

Closing Tues: 13.2, 13.3

Closing Thur: 13.4

Exam 1 is Thurs (April 19)
covers 12.1-12.6, 13.1-13.4

13.1-13.4 Curves in 3D

Given $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$

$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t), z'(t) \rangle$ tangent vector

$s(t) = \int_0^t |\vec{r}'(u)| du = \text{distance}$

$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \text{unit tangent}$

$\vec{N}(t) = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{|\vec{T}'(t)|} = \text{principal unit normal}$

$K = \left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right| = \frac{|\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''|}{|\vec{r}'|^3} = \text{curvature}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \vec{i} \quad \vec{j} \quad \vec{k} \\ \begin{vmatrix} -2\sin(t) & 2\cos(t) & 0 \\ -2\cos(t) & -2\sin(t) & 0 \end{vmatrix} \end{array} = \langle 0, 0, 4\sin^2(t) + 4\cos^2(t) \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 4 \rangle$$

Entry Task:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2\cos(t), 2\sin(t), 0 \rangle$$

Find $\vec{T}(t)$, $\vec{N}(t)$, and K .

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -2\sin(t), 2\cos(t), 0 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{4\sin^2(t) + 4\cos^2(t)} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \langle -2\sin(t), 2\cos(t), 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{T}(t) = \langle -\sin(t), \cos(t), 0 \rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{ORTHOGONAL}$$

$$\vec{T}'(t) = \langle -\cos(t), -\sin(t), 0 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{T}'(t)| = \sqrt{(-\cos(t))^2 + (-\sin(t))^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\vec{N}(t) = \frac{1}{1} \langle -\cos(t), -\sin(t), 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{N}(t) = \langle -\cos(t), -\sin(t), 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle -2\cos(t), -2\sin(t), 0 \rangle$$

$$\frac{|\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''|}{|\vec{r}'|^3} = \frac{\sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + 4^2}}{2^3} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

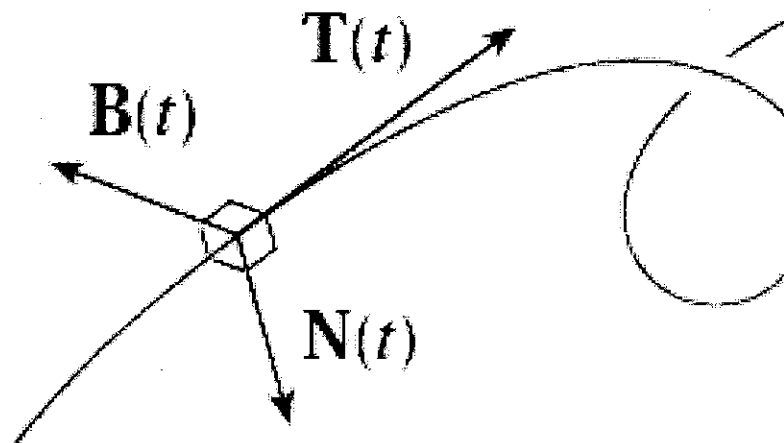
Note:

T and T' are always orthogonal.

Proof:

Since $T \cdot T = |T|^2 = 1$, we can differentiate both sides to get

$$T' \cdot T + T \cdot T' = 0.$$



So $2T \cdot T' = 0$.

Thus, $T \cdot T' = 0$. (QED)

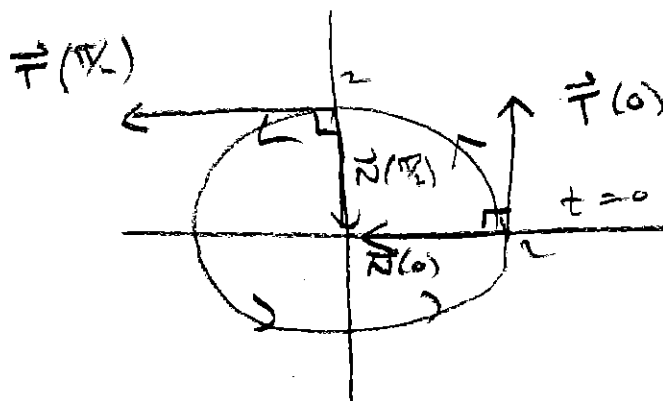
$$\vec{T}(0) = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{N}(0) = \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{T}(\pi/2) = \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{N}(\pi/2) = \langle 0, -1, 0 \rangle$$

LAST EXAMPLE



$$k = \frac{1}{2}$$

"RADIUS OF CURVATURE"

$$= \frac{1}{k} = 2$$

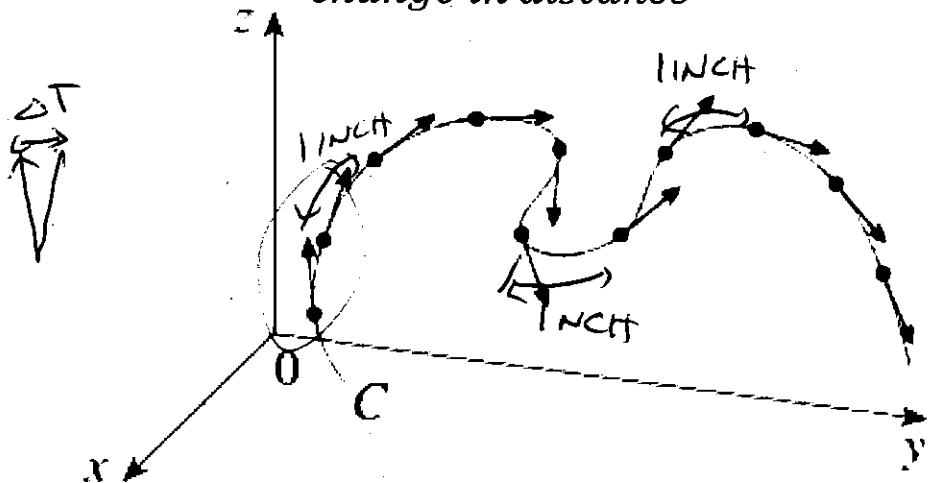
"CURVING LIKE A CIRCLE OF RADIUS 2!"

↖ IT IS!

Curvature

The **curvature** at a point, K , is a measure of how quickly a curve is changing direction at that point.

$$K = \frac{\text{change in direction}}{\text{change in distance}}$$



Roughly, how much does your direction change if you move a small amount ("one inch") along the curve?

$$K \approx \left| \frac{\vec{T}_2 - \vec{T}_1}{\text{"one inch"}} \right| = \left| \frac{\Delta \vec{T}}{\Delta s} \right|$$

So we define:

$$K = \left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right|$$

Computation Notes

(see my 13.3 Notes/book for the proof)

1st shortcut:

$$K(t) = \left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right| = \left| \frac{d\vec{T}/dt}{ds/dt} \right| = \frac{|\vec{T}'(t)|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$$

2nd shortcut

$$K(t) = \left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right| = \frac{|\vec{T}'(t)|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \frac{|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|^3}$$

Aside:

The *radius of curvature* is the radius of the circle that would best fit the curve at the given point.

$$\text{radius of curvature} = \frac{1}{K}$$

2D Curvature

To find curvature for, $y = f(x)$,

We form the 3D vector function

$$\mathbf{r}(x) = \langle x, f(x), 0 \rangle.$$

so $\mathbf{r}'(x) = \langle 1, f'(x), 0 \rangle$ and

$$\mathbf{r}''(x) = \langle 0, f''(x), 0 \rangle$$

$$|\mathbf{r}'(x)| = \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2}$$

$$\mathbf{r}' \times \mathbf{r}'' = \langle 0, 0, f''(x) \rangle$$

Thus,

$$K(x) = \frac{|\mathbf{r}' \times \mathbf{r}''|}{|\mathbf{r}'|^3} = \frac{|f''(x)|}{(1 + (f'(x))^2)^{3/2}}$$

Example: $f(x) = x^2$

At what point (x, y, z) is the curvature maximum?

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

$$f''(x) = 2$$

$$K(x) = \frac{2}{(1 + (2x)^2)^{3/2}}$$

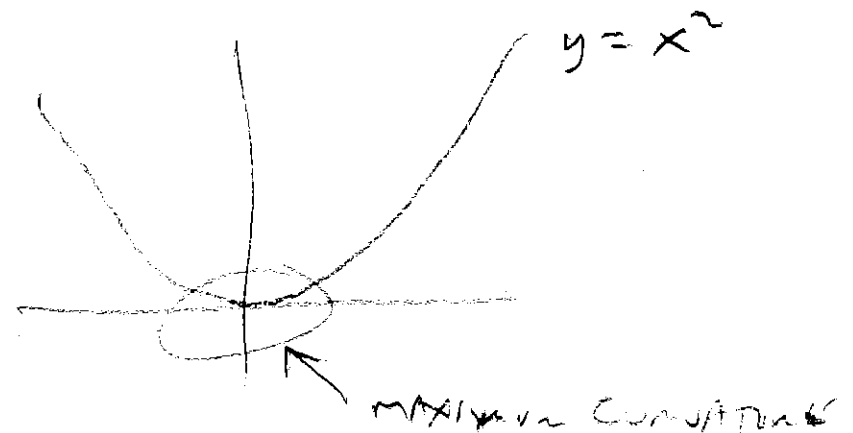
← MAXIMIZE!!!

$$K'(x) = 2(1 + 4x^2)^{-3/2}$$

$$K'(x) = -3(1 + 4x^2)^{-5/2} \cdot 8x \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

$x=0$ ← critical #

$$K(0) = 2 = \text{maximum}$$



13.4 Position, Velocity, Acceleration

If $t = \text{time}$ and position is given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}'(t) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbf{r}(t+h) - \mathbf{r}(t)}{h} \\ &= \frac{\text{change in position}}{\text{change in time}} \\ &= \text{velocity} = \mathbf{v}(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = \frac{\text{change in dist}}{\text{change in time}} = \text{speed}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}''(t) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t+h) - \mathbf{r}'(t)}{h} \\ &= \frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{change in time}} \\ &= \text{acceleration} = \mathbf{a}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Let t be **time in seconds** and assume the position of an object (in **feet**) is given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, 2e^{-t}, 0 \rangle$$

Compute

1. $\mathbf{r}'(t)$, $|\mathbf{r}'(t)|$, and $\mathbf{r}''(t)$.

2. $\mathbf{r}'(0)$, $|\mathbf{r}'(0)|$, and $\mathbf{r}''(0)$.

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 1, -2e^{-t}, 0 \rangle$$

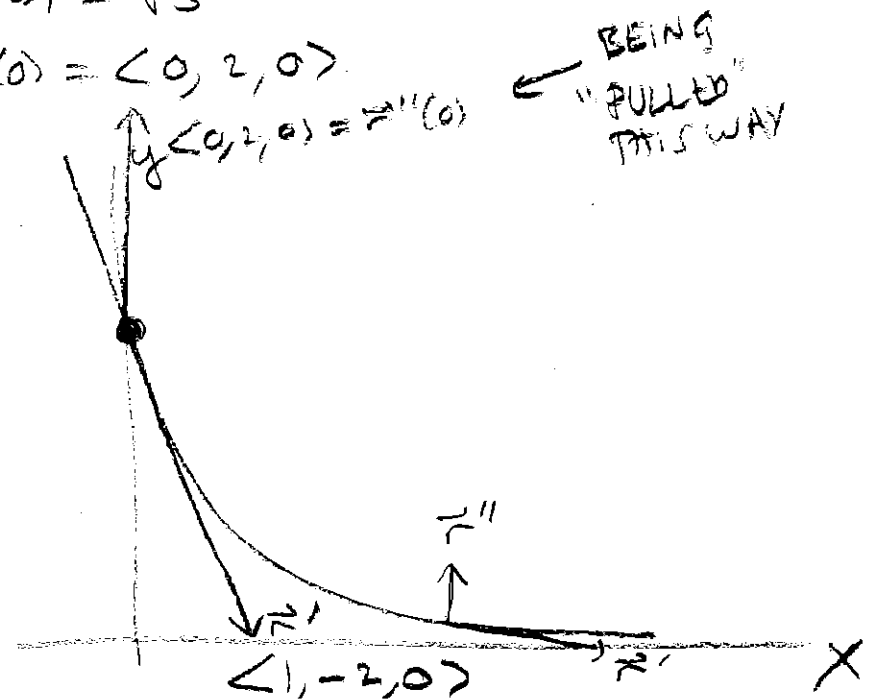
$$|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{1 + 4e^{-2t}}$$

$$\mathbf{r}''(t) = \langle 0, 2e^{-t}, 0 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(0) = \langle 1, -2, 0 \rangle$$

$$|\mathbf{r}'(0)| = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\mathbf{r}''(0) = \langle 0, 2, 0 \rangle$$



HUGE application:
Modeling ANY motion problem.

Newton's 2nd Law of Motion states
Force = mass · acceleration

$$\mathbf{F} = m \cdot \mathbf{a}, \text{ so}$$
$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{m} \cdot \mathbf{F}$$

If $\mathbf{F} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$, then all the forces
'balance out' and the object has no
acceleration. (Velocity will remain
constant)

If $\mathbf{F} \neq \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$, then acceleration will
occur, and we integrate (or solve a
differential equation) to find velocity and
position.

That is how we can model ALL motion
problems!

HW Example:

An object of mass 10 kg is being acted on
by the force $\mathbf{F} = \langle 130t, 10e^t, 10e^{-t} \rangle$.

You are given

$$\mathbf{v}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle \text{ and } \mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle.$$

Find the position function.

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F} = \langle 13t, e^t, e^{-t} \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \int \mathbf{a}(t) dt$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{13}{2}t^2 + c_1, e^t + c_2, -e^{-t} + c_3 \right\rangle$$

$$\mathbf{v}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle c_1, 1 + c_2, -1 + c_3 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$c_1 = 0, c_2 = -1, c_3 = 2$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \left\langle \frac{13}{2}t^2, e^t - 1, -e^{-t} + 2 \right\rangle$$

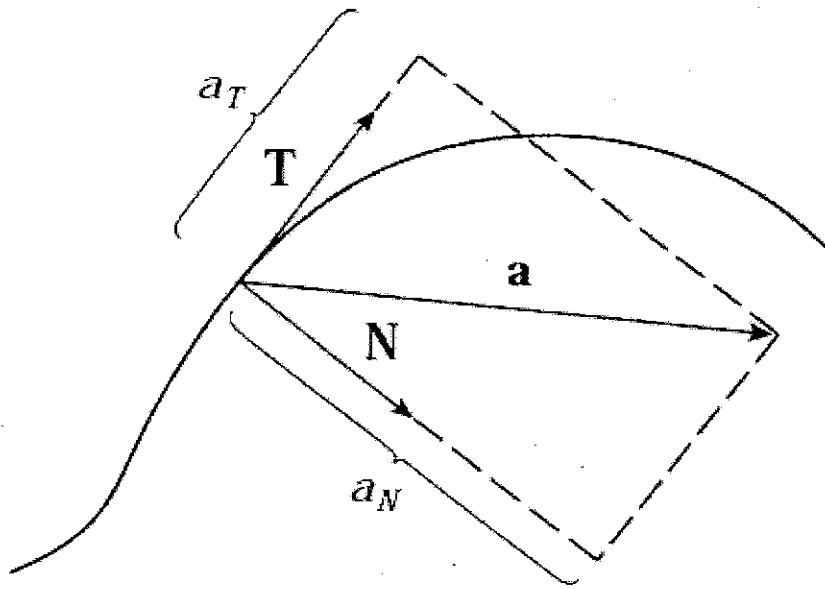
$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{13}{6}t^3 + d_1, e^t - t + d_2, e^{-t} + 2t + d_3 \right\rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle d_1, 1 + d_2, 1 + d_3 \rangle = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$d_1 = 0, d_2 = 0, d_3 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{13}{6}t^3, e^t - t, e^{-t} + 2t \right\rangle$$

Measuring and describing acceleration



Recall: $\text{comp}_b(\mathbf{a}) = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{b} = \text{length.}$

We define the tangential and normal components of acceleration by:

$$a_T = \text{comp}_T(\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{T} = \text{tangential}$$

$$a_N = \text{comp}_N(\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{N} = \text{normal}$$

For computing use,

$$a_T = \frac{\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{r}''}{|\vec{r}'|} \quad \text{and} \quad a_T = \frac{|\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''|}{|\vec{r}'|}$$

For interpreting use,

$$a_T = v' = \frac{d}{dt} |r'(t)| = \text{“deriv. of speed”}$$

$$a_N = kv^2 = \text{curvature} \cdot (\text{speed})^2$$

Example:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos(t), \sin(t), t \rangle$$

Find the tangential and normal components of acceleration.

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin(t), \cos(t), 1 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t) + 1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle -\cos(t), -\sin(t), 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{r}'' = \cos(t)\sin(t) - \cos(t)\sin(t) + 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_T = \frac{\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{r}''}{|\vec{r}'|} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{CONSTANT SPEED}$$

$$\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}'' = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -\sin(t) & \cos(t) & 1 \\ -\cos(t) & -\sin(t) & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (0 - (-\sin(t)))\vec{i} - (0 - \cos(t))\vec{j} + (\sin^2(t) - \cos^2(t))\vec{k}$$
$$= \langle \sin(t), \cos(t), \sin^2(t) - \cos^2(t) \rangle$$

check ✓

$$|\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''| = \sqrt{\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t) + 1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$a_N = \frac{|\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''|}{|\vec{r}'|} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = 1 = k \left(\frac{v}{r} \right)^2 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{2}$$

RADIUS OF CURVATURE = 2

Deriving interpretations:

Note that: $\mathbf{a} = a_T \mathbf{T} + a_N \mathbf{N}$

Let $v(t) = |\vec{v}(t)| = \text{speed}$.

$$1. \vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \frac{\vec{v}(t)}{v(t)} \text{ implies } \vec{v} = v\vec{T}.$$

$$2. \kappa(t) = \frac{|\vec{T}'(t)|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \frac{|\vec{T}'|}{v(t)} \text{ implies } |\vec{T}'| = \kappa v.$$

$$3. \vec{N}(t) = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{|\vec{T}'(t)|} = \frac{\vec{T}'}{\kappa v} \text{ implies } \vec{T}' = \kappa v \vec{N}.$$

Differentiating the first fact above gives

$$\vec{a} = \vec{v}' = v'\vec{T} + v\vec{T}', \text{ so}$$

$$\vec{a} = \vec{v}' = v'\vec{T} + \kappa v^2 \vec{N}.$$

Conclusion:

$$a_T = v' = \frac{d}{dt} |r'(t)| = \text{“deriv. of speed”}$$

$$a_N = \kappa v^2 = \text{curvature} \cdot (\text{speed})^2$$