

Spirak DG
vol II

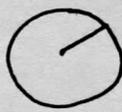
ch 1

$c: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ immersion $c'(t) \neq 0 \forall t$

arc len $s(t) = \int_a^t |c'(t)| dt$

$s: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $t \mapsto s = \int_a^t |c'(t)| dt$ diffed [a, s] → [a, t]

$\gamma = c \circ s^{-1}$ reparam of c
 $\|\gamma'(s)\| = 1$ convention here
 $\gamma'(s) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ not in $\mathbb{R}^3_{\gamma(s)} = T_{\gamma(s)} \mathbb{R}^3$

(curvature of a circle of radius r) = $\frac{1}{r}$
Bigger circle gets \Rightarrow less it curves. 

p.6 Thm 1 $c: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ C^2 smooth, param by arc len
 $c''(s) \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ for s_1, s_2, s_3 suff close to s , $c(s_1), c(s_2), c(s_3)$ do not lie on straight line.

As $s_1, s_2, s_3 \rightarrow s \Rightarrow$ unique circle thru pts $c(s_i)$ approaches circle passing thru $c(s)$ with radius $\frac{1}{|c''(s)|}$ osculating circle

and whose center lies on the line thru $c(s)$ \perp to the tangent line $c'(s)$.

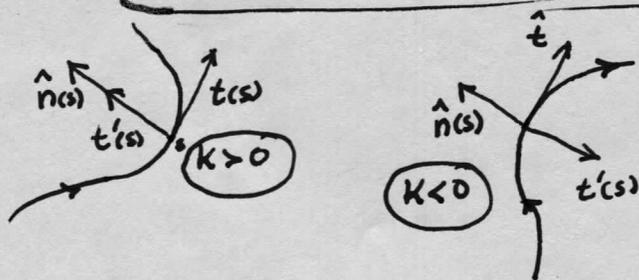
Planar curves

Define $\hat{t}(s) := c'(s)$

Define $\hat{n}(s)$ to be perp to \hat{t} and order basis $\{\hat{t}, \hat{n}\}$ is pos $\Rightarrow \hat{n} = \begin{bmatrix} -\hat{t}_2 \\ \hat{t}_1 \end{bmatrix}$

Signed curvature $K(s)$ by $\hat{t}'(s) = K(s) \hat{n}(s)$ cf. Do Carmo p. 21

Note $|K(s)| = |\hat{t}'(s)| = \|c''(s)\|$ just take norms above



let $c = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ (omit subscript)
 $|K(s)|$ is length of $c''(s)$, which is \perp to $c'(s)$

$|K(s)|$ is area of rectangle

$c' \times c'' = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ c_1' & c_2' & 0 \\ c_1'' & c_2'' & 0 \end{vmatrix} = +k(c_1'c_2'' - c_2'c_1'')$

$K(s) = \det \begin{bmatrix} c_1' & c_1'' \\ c_2' & c_2'' \end{bmatrix} = c_1'c_2'' - c_2'c_1''$

Now derive formulae not param by arc len:

Thm 2 let $K: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ cont $\Rightarrow \exists$ curve $C: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, param by arc len, \exists curvature of C at s is $K(s) \forall s \in [a,b]$
 C is unique up to ^{proper} Euclidean motions.
 (translation, followed by rotation)

Thm 7 (Hopf) The rotation index of a simple closed ^{planar} curve is ± 1 .

Thm 8 A simple closed planar curve is convex \Leftrightarrow curvature $K \geq 0$ (or $K \leq 0$) always

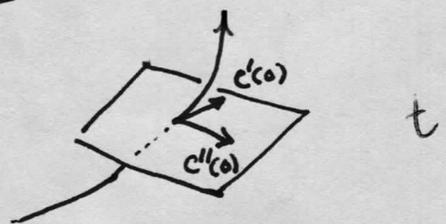
Thm 9 4 vertex Thm Every simple, closed, convex, planar curve has (at least) 4 vertices.

New Curves in \mathbb{R}^3

Prop 10 $C: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ C^2 smooth
 $C''(s) \neq 0$
 For s_1, s_2, s_3 close to s , pts $C(s_1), C(s_2), C(s_3)$ do not lie on a line.

Osculating Plane

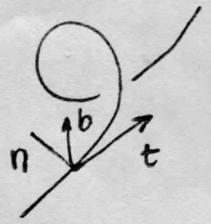
As $s_i \rightarrow s$ the unique plane through pts $C(s_i)$ approaches plane P spanned by $C'(s)$ and $C''(s)$.



Define curvature $K(s) := \|t'(s)\|$ even when $C''(s) = t'(s) = 0$
 when $K(s) \neq 0$, define $\hat{n}(s)$ by $t'(s) = K(s) \hat{n}(s)$ $\hat{n}(s) =$ normalized $t'(s)$.

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define binormal $\hat{b}(s) := \hat{t}(s) \times \hat{n}(s)$ (so $\{t, n, b\}$ pos oriented O.N. basis)



Note $\langle b, b \rangle = 1 \Rightarrow \langle b', b \rangle = 0$
 $\Rightarrow b'$ is a LC of t & n .
 (classic arg $\frac{d}{ds}$ both sides)
 $\langle b', b \rangle + \langle b, b' \rangle = 0$
 $2\langle b', b \rangle = 0$

We also have $\langle b, t \rangle = 0$

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$\frac{d}{ds} \langle b, t \rangle = \langle b', t \rangle + \langle b, t' \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \langle b', t \rangle = -\langle b, t' \rangle = -\langle b, n \rangle = 0$

$\Rightarrow b'$ is actually a multiple of \hat{n}

So write $b' = -\tau n$ where scalar τ is the torsion (only defined when n exists, i.e. $C''(s) \neq 0$).

Why $-\tau$?
 you'll see...

" a standard and possibly illuminating way of examining the geo significance of κ and τ is to examine the proj of c onto the planes spanned by "

$\{t, n\}$, $\{n, b\}$, $\{t, b\}$
"osculating p", "normal p", "rectifying p" ialah Taylor expand

$\tau = 0$ everywhere \Rightarrow plane curve

$\tau = 0 \Rightarrow b' = 0 \Rightarrow b(s) = b_0$ const vector

$\Rightarrow \langle t, b_0 \rangle = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} \langle cs, b_0 \rangle = 0$

$\Rightarrow \langle cs, b_0 \rangle = a$ const

$\Rightarrow c$ lies in plane $\left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{all } x \\ \in \mathbb{R}^3 \end{matrix} \mid \langle x, b_0 \rangle = a \right\}$

Helix $\kappa > 0$ τ const

P.44 Do κ and τ determine c up to Euclidean motion?

Frenet-Serret

recall

$t' = \kappa n$

$b' = -\tau n$

we get

$\begin{bmatrix} t' & n' & b' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t & n & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\kappa & 0 \\ \kappa & 0 & -\tau \\ 0 & \tau & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$t' = \kappa n$ (def of κ)

$b' = -\tau n$ (def of τ)

Thm 11

$\kappa: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ cont

$\tau: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\kappa > 0$ on $[a, b]$

$\Rightarrow \exists$ curve $c: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, param by arc len,

\exists curvature $(c) = \kappa$

 torsion $(c) = \tau$

any 2 such curves differ by proper Euclidean motion.

Supposedly I worked this in Do Carmo p. 309 but I can't find it.

Thm 7 (Hopf umlaufsatz) $\deg(T)$ The rotation index of a simple closed, planar curve is ± 1 (depending on the direction in which it is traversed).

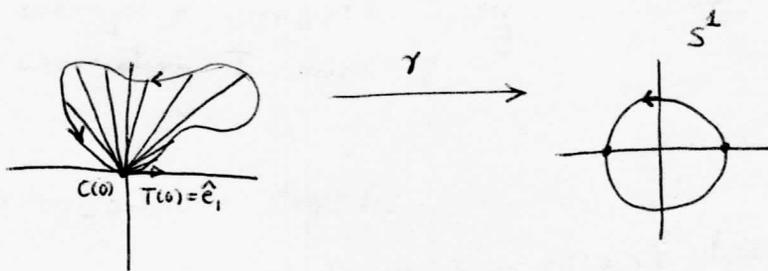
Pf. The idea is to construct another "circle map" γ , which is homotopic to T , and for which we can easily compute the degree. [We know that homotopic maps have the same degree (cf. e.g. G&P p. 108-109)]

Let $c: [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the curve, parameterized by arc length.

Step 1 Define $\gamma: [0, 2L] \rightarrow S^1$ (if I wanted to really do this right, I'd reparam to get the domain to $[0, L]$.)

First note that the rotation index doesn't change if we rotate or translate c , so we can assume c lies in the upper half ~~line~~ plane, with $c(0) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ and the tangent line at $c(0)$ is the x -axis. We also assume c is traversed in the direction \ominus

$$T(0) = \hat{e}_1 = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$$



$$\text{Let } \gamma(s) := \begin{cases} \gamma_1(s) := \frac{c(s) - c(0)}{\|c(s) - c(0)\|} & s \in [0, L] \\ \gamma_2(s) := \frac{c(L) - c(s-L)}{\|c(L) - c(s-L)\|} & s \in (L, 2L) \\ = \frac{c(0) - c(s)}{\|c(0) - c(s)\|} & s \in (0, L) \\ = -\gamma_1(s) & \end{cases}$$

This traces out the top half of the circle.

[This traces out bottom half of circle]

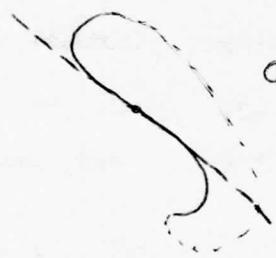
since $c(0) = c(L)$ closed curve, and we can extend c to be periodic of period L
 $c: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$\gamma = \gamma_1 * \gamma_2$
join of curves
Munkres T. p.

no self intersections

Thm: A planar, regular, closed ~~curve~~ ^{curve} is convex \iff it is simple and its curvature K does not change sign.

Intuitive Idea:

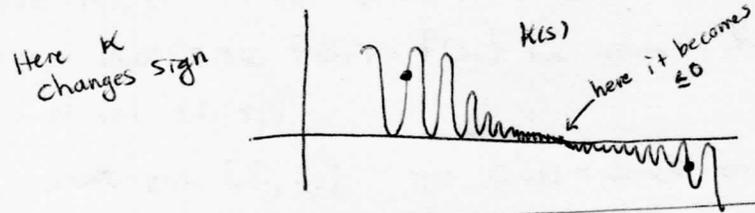


Obviously, this curve is not convex.

However, it seems to be difficult to make this into a rigorous proof.

For $K: [0, l] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $s \mapsto (c_1'(s)c_2''(s) - c_2'(s)c_1''(s))$ (P. 9)

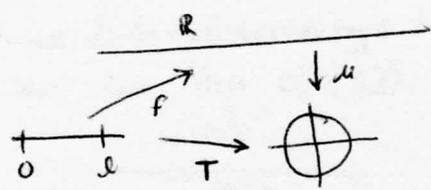
Even if we let K (and c) be very smooth, we still can have pathological curves that do not allow us to find an interval where K is pos, next to one where $K=0$, next to one where K is neg.



Based on $x^2 \sin(1/x)$ but modified. Accumulation pts of zeroes. ROSS EATOC

PF we let $c: [0, l] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be our curve, parammed by arc length.

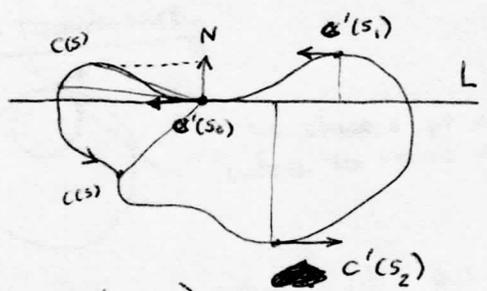
We also refer to the familiar diagrams of the lift of T :



\iff K is simple and K does not change sign in $[0, l]$; w.l.o.g. lets assume $K \geq 0$. Assume c is NOT convex and derive a contradiction.

Step 1 Since c not convex, \exists a pt $s_0 \ni c$ lies on both sides of the tan line L thru $c(s_0)$.

Define a "height" fcn of the curve from this line L :
 $h(s) := [c(s) - c(s_0)] \cdot \hat{N}(s_0)$ \leftarrow unit normal vector.



Since $[0, l]$ is a cpt set, the cont fcn h attains both its max (at $c(s_1)$ say) and its min (negative max value at $c(s_2)$). Note $s_0 \neq s_1$ or s_2 by def of L .

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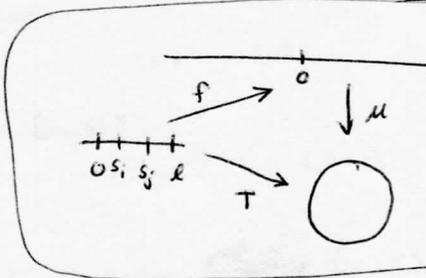
at s_1 and s_2 we know $h' = 0 \Rightarrow c'(s_1) \cdot N(s_1) = 0$
 $c'(s_2) \cdot N(s_2) = 0$

Since we're in \mathbb{R}^2 , we see $c'(s_1), c'(s_2), c'(s_2)$ are all parallel.

step 2 With 3 parallel vectors, some group of 2 must point in the same direction — say its s_i and s_j for some $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$.
 Also we can take $s_i < s_j$.

step 3 So $T(s_i) = T(s_j)$.

$\Rightarrow f(s_i) = f(s_j)$ since we are considering a particular lift of T with $f(0) = 0$.



Now we use $K \geq 0$. From Spirak p.24 we have $K(s) = f'(s)$.
 Thus $f' \geq 0$. But since $f(s_i) = f(s_j)$ we must have $f' \equiv 0$ on $[s_i, s_j]$,
 and $f = \text{const}$ on $[s_i, s_j]$.

$\Rightarrow T$ const on $[s_i, s_j] \Rightarrow c'(s) = \text{const}$ on $[s_i, s_j]$
 $\Rightarrow c([s_i, s_j]) \subset L$

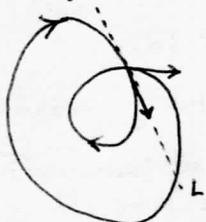
But this is a contradiction: either $c(s_i)$ or $c(s_j)$ is NOT the max distance (pos or neg) from L or else L does not cut thru $c([0, l]) \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$.

(\Rightarrow) Now we assume c is convex and try to prove (i) c is free of self intersect
 (ii) K does not change sign in $[0, l]$.

Lets dispose of (i) with some hand waving [DoCarmo p.398]:

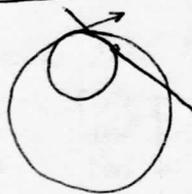
c can intersect its self 2 ways:

Transversally



Here the fact that $c'(s_1) \neq \pm c'(s_2)$
 lets us show that a small arc around $c(s_2)$
 is on both sides of the line L .

Non-transversally



We choose a pt near $c(s_1)$
 where tan vectors do not coincide.

The picture gives the idea but I want to skip the details.

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Now show C convex and simple $\Rightarrow K$ does not change sign in $[0, l]$.

\triangleright Again, proof by contradiction:

Step 4 $K(s) = f'(s)$. If f' changes sign in $[0, l]$, \exists interior pts $a < b$

Prove this claim

$$\exists f'(a) > 0 \text{ or } < 0$$

$$f'(b) < 0 \text{ or } > 0$$

\hookrightarrow CLAIM: \exists pts $s_1, s_2 \ni \begin{cases} s_1 < s_2 \\ f(s_1) = f(s_2) \\ f \text{ is NOT const on } [s_1, s_2] \end{cases}$

pf Let's just do $f'(a) > 0$
 $f'(b) < 0$.

(a) f is a cont. fun on cpt. set $[a, b] \Rightarrow \exists \max$ ~~$f(s)$~~ $f(s^*)$.

(b) $s^* \neq a$ or b : $\lim_{s \nearrow a} \frac{f(s) - f(a)}{s - a} = f'(a) > 0$

take $\epsilon = \frac{f'(a)}{2}$ $s > a$ $-\epsilon < \frac{f(s) - f(a)}{s - a} - f'(a) < \epsilon$ for $s - a < \delta_\epsilon$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) + \underbrace{(s-a)}_{\text{pos}} \underbrace{(f'(a) - \epsilon)}_{\text{pos}} < f(s) < \dots$$

$\Rightarrow f(a)$ is not the max

$$\lim_{s \nearrow b} \frac{f(s) - f(b)}{s - b} = f'(b) < 0$$

$$-\epsilon < \frac{f(b) - f(s)}{b - s} - f'(b) < \epsilon$$

$$f(b) - (b-s)(f'(b) - \epsilon) > f(s) > f(b) - \underbrace{(f'(b) + \epsilon)}_{\text{neg}} \underbrace{(b-s)}_{\text{pos}}$$

for ϵ suff. small

$$\Rightarrow f(s) > f(b) + \text{pos}$$

$\Rightarrow f(b)$ is not the max.

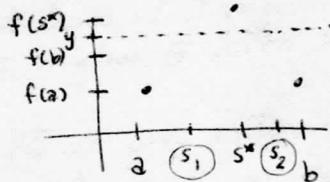
(c) Thus $f(a) < f(s^*)$
 $f(b) < f(s^*)$ and w.l.o.g. we can take $f(a) \leq f(b)$.

choose $y \in (f(b), f(s^*))$

There must be at least one pt $s_1 \in (a, s^*)$
 $\ni f(s_1) = y$ or else we violate the Intermediate Value Thm.

Similarly, there must be $s_2 \in (s^*, b)$.

Then we are done! $f(s_1) = f(s_2)$ and f is not const on $[s_1, s_2]$ ■



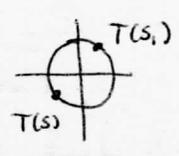
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Step 2 $f(s_1) = f(s_2) \Rightarrow T(s_1) = T(s_2)$.

Since the winding number of T is ± 1 . [Hopf Umlaufsatz Spivak P. 26], we see that T maps Onto S^1 (nothing said about One-to-One)

$T(s_1) = T(s_2)$
 $T(s) = -T(s_1)$

$\Rightarrow \exists s_0 \ni T(s_0) = -T(s_1)$



Step 3 So we have 3 parallel tangent vectors $c'(s_1)$, $c'(s_2)$ and $c'(s_0)$. and thus we have defined 3 parallel lines in the plane.

Claim: 2 of these lines must co-incide.

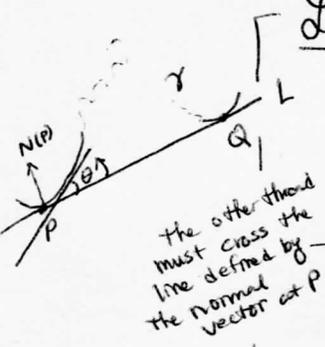
Call the common line L . Suppose not. But the curve $C([0, l])$ is connected, and since it touches the outer lines, it must cross the center one \Rightarrow curve not convex $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$



Step 4 Claim: In fact, the tangent lines that coincide must be the ones thru $C(s_1)$ and $C(s_2)$.

Pf For a contradi., lets assume the ones that co-incide are thru $C(s_0)$ and $C(s_1)$.

Lemma: If a convex planar curve is tangent to a line L at 2 pts, P and Q say, then the curve actually coincides with L between those pts.



the other thread must cross the line defined by the normal vector at P.

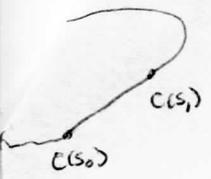
Pf. At P , the thread of the curve in the direction \vec{PQ} is well defined, even if the flow along the curve is not in this direction. This thread eventually reaches Q . Call this thread γ .

- We know $P \in L$ and the curve's tangent vector c' is colinear with L at P . Call $C(t) = P$
 - The tangent vector must turn continuously from $c'(t)$; no sharp corners
 - The curve c can't dip below L [or we violate convexity]
- \triangleright We know γ coincides with L at P . If γ would happen to deviate from \vec{PQ} , then in a nbhd of any pt where γ starts to deviate from \vec{PQ} , the collection of tangent lines must make only small pos angles θ with L .

Fix one of these lines. It cuts thru the line segment \vec{PQ} at an interior pt and hence P and Q lie on opposite sides $\Rightarrow c$ is not convex $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

END LEMMA

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From the Lemma, we see $c(s_0)$ and $c(s_1)$ are joined by a straight line segment.

$\Rightarrow c'(s_0)$ and $c'(s_1)$ must point in the same direction $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

This proves the step 4 claim:

it is $c(s_1)$ and $c(s_2)$ which are joined by the straight line segment.

- $\Rightarrow T(s)$ is const on $[s_1, s_2]$
- $\Rightarrow f$ is const on $[s_1, s_2]$

But this contradicts what we established in step 1 and we must conclude that f' does not change sign

$\Rightarrow K$ does not change sign on $[0, l]$

QED!