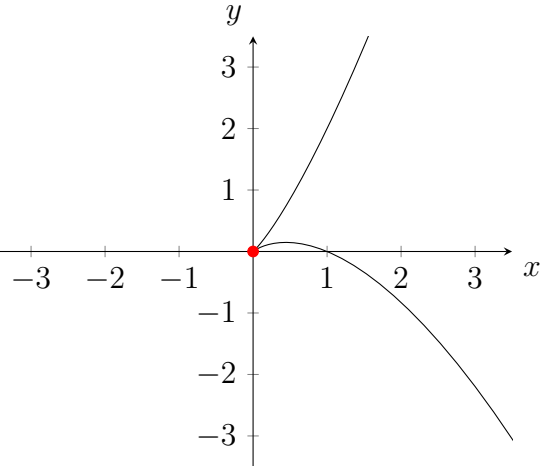
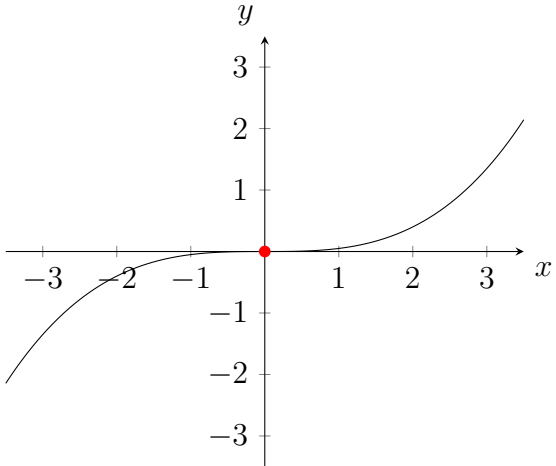
The first non zero vector in the set  $\{\vec{\mathbf{F}}'(t), \vec{\mathbf{F}}''(t), \vec{\mathbf{F}}'''(t), \dots, \vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(k)}(t)\}$  is  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(p)}$  is used to define the tangent vector to the curve

$$\vec{\mathbf{T}}(t) = \frac{\vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(p)}(t)}{\|\vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(p)}(t)\|}.$$

$$(T) : y = \frac{y^{(p)}(t)}{x^{(p)}(t)}(x - x(t)) + y(t).$$

*Remark*

- $\vec{\mathbf{F}}'(t_0) = 0 \implies t = t_0$  is a stationary point (reflection point of 1/2 kind).
- $\vec{\mathbf{F}}'(t_0) \neq 0 \implies t = t_0$  is an inflection point or normal shape point.
- $\det(\vec{\mathbf{F}}'(t_0), \vec{\mathbf{F}}''(t_0)) = 0 \implies t = t_0$  is a reflection or inflection point (not biregular).

$q \backslash p$	Even	Odd
Even		
Odd		

# Parametric Curves and Surfaces in 3D

## SECTION 8

### 3D Curves

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A parametric is defined using a vector function

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The rules of limits, continuity, and differentiability all hold if they also hold on the individual components  $(x(t), y(t), z(t))$

$$d\vec{\mathbf{F}}(t) = \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{k}}.$$

*Remark* If  $\|\vec{\mathbf{F}}(t)\| = \text{cst}$  then  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}(t) \perp \frac{d\vec{\mathbf{F}}(t)}{dt}$  for all  $t$

#### SUBSECTION 8.1

### Tangent and Normal Vectors

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The tangent  $(T_0)$  to a curve at a point  $t = t_0$  is directed by

$$\frac{d\vec{\mathbf{F}}(t)}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} dx/dt \\ dy/dt \\ dz/dt \end{pmatrix}.$$

The normal plane of a curve is the plane who is perpendicular to the tangent plane. The normal vector of this plane is the directing vector the to the tangent plane.

#### SUBSECTION 8.2

### Osculating Plane

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The osculating plane to a curve  $\Gamma$  is the plane  $(\pi)$  directed by the 2 vectors  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(p)}(t_0)$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(q)}(t_0)$  where

$$\begin{cases} \vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(p)}(t) & \text{first non-zero derivative vector} \\ \vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(q)}(t) & \text{first non-zero derivative vector which isn't collinear to } \vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(p)}(t) \text{ where } q > p \end{cases}.$$

The plane has an equation at a point  $M_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$

$$\det\left(\overrightarrow{M_0\mathbf{F}}(t), \vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(p)}(t), \vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(q)}(t)\right) = \begin{vmatrix} x-x_0 & a & d \\ y-y_0 & b & e \\ z-z_0 & c & f \end{vmatrix} = \alpha(x-x_0) + \beta(y-y_0) + \gamma(z-z_0) = 0.$$

where

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(p)}(t) \times \vec{\mathbf{F}}^{(q)}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}.$$

### SUBSECTION 8.3

## Infinite Branches

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A curve  $\Gamma$  is said to have an infinite branch at  $t_0$  if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \|\vec{\mathbf{F}}(t)\| = +\infty.$$

If

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{\vec{\mathbf{F}}(t)}{\|\vec{\mathbf{F}}(t)\|} = \vec{\mathbf{n}} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the curve admits a parabolic branch at  $t_0$  directed by  $\vec{\mathbf{n}}$

Now let  $(\Delta_t)$  a straight line passing through a point on the curve  $M(t)$  and directed by  $\vec{\mathbf{n}}$ . Let  $m(t)$  be the point where  $(\Delta_t)$  intersects with the  $(xy)$  plane

- if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \|\overrightarrow{Om}(t)\| = +\infty$  then the curve admits a parabolic branch directed by  $\vec{\mathbf{n}}$ .
- if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} m(t) = A$  then the curve admits an asymptote passing through  $A$  and directed by  $\vec{\mathbf{n}}$

### SECTION 9

## Parametric Surfaces

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We call a vector function of 3 variables, a mapping of the form

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} x(u, v) \\ y(u, v) \\ z(u, v) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Partial derivatives of the vector function

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{F}}}{\partial u} = \vec{\mathbf{F}}_u(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{F}}}{\partial v} = \vec{\mathbf{F}}_v(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The tangent vector at a point is

$$\vec{\mathbf{T}} = \vec{\mathbf{F}}_u \cdot u'(t) + \vec{\mathbf{F}}_v \cdot v'(t).$$

The normal vector at a point is

$$\vec{\mathbf{n}} = \vec{\mathbf{F}}_u \times \vec{\mathbf{F}}_v.$$

The curve has a tangent plane at a point  $M_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  given by

$$\det \left( \overrightarrow{M_0 \vec{\mathbf{F}}}(u, v), \vec{\mathbf{F}}_u, \vec{\mathbf{F}}_v \right) = \begin{vmatrix} x - x_0 & a & d \\ y - y_0 & b & e \\ z - z_0 & c & f \end{vmatrix} = \alpha(x - x_0) + \beta(y - y_0) + \gamma(z - z_0) = 0.$$

where

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}_u \times \vec{\mathbf{F}}_v = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Polar Curves

A polar curve defined to be

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho(\theta) \cos(\theta) \\ \rho(\theta) \sin(\theta) \end{pmatrix}.$$

It can be defined by

$$\rho(\theta).$$

## SECTION 10

### Periodicity

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$\rho(\theta + T) = \rho(\theta)$	$\rho$ is $T$ -periodic
$\rho(-\theta) = \rho(\theta)$	$(Ox)$ is an axis of symmetry
$\rho(-\theta) = -\rho(\theta)$	$(Oy)$ is an axis of symmetry
$\rho(\pi - \theta) = \rho(\theta)$	$(Oy)$ is an axis of symmetry
$\rho(\pi - \theta) = -\rho(\theta)$	$(Ox)$ is an axis of symmetry
$\rho(\pi + \theta) = \rho(\theta)$	$O$ is center of symmetry
$\rho(\pi + \theta) = -\rho(\theta)$	$\rho$ is $\pi$ periodic
$\rho(2\pi + \theta) = \rho(\theta)$	$\rho$ is $2\pi$ periodic
$\rho(\theta_0 - \theta) = \rho(\theta)$	then $\theta = \frac{\theta_0}{2}$ is an axis of symmetry
$\rho(\theta_0 - \theta) = -\rho(\theta)$	then $\theta = \frac{\theta_0}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2}$ is an axis of symmetry

## SECTION 11

### Study of Tangent Points

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We define the angle  $\nu$  at a point of  $\theta_0$

$$\tan(\nu) = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \theta_0} \frac{\rho(\theta)}{\rho'(\theta)}.$$

The slope of the tangent at a point  $\theta_0$  to be

$$\tan(\varphi) = \tan(\theta_0 + \nu).$$

## SECTION 12

### Infinite Branches



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- if  $\rho(\theta) \sin(\theta - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{\theta \rightarrow \theta_0} A$  then the line  $y = A$  is an oblique asymptote relative to the orthonormal system  $(O, \hat{\mathbf{u}}, \hat{\mathbf{v}})$  where  $(\hat{\mathbf{i}}, \hat{\mathbf{u}}) = \theta_0$ .
  - if  $\rho(\theta) \sin(\theta - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{\theta \rightarrow \theta_0} \pm\infty$  then the curve admits a parabolic branch of direction  $\theta = \theta_0$

Cartesian equation of an asymptote in the usual system

$$-\sin(\theta_0)x + \cos(\theta_0)y = A.$$

The equation in polar form

$$\rho = \frac{A}{\sin(\theta - \theta_0)}.$$

SUBSECTION 12.1

**When  $\theta \rightarrow \pm\infty$**

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- if  $\rho(\theta) \rightarrow 0$  then the curve admits  $O$  as a point asymptote (limit point).
- if  $\rho(\theta) \rightarrow \pm\infty$  then the curve admits a spiral asymptote.
- if  $\rho(\theta) \rightarrow R$  then the curve admits a circle asymptote of radius  $R$ .