

Definition:

If a particle is traveling along a space curve s , then we can describe the motion of the particle in terms of :

- [1] The unit tangent vector \vec{T} (forward direction)
- [2] The unit normal vector \vec{N} (the tendency of the motion)
- [3] The unit binormal vector $\vec{B} = \vec{T} \times \vec{N}$ (\perp to the plane created by \vec{T} and \vec{N})

$\vec{T}, \vec{N}, \vec{B}$ define a **right-handed frame** used to calculate the paths of particles moving through space. This frame is also called $\vec{T}\vec{N}\vec{B}$ frame.

Notes:

- (1) The acceleration \vec{a} always lies in the plane of \vec{T} and \vec{N}
- (2) $\vec{a} \perp \vec{B}$
- (3) $a = a_T T + a_N N$ tells us how much of the acceleration takes place tangent to the motion (a_T) and how much takes place normal to the motion (a_N).
- (4) (a_T) measures the rate of change of the length of \vec{v} (the change in the speed)
- (5) (a_N) measures the rate of change of the direction of \vec{v} .
- (6) We can calculate a_N without finding K by: $|\vec{a}|^2 = a_T^2 + a_N^2 \Leftrightarrow a_N = \sqrt{|\vec{a}|^2 - a_T^2}$

Example:

Let $\vec{r}(t) = (1 + 3t)\vec{i} + (t - 2)\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$ write \vec{a} in the form $\vec{a} = a_T \vec{T} + a_N \vec{N}$ without finding \vec{T} and \vec{N}

$$\vec{v} = 3\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 3\vec{k} \Rightarrow |\vec{v}| = \sqrt{9 + 1 + 9} = \sqrt{19}$$

$$a_T = \frac{d}{dt} |\vec{v}| = 0$$

$$\vec{a} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow a_N = \sqrt{|\vec{a}|^2 - a_T^2} = 0$$

$$\vec{a} = (0)\vec{T} + (0)\vec{N} = \vec{0}$$

Torsion:

The Torsion function of the smooth curve is : $\tau = -\frac{dB}{ds} \cdot N$, where B is binormal vector.

$$\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} = \frac{d}{ds}(\vec{T} \times \vec{N}) = \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \times \vec{N} + \vec{T} \times \frac{d\vec{N}}{ds} = \vec{0} + \vec{T} \times \frac{d\vec{N}}{ds} \quad \left\{ \text{since } \vec{N} = \frac{1}{K} \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds}, \text{ i.e. } \vec{N} \text{ is the direction of } \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right\}$$

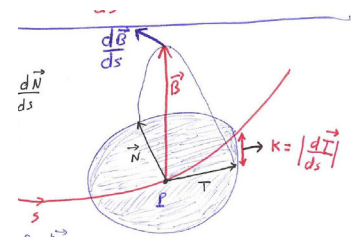
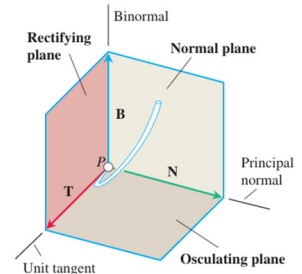
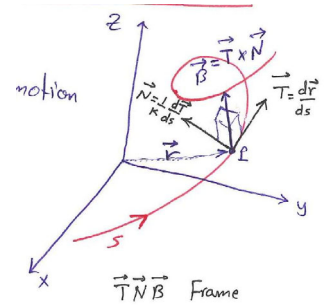
$$\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} = \vec{T} \times \frac{d\vec{N}}{ds}$$

Now: $\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} \perp \vec{T}$ "cross product" but $\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} \perp \vec{B}$ "since \vec{B} has constant length"

then $\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} \perp$ plane of \vec{B} and \vec{T}

Since $\vec{T} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{N}$ then $\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} // \vec{N}$. Hence $\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} = -\tau \vec{N}$ "scalar multiple of \vec{N} "

Note that now: $\frac{dB}{ds} \cdot N = -\tau \vec{N} \cdot \vec{N} = -\tau \Rightarrow$ hence $\tau = -\frac{dB}{ds} \cdot N$ is called the torsion.



Formulas for Computing Curvature and Torsion

Now we give easy-to-use formulas for computing the curvature and torsion of a smooth curve. (without proof)

$$\kappa = \frac{|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a}|}{|\mathbf{v}|^3}$$

$$\tau = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \dot{x} & \dot{y} & \dot{z} \\ \ddot{x} & \ddot{y} & \ddot{z} \\ \dddot{x} & \dddot{y} & \dddot{z} \end{vmatrix}}{|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}|^2} \quad \text{if } \vec{v} \times \vec{a} \neq \vec{0} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}, \ddot{x} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}, \dddot{x} = \frac{d^3x}{dt^3}$$

Computation formulas For Curves in Space

Unit tangent vector:

$$\mathbf{T} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|}$$

Principal unit normal vector:

$$\mathbf{N} = \frac{d\mathbf{T}/dt}{|d\mathbf{T}/dt|}$$

Binormal vector:

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{N}$$

Curvature:

$$\kappa = \left| \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{ds} \right| = \frac{|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a}|}{|\mathbf{v}|^3}$$

Torsion:

$$\tau = -\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{ds} \cdot \mathbf{N} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \dot{x} & \dot{y} & \dot{z} \\ \ddot{x} & \ddot{y} & \ddot{z} \\ \dddot{x} & \dddot{y} & \dddot{z} \end{vmatrix}}{|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a}|^2}$$

Tangential and normal scalar components of acceleration:

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

$$a_T = \frac{d}{dt} |\mathbf{v}|$$

$$a_N = \kappa |\mathbf{v}|^2 = \sqrt{|\mathbf{a}|^2 - a_T^2}$$

Example:

Find T, N, K, B and τ for the space curve $\mathbf{r}(t) = (3\sin t)\mathbf{i} + (3\cos t)\mathbf{j} + 4t\mathbf{k}$

Sol.:

$$T = \frac{v}{|v|}$$

$$v = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = (3\cos t)\mathbf{i} - (3\sin t)\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$$

$$|v| = \sqrt{(3\cos t)^2 + (-3\sin t)^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{9\cos^2 t + 9\sin^2 t + 16} \\ = \sqrt{9(\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) + 16} = \sqrt{9 + 16} = \sqrt{25} = 5.$$

$$T = \frac{(3\cos t)\mathbf{i} - (3\sin t)\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}}{5} = \frac{3\cos t}{5}\mathbf{i} - \frac{3\sin t}{5}\mathbf{j} + \frac{4}{5}\mathbf{k}$$

$$N = \frac{dT/dt}{|dT/dt|}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{-3\sin t}{5}i - \frac{3\cos t}{5}j + 0$$

$$\left| \frac{dT}{dt} \right| = \sqrt{\frac{9}{25}\sin^2 t + \frac{9}{25}\cos^2 t} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$N = \frac{-3/5\sin t}{3/5}i - \frac{3/5\cos t}{3/5}j$$

$$N = (-\sin t)i - (\cos t)j$$

$$K = \frac{1}{|v|} \cdot \left| \frac{dT}{dt} \right| = \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = \frac{3}{25}$$

$$B = T \times N$$

$$B = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3/5\cos t & -3/5\sin t & 4/5 \\ -\sin t & -\cos t & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= i \begin{vmatrix} -3/5\sin t & 4/5 \\ -\cos t & 0 \end{vmatrix} - j \begin{vmatrix} 3/5\cos t & 4/5 \\ -\sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix} + k \begin{vmatrix} 3/5\cos t & -3/5\sin t \\ -\sin t & -\cos t \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (+4/5\cos t)i - (4/5\sin t)j + \left(\frac{3}{5}\cos^2 t - \frac{3}{5}\sin^2 t \right)k$$

$$\therefore B = \left(\frac{4}{5}\cos t \right)i - \left(\frac{4}{5}\sin t \right)j - \frac{3}{5}k$$

$$\tau = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \dot{x} & \dot{y} & \dot{z} \\ \ddot{x} & \ddot{y} & \ddot{z} \\ \ddot{\ddot{x}} & \ddot{\ddot{y}} & \ddot{\ddot{z}} \end{vmatrix}}{|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}|^2}$$

$$(3\cos t)i - (3\sin t)j + 4k$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \dot{x} & \dot{y} & \dot{z} \\ \ddot{x} & \ddot{y} & \ddot{z} \\ \ddot{\ddot{x}} & \ddot{\ddot{y}} & \ddot{\ddot{z}} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3\cos t & 3\sin t & 4 \\ -3\sin t & 3\cos t & 0 \\ -3\cos t & -3\sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$4(9\sin^2 t + 9\cos^2 t) = 36(\sin^2 + \cos^2 t) = 36$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{a} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 3\cos t & 3\sin t & 4 \\ -3\sin t & 3\cos t & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -12\cos t i - 12\sin t j + (9\cos^2 t + 9\sin^2 t)k = -12\cos t i - 12\sin t j + 9k$$

$$|v \times a|^2 = 144 + 81 = 225$$

$$\therefore \tau = \frac{36}{225} = \frac{4}{2.5}$$

The planes determined by $\vec{T}, \vec{N}, \vec{B}$:

If P is the plane \perp vector $\vec{r} = A\vec{i} + B\vec{j} + C\vec{k}$ and the point (x_0, y_0, z_0) is

in the plane P then the equation of the plane is $A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) + C(z - z_0) = 0$

Example:

1) Find $r(t), \vec{v}, \vec{T}, \vec{N}, \vec{B}$ at $t = 0$ for $\vec{r}(t) = (\cos t)\vec{i} + (\sin t)\vec{j} + t\vec{k}$

2) Find the torsion

(2) Find the equations of the osculating plane, normal plane and rectifying plane.

SOL

$$(1) \vec{v} = (-\sin t)\vec{i} + (\cos t)\vec{j} + \vec{k}$$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\vec{T} = \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\sin t\right)\vec{i} + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\cos t\right)\vec{j} + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{T}(0) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\vec{j} + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\vec{k}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{T}}{dt} = \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\cos t\right)\vec{i} - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sin t\right)\vec{j} \Rightarrow \left|\frac{d\vec{T}}{dt}\right| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\vec{N} = \frac{\frac{d\vec{T}}{dt}}{\left|\frac{d\vec{T}}{dt}\right|} = (-\cos t)\vec{i} - (\sin t)\vec{j}$$

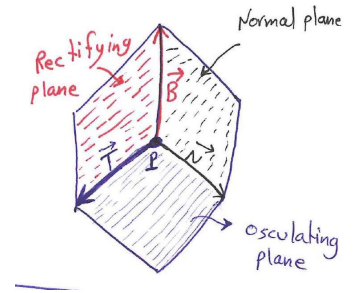
$$\vec{N}(0) = -\vec{i}$$

$$\vec{B}(0) = \vec{T}(0) \times \vec{N}(0) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\vec{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{r}(0) = \vec{i}$$

$$(2) \vec{a} = (-\cos t)\vec{i} - (\sin t)\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{a} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -\sin t & \cos t & 1 \\ -\cos t & -\sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (\sin t)\vec{i} - (\cos t)\vec{j} + \vec{k}$$



$$|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}| = \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} = (\sin t)\vec{i} - (\cos t)\vec{j}$$

$$\tau = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \dot{x} & \dot{y} & \dot{z} \\ \ddot{x} & \ddot{y} & \ddot{z} \\ \ddot{x} & \ddot{y} & \ddot{z} \end{vmatrix}}{|\vec{v} \times \vec{a}|^2} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -\sin t & \cos t & 1 \\ -\cos t & -\sin t & 0 \\ \sin t & -\cos t & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

3) Since $\vec{r}(0) = \vec{i} \Rightarrow$ The point is $P(1,0,0)$

$$\vec{B}(0) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\vec{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\vec{k} \perp \text{osculating plane}$$

$$A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) + C(z - z_0) = 0$$

$$\text{The equation for the osculating plane is } \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}(y - 0) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(z - 0) = 0$$

$y - z = 0$ is the osculating plane.

$$\vec{T}(0) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\vec{j} + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\vec{k} \perp \text{normal plane} \Rightarrow \text{The equation of the normal plane is } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(y - 0) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(z - 0) = 0$$

$y + z = 0$ is the normal plane

$$\vec{N}(0) = -\vec{i} \perp \text{rectifying plane}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{The equation of the rectifying plane is } -(x - 1) = 0$$

$x = 1$ is the rectifying plane

H.W.(5)

- Find the Practical's velocity and acceleration vectors for the motion on the circle $r(t) = (\sin t)\vec{i} + (\cos t)\vec{j}$, where $t = \pi/4$ and $\pi/2$.
- Find the Practice's velocity and acceleration vector for $r(t) = \left(4\cos \frac{t}{2}\right)\vec{i} + \left(4\sin \frac{t}{2}\right)\vec{j}$ where $t = \pi$ and $t = 3\pi/2$.
- Find the velocity and speed and acceleration for $r(t) = (t + 1)\vec{i} + (t^2 - 1)\vec{j} + 2t\vec{k}$, where $t = 1$.
- Find the Continuity and Limit of

$$r(t) = (\sin t)\vec{i} + (t^2 - \cos t)\vec{j} + e^t\vec{k}, \text{ where } t_0 = 0$$

- Find the derivative of $r(t) = (\ln t)\vec{i} + \left(\frac{t-1}{t+2}\right)\vec{j} + (t \ln t)\vec{k}$

6-Evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^1 [t^3\vec{i} + 7\vec{j} + (t + 1)\vec{k}]dt$$

- Evaluate the integreel of

$$r(t) = (\sin t)i + (1 + \cos t)j + (\sec^2 t - 1)k \quad \text{where} \quad -\frac{\pi}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

8 Solve the initial value for r as a vector function of t differential function. $\frac{dr}{dt} = -ti - tj - tk$ initial Condition:
 $r(0) = i + 2j + 3k$.

9 A spring gun at ground level fires a golf ball at an angle 45° . the ball lands 10 m away
 a. What was ball initial speed?
 b. for the Same initial speed find the firing angle that make the range 6m ? Find flight time - and Maximum height.

10 Find the curve's unit tangent vector. Also, find the arc length of the curve

$$r(t) = (t \cos t)i + (t \sin t)j + ((2\sqrt{2}/3)t^3/2)k, 0 \leq t \leq \pi$$

11 Find the arc length Parametrization of a curve at $t_0 = a$ for the curve $r(t) = (\cos 4t)i + (\sin 4t)j + 4tk$

12 Find the T and N and K for the curves

a. $r(t) = (\ln \sec t)i + tj, -\pi/2 < t < \pi/2$

b. $r(t) = \frac{t^2}{2}i + (\ln \cos t)j, -\pi/2 < t < \pi/2$

c. $r(t) = (e^t \cos t)i + (e^t \sin t)j + 2k$

13. Write acceleration in the form $a = a_T T + a_N N$ without finding T and N $r(t) = (1 + 3t)i + (t - 2)j - 3t^2k$

14. Find c, T, N , and B at the given value of t Where $r(t) = (\cos t)i + (\sin t)j - k, t = \pi/4$