

Math 1320 Lab 8

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Due: 04/14/16 in class

Show all work including necessary graphs to get full credits!

1. Given two curves $r_1(t) = \langle t, 2-t, -3+t^2 \rangle$ and $r_2(s) = \langle 3-s, s-1, s^2 \rangle$,

(a) At what point ^(x,y,z) will the two curves intersect?

$$\begin{cases} t=3-s \\ 2-t=s-1 \Rightarrow t=1-s+2=3-s \\ -3+t^2=s^2 \Rightarrow -3+(3-s)^2=s^2 \Rightarrow -3=s^2-(3-s)^2 = (s+3-s)(s-3+s) = 3(2s-3) \end{cases}$$
$$\Rightarrow 2s-3=-1$$
$$2s=2$$
$$s=1$$
$$t=3-1=2 \} \Rightarrow \text{Intersect at } (2, 0, 1)$$

(b) Find their angle of intersection. (Hint: The angle between two curves is the angle between their tangent vectors at the intersection point.)

$$r_1'(t) = \langle 1, -1, 2t \rangle \Rightarrow r_1'(2) = \langle 1, -1, 4 \rangle$$

$$r_2'(s) = \langle -1, 1, 2s \rangle \quad r_2'(1) = \langle -1, 1, 2 \rangle$$

$$r_1'(2) \cdot r_2'(1) = |r_1'(2)| \cdot |r_2'(1)| \cos \theta$$

$$-1-1+8 = \sqrt{1+1+16} \cdot \sqrt{1+1+4} \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{6}{3\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \arccos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

(c) Answer: No, they won't. Because the intersection happens at different time for the two cars.

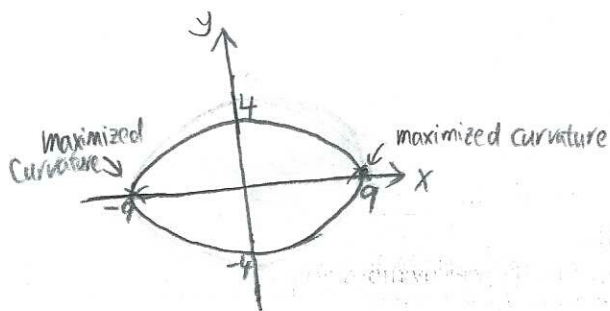
2. The parameterization for a curve is given by

$$x = 9 \cos t \quad y = 4 \sin t.$$

- (a) By using the identity $\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t) = 1$, express the function of curve in only x - y variable.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin t &= \frac{y}{4} & \Rightarrow & \frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1 \\ \cos t &= \frac{x}{9} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Sketch the graph of the curve. Use a colored pen to label your guess of the point where the curvature is maximized and briefly explain why.



Because curvature measures how fast a curve is changing direction at a given point

- (c) Find the expression for the curvature, $\kappa(t)$, of the curve.

$$r'(t) = (-9 \sin t, 4 \cos t)$$

$$r''(t) = (-9 \cos t, -4 \sin t)$$

$$|r'(t)| = \sqrt{81 \sin^2 t + 16 \cos^2 t}$$

$$|r'(t) \times r''(t)| = \begin{vmatrix} -9 \sin t & 4 \cos t \\ -9 \cos t & -4 \sin t \end{vmatrix} = 36 \sin^2 t + 36 \cos^2 t = 36 \Rightarrow \kappa(t) = \frac{36}{(\sqrt{81 \sin^2 t + 16 \cos^2 t})^3}$$

- (d) At what point is $\kappa(t)$ maximized? Does the result agree with your guess in part (b).

$$\kappa(t) = 36 (81 \sin^2 t + 16 \cos^2 t)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= 36 (65 \sin^2 t + 16)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{36}{(65 \sin^2 t + 16)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\kappa(t) \text{ is maximized} \Leftrightarrow (65 \sin^2 t + 16)^{\frac{3}{2}} \text{ is minimized}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 65 \sin^2 t + 16 \text{ is minimized} \Leftrightarrow \sin^2 t \text{ is minimized}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin t = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0, \pi$$

$$t = 0 \quad (-9, 0)$$

$$t = \pi \quad (9, 0)$$

✓ Same as guess

3. The DNA molecule has the shape of a double helix (see Figure 3 on page 696 of textbook). The radius of each helix is about 10 angstroms ($1\text{\AA} = 10^{-8}\text{cm}$). Each helix rises about 34\AA during each complete turn, and there are about 2.9×10^8 complete turns. Therefore the vector equation is

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle 10 \cos t, 10 \sin t, \frac{34t}{2\pi} \right\rangle \quad (\text{measuring in angstroms}),$$

where t goes from 0 to $2.9 \times 10^8 \times 2\pi$. ~~Estimate~~ the length of each helix. in ~~centimeters~~
 Compute

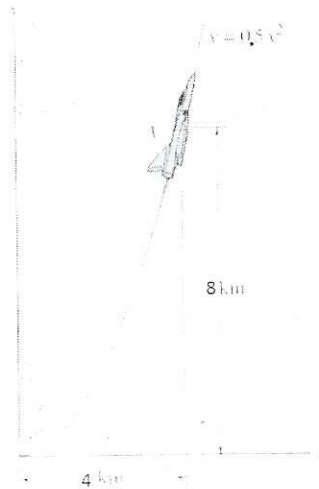
$$L = \int_0^{2.9 \times 10^8 \times 2\pi} \sqrt{100 \sin^2 t + 100 \cos^2 t + \left(\frac{34}{2\pi}\right)^2} dt$$

$$= 2.9 \times 10^8 \times 2\pi \times \sqrt{100 + \left(\frac{34}{2\pi}\right)^2}$$

$$= 2.07 \times 10^{10} \text{\AA}$$

$$= 207 \text{ cm}$$

4. A jet plane travels along a vertical parabolic path defined by the equation $y = 0.5x^2$. At point A, the jet has a speed of 250 m/s , which is increasing at the rate of 0.8 m/s^2 .



- (a) What is tangential component of the total acceleration?

$$a_t = 0.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

- (b) What is the radius of curvature of the path at A?

$$k = \frac{|f''(x)|}{(1 + [f'(x)]^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \quad \begin{array}{l} f'(x) = x \\ f''(x) = 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} f'(4) = 4 \\ f''(4) = 1 \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1+16)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 17^{-\frac{3}{2}} \text{ km}^{-1} = 17^{-\frac{3}{2}} \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{-1}$$

- (c) What is the normal component of acceleration?

$$a_n = v^2 \cdot k = 250^2 \cdot (17)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \times 10^{-3} = 0.8917 \text{ m/s}^2$$

- (d) Use your answer from previous parts. calculate the magnitude of the acceleration vector.

$$a = \sqrt{a_t^2 + a_n^2} = \sqrt{0.8^2 + 0.8917^2} = 1.198 \text{ m/s}^2$$