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## LECTURE 29

- recall the velocity wrt  $t$  is  $v(t) = r'(t)$ 
  - ↳  $v(t)$  is the instantaneous rate of change of arc length wrt
- therefore,  $ds/dt$  is called the speed of the particle
- $v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} T(t)$
- speed is also the magnitude of  $v(t)$ , that is,  $\|v(t)\|$

### THEOREM

If the position of a particle wrt  $t$  is  $r(t)$ , and  $s$  is an arc length parameter, then

$$a(t) = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} T(t) + K(t) \left( \frac{ds}{dt} \right)^2 N(t)$$

- basically means that  $a(t)$  lies in the plane of  $T(t)$  and  $N(t)$  and is always orthogonal to  $B(t)$

### EXAMPLE

Prove the above theorem.

$$v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} T(t)$$

$$\text{we know } T'(t) = \|T'(t)\| N(t)$$

$$v'(t) = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} T(t) + \frac{ds}{dt} T'(t)$$

$$v'(t) = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} T(t) + \frac{ds}{dt} \|T'(t)\| N(t)$$



Since we know  $K(t) = \frac{\|T'(t)\|}{\|r'(t)\|}$ , and  $\|r'(t)\| = \frac{ds}{dt}$

$$v'(t) = \underbrace{\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} T(t)}_{\text{tangential direction}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 K(t) N(t)}_{\text{normal direction}} \quad \square$$

•  $a(t)$  is always orthogonal to  $B(t)$  and lies in the plane of  $N(t)$  and  $T(t)$

• notation:  $a_T = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$ ,  $a_N = K(t) \cdot \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2$

$$a(t) = a_T(t) T(t) + a_N(t) N(t)$$

### THEOREM

If a particle has position of  $r(t)$ , then at each time  $t$ , the vectors  $v$ ,  $a$ , and scalars  $K$ ,  $a_T$ ,  $a_N$  are related by:

$$a_T = \frac{v \cdot a}{\|v\|} \quad a_N = \frac{\|v \times a\|}{\|v\|} \quad K = \frac{\|v \times a\|}{\|v\|^3}$$

### EXAMPLE

Prove the above theorem.

i)

$$a = a_T T(t) + a_N N(t)$$

$$a \cdot T = a_T T \cdot T + a_N N \cdot T = a_T \|T\|^2 = a_T$$

We know  $T = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$ , so

$$a_T = a \cdot T$$

$$a_T = \frac{a \cdot v}{\|v\|} \quad \square$$

$$2) a_N = \frac{\|v \times a\|}{\|v\|}$$

$$a \times T = a_T T \times T + a_N N \times T = 0 + B(t) = B(t)$$

we know  $B(t) = \frac{r'(t) \times r''(t)}{\|r'(t) \times r''(t)\|}$ , so

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

$$a_N(t)N(t) = \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 k(t)N(t)$$

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

$$a_N = \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 k(t)$$

$$a_N = \frac{\|v \times a\|}{\|v\|} \quad \square$$

$$a_N = \|v\|^2 k(t)$$

$$3) k = \frac{\|r' \times r''\|}{\|r'\|^3} = \frac{\|v \times a\|}{\|v\|^3} \quad \square$$