## Suggested Solution to Test 1<sup>1</sup>

1. (a) First, consider

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, (2, 2, 1) \rangle = 0$$
  
 $a(2) + (-1)(2) + 0(1) = 0$   
 $a = 1$ 

and

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = 3$$
  
 $\sqrt{b^2 + (-1)^2 + b^2} = 3$   
 $2b^2 + 1 = 9$   
 $b^2 = 4$   
 $b = 2$  or  $b = -2$  (rejected as  $b > 0$ )

(b) From (a), we have  $\mathbf{u} = (1, -1, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (2, -1, 2)$ . Then, we have

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= -2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

Thus, we have

$$\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} \rangle = 2(-2) + 1(-2) + (-1)(1) = -7.$$

(c) The area required is  $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2} = 3.$ 

(d) The volume of the tetrahedron generated by  $\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  is

$$\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{2} \| \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} \| \right) \left( \frac{|\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} \rangle|}{\| \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} \|} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{6} |-7|$$
$$= \frac{7}{6} \text{ cubic units}$$

(e) The distance between  $\mathbf{w}$  and the plane spanned by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is

$$d = \frac{\text{Volume of the Tetrahedron}}{\frac{1}{3} \times (\text{Base area of the triangle spanned by u and v})}$$
$$= \frac{\frac{7}{6}}{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2}}$$
$$= \frac{7}{3}$$

2. (a) The directional of the line segment is (2,7) - (-5,2) = (7,4). Thus, we can parametrize the line segment by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (-5, 2) + t(7, 4) = (-5 + 7t, 2 + 4t), \ t \in (0, 1)$$

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(b) The Cartesian equation of the circle is

$$(x-7)^2 + (y+5)^2 = 3^2$$

Letting

$$\begin{cases} x - 7 = 3\cos t\\ y + 5 = 3\sin t \end{cases}$$

for  $t \in [0, 2\pi)$ .

Thus, we can parametrize the circle by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (7 + 3\cos t, -5 + 3\sin t), \ t \in [0, 2\pi)$$

(c) Rewrite the equation of the ellipse as

$$\left(\frac{x-5}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-3}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 = \left(\sqrt{2}\right)^2$$

Letting

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x-5}{3} = \sqrt{2}\cos t\\ \frac{y-3}{2\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}\sin t \end{cases}$$

for  $t \in [0, 2\pi)$ .

Thus, we can parametrize the ellipse by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left(5 + 3\sqrt{2}\cos t, 3 + 4\sin t\right), \ t \in [0, 2\pi)$$

(d) Rewrite the equation of the hyperbola as

$$\frac{9x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{18} = 1$$
$$\left(\frac{x}{2/3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{y}{3\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 = 1$$

Letting

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x}{2/3} = -\cosh t\\ \frac{y}{3\sqrt{2}} = \sinh t \end{cases}$$

for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Thus, we can parametrize the hyperbola by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left(-\frac{2}{3}\cosh t, 3\sqrt{2}\sinh t\right), \ t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Note. We may also use  $\sec$  and  $\tan$  to parametrize it by letting

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x}{2/3} = \sec t \\ \frac{y}{3\sqrt{2}} = \tan t \end{cases} \quad \text{for} \quad t \in \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \end{cases}$$

An alternative parametrization for the hyperbola is

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\sec t, 3\sqrt{2}\tan t\right), \ t \in \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

3. (a) Since

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \left(\sec^2 t - 1, \tan t \cdot \sec^2 t - \frac{\sec t \tan t}{\sec t}\right)$$
$$= \left(\tan^2 t, \tan t (\sec^2 t - 1)\right)$$
$$= \left(\tan^2 t, \tan^3 t\right)$$

and  $\tan t \neq 0$  for all  $0 < t < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and so  $\mathbf{r}'(t) \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  is a regular parametrized curve.

(b) From (a), note that

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{(\tan^2 t)^2 + (\tan^3 t)^2}$$
  
=  $\tan^2 t \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 t}$   
=  $(\sec^2 t - 1) \sec t$   
=  $\sec^3 t - \sec t$ 

Thus, the arclength of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  over  $\left(0,\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$  is

$$\int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt = \int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (\sec^{3} t - \sec t) dt$$
  
$$= \frac{\sec t \tan t}{2} \Big|_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sec t \, dt - \int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sec t \, dt$$
  
$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 0 - \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sec t \, dt$$
  
$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln|\sec t + \tan t| \Big|_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$
  
$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\sqrt{2} + 1\right)$$

4. (a) By direct computation, we have

$$\cosh^{2} x - \sinh^{2} x = \left(\frac{e^{x} + e^{-x}}{2}\right)^{2} - \left(\frac{e^{x} - e^{-x}}{2}\right)^{2}$$
$$= \left(\frac{e^{x} + e^{-x} + e^{x} - e^{-x}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{e^{x} + e^{-x} - e^{x} + e^{-x}}{2}\right)$$
$$= e^{x} \cdot e^{-x}$$
$$= 1$$

for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(b) Since

$$x = \frac{e^{y} - e^{-y}}{2}$$

$$2x = e^{y} - e^{-y}$$

$$e^{2y} - 2xe^{y} - 1 = 0$$

$$e^{y} = \frac{2x + \sqrt{(2x)^{2} - 4(1)(-1)}}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad e^{y} = \frac{2x - \sqrt{(2x)^{2} - 4(1)(-1)}}{2} \text{ (rejected ::< 0)}$$

$$e^{y} = \frac{2x + \sqrt{4(x^{2} + 1)}}{2}$$

$$y = \ln\left(x + \sqrt{x^{2} + 1}\right)$$

for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(c) (i)  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = (1, \sinh t)$  and  $\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{1 + \sinh^2 t} = \cosh t$ . (ii) The arc-length function of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  is

$$s = \int_0^t \|\mathbf{r}'(u)\| \, du$$
$$= \int_0^t \cosh u \, du$$
$$= \sinh t$$

Therefore, we have  $t = \sinh^{-1} s = \ln (s + \sqrt{1 + s^2})$ . Thus, the arclength parametrization of **catenary** is

$$\mathbf{r}(s) = \left(\ln\left(s + \sqrt{1+s^2}\right), \cosh(\sinh^{-1}s)\right)$$
$$= \left(\ln(s + \sqrt{1+s^2}), \sqrt{1+\sinh^2(\sinh^{-1}s)}\right)$$
$$= \left(\ln(s + \sqrt{1+s^2}), \sqrt{1+s^2}\right), \quad s > 0$$

5. (a) Note that

$$\begin{split} & \left\| \left(\frac{A+A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} \right\|^{2} + \left\| \left(\frac{A-A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} \right\|^{2} \\ &= \mathbf{u}^{T} \left(\frac{A+A^{T}}{2}\right)^{T} \left(\frac{A+A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}^{T} \left(\frac{A-A^{T}}{2}\right)^{T} \left(\frac{A-A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} \\ &= \mathbf{u}^{T} \left(\frac{A+A^{T}}{2}\right)^{2} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^{T} \left(\frac{A-A^{T}}{2}\right)^{2} \mathbf{u} \\ &= \mathbf{u}^{T} \left[\frac{A^{2}+AA^{T}+A^{T}A+(A^{T})^{2}}{4} - \frac{A^{2}-AA^{T}-A^{T}A+(A^{T})^{2}}{4}\right] \mathbf{u} \\ &= \mathbf{u}^{T} \left(\frac{AA^{T}+A^{T}A}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^{T} AA^{T} \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^{T} A^{T} A \mathbf{u} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (A^{T} \mathbf{u})^{T} (A^{T} \mathbf{u}) + \frac{1}{2} (A \mathbf{u})^{T} (A \mathbf{u}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|A^{T} \mathbf{u}\|^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \|A \mathbf{u}\|^{2} \end{split}$$

(b) Since  $\frac{A+A^T}{2}$  is symmetric, and left multiplying  $\mathbf{u}^T$  on both sides, then

$$\mathbf{u}^{T} \left(\frac{A+A^{T}}{2}\right)^{2} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}^{T} \mathbf{0}$$
$$\mathbf{u}^{T} \left(\frac{A+A^{T}}{2}\right)^{T} \left(\frac{A+A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} = 0$$
$$\left\langle \left(\frac{A+A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u}, \left(\frac{A+A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} \right\rangle = 0$$
$$\left\| \left(\frac{A+A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} \right\|^{2} = 0$$

Thus, we have  $\left(\frac{A+A^T}{2}\right)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ , and follows that  $A^T\mathbf{u} = -A\mathbf{u}$ .

Alternative Solution. From (a), if  $\left(\frac{A+A^{T}}{2}\right)^{2}$   $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ , then

$$\left\| \left(\frac{A-A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} \right\|^{2} = \frac{1}{2} \|A\mathbf{u}\|^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \|A^{T}\mathbf{u}\|^{2}$$
$$\mathbf{u}^{T} \left(\frac{A-A^{T}}{2}\right)^{T} \left(\frac{A-A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^{T} A^{T} A \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^{T} A A^{T} \mathbf{u}$$
$$\mathbf{u}^{T} \left[ -\frac{A^{2} - AA^{T} - A^{T} A + (A^{T})^{2}}{4} - \frac{1}{2} A^{T} A - \frac{1}{2} A A^{T} \right] \mathbf{u} = 0$$
$$-\mathbf{u}^{T} \left(\frac{A^{2} + AA^{T} + A^{T} A + (A^{T})^{2}}{4}\right) \mathbf{u} = 0$$
$$\mathbf{u}^{T} \left(\frac{A + A^{T}}{2}\right)^{T} \left(\frac{A + A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} = 0$$
$$\left\langle \left(\frac{A + A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u}, \left(\frac{A + A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} \right\rangle = 0$$
$$\left\| \left(\frac{A + A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{u} \right\|^{2} = 0$$

Thus, we have  $\left(\frac{A+A^T}{2}\right)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ , and follows that  $A^T\mathbf{u} = -A\mathbf{u}$ . (c) Proceed similar as part (b), we have

$$\mathbf{v}^{T} \left(\frac{A - A^{T}}{2}\right)^{2} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^{T} \mathbf{0}$$
$$-\mathbf{v}^{T} \left(\frac{A - A^{T}}{2}\right)^{T} \left(\frac{A - A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{v} = 0$$
$$\left\| \left(\frac{A - A^{T}}{2}\right) \mathbf{v} \right\|^{2} = 0$$

Therefore, it follows that  $\frac{A - A^T}{2} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  for any  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus {\mathbf{0}}$ , that is

$$A^T \mathbf{v} = A \mathbf{v}$$

By taking 
$$\mathbf{v}$$
 as  $\begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix}$  respectively, it follows that  

$$\begin{pmatrix} A^{T}\begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix} \middle| A^{T}\begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \middle| A^{T}\begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A\begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix} \middle| A\begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \middle| A\begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{T}\begin{pmatrix} 1&0&0\\0&1&0\\0&0&1 \end{pmatrix} = A\begin{pmatrix} 1&0&0\\0&1&0\\0&0&1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{T} = A$$

By definition, A is symmetric and thus the claim is correct. Remark. Taking any three linearly independent column vectors are acceptable, need not to be orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

6. (a) Since  $\|\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}\| = C$ , where C is a non-zero constant for any  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $\mathbf{r}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  which is a space curve.

Thus  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  is a closed curve lying on the sphere centered at  $\mathbf{c}$  with radius C.

(b) (i) From (a), differentiating  $\|\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}\|^2 = C^2$  with respect to t on both sides,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c} \rangle = \frac{d}{dt} C^2$$

$$\left\langle \mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}'(t) - \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{c} \right\rangle + \left\langle \mathbf{r}'(t) - \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c} \right\rangle = 0$$

$$\left\langle \mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}'(t) \right\rangle = 0$$

for any  $t \in (a, b)$ . (\*We ignore the differentiability at the end points of [a, b].)

(ii) Assume that  $\mathbf{s}'(t)$  exists for any  $t \in (a, b)$  and  $\mathbf{s}'(t) \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then

$$\langle \mathbf{s}(t) - \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s}'(t) \rangle = 0$$
$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{s}(t) - \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s}(t) - \mathbf{c} \rangle = 0$$
$$\langle \mathbf{s}(t) - \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s}(t) - \mathbf{c} \rangle = C'$$

where C' is a nonnegative constant.

Therefore  $\|\mathbf{s}(t) - \mathbf{c}\|$  is a constant independent of t, i.e.  $\mathbf{s}(t)$  is a curve maintaining fixed distance from  $\mathbf{c}$ . Thus, the claim is agreed.

(c) From part (b)(i), we have

$$\langle \mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}'(t) \rangle = 0$$

Also, as  $\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|$  is a constant, differentiating  $\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^2$  with respect to t yields

 $\langle \mathbf{r}'(t), \mathbf{r}''(t) \rangle = 0$ 

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , as  $\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{r}''(t)$  are both orthogonal to  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ , so we have

$$(\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}) \times \mathbf{r}''(t) = K(t)\mathbf{r}'(t)$$

for some scalar functions K(t). Now, it remains to show K(t) is a non-zero constant. First, differentiating  $\langle \mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}'(t) \rangle = 0$  with respect to t, then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}''(t) \rangle + \langle \mathbf{r}'(t), \mathbf{r}'(t) \rangle &= 0\\ \langle \mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}''(t) \rangle &= - \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^2 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

which is a negative constant. Therefore,

$$(K(t))^{2} = \frac{\|\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}\|^{2} \|\mathbf{r}''(t)\|^{2} - |\langle \mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}''(t) \rangle|^{2}}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^{2}}$$
  
> 
$$\frac{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^{4} - (-\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^{2})^{2}}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^{2}}$$
  
= 0

So, K(t) is non-zero.

Moreover, we see that K(t) is depending on  $\|\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}\|$ ,  $\|\mathbf{r}''(t)\|$  and  $\langle \mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}''(t) \rangle$  are all constants, so K(t) is constant independent of t. Thus, we have

$$(\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{c}) \times \mathbf{r}''(t) = k\mathbf{r}'(t)$$

by putting  $K(t) = k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

7. (a) For any  $t \in (0, 1)$ , since

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \left(1, -\frac{1}{t^2}\cos\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)\right) \neq (0, 0)$$

Thus, this curve is regular. Also, since

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{1 + \left(-\frac{1}{t^2}\cos\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)\right)^2} \neq 1$$

as  $\frac{1}{t^2}\cos^2(\frac{1}{t}) > 0$  for  $t \in (0, 1)$ .

Thus, this curve is not parametrized by arc length.

(b) For positive integer k, we have

$$\mathbf{r}\left(\left(2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{-1}\right) = \left(\left(2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{-1}, \sin\left(2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right)$$
$$= \left(\frac{2}{(4k+1)\pi}, 1\right)$$
$$\mathbf{r}\left((2k\pi)^{-1}\right) = \left((2k\pi)^{-1}, \sin(2k\pi)\right)$$
$$= \left(\frac{1}{2k\pi}, 0\right)$$

(c) First, we define  $I_k = \left[\frac{2}{(4k+1)\pi}, \frac{1}{2k\pi}\right]$  for any positive integers k. Since

$$\max_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{2k\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} < 1$$
$$\inf_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{2}{(4k+1)\pi} = 0 \ge 0$$

and each  $I_k$  is compact, we have

$$\bigcup_{k\in\mathbb{N}}I_k\subset(0,1)$$

Now, define  $\mathbf{p}_k = \left(\frac{2}{(4k+1)\pi}, 1\right)$  and  $\mathbf{q}_k = \left(\frac{1}{2k\pi}, 0\right)$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since the arc-length of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  over each  $I_k$  is

$$\int_{|I_k|} \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt > \|\mathbf{p}_k - \mathbf{q}_k\|$$
$$= \sqrt{1^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2k\pi} - \frac{2}{(4k+1)\pi}\right)^2}$$
$$> 1$$

Thus, the arc-length of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  over (0, 1) is

$$\int_{(0,1)} \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt > \int_{\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} I_k} \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt$$
$$= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{|I_k|} \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt$$
$$> \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} (1) \to +\infty$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  has an infinite length over (0, 1).

8. (a) Since we want the cycloid lying on the xz-plane, so we may rotate it about the x-axis anti-clockwisely by an angle  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , so that we have

$$R_x \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \begin{pmatrix} \theta - \sin \theta \\ 1 - \cos \theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \theta - \sin \theta \\ 1 - \cos \theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \theta - \sin \theta \\ 0 \\ 1 - \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \mathbf{r}(\theta)$$

(b) By direct computation, we have

$$\mathbf{r}'(\theta) = (1 - \cos\theta, 0, \sin\theta)$$

and

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(\theta)\| = \sqrt{(1 - \cos\theta)^2 + \sin^2\theta}$$
  
=  $\sqrt{1 - 2\cos\theta + (\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta)}$   
=  $\sqrt{2(1 - \cos\theta)}$   
=  $\sqrt{2 \cdot 2\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}}$   
=  $2\sin\frac{\theta}{2}$  (:: for  $\theta \in (0, 2\pi), \sin\frac{\theta}{2} > 0$ )

(c) Since

$$\langle \mathbf{r}'(\theta), \mathbf{e}_3 \rangle = \sin \theta = \|\mathbf{r}'(\theta)\| \|\mathbf{e}_3\| \cos \varphi(\theta)$$

From part (a), we have  $\|\mathbf{r}'(\theta)\| = 2\sin\frac{\theta}{2}$ . Therefore, we have

$$\cos \varphi(\theta) = \frac{\sin \theta}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$
$$= \frac{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$
$$= \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$$

As  $\cos$  is bijective on  $(0, \pi)$ , so  $\cos \varphi(\theta) = \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$  implies that  $\varphi(\theta) = \frac{\theta}{2}$ . (d) (i) Note that

$$\mathbf{v}(\theta) = R_y(\varphi(\theta))\mathbf{u}(\theta)$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} & 0 & \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\frac{\theta}{2} & 0 & \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \\ -\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

and thus

$$\langle \mathbf{v}(\theta), \mathbf{r}'(\theta) \rangle = (1 - \cos\theta)(\cos\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\theta) + 0 - \sin\theta(\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\theta)$$
$$= \cos\theta\cos\frac{\theta}{2} - \cos\theta\left(\cos\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\theta + \sin\frac{\theta}{2}\sin\theta\right)$$
$$= \cos\theta\cos\frac{\theta}{2} - \cos\theta\cos\frac{\theta}{2}$$
$$= 0$$

for any  $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$ .

(ii) In the question, it provides that

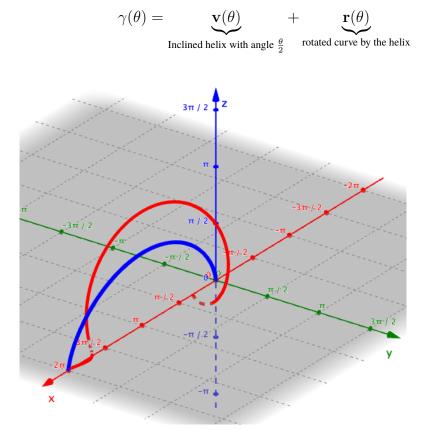


Figure 1: Rotated Helix around the cycloid

By part (d)(i), we have

$$\langle \gamma(\theta) - \mathbf{r}(\theta), \mathbf{r}'(\theta) \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}(\theta), \mathbf{r}'(\theta) \rangle = 0$$

and this identity means the direction from  $\mathbf{r}(\theta)$  to  $\gamma(\theta)$  is always orthogonal to the tangential direction  $\mathbf{r}'(\theta)$ .

(iii) From part (d)(ii), we have

$$\gamma'(\theta) = \mathbf{v}'(\theta) + \mathbf{r}'(\theta)$$

$$= \frac{d}{d\theta} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\cos\frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cos\frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin\theta \\ -\frac{1}{2}\sin\frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \cos\theta \\ 0 \\ \sin\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{4}\sin\frac{3\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\sin\frac{\theta}{2} + 1 - \cos\theta \\ \cos\theta \\ -\frac{3}{4}\cos\frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\cos\frac{\theta}{2} + \sin\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{split} \|\gamma'(\theta)\|^2 \\ &= \left(-\frac{3}{4}\sin\frac{3\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\sin\frac{\theta}{2} + 1 - \cos\theta\right)^2 + \cos^2\theta + \left(-\frac{3}{4}\cos\frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\cos\frac{\theta}{2} + \sin\theta\right)^2 \\ &= \underbrace{\left[\left(-\frac{3}{4}\sin\frac{3\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{3}{4}\cos\frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^2\right]}_{(*)} + (1 - \cos\theta)^2 \\ &- \left(\frac{3}{2}\sin\frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right)(1 - \cos\theta) + \cos^2\theta + \left(-\frac{3}{2}\cos\frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\sin\theta + \sin^2\theta \\ &= \underbrace{\left[\frac{9}{16} - \frac{3}{8}\cos2\theta + \frac{1}{16}\right]}_{(*)} + (1 - \cos\theta)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\sin\frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \\ &+ \frac{3}{2}\left(\sin\frac{3\theta}{2}\cos\theta - \cos\frac{3\theta}{2}\sin\theta\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\cos\frac{\theta}{2}\sin\theta + \sin\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\theta\right) + (\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta) \\ &= \frac{5}{8} - \frac{3}{8}\cos2\theta + (1 - \cos\theta)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\sin\frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{25}{8} + \frac{1}{8}\cos2\theta - \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} - 2\cos\theta + \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \end{split}$$

and the last line is followed from  $(1 - \cos \theta)^2 = 1 - 2\cos \theta + \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$ . Thus, the arc length of  $\gamma(\theta)$  is

$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} \|\gamma'(\theta)\| \, d\theta = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{25}{8} + \frac{1}{8}\cos 2\theta - \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} - 2\cos \theta + \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \, d\theta$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \sqrt{25 + \cos 2\theta - 8\sin \frac{3\theta}{2} - 16\cos \theta + 8\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \, d\theta$$