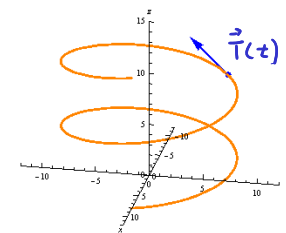


10.4

DEF. UNIT TANGENT VECTOR. Let $\vec{R}(t)$ be a smooth vector field. $\vec{T} = \frac{\vec{R}'(t)}{\|\vec{R}'(t)\|}$ is the unit tangent vector of $\vec{R}(t)$.

Why $\vec{T}$ is unit?

why $\vec{T}$ is tangent to $\vec{R}$?



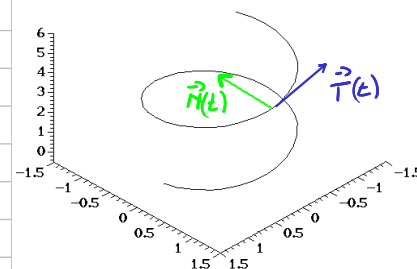
DEF. PRINCIPAL UNIT NORMAL VECTOR. Let $\vec{R}(t)$ and $\vec{T}(t)$ as before. Let $\vec{N}(t)$ be smooth. $\vec{N} = \frac{\vec{T}'}{\|\vec{T}'\|}$ is the principal unit normal vector.

if $\|\vec{T}\|$ is constant and smooth $\Rightarrow \vec{T} \perp \vec{T}'$

Why is $\vec{N} \perp \vec{T}$? $\|\vec{T}\|=1$ $\vec{T}$ is smooth $\vec{T}' \perp \vec{T} \Rightarrow \vec{N} \perp \vec{T}$

How many normal vector to $\vec{R}(t)$ there exist?

why $\vec{N}$ is principal?



Ex. Let $\vec{R}(t) = \langle a \cos t, a \sin t, b t \rangle$. Find $\vec{T}(t)$ and $\vec{N}(t)$.

$$\vec{T} = \frac{\vec{R}'}{\|\vec{R}'\|}$$

$$\vec{R}' = \langle -a \sin(t), a \cos(t), b \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{R}'\| = \sqrt{(-a \sin(t))^2 + (a \cos(t))^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\vec{T} = \frac{\langle -a \sin t, a \cos t, b \rangle}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\vec{N} = \frac{\vec{T}'}{\|\vec{T}'\|}$$

$$\vec{T}' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \langle -a \cos t, -a \sin t, 0 \rangle$$

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

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

Ex. Let $\vec{R}(t) = \langle e^t \cos(2t), e^t \sin(2t), e^t \rangle$. Find $\vec{T}(t)$ and $\vec{N}(t)$

$$\vec{R}' = \langle \underline{e^t} \cos(2t) + \underline{2e^t}(-\sin(2t)), \underline{e^t} \sin(2t) + \underline{e^t} 2\cos(2t), \underline{e^t} \rangle$$

$$= e^t \langle \cos(2t) - 2\sin(2t), \sin(2t) + 2\cos(2t), 1 \rangle = f(t) \vec{F}(t)$$

$$\|\vec{R}'\| = |f(t)| \|\vec{F}(t)\| = e^t \sqrt{(\cos(2t) - 2\sin(2t))^2 + (\sin(2t) + 2\cos(2t))^2 + 1^2}$$

$$\cancel{\cos^2(2t)} - \cancel{4\cos(2t)\sin(2t)} + \cancel{4\sin^2(2t)} + \cancel{\sin^2(2t)} + \cancel{4\sin(2t)\cos(2t)} + \cancel{4\cos^2(2t)} + 1$$

$$= e^t \sqrt{1+4+1} = \sqrt{6} e^t$$

$$\vec{T} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \langle \cos(2t) - 2\sin(2t), \sin(2t) + 2\cos(2t), 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{T}' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \langle -2\sin(2t) - 4\cos(2t), \cos(2t) - 4\sin(2t), 0 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{T}'\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sqrt{(-2\sin(2t) - 4\cos(2t))^2 + (\cos(2t) - 4\sin(2t))^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sqrt{\cancel{4\sin^2(2t)} + \cancel{16\sin(2t)\cos(2t)}} + \cancel{16\cos^2(2t)} + \cancel{4\cos^2(2t)} - \cancel{16\cos(2t)\sin(2t)} + \cancel{16\sin^2(2t)}$$

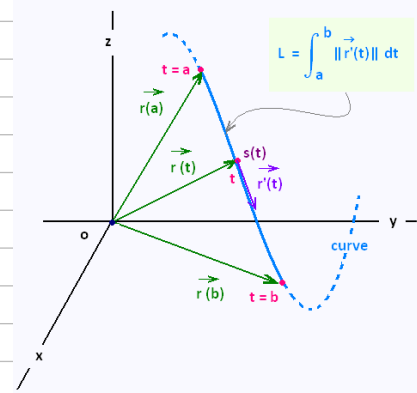
$$= \frac{\sqrt{20}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{20}}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\vec{N} = \frac{\vec{T}'}{\|\vec{T}'\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}} \langle -2\sin(2t) - 4\cos(2t), \cos(2t) - 4\sin(2t), 0 \rangle$$

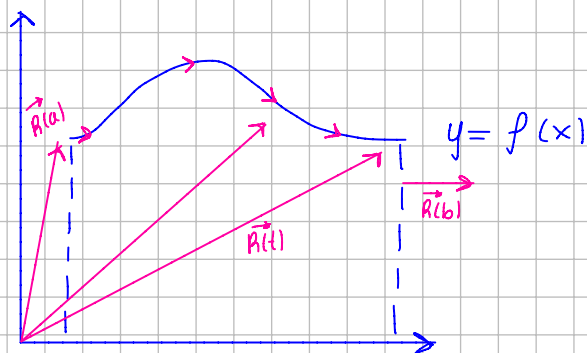
ARC LENGTH FORMULA. Let $\vec{R}(t)$ be smooth curve traversed only in one direction.

The arc length of $\vec{R}(t)$ from a to b is given by

$$s = \int_a^b \|\vec{R}'(t)\| dt = \int_a^b \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2 + (z'(t))^2} dt$$



Informal proof from calculus 2.



$$s = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + (y')^2} dx \quad \vec{R}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle \quad t \in [a, b]$$

$$\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}\right)^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2}} dx$$

$$= \sqrt{(x'(t)^2 + (y'(t))^2)} \frac{dt}{dx} \cancel{dx} \quad s = \int_a^b \sqrt{(x')^2 + (y')^2} dt$$

Ex. Find the arclength of $\vec{R} = \langle a \cos t, a \sin t, bt \rangle \quad t \in [0, 2\pi]$.

$$s = \int_0^{2\pi} \|\vec{R}'\| dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} dt = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \quad t \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 2\pi \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\vec{R}' = \langle -a \sin t, a \cos t, b \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{R}'\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$s(t) = \int_a^t \|\vec{R}'(u)\| du$ describes the distance traveled on $\vec{R}(t)$ from a fixed point $\vec{R}(a)$

$$\frac{ds(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t \|\vec{R}'(u)\| du = \|\vec{R}'(t)\| = s'(t)$$

Ex. Find the arc length parametrization of $\vec{R}(t) = \langle 5 \cos t, 5 \sin t \rangle$ from $t=0$

$$\vec{R}(s) \rightarrow s(t) \xrightarrow{\quad} t(s) \rightarrow \vec{R}(t(s)) = \vec{R}(s)$$

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \|\vec{R}'(u)\| du = \int_0^t 5 du = 5u \Big|_0^t = 5t \Leftrightarrow t = \left[\frac{s}{5} \right] \quad \vec{R}\left(\frac{s}{5}\right) = \left\langle 5 \cos \frac{s}{5}, 5 \sin \frac{s}{5} \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{R}'(t) = \langle -5 \sin(t), 5 \cos(t) \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{R}'(t)\| = \sqrt{(-5 \sin(t))^2 + (5 \cos(t))^2} = 5$$

Ex. Find the arc length parametrization of $\vec{R}(t) = \langle e^t \cos t, e^t \sin t \rangle$ from $t=0$.

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \|\vec{R}'(u)\| du = \int_0^t \sqrt{2} e^u du = \sqrt{2} e^u \Big|_0^t = \sqrt{2} (e^t - e^0) = \sqrt{2} (e^t - 1)$$

$$\vec{R}'(t) = \langle \cancel{e^t} \cos t - \cancel{e^t} \sin t, \cancel{e^t} \sin t + \cancel{e^t} \cos t \rangle e^t$$

$$\|\vec{R}'(t)\| = e^t \sqrt{(\cos t - \sin t)^2 + (\sin t + \cos t)^2} = \sqrt{2} e^t$$

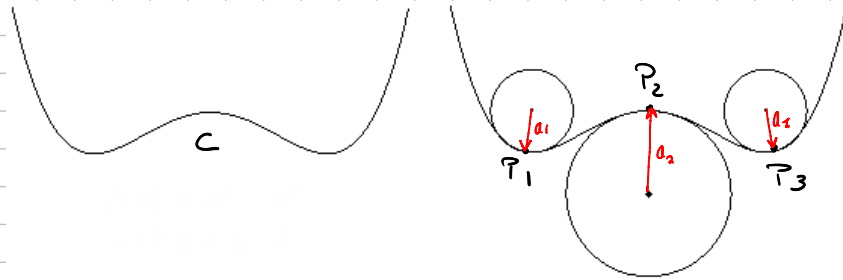
$$\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2} (e^t - 1)$$

$$e^t = \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \rightarrow \ln e^t = \ln \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right)$$

$$t = \ln \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{R}(\ln(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1)) &= \langle e^{\ln(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1)} \cos(\ln(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1)), e^{\ln(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1)} \sin(\ln(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1)) \rangle \\ &= \langle (\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1) \cos(\ln(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1)), (\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1) \sin(\ln(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1)) \rangle \\ &= \vec{R}(s) \end{aligned}$$

The osculating circle of a curve C at one point P is the circle that best approximate C at P .



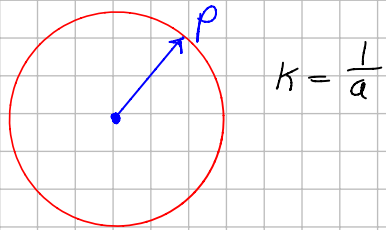
$$k_1 = \frac{1}{a_1}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{1}{a_2}$$

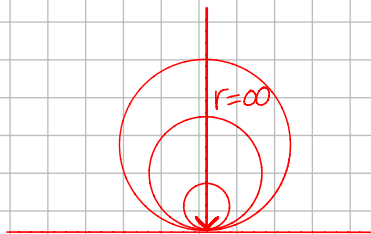
$$k_3 = \frac{1}{a_3}$$

Curvature of a smooth curve. It is the inverse of the radius of the osculating circle.

What is the curvature of a circle of radius a ?



What is the curvature of a straight line?



$$k = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$

Curvature of a smooth curve $\vec{R}(t)$, (or $\vec{R}(s)$)

$$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{kappa}}}{\kappa} = \|\vec{T}'(s)\| \quad \text{or}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|}{\|\vec{R}'(t)\|}$$

or

$$\kappa = \frac{\|\vec{R}' \times \vec{R}''\|}{\|\vec{R}'\|^3}$$

The formulas are all equivalent but we use either (2) or (3)

Ex. Find the curvature of $\vec{R}(t) = \langle a \cos t, a \sin t, bt \rangle$

$$\vec{R}' = \langle -a \sin(t), a \cos(t), b \rangle \quad \|\vec{R}'\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

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

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

$$\|\vec{R}' \times \vec{R}''\| = \sqrt{(ab \sin t)^2 + (-ab \cos t)^2 + (a^2)^2} = \sqrt{a^2 b^2 + a^4} = a \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\|\vec{R}' \times \vec{R}''\|}{\|\vec{R}'\|^3} = \frac{a \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{(\sqrt{a^2 + b^2})^3} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}$$

Ex. Find the curvature of $\vec{R}(t) = \langle e^{-t} \cos 3t, e^{-t} \sin 3t \rangle$

$$\kappa = \frac{\|\vec{T}'\|}{\|\vec{R}'\|}$$

$$\vec{R}' = \langle -e^{-t} \cos 3t - 3e^{-t} \sin 3t, -e^{-t} \sin 3t + 3e^{-t} \cos 3t \rangle e^{-t}$$

$$\|\vec{R}'\| = e^{-t} \sqrt{(-\cos(3t) - 3\sin(3t))^2 + (-\sin(3t) + 3\cos(3t))^2} = \sqrt{10} e^{-t}$$

$$\vec{T} = \frac{\vec{R}'}{\|\vec{R}'\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \langle -\cos(3t) - 3\sin(3t), -\sin(3t) + 3\cos(3t) \rangle$$

$$\vec{T}' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \langle 3\sin(3t) - 3\cos(3t), -\cos(3t) - 3\sin(3t) \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{T}'\| = \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \sqrt{(\sin(3t) - \cos(3t))^2 + (-\cos(3t) - \sin(3t))^2} = 3 \frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{10}} = 3$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\|\vec{T}'\|}{\|\vec{R}'\|} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{10} e^{-t}}$$

Ex. Find the curvature $y(x) = e^{2x}$

$$\vec{R}(t) = \langle t, y(t), 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{R}'(t) = \langle 1, y', 0 \rangle \quad \|\vec{R}'\| = \sqrt{1 + (y')^2}$$

$$\vec{R}''(t) = \langle 0, y'', 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{R}' \times \vec{R}'' = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & y' & 0 \\ 0 & y'' & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(0-0) - \hat{j}(0-0) + \hat{k}(y'') = \langle 0, 0, y'' \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{R}' \times \vec{R}''\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + (y'')^2} = |y''|$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\|\vec{R}' \times \vec{R}''\|}{\|\vec{R}'\|^3} = \frac{|y''(x)|}{(1 + (y'(x))^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$y = e^{2x}$$

$$y' = 2e^{2x}$$

$$y'' = 4e^{2x}$$

$$\kappa(x) = \frac{|4e^{2x}|}{(1 + (2e^{2x})^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{4e^{2x}}{(1 + 4e^{4x})^{3/2}}$$

