

Ch. 2.3

Frenet-Serret Eqns:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2+bc & ab+bd \\ ac+cd & bc+d^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

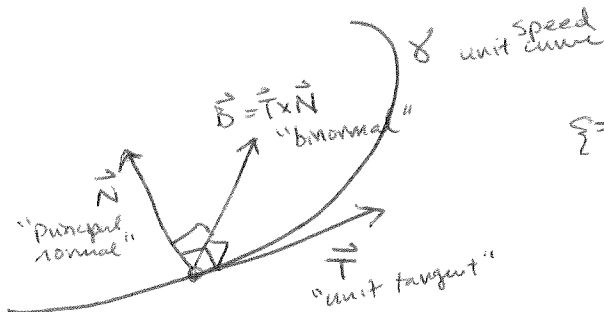
$\vec{\gamma}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ a unit-speed curve.

Then, $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\vec{T}} \\ \dot{\vec{N}} \\ \dot{\vec{B}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \kappa & 0 \\ -\kappa & 0 & \tau \\ 0 & -\tau & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{T} \\ \vec{N} \\ \vec{B} \end{pmatrix}$, i.e. $\begin{aligned} \dot{\vec{T}} &= \kappa \vec{N} \\ \dot{\vec{N}} &= -\kappa \vec{T} + \tau \vec{B} \\ \dot{\vec{B}} &= -\tau \vec{N} \end{aligned}$

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Skew-symmetry ensures that the set of vectors remains orthonormal.

i.e. $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\vec{T}} \\ \dot{\vec{N}} \\ \dot{\vec{B}} \end{pmatrix}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\vec{T}} \\ \dot{\vec{N}} \\ \dot{\vec{B}} \end{pmatrix}_1 + \delta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \kappa & 0 \\ -\kappa & 0 & \tau \\ 0 & -\tau & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{T} \\ \vec{N} \\ \vec{B} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{T} + \kappa \delta \vec{N} \\ \vec{N} - \delta \kappa \vec{T} + \delta \tau \vec{B} \\ \vec{B} - \delta \tau \vec{N} \end{pmatrix}$

As $\delta \rightarrow 0$, the approximate values become orthonormal.
Algebraically: $SO(3)$ has Lie gp. \Leftrightarrow skew-symm. m.x.s.



$\{\vec{T}, \vec{N}, \vec{B}\}$ is the "Frenet Frame" an orthonormal basis @ every pt. of curve independent of parametrization

$\|\dot{\vec{T}}\| = \kappa(s)$, so let $\vec{N}(s) \equiv \frac{1}{\kappa(s)} \dot{\vec{T}}(s)$ = unit vector in direction of $\dot{\vec{T}}$.

(Recall: since \vec{T} is unit vector, $\|\dot{\vec{T}}\|^2 = \dot{\vec{T}} \cdot \dot{\vec{T}} = 1$)

$\dot{\vec{B}}(s) = -\tau(s) \vec{N}(s)$ since \vec{B}, \vec{N} are parallel.

so $\frac{d}{ds}(\dot{\vec{T}} \cdot \dot{\vec{T}}) = 2\dot{\vec{T}} \cdot \ddot{\vec{T}} = 0$
so $\dot{\vec{T}}, \dot{\vec{N}}$ are orthogonal

$\tau(s)$ is the "torsion"

$\kappa=0 \Leftrightarrow$ line

$\tau=0 \Leftrightarrow$ planar curve

$\kappa=C \Leftrightarrow$ circle (if planar)

$\tau=C \Leftrightarrow ??$

$\kappa=C, \tau=0 \Leftrightarrow$ circle

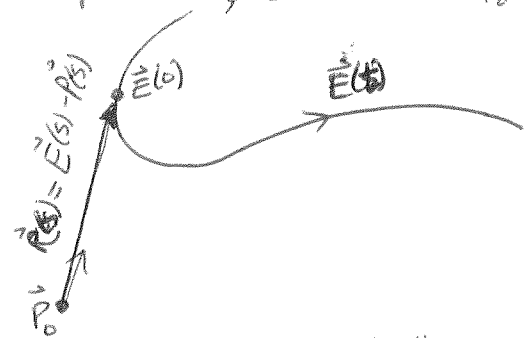
$\tau=C, \kappa=D \Leftrightarrow ???$

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Pursuit Curves:

Let $\vec{E}(s)$ be a ~~unit speed~~ curve, ~~take~~ take \vec{P}_0



Then, heading directly toward $\Leftrightarrow \vec{P}_0' \parallel \dot{\vec{R}} \Leftrightarrow \vec{P}_0' = S_p(t) \frac{\dot{\vec{R}}}{\|\dot{\vec{R}}\|}$
~~unit speed~~