

Example 3:

A projectile is fired at a speed of 840 m/s at an angle of 60°. We are tasked to calculate:

1. The time it will take to travel 21 km horizontally.
2. The total flight time of the projectile.

Given Data:

Initial velocity: $v_0 = 840$ m/s angle: $\theta = 60^\circ$ Distance to travel: $x = 21$ km = 21,000 m Acceleration due to gravity: $g = 9.81$ m/s²

The horizontal distance is related to time through the equation: the equation for time: $t = \frac{x}{v_{0x}} = \frac{x}{v_0 \cdot \cos(\theta)}$ $t = 21,000 / (840 \cdot \cos(60^\circ)) = 21,000 / (840 \cdot 0.5) = 21,000 / 420 = 50$ seconds

Total Flight Time: $T = \frac{2v_{0y}}{g} = \frac{2v_0 \sin \theta}{g} = (2 \cdot 840 \cdot 0.866) / 9.81 = 1454.88 / 9.81 \approx 148.3$ seconds

Arc Length in Space**Definition:**

The length of a smooth curve in three-dimensional space: $r(t) = x(t)i + y(t)j + z(t)k$, for $a \leq t \leq b$, is given by the following formula:

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt = \int_a^b |\mathbf{v}| dt$$

Example:

A glider is soaring upward along the helix defined by: $r(t) = (\cos(t))i + (\sin(t))j + t k$ Find the path length of the glider from $t = 0$ to $t = 2\pi$.

Solution:

The formula for arc length is:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt \\ r(t) &= \underbrace{(\cos t)}_{x(t)} i + \underbrace{(\sin t)}_{y(t)} j + \underbrace{t}_{z(t)} k \\ L &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{(-\sin t)^2 + (\cos t)^2 + (1)^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1} dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2} dt = \sqrt{2}t \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 2\pi\sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Arc length parameter with base point $P(t_0)$.**Example:**

Find the arc length parametrization of a curve if $t_0 = 0$ and the helix $r(t) = (\cos t)i + (\sin t)j + tk$

$$s(t) = \int_t^t \sqrt{[x'(\tau)]^2 + [y'(\tau)]^2 + [z'(\tau)]^2} d\tau$$

$$= \int_0^t \sqrt{(-\sin \tau)^2 + (\cos \tau)^2 + (1)^2} d\tau$$

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \sqrt{\sin^2 \tau + \cos^2 \tau + 1} d\tau$$

$$= \int_0^t \sqrt{2} d\tau = \sqrt{2} \tau \Big|_0^t = \sqrt{2} t$$

$$\therefore s = \sqrt{2} t \Rightarrow t = s/\sqrt{2}$$

Substituting $t = s/\sqrt{2}$ in the position vector r gives the arc length Parametrization for the helix.

$$r(t) = (\cos t)i + (\sin t)j + tk$$

$$r(t(s)) = \left(\cos \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right)i + \left(\sin \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right)j + \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}k$$

Unit tangent vector

The unit tangent vector is $T = \frac{v}{|v|}$ where v is the velocity vector $v = \frac{dr}{dt}$ is tangent to the curve $r(t)$.

$$T = \frac{v}{|v|} = \frac{\frac{dr}{dt}}{\left|\frac{dr}{dt}\right|} = \frac{r'(t)}{s'(t)} = \frac{dr}{ds}$$

Example:

Find the unit tangent vector of the curve $r(t) = (3\cos t)i + (3\sin t)j + t^2k$

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

$$v = -(3\sin t)i + (3\cos t)j + 2t''k$$

$$|v| = \sqrt{9\sin^2 t + 9\cos^2 t + 4t^2}$$

$$|v| = \sqrt{9\left(\frac{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t}{''}\right) + 4t^2}$$

$$|v| = \sqrt{9 + 4t^2}$$

$$T = \frac{v}{|v|} = \frac{-3\sin t}{\sqrt{9 + 4t^2}}i + \frac{3\cos t}{\sqrt{9 + 4t^2}}j + \frac{2t}{\sqrt{9 + 4t^2}}k$$

Curvature and Normal vectors of a curve

Definition:

If T is the unit tangent vector of a smooth curve, the curvature function of the curve is: K

Formula for Calculating Curvature:

If $r(t)$ is a smooth curve, then the curvature is

$$K = \left|\frac{dT}{ds}\right| = \left|\frac{dT}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{ds}\right| = \left|\frac{dT}{ds}\right| \left|\frac{dt}{ds}\right| = \left|\frac{1}{ds/dt}\right| \left|\frac{dT}{dt}\right|$$

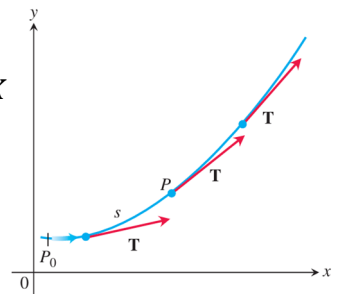


Figure1: As P moves along the curve in the direction of increasing arc, the unit tangent vector turns. value of $|dT/ds|$ at P is called the Curvature

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

Example:

A straight line is $r(t) = C + tv$ for constant vectors C and v . Thus, $r'(t) = v$, and the unit tangent vector $T = v/|v|$ is a constant vector that always points in the same direction and has derivative 0. It follows that, for any value of the parameter t , the curvature of the straight line is zero.

Example:

Find the curvature of a circle $r(t) = (a \cos t)i + (a \sin t)j$ of radius a .

Sol: $k = \frac{1}{|v|} \cdot \left| \frac{dT}{dt} \right|$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore v &= \frac{dr}{dt} = -(a \sin t)i + (a \cos t)j \\ |v| &= \sqrt{(-a \sin t)^2 + (a \cos t)^2} = \sqrt{a^2(\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t)} = |a| = a \\ T &= \frac{v}{|v|} = \frac{-a \sin t}{a}i + \frac{a \cos t}{a}j = (-\sin t)i + (\cos t)j \\ \frac{dT}{dt} &= (-\cos t)i - (\sin t)j \\ \left| \frac{dT}{dt} \right| &= \sqrt{(-\cos t)^2 + (-\sin t)^2} = \sqrt{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} = 1 \\ K &= \frac{1}{|v|} \cdot \left| \frac{dT}{dt} \right| = \frac{1}{a} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{\text{radius}} \end{aligned}$$

The radius of curvature

To compute the radius of curvature of the curve at P is the radius of the circle of curvature, which is $r = \frac{1}{k}$.

Definition:

At a point where $k \neq 0$, the **principal unit normal vector** for a smooth curve in the plane is: $N = \frac{1}{K} \cdot \frac{dT}{ds}$

$$N = \frac{1}{K} \cdot \frac{dT}{ds} = \frac{1}{|dT/ds|} \cdot \frac{dT}{ds} = \frac{\frac{dT}{ds}}{\left| \frac{dT}{ds} \right|} = \frac{\frac{dT}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{ds}}{\left| \frac{dT}{dt} \right| \cdot \left| \frac{dt}{ds} \right|} = \frac{dT/dt}{|dT/dt|} \quad \left[\text{since } \frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{1}{ds/dt} > 0 \right]$$

\therefore The formula for Calculating N where $r(t)$ is a smooth curve is $N = \frac{\frac{dT}{dt}}{\left| \frac{dT}{dt} \right|}$ where $T = \frac{v}{|v|}$ is the unit tangent vector.

Example:

Find T and N for the Circular motion $r(t) = (\cos 2t)i + (\sin 2t)j$

Sol: (1) $T = \frac{v}{|v|}$

$$v = \frac{dr}{dt} = (-2\sin 2t)i + (2\cos 2t)j$$

$$|v| = \sqrt{4\sin^2 2t + 4\cos^2 2t} = \sqrt{4\left(\frac{\sin^2 2t + \cos^2 2t}{1}\right)} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\therefore T = \frac{-2\sin 2t}{2}i + \frac{2\cos 2t}{2}j = -(\sin 2t)i + (\cos 2t)j$$

$$(2) N = \frac{dT/dt}{|dT/dt|}$$

$$\therefore dT/dt = (-2\cos 2t)i - (2\sin 2t)j$$

$$|dT/dt| = \sqrt{4\cos^2 2t + 4\sin^2 2t} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore N &= \frac{-2\cos 2t}{2}i + \frac{-2\sin 2t}{2}j \\ &= (-\cos 2t)i + (-\sin 2t)j\end{aligned}$$

Example:

Find the curvature of the Parabola equation $r(t) = t_i + t^2j$ at the origin

SOL:

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

$$v = \frac{dr}{dt} = i + 2tj$$

$$|v| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2t)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4t^2}$$

$$T = \frac{v}{|v|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4t^2}}i + \frac{2t}{\sqrt{1 + 4t^2}}j$$

$$T = (1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}i + 2t(1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}j$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \left(\frac{-1}{2}(1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 8t \right)i + \left(2t \cdot \frac{-1}{2}(1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 8t + (1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2 \right)j$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -4t(1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}i + \left[-8t^2(1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 2(1 + 4t^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right]j$$

The curvature at the origin i.e. at $t = 0$

$$K(0) = \frac{1}{|v(0)|} \cdot \left| \frac{dT}{dt}(0) \right|$$

$$|v(0)| = \sqrt{1 + 4(0)^2} = 1$$

$$\left| \frac{dT}{dt}(0) \right| = |0i + 2j| = \sqrt{0^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\therefore K(0) = \frac{1}{1} \cdot 2 = 2$$

Example:

Find the curvature for the helix

$$r(t) = (a \cos t)i + (a \sin t)j + btk, \quad a, b \geq 0,$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} v &= \frac{dr}{dt} = (-a \sin t)i + (a \cos t)j + bk \\ |v| &= \sqrt{(-a \sin t)^2 + (a \cos t)^2 + (b)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 t + a^2 \cos^2 t + b^2} \\ &= \sqrt{a^2(\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) + b^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \\ T &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} [(-a \sin t)i + (a \cos t)j + bk] \\ K &= \frac{1}{|v|} \cdot \left| \frac{dT}{dt} \right| \\ \frac{dT}{dt} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} [(-a \cos t)i - (a \sin t)j] \\ \frac{dT}{dt} &= \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} [(-\cos t)i - (\sin t)j] \\ \left| \frac{dT}{dt} \right| &= \left| \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right| |(-\cos t)i - (\sin t)j| \\ &= \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sqrt{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \\ K &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cdot \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \end{aligned}$$

Proof: The Tangent Vector is Orthogonal to the Normal Vector

1. The unit tangent vector is given by: $T(t) = r'(t) / |r'(t)|$
2. The principal normal vector is defined as: $N(t) = T'(t) / |T'(t)|$
3. We need to prove: $T(t) \cdot N(t) = 0$, meaning they are orthogonal.

Since $T(t)$ is a unit vector, its magnitude is always 1: $|T(t)| = 1$

Differentiating both sides with respect to t : $d/dt(T(t) \cdot T(t)) = 0$, By the Example we have $2(T(t) \cdot T'(t)) = 0$

Dividing by 2: $T(t) \cdot T'(t) = 0$

Since $N(t)$ is just the normalized version of $T'(t)$, i.e., $N(t) = T'(t) / |T'(t)|$ we substitute:

$$T(t) \cdot N(t) = T(t) \cdot [T'(t) / |T'(t)|] = [T(t) \cdot T'(t)] / |T'(t)| = 0 / |T'(t)| = 0$$

Since the dot product is zero, this proves that $T(t)$ and $N(t)$ are always orthogonal at every point along the curve:

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H.W. Arc Length Parameterization

1. Find the arc length of the curve: $r(t) = (3t)i + (2t^2)j + (t^3)k, \quad 1 \leq t \leq 3$

2. Find the arc length parameter for the curve: $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t^2)\mathbf{i} + (t^3)\mathbf{j} + (t^4)\mathbf{k}$, with base point $P(1)$

Compute $s(t)$ Then, express t in terms of s

Homework 2: Unit Tangent Vector

1. Find the unit tangent vector $\mathbf{T}(t)$ for the curve: $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t^2)\mathbf{i} + (2t^3)\mathbf{j} + (3t^4)\mathbf{k}$ and evaluate $\mathbf{T}(1)$.

2. Find a magnitude $|\mathbf{T}(t)|$.

3. A particle moves along the curve: $\mathbf{r}(t) = (e^t)\mathbf{i} + (e^{-1})\mathbf{j} + (t^2)\mathbf{k}$ Find the tangent vector at $t = 0$ and determine its direction.

Homework 3: Curvature & Normal Vectors of a Curve

1. Find the curvature of the curves: (1) $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t, t^2, t^3)$ (2) $\mathbf{r}(t) = \ln(\sec t)\mathbf{i} + t\mathbf{j} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

2. Find the principal normal vector $\mathbf{N}(t)$ of the curve: $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, t)$

3. Determine the radius of curvature R at $t = 0$ for the curve: $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t, t^2, t^3)$ using the relationship:

$$R = \frac{1}{K}$$

4-Find N for the helix $\mathbf{r}(t) = (a \cos t)\mathbf{i} + (a \sin t)\mathbf{j} + btk$, $a, b \geq 0$ and $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$

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$\mathbf{v} = d\mathbf{r}/dt$ Using the chain rule, it can be expressed as: $\mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds}\right)\left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)$

$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds} = \mathbf{T}$, the unit tangent vector. $ds/dt = |\mathbf{v}|$, the speed. Then $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{T} (ds/dt)$

Acceleration derivative of velocity: $\mathbf{a} = d\mathbf{v}/dt$ Substitute $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{T} (ds/dt)$: $\mathbf{a} = d/dt[\mathbf{T} (ds/dt)]$

Using the product rule: $\mathbf{a} = (d^2s/dt^2)\mathbf{T} + (ds/dt)(d\mathbf{T}/dt)$

The first term $(d^2s/dt^2)\mathbf{T}$: This represents the tangential component of acceleration, related to the rate of change of speed.

The second term $(ds/dt)(d\mathbf{T}/dt)$: - Rewrite $d\mathbf{T}/dt$ using the chain rule: $d\mathbf{T}/dt = (d\mathbf{T}/ds)(ds/dt)$

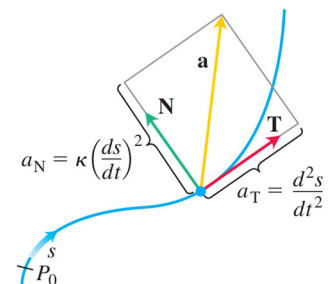
- Substituting, the second term becomes: $(ds/dt)(d\mathbf{T}/ds)(ds/dt) = (ds/dt)^2(d\mathbf{T}/ds)$

From the definition of Normal: $d\mathbf{T}/ds = \kappa\mathbf{N} \rightarrow (ds/dt)^2\kappa\mathbf{N}$

$$\mathbf{a} = (d^2s/dt^2)\mathbf{T} + \kappa(ds/dt)^2\mathbf{N}$$

This shows that the acceleration vector has two components:

- Tangential acceleration: $(d^2s/dt^2)\mathbf{T} = \frac{d}{dt}|\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{T}$, which changes the speed.



- Normal acceleration: $\kappa(ds/dt)^2\mathbf{N}$, which changes the direction of motion.

Definition:

The acceleration vector is written as $\mathbf{a} = a_T\mathbf{T} + a_N\mathbf{N}$ then $a_T = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt}|v|$ and $a_N = K\left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 = \kappa|v|^2$

are the tangential and normal scalar Components of acceleration.

Remark:

The formula for Calculate the normal Component of Acceleration is $a_N = \sqrt{|\mathbf{a}|^2 - a_T^2}$

Example:

Find the acceleration of the motion $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t + t \sin t)\mathbf{i} + (\sin t - t \cos t)\mathbf{j}$, $t > 0$

in the form $\mathbf{a} = a_T \cdot \mathbf{T} + a_N\mathbf{N}$.

Sol:

$$1. \text{ find } a_T = \frac{d}{dt}|v|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = (-\sin t + t \cos t + \sin t)\mathbf{i} + (\cos t + t \sin t - \cos t)\mathbf{j} \\ &= (t \cos t)\mathbf{i} + (t \sin t)\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$a_T = \frac{d}{dt}|v| = \frac{d}{dt}(t) = 1$$

$$2. \text{ find } a_N = K|v|^2 \text{ or } a_N = \sqrt{|\mathbf{a}|^2 - a_T^2}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = (\cos t + t \sin t)\mathbf{i} + (\sin t - t \cos t)\mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{(\cos t + t \sin t)^2 + (\sin t - t \cos t)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |\mathbf{a}| &= \sqrt{t^2 + 1} \\ |\mathbf{a}|^2 &= t^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_N &= \sqrt{|\mathbf{a}|^2 - a_T^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(t^2 + 1) - (1)} = \sqrt{t^2} = t. \end{aligned}$$

We then use Equation (1) to find \mathbf{a} :

$$\mathbf{a} = a_T\mathbf{T} + a_N\mathbf{N} = (1)\mathbf{T} + (t)\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{T} + t\mathbf{N}.$$