

# Math 120A Homework 3

## Problem 1.3.2

Consider a regular curve  $q(t)$  with arclength parameter  $s$ . Show that if  $T$  is regular at  $t_0$ , then

$$1 = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{|\theta(t) - \theta(t_0)|}{\arccos(T(t) \cdot T(t_0))}$$

and

$$\kappa(t_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{\arccos(T(t) \cdot T(t_0))}{|s(t) - s(t_0)|}.$$

Hint: Use exercise 1 from section 1.2.

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is defined to be the unit tangent,  $|T| = 1$ . So,  $\theta(t)$  is the arclength parameter. Then from Problem 1.2.1(e), we have the following:

$$1 \leq \frac{|\theta(t) - \theta(t_0)|}{\arccos(T(t) \cdot T(t_0))} \leq \frac{|\theta(t) - \theta(t_0)|}{|T(t) - T(t_0)|}.$$

Now, we have that  $\frac{dT}{dt}(t_0) = \left| \frac{dT}{dt}(t_0) \right| \neq 0$  since we are given that  $T$  is regular at  $t_0$ . Thus,  $\left| \frac{dT}{dt}(t_0) \right| > 0$ . Then from Problem 1.2.1(d), we have the following:

$$1 = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{|\theta(t) - \theta(t_0)|}{|T(t) - T(t_0)|}.$$

So, we have the following:

$$1 = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} 1 \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{|\theta(t) - \theta(t_0)|}{\arccos(T(t) \cdot T(t_0))} \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{|\theta(t) - \theta(t_0)|}{|T(t) - T(t_0)|} = 1.$$

Therefore, by the squeeze theorem,

$$1 = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{|\theta(t) - \theta(t_0)|}{\arccos(T(t) \cdot T(t_0))}.$$

Now, we show  $\kappa(t_0)$ . From the first part, we have that:

$$1 = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{|\theta(t) - \theta(t_0)|}{\arccos(T(t) \cdot T(t_0))} = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{\arccos(T(t) \cdot T(t_0))}{|\theta(t) - \theta(t_0)|}$$

By the definition of the derivative, we have:

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt}(t_0) = \left| \frac{d\theta}{dt}(t_0) \right| = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{|\theta(t) - \theta(t_0)|}{|t - t_0|}.$$

Now, we have that:

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt}(t_0) \cdot 1 = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{|\theta(t) - \theta(t_0)|}{|t - t_0|} \cdot \frac{\arccos(T(t) \cdot T(t_0))}{|\theta(t) - \theta(t_0)|} = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{\arccos(T(t) \cdot T(t_0))}{|t - t_0|}.$$

Then, by definition of curvature,  $\kappa = \frac{d\theta}{ds} = \frac{dt}{ds} \frac{d\theta}{dt}$ . So, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa(t_0) &= \frac{d\theta}{ds}(t_0) \\ &= \frac{dt}{ds}(t_0) \frac{d\theta}{dt}(t_0) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{|t - t_0|}{|s(t) - s(t_0)|} \cdot \frac{\arccos(T(t) \cdot T(t_0))}{|t - t_0|} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{\arccos(T(t) \cdot T(t_0))}{|s(t) - s(t_0)|}. \end{aligned}$$

□

### Problem 1.3.3

Show that for vectors  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{area of parallelogram}(v, w) &= \sqrt{|v|^2 |w|^2 - (v \cdot w)^2} \\ &= |v| |w| \sin \angle(v, w). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . By the definition of the area of a parallelogram, we have:

$$\text{area of parallelogram}(v, w) = |w| \left| v - (v \cdot w) \frac{w}{|w|^2} \right|$$

Square both sides and simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{area}^2 &= |w|^2 \left| v - (v \cdot w) \frac{w}{|w|^2} \right|^2 \\ &= |w|^2 \left( v - (v \cdot w) \frac{w}{|w|^2} \right) \cdot \left( v - (v \cdot w) \frac{w}{|w|^2} \right) \\ &= |w|^2 \left( |v|^2 - 2 \frac{(v \cdot w)^2}{|w|^2} + (v \cdot w)^2 \frac{|w|^2}{|w|^4} \right) \\ &= |w|^2 \left( |v|^2 - 2 \frac{(v \cdot w)^2}{|w|^2} + \frac{(v \cdot w)^2}{|w|^2} \right) \\ &= |w|^2 \left( |v|^2 - \frac{(v \cdot w)^2}{|w|^2} \right) \\ &= |v|^2 |w|^2 - (v \cdot w)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have:

$$\text{area of parallelogram } (v, w) = \sqrt{|v|^2 |w|^2 - (v \cdot w)^2}$$

Since  $(v \cdot w)^2 = |v| |w| \cos \theta$ , where  $\theta = \angle(v, w)$ , we have:

$$\text{area} = \sqrt{|v|^2 |w|^2 - (|v| |w| \cos \theta)^2}, \quad \theta = \angle(v, w)$$

Simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{area} &= \sqrt{|v|^2 |w|^2 - |v|^2 |w|^2 \cos^2 \theta} \\ &= \sqrt{|v|^2 |w|^2 - |v|^2 |w|^2 (1 - \sin^2 \theta)} \\ &= \sqrt{|v|^2 |w|^2 - |v|^2 |w|^2 + |v|^2 |w|^2 \sin^2 \theta} \\ &= \sqrt{|v|^2 |w|^2 \sin^2 \theta} \\ &= |v| |w| \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\text{area} = |v| |w| \sin \angle(v, w)$$

□

## Problem 1.3.8

Give examples of regular curves  $q(t) : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|q(t)| \geq R$  for all  $t$ ,  $|q(t_0)| = R$ , and  $\kappa(t_0) = c$  for any  $c \geq 0$ .

*Solution.* Suppose we have a smaller circle with radius  $r = \frac{1}{c}$  that is (outside) tangential to a larger circle with radius  $R$  ( $|q(t)| \geq R$ ). Since the smaller circle is tangential to the larger circle, suppose the smaller circle intersects the larger circle such that  $|q(t_0)| = R$ . Then the curvature of this smaller circle is given by  $\kappa(t_0) = \frac{1}{\text{radius}} = c > 0$ . Now, let there be a tangential straight line outside the larger circle with radius  $R$  that intersects the larger circle at  $t_1$ . Then  $K(t_1) = 0$ , and the conditions in the problem statement are satisfied.

## Problem 1.3.10

Let  $q(t) = r(t)(\cos t, \sin t)$ . Show that the speed is given by

$$\left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{dr}{dt}\right)^2 + r^2$$

and the curvature

$$\kappa = \frac{\left| 2 \left( \frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + r^2 - r \frac{d^2r}{dt^2} \right|}{\left( \left( \frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + r^2 \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

*Proof.* Taking the derivative of  $q(t)$  with respect to  $t$ :

$$\dot{q}(t) = \dot{r}(\cos t, \sin t) + r(-\sin t, \cos t).$$

Then, we have that

$$\left( \frac{ds}{dt} \right)^2 = |\dot{q}|^2 = (\dot{r})^2 + (r)^2 = \left( \frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + r^2.$$

Now, we proceed to showing the curvature. From Remark 1.3.4, we have the following formula for curvature:

$$\kappa = \frac{|v \times a|}{|v|^3} = \frac{|\dot{q} \times \ddot{q}|}{|\dot{q}|^3} \quad (\text{eq. 1.3.10})$$

Computing  $\dot{q}$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= \dot{r}(\cos t, \sin t, 0) + r(-\sin t, \cos t, 0) \\ &= (\dot{r} \cos t - r \sin t, \dot{r} \sin t + r \cos t, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Computing  $\ddot{q}$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{q} &= (\ddot{r} - r)(\cos t, \sin t, 0) + 2\dot{r}(-\sin t, \cos t, 0) \\ &= ((\ddot{r} - r) \cos t - 2\dot{r} \sin t, (\ddot{r} - r) \sin t + 2\dot{r} \cos t, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Now we compute  $\dot{q} \times \ddot{q}$ . Since the  $z$ -component of both  $\dot{q}$  and  $\ddot{q}$  are 0, then the  $x$  and  $y$  components of  $\dot{q} \times \ddot{q}$  are 0. So, we need to compute the  $z$ -component of  $\dot{q} \times \ddot{q}$ . We have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} &(\dot{r} \cos t - r \sin t)((\ddot{r} - r) \sin t + 2\dot{r} \cos t) - (\dot{r} \sin t + r \cos t)((\ddot{r} - r) \cos t - 2\dot{r} \sin t) \\ \rightsquigarrow &(\dot{r} \cos t - r \sin t)(\ddot{r} \sin t - r \sin t + 2\dot{r} \cos t) - (\dot{r} \sin t + r \cos t)(\ddot{r} \cos t - r \cos t - 2\dot{r} \sin t) \\ \rightsquigarrow &(\ddot{r} \sin t \cos t - \dot{r} r \sin t \cos t + 2\dot{r}^2 \cos^2 t - \ddot{r} r \sin^2 t + r^2 \sin^2 t - 2\dot{r} r \sin t \cos t) \\ &- (\ddot{r} \sin t \cos t - \dot{r} r \sin t \cos t + 2\dot{r}^2 \sin^2 t + \ddot{r} r \cos^2 t - r^2 \cos^2 t - 2\dot{r} r \sin t \cos t) \\ \rightsquigarrow &2\dot{r}^2 \cos^2 t - \ddot{r} r \sin^2 t + r^2 \sin^2 t + 2\dot{r}^2 \sin^2 t - \ddot{r} r \cos^2 t + r^2 \cos^2 t \\ \rightsquigarrow &2\dot{r}^2 - \ddot{r} r + r^2 \end{aligned}$$

So, for the numerator of (eq. 1.3.10), we have:

$$|\dot{q} \times \ddot{q}| = |2\dot{r}^2 + r^2 - r\ddot{r}|$$

Now, we compute the denominator of (eq. 1.3.10). From the first part of this problem, we found that  $|\dot{q}|^2 = \dot{r}^2 + r^2$ . Then,  $|\dot{q}| = (\dot{r}^2 + r^2)^{1/2}$ . So, we have for the denominator:

$$|\dot{q}|^3 = (\dot{r}^2 + r^2)^{3/2}.$$

Putting everything together, we have the following curvature:

$$\kappa = \frac{|\dot{q} \times \ddot{q}|}{|\dot{q}|^3} = \frac{|2\dot{r}^2 + r^2 - r\ddot{r}|}{(\dot{r}^2 + r^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\left| 2\left(\frac{dr}{dt}\right)^2 + r^2 - r\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} \right|}{\left( \left(\frac{dr}{dt}\right)^2 + r^2 \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

□

## Problem 1.3.12

Compute the curvature of the logarithmic spiral

$$ae^{bt}(\cos t, \sin t).$$

*Solution.* Let  $q(t) = ae^{bt}(\cos t, \sin t)$ . We use the following formula from Remark 1.3.4 to compute curvature:

$$\kappa = \frac{|v \times a|}{|v|^3} = \frac{|\dot{q} \times \ddot{q}|}{|\dot{q}|^3} \quad (\text{eq. 1.3.12})$$

Compute  $\dot{q}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= abe^{bt}(\cos t, \sin t) + ae^{bt}(-\sin t, \cos t) \\ \rightsquigarrow \dot{q} &= (abe^{bt}\cos t - ae^{bt}\sin t, abe^{bt}\sin t + ae^{bt}\cos t, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Compute  $\ddot{q}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{q} &= ab^2e^{bt}(\cos t, \sin t) + abe^{bt}(-\sin t, \cos t) + abe^{bt}(-\sin t, \cos t) + ae^{bt}(-\cos t, -\sin t) \\ &= ab^2e^{bt}(\cos t, \sin t) + 2abe^{bt}(-\sin t, \cos t) + ae^{bt}(-\cos t, -\sin t) \\ \rightsquigarrow \ddot{q} &= (ab^2e^{bt}\cos t - 2abe^{bt}\sin t - ae^{bt}\cos t, ab^2e^{bt}\sin t + 2abe^{bt}\cos t - ae^{bt}\sin t, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Now we compute  $\dot{q} \times \ddot{q}$ . Since the  $z$ -component of both  $\dot{q}$  and  $\ddot{q}$  are 0, then the  $x$  and  $y$  components of  $\dot{q} \times \ddot{q}$  are 0. So, we need to compute the  $z$ -component of  $\dot{q} \times \ddot{q}$ . We have the

following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (abe^{bt} \cos t - ae^{bt} \sin t) (ab^2 e^{bt} \sin t + 2abe^{bt} \cos t - ae^{bt} \sin t) \\
& \quad - (abe^{bt} \sin t + ae^{bt} \cos t) (ab^2 e^{bt} \cos t - 2abe^{bt} \sin t - ae^{bt} \cos t) \\
& \rightsquigarrow (a^2 b^3 e^{2bt} \sin t \cos t + 2a^2 b^2 e^{2bt} \cos^2 t - a^2 b e^{bt} \sin t \cos t - a^2 b^2 e^{2bt} \sin^2 t \\
& \quad - 2a^2 b e^{2bt} \sin t \cos t + a^2 e^{2bt} \sin^2 t) \\
& \quad - (a^2 b^3 e^{2bt} \sin t \cos t - 2a^2 b^2 e^{2bt} \sin^2 t - a^2 b e^{bt} \sin t \cos t - a^2 b^2 e^{2bt} \cos^2 t \\
& \quad - 2a^2 b e^{2bt} \sin t \cos t - a^2 e^{2bt} \cos^2 t) \\
& \rightsquigarrow 2a^2 b^2 e^{2bt} \cos^2 t - a^2 b^2 e^{2bt} \sin^2 + a^2 e^{2bt} \sin^2 t + a^2 e^{2bt} \sin^2 t \\
& \quad + 2a^2 b^2 e^{2bt} \sin^2 t - a^2 b^2 e^{2bt} \cos^2 t + a^2 e^{2bt} \cos^2 t \\
& \rightsquigarrow 2a^2 b^2 e^{2bt} - a^2 b^2 e^{2bt} + a^2 e^{2bt} \\
& \rightsquigarrow a^2 b^2 e^{2bt} + a^2 e^{2bt} \\
& \rightsquigarrow a^2 e^{2bt} (b^2 + 1)
\end{aligned}$$

So, for the numerator of (eq. 1.3.12), we have:

$$|\dot{q} \times \ddot{q}| = a^2 e^{2bt} (b^2 + 1)$$

Now, we compute the denominator of (eq. 1.3.12). Since

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{q} &= abe^{bt} (\cos t, \sin t) + ae^{bt} (-\sin t, \cos t), \\
|\dot{q}|^2 &= a^2 b^2 e^{2bt} + a^2 e^{2bt} = a^2 e^{2bt} (b^2 + 1).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $|\dot{q}| = ae^{bt} \sqrt{b^2 + 1}$ . So, we have for the denominator:

$$|\dot{q}|^3 = a^3 e^{3bt} (b^2 + 1)^{3/2}.$$

Putting everything together, we have the following curvature:

$$\kappa = \frac{|\dot{q} \times \ddot{q}|}{|\dot{q}|^3} = \frac{a^2 e^{2bt} (b^2 + 1)}{a^3 e^{3bt} (b^2 + 1)^{3/2}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{ae^{bt} \sqrt{b^2 + 1}}}.$$

## Problem 2.1.6

Show that a planar curve is part of a circle if all its normal lines pass through a fixed point.

*Proof.* If all the normal lines of a planar curve pass through a fixed point, then the unit normal is radial. Since  $T \perp N$ ,  $T$  is perpendicular to the radial directions. Then, the curve lies on a sphere, and by Problem 1.1.13 from Homework 1, the curve lies on a circle.  $\square$

## Problem 2.1.7

Show that  $\kappa_{\pm} \frac{ds}{dt} = \det \begin{bmatrix} T & \frac{dT}{dt} \end{bmatrix}$ .

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.1.5, we have:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \kappa_{\pm} \frac{ds}{dt} N_{\pm}.$$

So, after substitution, we get:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} T & \kappa_{\pm} \frac{ds}{dt} N_{\pm} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$\kappa_{\pm} \frac{ds}{dt}$  is a scalar, so using properties of the determinant, we have:

$$\kappa_{\pm} \frac{ds}{dt} \det \begin{bmatrix} T & N_{\pm} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $T$  and  $N_{\pm}$  are orthogonal to each other,  $\det \begin{bmatrix} T & N_{\pm} \end{bmatrix} = 1$ . Thus, we have  $\kappa_{\pm} \frac{ds}{dt}$ . So,

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} T & \frac{dT}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \kappa_{\pm} \frac{ds}{dt}.$$

$\square$

## Problem 2.1.9

Show that

$$q(s) = \left( \int_{s_0}^s \cos(\phi(u)) du, \int_{s_0}^s \sin(\phi(u)) du \right),$$

is a unit speed curve with  $\kappa_{\pm} = \frac{d\phi}{ds}$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.1.4, the signed curvature can be calculated using the formula

$$\kappa_{\pm} = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} v & a \end{bmatrix}}{|v|^3}.$$

We first calculate  $v(s) = \frac{dq}{ds}(s) = \dot{q}(s)$  using the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:

$$\begin{aligned} v(s) &= \left( \frac{d}{ds} \int_{s_0}^s \cos(\phi(u)) \, du, \frac{d}{ds} \int_{s_0}^s \sin(\phi(u)) \, du \right) \\ &= (\cos(\phi(s)), \sin(\phi(s))). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we calculate  $a(s) = \frac{d^2q}{ds^2}(s) = \ddot{q}(s)$ :

$$a(s) = \left( -\sin(\phi(s)) \frac{d\phi}{ds}, \cos(\phi(s)) \frac{d\phi}{ds} \right)$$

Now, we compute  $\det \begin{bmatrix} v & a \end{bmatrix}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{bmatrix} v & a \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi(s)) & -\frac{d\phi}{ds} \sin(\phi(s)) \\ \sin(\phi(s)) & \frac{d\phi}{ds} \cos(\phi(s)) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{d\phi}{ds} \cos^2(\phi(s)) + \frac{d\phi}{ds} \sin^2(\phi(s)) \\ &= \frac{d\phi}{ds} \end{aligned}$$

Lastly, we compute  $|v|^3$ . Since  $|v| = 1$ ,  $|v|^3 = 1$ . Thus, putting everything together, we have:

$$\kappa_{\pm} = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} v & a \end{bmatrix}}{|v|^3} = \frac{\frac{d\phi}{ds}}{1} = \frac{d\phi}{ds}.$$

□

## Problem 2.1.11

For a planar unit speed curve  $q(s)$  consider the parallel curve

$$q_{\epsilon} = q + \epsilon N_{\pm}$$

for some fixed  $\epsilon$ .

(a) Show that this curve is regular as long as  $\epsilon \kappa_{\pm} \neq 1$ .

(b) Show that this curvature is

$$\frac{\kappa_{\pm}}{|1 - \epsilon \kappa_{\pm}|}.$$

*Proof.* (a) We begin by calculating  $\frac{dq_{\epsilon}}{ds}$ :

$$\frac{dq_{\epsilon}}{ds} = \frac{dq}{ds} + \frac{d}{ds}(\epsilon N_{\pm})$$



By Theorem 2.1.5,  $\frac{dq}{ds} = T$  and  $\frac{dN_{\pm}}{ds} = -\kappa_{\pm}T$ . Thus, making the substitutions and simplifying, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dq_{\epsilon}}{ds} &= T + \epsilon \frac{dN_{\pm}}{ds} \\ &= T + \epsilon (-\kappa_{\pm}) T \\ &= T - T\epsilon\kappa_{\pm}\end{aligned}$$

If  $q_{\epsilon}$  is *not* regular, then  $\frac{dq_{\epsilon}}{ds} = T - T\epsilon\kappa_{\pm} = T(1 - \epsilon\kappa_{\pm}) = 0$ . That is, when  $\epsilon\kappa_{\pm} = 1$ ,  $q_{\epsilon}$  is *not* regular. Therefore,  $q_{\epsilon}$  **is regular** as long as  $\epsilon\kappa_{\pm} \neq 1$ .  $\square$

(b) We will calculate the curvature using the formula from Proposition 2.1.4:

$$\kappa_{\pm} = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} v & a \end{bmatrix}}{|v|^3}$$

From part (a), we have shown that  $v(s) = \frac{dq_{\epsilon}}{ds} = T - T\epsilon\kappa_{\pm} = T(1 - \epsilon\kappa_{\pm})$ . Next, we calculate  $a(s) = \frac{d^2q_{\epsilon}}{ds}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}a(s) &= \frac{d^2q_{\epsilon}}{ds} = \frac{dT}{ds} - \frac{d}{ds}(T\epsilon\kappa_{\pm}) \\ &= \frac{dT}{ds} - \epsilon\kappa_{\pm} \frac{dT}{ds}\end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2.1.5, since  $\frac{dT}{ds} = \kappa_{\pm}N_{\pm}$ , we have then:

$$a(s) = \kappa_{\pm}N_{\pm} - \epsilon\kappa_{\pm}^2N_{\pm} = \kappa_{\pm}N_{\pm}(1 - \epsilon\kappa_{\pm}).$$

Now, we will calculate  $|v(s)|^3$ . Since

$$|v(s)|^2 = (1 - \epsilon\kappa_{\pm})^2, \quad (T^2 = 1 \text{ because } T \text{ is a unit vector}),$$

$$|v(s)| = |1 - \epsilon\kappa_{\pm}|.$$

Thus,

$$|v(s)|^3 = |1 - \epsilon\kappa_{\pm}|^3.$$

Now, we calculate  $\det \begin{bmatrix} v & a \end{bmatrix}$ , using determinant properties and that  $\det \begin{bmatrix} T & N_{\pm} \end{bmatrix} = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\det \begin{bmatrix} v & a \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} T(1 - \epsilon\kappa_{\pm}) & \kappa_{\pm}N_{\pm}(1 - \epsilon\kappa_{\pm}) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \kappa_{\pm}(1 - \epsilon\kappa_{\pm})^2 \det \begin{bmatrix} T & N_{\pm} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \kappa_{\pm}(1 - \epsilon\kappa_{\pm})^2 \\ &= \kappa_{\pm}|v(s)|^2\end{aligned}$$

Thus, putting everything together:

$$\begin{aligned}\kappa_{\pm} &= \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} v & a \end{bmatrix}}{|v|^3} = \frac{\kappa_{\pm} |v|^2}{|v|^3} \\ &= \frac{\kappa_{\pm}}{|v|} \\ &= \frac{\kappa_{\pm}}{|1 - \epsilon \kappa_{\pm}|}.\end{aligned}$$

□