

## §10.8 ARCLENGTH (UNIT CURVATURE)

2D:  $x = f(t), y = g(t), a \leq t \leq b$

PARAM EQS OF PLANAR CURVE  $C$

(TRACED OUT BY PARTICLE EXACTLY ONCE AS  $t$  VARIES FROM  $a$  TO  $b$ )

THEO ARCLENGTH  $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{f'(t)^2 + g'(t)^2} dt$

i.e.  $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$

3D:  $x = f(t), y = g(t), z = h(t)$

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{f'(t)^2 + g'(t)^2 + h'(t)^2} dt$$

i.e.  $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt$

IN SUMMARY,

$$L = \int_a^b |\vec{r}'(t)| dt$$

ex.

Let  $C$  be the curve of intersection of the parabolic cylinder  $x^2 = 2y$  & the surface  $3z = xy$ . Find the exact length of  $C$  from origin to  $(6, 18, 36)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x &= t \\ y &= \frac{1}{2} t^2 \\ z &= \frac{1}{6} t^3 \end{aligned} \quad L = \int_0^6 \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^6 \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4} t^2 + \frac{1}{4} t^4} dt = \int_0^6 \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} t^2\right)^2} dt = \int_0^6 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} t^2\right) dt = \left. t + \frac{1}{6} t^3 \right|_0^6$$

$$= 6 + 36 = 42$$

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ARC LENGTH FUNCTION  $s(t) = \int_a^t |\vec{r}'(u)| du$

$$\left( s'(t) = |\vec{r}'(t)| \quad \text{BY FTC} \right)$$

NOTE: AS LONG AS  $\vec{r}'(t) \neq 0$  ON ANY INTERVAL,  $s$  IS A STRICTLY INCREASING FUNCTION OF  $t$ .  $\Rightarrow 1-1$ , i.e. INVERTIBLE.

IF WE SOLVE FOR  $t$  IN TERMS OF  $s$ , WE CAN REPARAMETERIZE A CURVE  $\vec{r}(t)$  AS  $\vec{r}(t(s))$ , (PARAMETERIZED BY ARCLength).

ex. REPARAMETERIZE THE CURVE  $\vec{r}(t) = \left\langle \overset{e^t}{e^{2t}} \cos t, 2, \overset{e^t}{e^{2t}} \sin t \right\rangle$

WITH RESPECT TO ARC LENGTH MEASURED FROM THE POINT  $(1, 2, 0)$   
 IN THE DIRECTION OF INCREASING  $t$ .  $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{t=0}$

WE HAVE  $s = s(t) = \int_0^t |\vec{r}'(u)| du$

$$= \int_0^t \sqrt{(2e^{2u} \cos u - e^{2u} \sin u)^2 + 0^2 + (2e^{2u} \sin u + e^{2u} \cos u)^2} du$$

$$= \int_0^t \sqrt{4e^{4u} (\cos^2 u + \sin^2 u) + e^{4u} (\sin^2 u + \cos^2 u) - 4e^{4u} \sin u \cos u + 4e^{4u} \sin u \cos u} du$$

$$= \sqrt{5} \int_0^t e^{4u} du = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4} e^{4u} \Big|_0^t = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4} (e^{4t} - 1)$$

$$\therefore s = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4} (e^{4t} - 1) \rightarrow \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} s + 1 = e^{4t}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{4} \ln \left( \frac{4s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right)$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r} \left( \frac{1}{4} \ln \left( \frac{4s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right) = \left\langle \left( \frac{4s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \left( \frac{1}{4} \ln \left( \frac{4s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right), 2, \dots \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle e^t \cos t, 2, e^t \sin t \rangle$$

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \sqrt{(e^u \cos u + e^u \sin u)^2 + 0^2 + (e^u \sin u + e^u \cos u)^2} du$$

$$= \int_0^t \sqrt{e^{2u} \cos^2 u - 2e^{2u} \sin u \cos u + e^{2u} \sin^2 u + e^{2u} \sin^2 u + 2e^{2u} \sin u \cos u + e^{2u} \cos^2 u} du$$

$$= \int_0^t \sqrt{e^{2u} + e^{2u}} du = \sqrt{2} \int_0^t e^u du = \sqrt{2} e^u \Big|_0^t$$

$$s = \sqrt{2} (e^t - 1)$$

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

$$\rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r} \left( \ln \left( \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right) \right)$$

$$= \left\langle \left( \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right) \cos \left( \ln \left( \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right) \right), 2, \left( \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right) \sin \left( \ln \left( \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right) \right) \right\rangle$$