

Repetition. Kurver.

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## (Re)-parametrizations – Definitions

parametrized curve:  $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n \ C^\infty$ ,  $I$  an open interval

regular parametrization:  $\dot{\gamma}(t) \neq \mathbf{0}$  for all  $t \in I$

unit-speed parametrization:  $\|\dot{\gamma}(s)\| = 1$  for all  $s \in I$

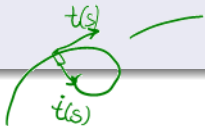
reparametrization:  $\bar{\gamma} = \gamma \circ \varphi$ ,  $\varphi : \bar{I} \rightarrow I$  a bijective diffeomorphism.

Arc length function:  $s(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \|\dot{\gamma}(u)\| du$

Reparametrization by arc length  
 $\varphi^{-1}(t) = s(t)$ ,  
 $\bar{\gamma}(s) = \gamma(s^{-1}(s))$

## (Unit) tangent vectors for regular curves

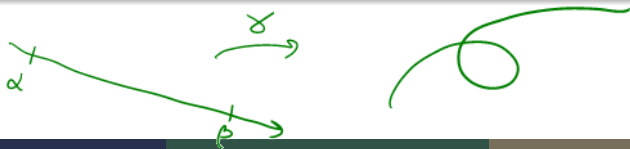
- $\dot{\gamma}(t) = v(t)\mathbf{t}(t)$  is tangent to the curve at  $\gamma(t)$ ;  $v(t)$  is the **speed** at time  $t$ ;  $\mathbf{t}(t)$  is the **unit tangent** vector at  $\gamma(t)$ .
- $\dot{\mathbf{t}}(s) \cdot \mathbf{t}(s) = 0$  for all  $s$  for a **unit speed** curve.



When does the solution of an equation  $f(x, y) = 0$ ,  $f \in C^\infty(U, \mathbf{R})$ ,  $U \subseteq \mathbf{R}^2$  open, describe a regular curve?

## Theorem

- Suppose  $f(x_0, y_0) = 0$  and  $\nabla f(x_0, y_0) \neq \mathbf{0}$ .  
Then there exists a regular parametrized curve  $\gamma(t)$  on an interval  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow U$  such that  $\gamma(0) = (x_0, y_0)$  and such that  $f(\gamma(t)) = 0$ .
- Given a **regular** parametrized plane curve  $\gamma$  on  $I$ .  
For every  $t_0 \in I$ , there is an open set  $U \subset \mathbf{R}^2$  containing  $\gamma(t_0)$ , a smooth function  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(\gamma(t)) = 0$  for all  $t_0 - \delta < t < t_0 + \delta$ .



## Concepts

$\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n, n = 2, 3$ , a unit-speed parametrization.

Unit tangent  $\mathbf{t}(s) = \dot{\gamma}(s)$

(Principal) normal  $\mathbf{n}(s) = \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{t}}(s) & n = 2 \\ \frac{\dot{\mathbf{t}}(s)}{\|\dot{\mathbf{t}}\|} & n = 3, \dot{\mathbf{t}}(s) \neq \mathbf{0} \end{cases}$

Curvature **Definition:**  $\kappa(s) = \|\dot{\mathbf{t}}(s)\|$

Inflection point  $\kappa(s) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \dot{\mathbf{t}}(s) = \mathbf{0}$

Binormal  $\mathbf{b}(s) = \mathbf{t}(s) \times \mathbf{n}(s)$

Torsion **Definition:**  $\tau(s) = -\langle \dot{\mathbf{b}}(s), \mathbf{n}(s) \rangle$

OBS. Only defined when  $\kappa(s) \neq 0$   
and only in  $\mathbf{R}^3$

Need:  $\dot{\mathbf{b}}(s) \perp \mathbf{n}(s)$ . We gave a proof of that

## Frenet-Serret equations

- Frenet matrix  $\mathbf{F} = [\mathbf{t} \ \mathbf{n} \ \mathbf{b}] \in SO(3)$  – moving frame (function of  $s$  in matrix form)
- Its derivative  $3 \times 3$ -matrix  $\dot{\mathbf{F}} = [\dot{\mathbf{t}} \ \dot{\mathbf{n}} \ \dot{\mathbf{b}}]$  – connected to  $\mathbf{F}$  by the matrix equation  $\dot{\mathbf{F}} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{A}$
- $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $3 \times 3$  skew-symmetric matrix of the form

$$\mathbf{A}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\kappa(s) & 0 \\ \kappa(s) & 0 & -\tau(s) \\ 0 & \tau(s) & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$A$  skew +  $\dot{\mathbf{t}} = \kappa \mathbf{n}$   
 $\Rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{b}} \parallel \mathbf{n}$

- FS-equations

$$\dot{\mathbf{t}} = \kappa \mathbf{n}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{n}} = -\kappa \mathbf{t} + \tau \mathbf{b}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{b}} = -\tau \mathbf{n}$$

Let  $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  denote a regular parametrization. Then

**Moving frame**  $\mathbf{t}(t) = \frac{\dot{\gamma}(t)}{\|\dot{\gamma}(t)\|}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}(t) = \frac{\dot{\gamma}(t) \times \ddot{\gamma}(t)}{\|\dot{\gamma}(t) \times \ddot{\gamma}(t)\|}$ ,  $\mathbf{n}(t) = \mathbf{b}(t) \times \mathbf{t}(t)$ .

**Curvature**  $\kappa(t) = \frac{\|\dot{\gamma}(t) \times \ddot{\gamma}(t)\|}{\|\dot{\gamma}(t)\|^3}$ ;  
plane:  $\kappa(t) = \frac{\det[\dot{\gamma}(t) \ \ddot{\gamma}(t)]}{\|\dot{\gamma}(t)\|^3}$ .

**Torsion**  $\tau(t) = \frac{\det[\dot{\gamma}(t) \ \ddot{\gamma}(t) \ \ddot{\ddot{\gamma}}(t)]}{\|\dot{\gamma}(t) \times \ddot{\gamma}(t)\|^2}$

Proof relies on:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\gamma} &= v\mathbf{t} \\ \ddot{\gamma} &= \dot{v}\mathbf{t} + v^2\kappa\mathbf{n}\end{aligned}$$

$$v(t) = |\dot{\gamma}(t)|$$

$$\dot{\gamma} \times \ddot{\gamma} = v^3\kappa\mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \cdot \ddot{\gamma} = 0 \Rightarrow v\dot{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \ddot{\gamma} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \ddot{\ddot{\gamma}} = 0$$

$$(\dot{\gamma} \times \ddot{\gamma}) \cdot \ddot{\ddot{\gamma}} = v^3\kappa\mathbf{b} \cdot \ddot{\ddot{\gamma}} = -v^4\kappa\dot{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \ddot{\gamma} = v^4\kappa\tau\mathbf{n} \cdot \ddot{\gamma} = v^6\kappa^2\tau = \|\dot{\gamma} \times \ddot{\gamma}\|^2\tau.$$

- Plane**
1. Existence: For every smooth function  $k : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  there exists a unit-speed curve  $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  with curvature function  $\kappa(s) = k(s)$ .
  2. “Uniqueness”: Two unit-speed curves  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  have the **same** curvature functions  $\kappa_1(s) = \kappa_2(s)$  if and only if there exists a directed isometry  $S \in Iso_+(2)$  such that  $\gamma_2 = S \circ \gamma_1$ .
- Space**
1. Existence: For every pair of smooth functions  $k : I \rightarrow ]0, \infty[$ ,  $t : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , there exists a unit-speed curve  $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  with curvature function  $\kappa(s) = k(s)$  and torsion function  $\tau(s) = t(s)$ .
  2. “Uniqueness”: Two unit-speed curves  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  without inflection point have the **same** curvature functions  $\kappa_1(s) = \kappa_2(s)$  and **same** torsion functions  $\tau_1(s) = \tau_2(s)$  if and only if there exists a direct isometry  $S \in Iso_+(3)$  such that  $\gamma_2 = S \circ \gamma_1$ .