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α : unit speed curve which is C^∞ on (a, b)

Define the curve $\beta: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\text{by } \beta(s) = \alpha'(s) = \vec{T}(s).$$

Then the arc length of β is

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{s} &= \int_0^s \|\beta'(\sigma)\| d\sigma \\ &= \int_0^s \|\vec{T}'(\sigma)\| d\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

$$a) \quad \frac{d\bar{s}}{ds} = \|\vec{T}'(s)\| = \kappa(s)$$

$$b) \quad \beta \text{ is regular iff } \beta'(s) \neq \vec{0}$$

or $\|\vec{T}'(s)\| \neq 0$
everywhere on (a, b)

i.e. β is regular iff $\kappa(s) > 0$ everywhere.

c) Let γ be the curve on (a, b)

defined by $\gamma(s) = \vec{N}(s)$.

$$\text{Then } s^* = \int_0^s \|\vec{N}'(\sigma)\| d\sigma = \int_0^s \sqrt{\kappa^2 + \tau^2} d\sigma = \sqrt{2\tau^2} s.$$

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Suppose $\exists$ a constant unit vector $\vec{n}$ s.t. $\langle \vec{r}(s), \vec{n} \rangle = 0$ for $\forall s \in (a, b)$. Show that $d(s)$ lies in a plane.

pf) $\langle d'(s), \vec{n} \rangle = 0$ for $\forall s \in (a, b)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds} \langle d(s), \vec{n} \rangle &= \langle d'(s), \vec{n} \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle d(s), \vec{n}' \rangle \\ &= \langle d'(s), \vec{n} \rangle + \langle d(s), \vec{0} \rangle \\ &= 0 + 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\langle d(s), \vec{n} \rangle \equiv \text{constant}$

$$\langle d(s), \vec{n} \rangle = \langle d(s_0), \vec{n} \rangle \text{ for } \forall s$$

$$\langle d(s) - d(s_0), \vec{n} \rangle = 0 \text{ for } \forall s$$

i.e. $d(s)$ lies in a plane through $d(s_0)$ with a unit normal.

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a) $\alpha(s)$: unit speed ^{plane} curve which is C^∞ .
 $\beta(s)$: its involute.

$\Rightarrow \alpha(s)$ & $\beta(s)$ lies in the same plane.

pf) let $\alpha(s)$ be a unit speed curve of class C^∞ which lies in the plane $\{x \mid \langle x - x_0, \vec{n} \rangle = 0\}$, and $\beta(s)$ its involute.

since $\beta(s)$ is an involute of $\alpha(s)$,

$\beta(s) = \alpha(s) + \lambda(s)\alpha'(s)$ for some function λ of s .

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \beta(s) - x_0, \vec{n} \rangle &= \langle \alpha(s) - x_0 + \lambda(s)\alpha'(s), \vec{n} \rangle \\ &= \underbrace{\langle \alpha(s) - x_0, \vec{n} \rangle}_{=0} \\ &\quad + \lambda(s) \underbrace{\langle \alpha'(s), \vec{n} \rangle}_{=0}\end{aligned}$$

Since $\alpha'(s)$ is a vector in the plane, $\langle \alpha'(s), \vec{n} \rangle = 0$, $\Rightarrow \langle \beta(s) - x_0, \vec{n} \rangle = 0$.

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b) $\alpha(s)$: a helix

$\beta(s)$: its involute $\rightarrow \beta(s)$: plane curve

Pf) $\beta(s) = \alpha(s) + \lambda(s) \alpha'(s)$

$$\beta'(s) = \alpha'(s) + \lambda'(s) \alpha'(s) + \lambda(s) \alpha''(s)$$

Since $\langle \beta'(s), \alpha'(s) \rangle = 0$, $\langle \alpha'(s), \alpha''(s) \rangle = 0$,

$$0 = \langle \beta'(s), \alpha'(s) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \alpha' + \lambda' \alpha' + \lambda \alpha'', \alpha' \rangle$$

$$= (1 + \lambda') \langle \alpha', \alpha' \rangle + \lambda \langle \alpha'', \alpha' \rangle$$

$$= 1 + \lambda' \quad \therefore \lambda' = -1 \quad \& \quad \lambda(s) = -s + c$$

$\therefore \beta(s)$ should be of the form

$$\beta(s) = \alpha(s) + (c - s) \alpha'(s).$$

$\exists$ a unit constant vector $\vec{u}$ s.t.

$$\langle \alpha', \vec{u} \rangle \equiv \text{constant}.$$

Therefore $\langle \alpha'', \vec{u} \rangle \equiv 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \beta'(s), \vec{u} \rangle &= \langle \alpha'(s) - \alpha'(s) + (c-s) \alpha'', \vec{u} \rangle \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let $x_0 = \beta(s_0)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \beta(s) - x_0, \vec{u} \rangle &= \langle \beta(s), \vec{u} \rangle - \langle \beta(s_0), \vec{u} \rangle \\ &= 0 \quad \text{for } \forall s. \end{aligned}$$

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#5.2 Solve the system of linear differential equations

$$\vec{u}_1' = \frac{1}{1+s^2} \vec{u}_2$$

$$\vec{u}_2' = -\frac{1}{1+s^2} \vec{u}_1$$

Let $\vec{u}_1 = (x(s), y(s), 0)$, $\vec{u}_2 = (z(s), w(s), 0)$.

Then find out x, y, z, w satisfying

$$x' = \frac{1}{1+s^2} z$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{1+s^2} w$$

$$z' = -\frac{1}{1+s^2} x$$

$$w' = -\frac{1}{1+s^2} y$$

Then

$$\vec{u}_1 = (\cos(\tan^{-1}(s)), \sin(\tan^{-1}(s)), 0)$$

$$\vec{u}_2 = (-\sin(\tan^{-1}(s)), \cos(\tan^{-1}(s)), 0)$$

$$\text{Put } d(s) = \int_0^s \vec{u}_1(\sigma) d\sigma$$

$$= \left(\int_0^s \cos(\tan^{-1}(\sigma)) d\sigma, \int_0^s \sin(\tan^{-1}(\sigma)) d\sigma, 0 \right)$$

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a) $K=c$ $\tau=0$: plane unit speed curve.
(x_0)

We know that a circle with radius $\frac{1}{c}$ has a curvature c ,
and torsion $\tau=0$. By thm. 5.2,
it is unique (up to a position)
if the initial condition is given.
Hence any plane curve with
constant curvature must be a
circle.

b) Let $\alpha(s)$ be a spherical unit
speed curve with constant
curvature $K=c > 0$. Then

i) $\langle \alpha'(s), \alpha'(s) \rangle \equiv 1$

ii) $\exists \vec{m}$ $\langle \alpha(s) - \vec{m}, \alpha(s) - \vec{m} \rangle = r^2$ ($r > 0$)

iii) $\|\alpha''(s)\| = c$.

$$0 = \langle \alpha', \alpha(s) - \vec{m} \rangle \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} &\langle \alpha'', \alpha(s) - \vec{m} \rangle \\ &+ \langle \alpha', \alpha' \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \langle \alpha'', \alpha(s) - \vec{m} \rangle = -1$$

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$$\text{i.e. } \langle k \vec{N}, d(s) - \vec{m} \rangle = -1$$

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$$\langle \vec{N}', d(s) - \vec{m} \rangle + \langle \vec{N}', d'(s) \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle -k \vec{T} + \tau \vec{N}, d(s) - \vec{m} \rangle = 0$$

$$0 = \langle -k \vec{T}, d(s) - \vec{m} \rangle + \tau \langle \vec{N}, d(s) - \vec{m} \rangle$$

$$= -k \langle \vec{T}, d(s) - \vec{m} \rangle + \tau \langle \frac{1}{k} \vec{N}, d(s) - \vec{m} \rangle$$

$$= -k \langle \vec{T}, d(s) - \vec{m} \rangle + \frac{\tau}{k} \langle \vec{N}, d(s) - \vec{m} \rangle$$

$$= -k \cdot 0 + \frac{\tau}{k} \cdot (-1)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\tau \equiv 0} \quad \text{i.e. } d(s) \text{ lies in}$$

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