

11.4

position $\vec{r}(t)$

velocity $\vec{v}(t)$

acceleration $\vec{a}(t)$

$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{v}(t)}{\|\vec{v}(t)\|}$$

unit
tangent
vector

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

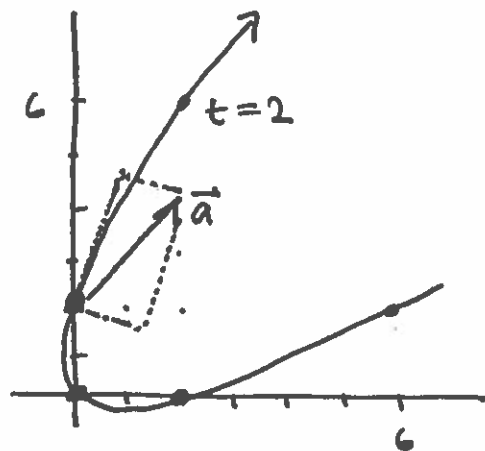
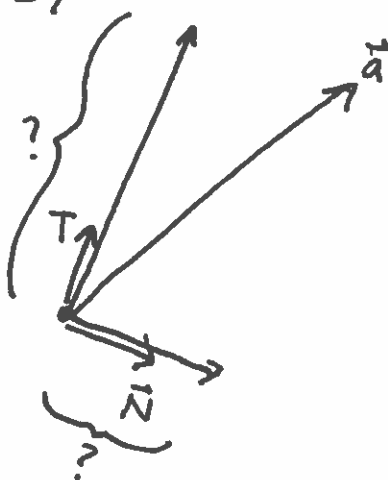
unit
normal
vector

Ex

$$\vec{r}(t) = (t^2 - t, t^2 + t)$$

$\downarrow$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \langle 2, 2 \rangle$$



Decompose
$$\vec{a}(t) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Some} \\ \text{scalar} \\ \text{changing} \\ \text{over} \\ \text{time} \end{array} \right) \cdot \vec{T}(t) + \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Some} \\ \text{scalar} \\ \text{changing} \\ \text{over} \\ \text{time} \end{array} \right) \cdot \vec{N}(t)$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = a_T(t) \cdot \vec{T}(t) + a_N(t) \cdot \vec{N}(t)$$

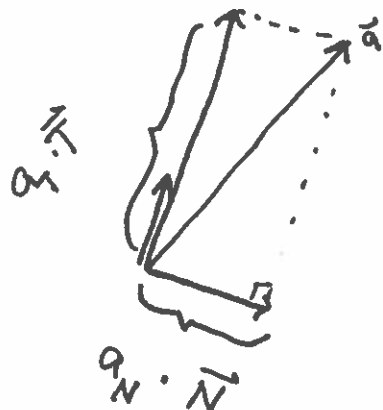
$\uparrow$
tangential
acceleration
component

$\uparrow$
normal
acceleration
component

how much you're
pushing gas or
brakes

how much
sideways pull
you're experiencing

Calculate:



$$\text{proj}_{\vec{T}}(\vec{a}) = a_T \cdot \vec{T}$$

$$\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{T}}{\vec{T} \cdot \vec{T}} \vec{T} = a_T \cdot \vec{T}$$

$$\underbrace{(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{T})}_{\text{scalar}} \underbrace{\vec{T}}_{\text{scalar}} = \underbrace{a_T}_{\text{scalar}} \vec{T}$$

Similarly

$$a_N = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_T = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{T}$$

$$a_N(t) = \vec{a}(t) \cdot \vec{N}(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_T(t) = \vec{a}(t) \cdot \vec{T}(t)$$

Ex $\vec{r}(t) = (2 \cos t, 2 \sin t, 5t)$

Find a_T and a_N .

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle -2 \sin t, 2 \cos t, 5 \rangle$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \langle -2 \cos t, -2 \sin t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\langle -2 \sin t, 2 \cos t, 5 \rangle}{\|\langle -2 \sin t, 2 \cos t, 5 \rangle\|} = \frac{\langle -2 \sin t, 2 \cos t, 5 \rangle}{\sqrt{4 \sin^2 t + 4 \cos^2 t + 25}}$$

$$= \frac{\langle -2 \sin t, 2 \cos t, 5 \rangle}{\sqrt{29}}$$



$$\vec{N} = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|} = \frac{\frac{\langle -2 \cos t, -2 \sin t, 0 \rangle}{\sqrt{29}}}{\left\| \frac{\langle -2 \cos t, -2 \sin t, 0 \rangle}{\sqrt{29}} \right\|} = \langle -\cos t, -\sin t, 0 \rangle$$

already has constant mag 2

$$\text{So } a_T = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{T} = \langle -2\cos t, -2\sin t, 0 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle -2\sin t, 2\cos t, 5 \rangle}{\sqrt{29}}$$

$$a_T = 0 \quad (\text{No speeding up or slowing down.})$$

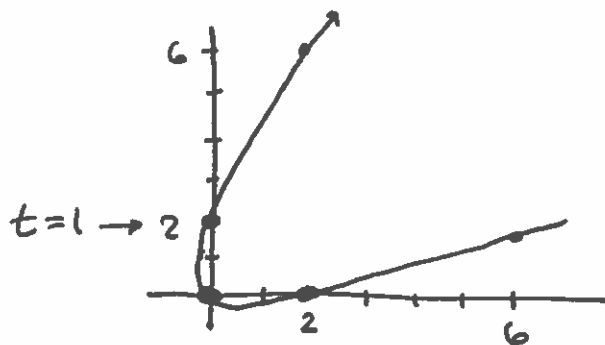
$$a_N = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{N} = \langle -2\cos t, -2\sin t, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle -\cos t, -\sin t, 0 \rangle$$

$$= 2\cos^2 t + 2\sin^2 t + 0$$

$$a_N = 2$$

Ex $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t^2 - t, t^2 + t \rangle$

Find a_T, a_N at $t=1$.



$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle 2t-1, 2t+1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \langle 2, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{T} = \frac{\langle 2t-1, 2t+1 \rangle}{\|\langle 2t-1, 2t+1 \rangle\|}$$

$$= \frac{\langle 2t-1, 2t+1 \rangle}{\sqrt{8t^2 + 2}}$$

$$\vec{N} = \frac{\vec{T}'}{\|\vec{T}'\|}$$

$$\vec{N} = \frac{\langle 8t+4, 4-8t \rangle}{\|\langle 8t+4, 4-8t \rangle\|}$$

$$= \frac{\langle 8t+4, 4-8t \rangle}{\sqrt{128t^2 + 32}}$$

$$\vec{T}' = \frac{\sqrt{8t^2+2} \langle 2, 2 \rangle - \langle 2t-1, 2t+1 \rangle \cdot \frac{1 \cdot 16t}{2\sqrt{8t^2+2}}}{8t^2+2}$$

$$\vec{T}' = \frac{(8t^2+2)\langle 2, 2 \rangle - 8t\langle 2t-1, 2t+1 \rangle}{(8t^2+2)\sqrt{8t^2+2}} \cdot \frac{1 \cdot 16t}{2\sqrt{8t^2+2}}$$

$$\vec{T}' = \frac{\langle 8t+4, 4-8t \rangle}{(8t^2+2)\sqrt{8t^2+2}} \quad \text{parallel to } \langle 8t+4, 4-8t \rangle$$

$$a_T(t) = \vec{a}(t) \cdot \vec{T} = \langle 2, 2 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 2t-1, 2t+1 \rangle}{\sqrt{8t^2+2}}$$

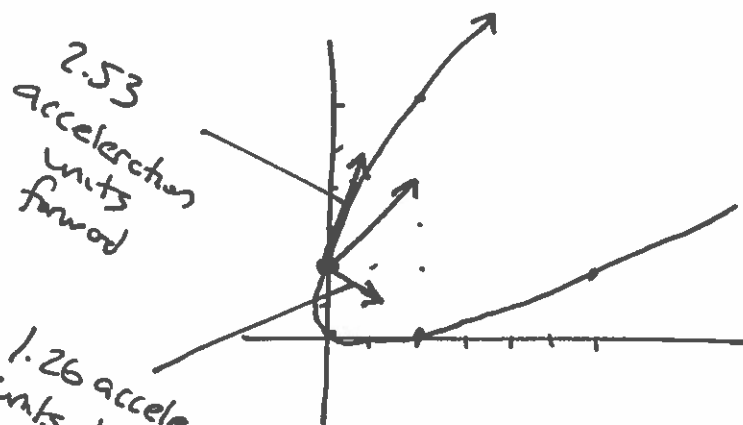
$$= \frac{4t-2 + 4t+2}{\sqrt{8t^2+2}} = \frac{8t}{\sqrt{8t^2+2}}$$

As $t \rightarrow \infty$
approaches $\sqrt{8}$

$$a_N(t) = \vec{a}(t) \cdot \vec{N} = \langle 2, 2 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 8t+4, 4-8t \rangle}{\sqrt{128t^2+32}}$$

$$= \frac{16t + 8 + 8 - 16t}{\sqrt{128t^2+32}} = \frac{16}{\sqrt{128t^2+32}}$$

As $t \rightarrow \infty$,
approaches 0



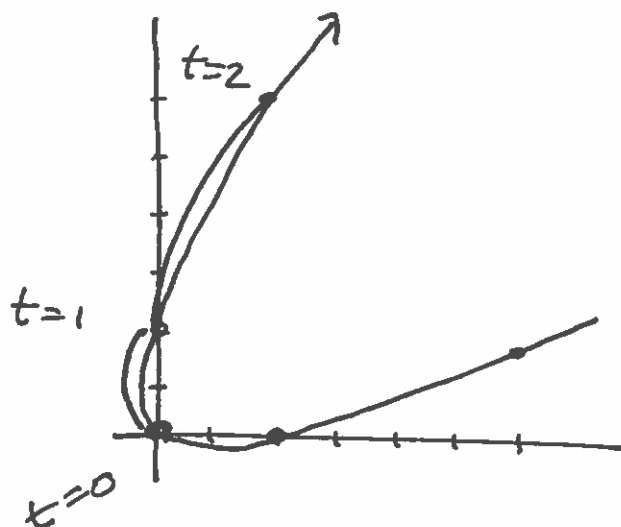
1.26 acceleration
units to
the
right.

$$a_T(1) = \frac{8(1)}{\sqrt{8+2}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{10}} \approx 2.53$$

$$a_N(1) = \frac{16}{\sqrt{128+32}} = \frac{16}{\sqrt{160}} \approx 1.26$$

11.5 Arc length parametrization & curvature.

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle t^2 - 1, t^2 + 1 \rangle$$

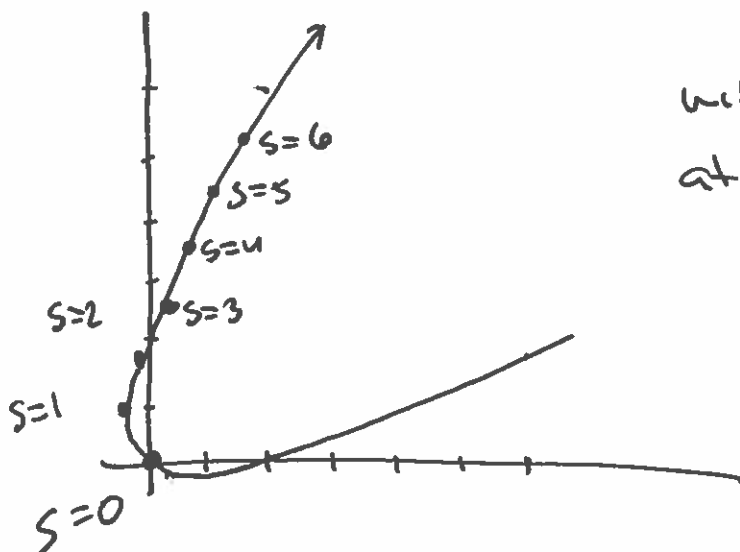


arc length on $[0, 1]$

arc length on $[1, 2]$

Not equal!

Attempt to reparametrize
the same curve (shape/path) ~~at~~ with
different parameter s , so that...



with s , we travel

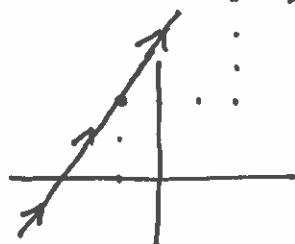
at constant speed

$$\left| \frac{\text{unit of arc length}}{\text{unit of time } s} \right|$$

$$\vec{r}(s)$$

Looking for $\vec{r}(s) = \langle f(s), g(s) \rangle$ that would
still make this possible

Ex $\vec{r}(t) = (3t-1, 4t+2)$
 $= (-1, 2) + t \cdot \langle 3, 4 \rangle$



Parametrize this
 curve with
 respect to
 arc length.

$$S = \int_0^t \|\vec{v}(u)\| du$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle 3, 4 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{9+16} = 5$$

$$S = \int_0^t 5 du$$

$$S = [5u]_0^t = 5t$$

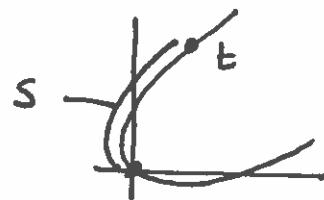
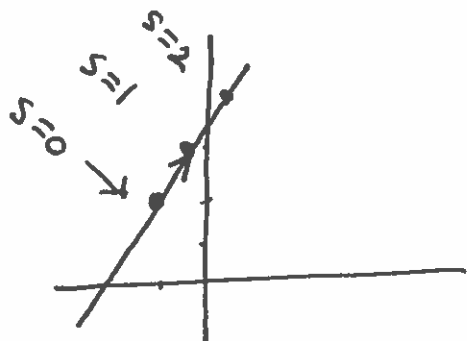
$$S = 5t$$

$\Downarrow$

$$t = \frac{1}{5}S$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = (3t-1, 4t+2)$$

$$\vec{r}(s) = \left(\frac{3}{5}s-1, \frac{4}{5}s+2\right)$$



$$S = \int_0^t \|\vec{v}(t)\| dt$$

if we can integrate
 this

$$S = \text{function of } (t)$$

if we can isolate t,

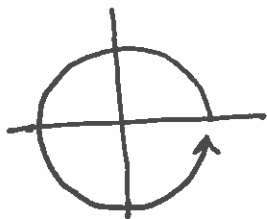
$$t = \text{function of } S$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle t^2-t, t^2+t \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(s) = \langle \sim s \sim, \sim s \sim \rangle$$

Ex $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos(t^3), \sin(t^3) \rangle$

Parametrize
by arc length.



$$s = \int_0^t \|\vec{v}(u)\| du$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle -3t^2 \sin(t^3), 3t^2 \cos(t^3) \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{v}(t)\| &= \sqrt{9t^4 \sin^2(t^3) + 9t^4 \cos^2(t^3)} \\ &= \sqrt{9t^4 [\sin^2(\) + \cos^2(\)]} = 3t^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$s = \int_0^t 3u^2 du = \left[u^3 \right]_0^t = t^3$$

$$s = t^3$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$t = \sqrt[3]{s}$$

So $\langle \cos(t^3), \sin(t^3) \rangle$

$$\langle \cos(\sqrt[3]{s}^3), \sin(\sqrt[3]{s}^3) \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(s) = \langle \cos(s), \sin(s) \rangle$$

Ex $\vec{r}(t) = (t^2 - t, t^2 + t)$

Parametrize by
arc length

$$s = \int_0^t \|\vec{v}(u)\| du$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle 2t-1, 2t+1 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{8t^2 + 2}$$

$$s = \int_0^t \sqrt{8u^2 + 2} du$$

trig substitution
using tables of integrals

$$s = \sqrt{8} \left(\ln \left| \underbrace{t + \sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{4}}}_{\text{auto } +} \right| - \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right)$$

Now try to
isolate $t \dots$

$$\underbrace{\frac{s}{\sqrt{8}} + \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \ln \left(t + \sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{4}} \right)$$

$$e^{\quad} = t + \sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$e^{\quad} - t = \sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$(e^{\quad} - t)^2 = t^2 + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{2[\quad]} - 2 \cdot e^{[\quad]} \cdot t + \cancel{t^2} \\ = \cancel{t^2} + \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$-2e^{[\quad]} t = \frac{1}{4} - e^{2[\quad]}$$

$$t = \frac{\frac{1}{4} - e^{2[\quad]}}{-2e^{[\quad]}}$$

So $\vec{r}(t) = (t^2 - t, t^2 + t)$

$$t = \frac{\frac{1}{4} - e^{2\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{8}} + \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)}}{-2e^{\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{8}} + \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)}}$$

$$\vec{r}(s) = \left(\underbrace{\quad}_s, \underbrace{\quad}_s \right)$$

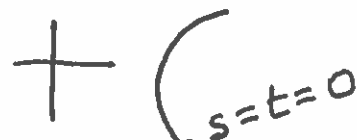
Facts: $\vec{r}'(s) = \vec{T}(t)$

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take $\vec{r}(t)$,
reparametrize
by arc length,
 $\vec{r}(s)$ has new
formulas,
differentiate those

Not!!!

$\vec{r}(t)$'s formula,
differentiated,
then sub in s .



$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{r}'(s)\| = 1$$

useful in formulas
useful as a check
if you
parametrized by
arc length

$$\bullet a_T = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{T} = \frac{d}{dt} (\|\vec{v}(t)\|)$$

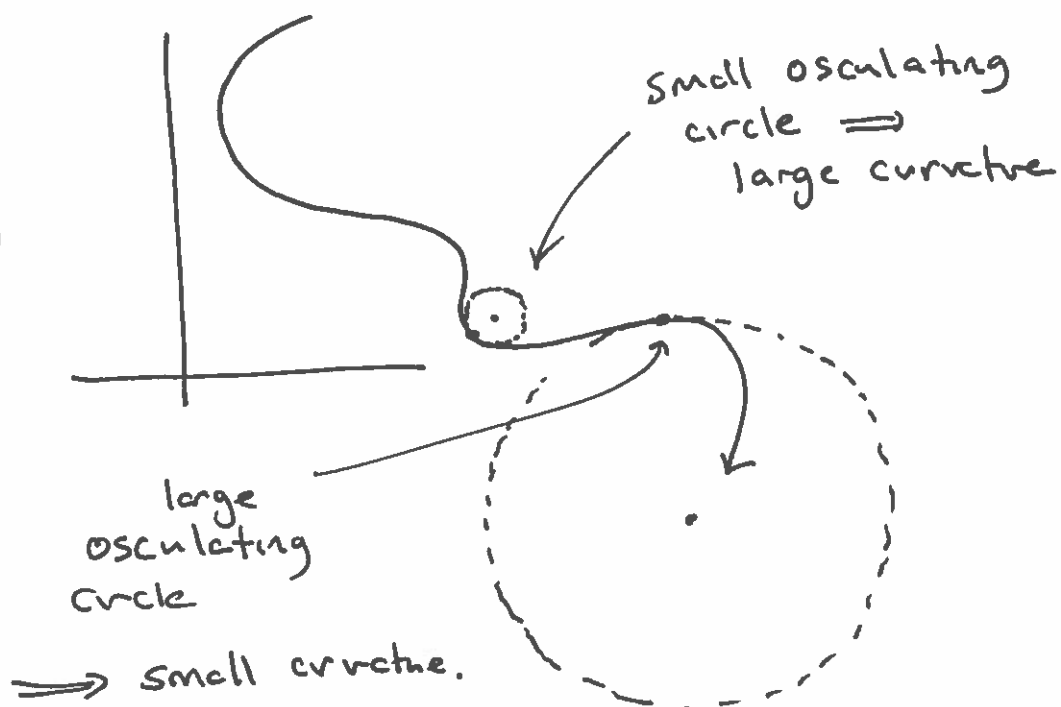
for $\mathbb{R}^3$ -situations

$$\bullet a_N = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{N} = \sqrt{\|\vec{a}\|^2 - a_T^2} = \frac{\|\vec{a} \times \vec{v}\|}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \|\vec{v}\| \cdot \|\vec{T}'\|$$



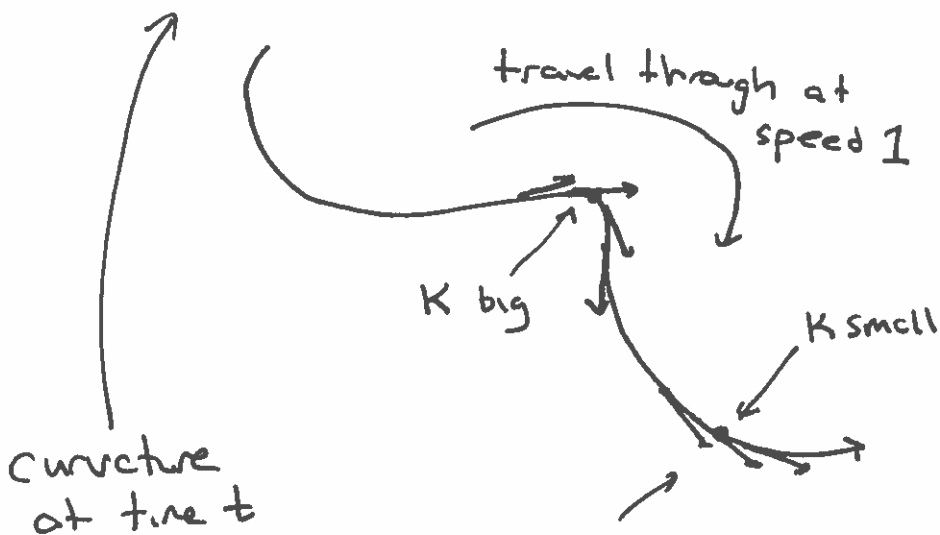
Curvature

At any point,
"how curvy"
is the
curve



Def

$$K(t) = \left\| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right\| = \left\| \vec{T}'(s) \right\|$$



In a short time,
 $\vec{T}$ changes a lot.
 $\|\vec{T}'\|$ is large

Here, in same amount of time, $\vec{T}$ changes
less, $\|\vec{T}'(s)\|$ is not so large.

Ex $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 4t+3, -2t+1 \rangle$ arc length?

(line $\Rightarrow$ expect $K=0$)

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle 4, -2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(s) = \left\langle \frac{4}{\sqrt{20}}s+3, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{20}}s+1 \right\rangle$$

$$S = \int_0^t \|\vec{v}(u)\| du$$

$$S = \int_0^t \sqrt{16+4} du$$

$$S = \sqrt{20} \cdot t$$

$$t = \frac{S}{\sqrt{20}}$$

K needs $\vec{T}'$. Well, $\vec{T} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{\langle \frac{4}{\sqrt{20}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{20}} \rangle}{1}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{T} = \langle \frac{4}{\sqrt{20}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{20}} \rangle$$

$$\text{And } \vec{T}' = \langle 0, 0 \rangle.$$

$$K = \|\vec{T}'(s)\| = \|\langle 0, 0 \rangle\| = 0$$

Nice in theory.

Other formulas for K, easier to calculate with,
very hard to understand why.

$$\rightarrow K(t) = \frac{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|}{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|} = \frac{\|\vec{T}'(t) \times \vec{T}''(t)\|}{\underbrace{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|^3}_{3D \text{ only}}} = \frac{\vec{a}(t) \cdot \vec{N}(t)}{\|\vec{v}(t)\|^2}$$

In 2D

$$\rightarrow \text{If } \vec{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t))$$

$$K(t) = \frac{|x'(t) \cdot y''(t) - x''(t) \cdot y'(t)|}{(x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2)^{3/2}}$$

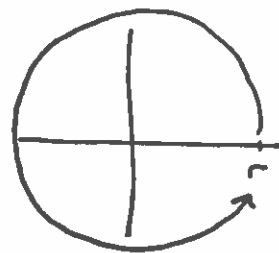
$$\text{If } \vec{r}(t) = (t, f(t)) \\ (y = f(x))$$

$$K(t) = \frac{|f''(x)|}{(1 + f'(x)^2)^{3/2}}$$

$\nearrow$
 x

Ex $\vec{F}(t) = (r \cdot \cos(t), r \sin(t))$

Find $K(t)$.



$$K(t) = \frac{|x' \cdot y'' - x'' \cdot y'|}{\left((x')^2 + (y')^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

expect K to:

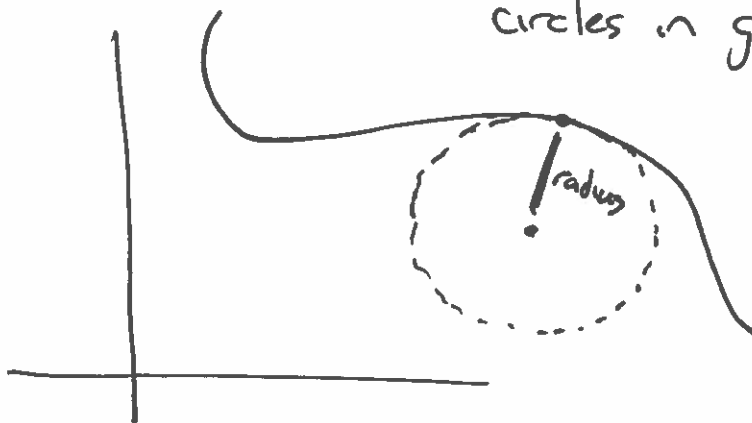
- constant
- large $r \leftrightarrow$ small K
- large $K \leftrightarrow$ small r

$$= \frac{|r \cdot -\sin(t) \cdot r \cdot -\sin(t) - r \cdot -\cos(t) \cdot r \cdot \cos(t)|}{\left((r \cdot -\sin(t))^2 + (r \cos(t))^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{|r^2 \sin^2(t) + r^2 \cos^2(t)|}{\left(r^2 \sin^2(t) + r^2 \cos^2(t)\right)^{3/2}} = \frac{r^2}{(r^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{r^2}{r^3}$$

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

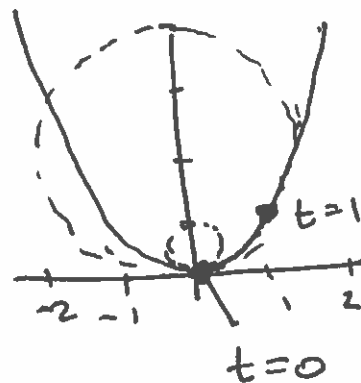
true for osculating
circles in general



K is reciprocal
of radius!

Consider $y = x^2$

$$\vec{r}(t) = (t, t^2)$$



Find $K(t) = K(x)$

Find osculatory circles at $t=0, t=1$

$$K(x) = \frac{|f''(x)|}{\left(1 + f'(x)^2\right)^{3/2}} = \frac{2}{\left(1 + (2x)^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

$$K = \frac{2}{(1 + 4x^2)^{3/2}}$$

Give equations for these circles...

$$(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 = r^2$$

(x_0, y_0) center radius

Osculatory circle at $t=0$.

radius?

$$K = \frac{2}{(1 + 4 \cdot 0)^{3/2}} = 2$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2}$$

center

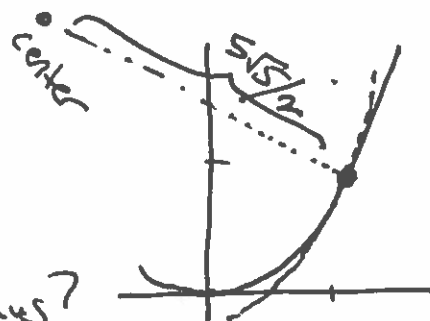


$$(x)^2 + (y - 1/2)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

When $t = x = 1$, where are we on the curve?

$(1, 1)$.

(Not center of circle!)



Calculate osculating circle's radius?

$$K = \frac{2}{(1+4x^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{2}{(1+4)^{3/2}} = \frac{2}{5^{3/2}} = \frac{2}{5\sqrt{5}}$$

Need to know $\vec{N}$

$$\vec{r} = (t, t^2)$$

$$\vec{v} = (1, 2t)$$

$$\vec{T} = \frac{\langle 1, 2t \rangle}{\sqrt{1+4t^2}}$$

$$\vec{T}' = \frac{\sqrt{1+4t^2} \langle 0, 2 \rangle - \langle 1, 2t \rangle \cdot \frac{8t}{2\sqrt{1+4t^2}}}{1+4t^2}$$

$$\vec{T}' = \frac{(1+4t^2) \langle 0, 2 \rangle - 4t \langle 1, 2t \rangle}{(1+4t^2)\sqrt{1+4t^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\langle -4t, 2 \rangle}{(1+4t^2)\sqrt{1+4t^2}} \quad \text{parallel to } \langle -4t, 2 \rangle$$

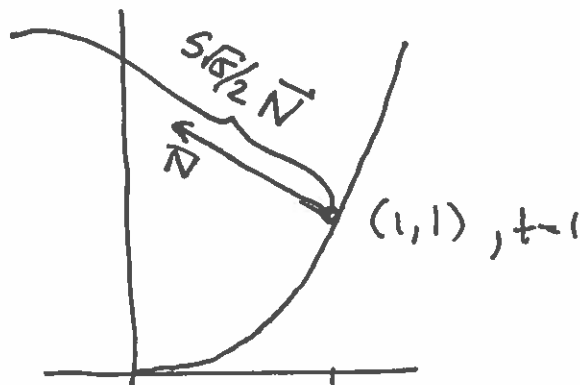
$$\text{So } \vec{N} = \frac{\langle -4t, 2 \rangle}{\sqrt{16t^2+4}}$$

$$\vec{N} = \frac{\langle -2t, 1 \rangle}{\sqrt{4t^2+1}}$$

$$\frac{5\sqrt{5}}{2} \vec{N} = \frac{5\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{4t^2+1}} \langle -2t, 1 \rangle$$

$t=1$

$$= \frac{5\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} \langle -2, 1 \rangle = \langle -5, \frac{5}{2} \rangle$$



Center: ~~(1,1)~~ $(1,1) + \underbrace{\langle -5, 5/2 \rangle}_{\text{radius} \cdot \vec{N}}$

$(-4, 7/2)$ radius $\frac{5\sqrt{5}}{2}$

So $(x+4)^2 + (y - 7/2)^2 = \frac{125}{4}$