

Def γ is a curve in \mathbb{R}^d if it is a continuous map from an interval $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ into \mathbb{R}^d .

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A similar definition works for curves in a metric space or, more generally, in a topological space.

Defn an arc is a curve which is one-to-one.

Defn a loop in \mathbb{R}^d is a continuous map from $S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z|=1\}$ into $\mathbb{R}^d \hookrightarrow$ or a more general space.



$$= \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$$

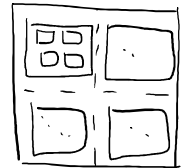
Defn A Jordan curve is a one-to-one loop.



A Jordan curve w/ Area > 0 :

$$K_0 = [0,1]^2.$$

K_1 = Union of four disjoint congruent squares constructed in side K_0 as shown w/ total area $3/4$.



$$K_2 = \text{Union of 16 squares, total area } \frac{7}{16}.$$

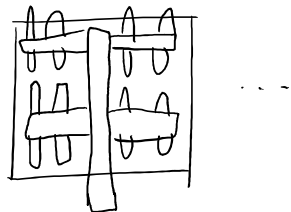
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$$K_n = \text{Union of } 4^n \text{ squares, total area } \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n$$

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$$K = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n. \quad \text{Area}(K) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{"fat Cantor set"}$$

K is not a Jordan curve but it is a subset of one.



there is a sequence (γ_n) of Jordan curves s.t.

$$\forall n, \forall z \in \mathbb{Z} \quad |\gamma_{n+1}(z) - \gamma_n(z)| < \frac{1}{2^n} \quad (\text{see picture}).$$

this is Uniformly Cauchy (?)

So $\exists \gamma: S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ s.t. $\gamma_n \rightarrow \gamma$ uniformly, so γ is continuous.

thus γ is a loop. Also, γ is 1-1 (think about it & check).

Claim: $K \subseteq \text{Range}(\gamma)$.

Let $p \in K$. then $\forall n, p \in K_n$, so $\exists z_n \in S^1$

$$\text{so that } |p - \gamma_n(z_n)| < \frac{1}{2^n}.$$

$$\text{Now } \forall z \in S^1, |\gamma_n(z) - \gamma(z)| \leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$$

$$\text{So } |p - \gamma(z_n)| < \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = \frac{3}{2^n} \rightarrow 0.$$

Now \exists subsequence z_{n_k} which converges since $\{z_n\} \subset S^1$ is bounded, and since S^1 is closed, $z_{n_k} \rightarrow z_* \in S^1$.

on one hand, $\gamma(z_{n_k}) \rightarrow p$. also, $\gamma(z_{n_k}) \rightarrow \gamma(z_*)$ since γ is cts.

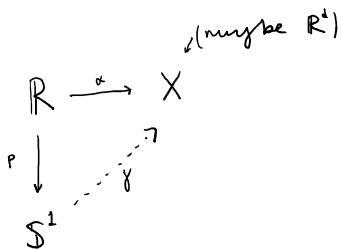
So $\gamma(z_0) = P$. Thus $K \in \gamma(S^1)$. and so $\text{Area}(\gamma(S^1)) \geq \frac{1}{2}$.

Defn let $L \in (0, \infty)$. An L -periodic curve in \mathbb{R}^d is a continuous map $\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ so that $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \gamma(t+L) = \gamma(t)$.
(generalizes to metric/topological spaces).

Remark. Let γ be a loop, let $L \in (0, \infty)$. define α on \mathbb{R} by $\alpha(t) = \gamma(e^{2\pi i t/L})$. α is L -periodic.

Conversely, let α be an L -periodic curve. Then \exists a unique loop γ s.t. $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha(t) = \gamma(\underbrace{e^{2\pi i t/L}}_{p(t)})$.

Check that γ is continuous.



Check:

If $p(t_1) = p(t_2)$ then $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $t_2 = t_1 + nL$.
So $\alpha(t_1) = \alpha(t_2)$. This is why γ is well defined.

Defns let $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

(a) a C^k curve in \mathbb{R}^d is a continuous $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ $\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{U, I}$ is an interval

so that the first k derivatives of $\alpha; \frac{d\alpha}{dt}, \dots, \frac{d^k \alpha}{dt^k}$, exist and are continuous in I .

(use approp L -sided derivatives at any included endpoints of I).

(b) a C^k -Regular curve in \mathbb{R}^d is a C^k curve $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $\frac{d\alpha}{dt}$ is never 0 in I .

- (c) a regular curve in \mathbb{R}^d is a C^1 -regular curve (unless o.w. stated).

Terminology Let $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ be a diffble curve.

(a) $\forall t_0 \in I$, $\frac{d\alpha}{dt}(t_0)$ is called the velocity vector of α at t_0 .

(b) The vec-vald fn $\frac{d\alpha}{dt}$ is called the velocity vector field of α .

(c) $\left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt}(t_0) \right|$ is the speed of α at t_0 .

(d) if α is C^1 -regular curve, the tangent vector field is

$$T(t_0) = \frac{\frac{d\alpha}{dt}(t_0)}{\left| \frac{d\alpha}{dt}(t_0) \right|}. \quad \text{This is well-defined since } \alpha \text{ is regular.}$$

(e) if α is C^1 -regular and $t_0 \in I$ then the tangent line to α at t_0 is the straight line parallel to $T(t_0)$ through $\alpha(t_0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \ell &= \{ \alpha(t_0) + \lambda T(t_0) : \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \} \\ &= \left\{ \alpha(t_0) + \lambda \frac{d\alpha}{dt}(t_0) : \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Ex $\alpha: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. $\alpha(t) = (t^3, t^2)$. $\alpha(t)$ is C^∞ but $\alpha'(t) = (3t^2, 2t)$ which is 0 at 0.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{image: } &\{ (t^3, t^2) : t \in \mathbb{R} \} \\ &\{ (x, x^{2/3}) : x \in \mathbb{R} \} \end{aligned}$$



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