

LECTURE 26



Definition

For each t in the domain of r , a vector valued function, the **unit tangent vector** to $C @ t$ is $T(t)$:

$$T(t) = \frac{r'(t)}{\|r'(t)\|}$$

We also know that $\|T(t)\| = 1$.



Definition

If r is a smooth parameterization of C , T is the unit tangent vector, and $T'(t) \neq 0$, the **unit normal vector** to $C @ t$ noted $N(t)$ is

$$N(t) = \frac{T'(t)}{\|T'(t)\|}$$

this always points
in the inwards direction
of concavity



Example

Find unit tangent and unit normal vectors to the curve $r(t) = \langle 1+t, t^2 \rangle @ -1, 0, 1$

tangent: $r'(t) = \langle 1, 2t \rangle$

$$\|r'(t)\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 4t^2} = \sqrt{4t^2 + 1} \quad T(t) = \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{4t^2+1}}, \frac{2t}{\sqrt{4t^2+1}} \right\rangle$$

normal: $r''(t) = \langle 0, 2 \rangle$

$$\|r'(t)\| = 2$$

$$N(t) = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$$

Observation

If $r(s)$ is an arc-length param. of C , then

$$T(s) = r'(s)$$

$$N(s) = \frac{r''(s)}{\|r''(s)\|}$$

$$\|r''(s)\|$$

Definition

the binormal vector to C @ t is

$$B(t) = T(t) \times N(t)$$

$B(t)$, $N(t)$, and $T(t)$ make a mini moving coord system which is called the Fernet Frame

Theorem

$$B(t) = \frac{r'(t) \times r''(t)}{\|r'(t) \times r''(t)\|}$$

If $r(s)$ is the arc length parameterization

$$B(s) = \frac{r'(s) \times r''(s)}{\|r''(s)\|}$$

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14.4 Problems

$$3) T(t) = \frac{r'(t)}{\|r'(t)\|} = \frac{\langle 2t, 1 \rangle}{\sqrt{4t^2 + 1}} @ t=1$$

$$r'(t) = \langle 2t, 1 \rangle \quad \left\langle \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right\rangle$$

$$N(t) = \frac{r''(t)}{\|r''(t)\|} = \frac{\langle 2, 0 \rangle}{2} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$$

II) $r = r_0 + tv$ prove that $r = r(t_0) + sT(t_0)$

$$r = r_0 + uv$$

$$\frac{dr}{du} = v$$

$$s = \int_0^t \left\| \frac{dr}{du} \right\| du = t\|v\|$$

$$t = \frac{s}{\|v\|}$$

$$r = r_0 + s \left(\frac{v}{\|v\|} \right)$$



$$\text{because } v = \frac{dr}{du},$$

$$\text{we know that } T(t) = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$$

then, substituting $t=t_0$ gives

$$r = r(t_0) + sT(t_0) \quad \blacksquare.$$

Lecture 26 Problems

$$1) r(t) = \langle t^2 + 2t, 3t \rangle \quad T(t) = \frac{\langle 2t+2, 3 \rangle}{\sqrt{4t^2+8t+13}} \quad @ t=0,$$

$$T(0) = \frac{\langle 2, 3 \rangle}{\sqrt{13}} \quad \boxed{B}$$

$$2) r(t) = \langle t\sqrt{3}, \sin t + 2, \cos t + 3 \rangle \quad B(t) = \frac{r'(t) \times r''(t)}{\|r'(t) \times r''(t)\|}$$

$$r'(t) = \langle \sqrt{3}, \cos t, -\sin t \rangle$$

$$r''(t) = \langle 1, -\sin t, -\cos t \rangle$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \sqrt{3} \cos t & -\sin t & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin t & -\cos t \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} (-\cos^2 t - \sin^2 t) - \hat{j} (-\sqrt{3} \cos t + \sin t) + \hat{k} (-\sqrt{3} \sin t - \cos t)$$

$$\sqrt{\cos^4 t - 2(1) + \sin^4 t - 3 \cos^4 t}$$

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3) $r(t) = \langle 2t, e^t, 3t^2 \rangle @ t=0$

$$r(0) = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$$

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$$r'(t) = \langle 2, e^t, 6t \rangle = \langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle$$

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