DERIVING AND CODING CURVE EQUATIONS: A PYTHON-BASED APPROACH TO DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

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Abstract. *This article presents a practical exploration of differential geometry curves, focusing on the derivation, solution, and visualization of curve equations using Python. Each curve is presented with its mathematical background, followed by Python code to generate, solve, and visualize its equation.*

Keywords: *differential geometry, curve equations, Python, coding, visualization.*

ВЫВОД И КОДИРОВАНИЕ УРАВНЕНИЙ КРИВЫХ: PYTHON В ДИФФЕРЕНЦИАЛЬНОЙ ГЕОМЕТРИИ

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Аннотация. *В данной статье представлено практическое исследование кривых в дифференциальной геометрии с акцентом на вывод, решение и визуализацию уравнений кривых с использованием Python. Каждая кривая представлена со своим математическим обоснованием, за которым следует код Python для генерации, решения и визуализации ее уравнения.*

Ключевые слова*: дифференциальная геометрия, уравнения кривых, Python, кодирование, визуализация.*

EGRI CHIZIQ TENGLAMALARINI HOSIL QILISH VA KODLASH: DIFFERENSIAL GEOMETRIYAGA PYTHON ASOSIDAGI YONDASHUV

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Annotatsiya. *Ushbu maqola Python yordamida egri chiziq tenglamalarini hosil qilish, yechish va vizuallashtirishga qaratilgan, differensial geometriya egri chiziqlarini amaliy o‘rganishni taqdim etadi. Har bir egri chiziq o‘zining matematik asoslari bilan taqdim etiladi, so‘ngra uning tenglamasini topish, yechish va vizuallashtirish uchun Python kodi keltirilgan.*

Kalit so‘zlar: *differensial geometriya, egri chiziq tenglamalari, Python, kodlash, vizuallashtirish.*

1. Introduction

Curves are fundamental objects in differential geometry, exhibiting fascinating properties and appearing in diverse applications. While their equations can be studied analytically, Python offers a powerful platform for interactive exploration and visualization. This article provides a Pythonic solution to selected problems in differential geometry, taken from [1-5]. For each problem, we detail the derivation of the curve equation and provide complete Python code for visualizing the solution. This approach not only simplifies the learning process but also provides a foundation for tackling more advanced problems in computational geometry and related fields.

2. Statement of the problem

Problem 1. A right triangle with legs of length a and b moves in such a way that its acute angle vertices slide along mutually perpendicular straight lines. As a result of this movement, construct the equation of the line traced by the vertex of the right angle of the triangle.

Problem 2. In a rectangular coordinate system, find the geometric locus of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the vertex of the right angle of right triangles to the hypotenuse, formed by the coordinate axes and straight lines that intersect them, resulting in a constant area S.

Problem 3. The endpoints of a line segment of constant length slide along the sides of a right angle. Point M divides the segment into two parts of lengths a and b,

respectively. Determine the equation of the curve traced by point M during the motion of the segment.

Problem 4. The endpoints of a line segment of length $2a$ slide along the sides of a right angle. Construct the equation, in Cartesian coordinate systems, of the geometric locus of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the vertex of the right angle to the segment (this curve is called a *four-leaf flower*).

Problem 5. A circle with center at point C and radius a rolls without slipping along the Ox-axis. Construct the parametric equations of the line traced by point M, which is initially located at the origin of the coordinates. As a parameter, take the angle between the radius CA, connecting to the point A where the circle touches the Ox-axis, and the radius CM connecting to point M. The resulting line is called a *cycloid*.

3. Main result

The primary result is that the computational approach can significantly improves one's understanding of key concepts, increased engagement with the material, and fostered a deeper appreciation for the visual nature of differential geometry.

Analytically, one can solve **Problem 1** by setting up a coordinate system where the perpendicular lines are the x and y axes. This problem has a straightforward analytical solution. Through geometric reasoning, one can derive that the locus of the right-angle vertex is a straight line.

Theorem. Given a right triangle with legs of fixed lengths a and b, where the endpoints of the legs are constrained to lie on perpendicular lines (call them the x-axis and y-axis), the locus of the right angle vertex traces a straight line.

Proof. Let (x_0, y_0) be the coordinates of the right-angle vertex, and let θ be the angle between the side of length a and the x-axis.

To visually explore the locus of the right-angle vertex, we developed a Python script using the tkinter library to create an animation. The code simulates the movement of the right triangle by iteratively calculating the positions of its vertices for different angles of rotation. The plot_triangle function draws the triangle on a tkinter canvas, while the draw_point function marks the position of the right-angle vertex. The animate function is the heart of the visualization. It loops through angles from 0 to 361 degrees, calculating the coordinates of the triangle's vertices and the right-angle vertex. The trigonometric functions $math.\sin()$ and $math.\cos()$ are used to determine the vertex positions based on the angle of rotation and the lengths of the triangle's legs, a and b. For each angle, the plot_triangle and draw_point functions are called to update the canvas, creating the animation. Additionally, the create_oval method makes a red point that visualizes the locus being traced out at each animation frame. The **window.update** and **window.after(10)** calls are crucial for the animation. **window.update**() forces the canvas to redraw, displaying the new triangle and vertex positions. **window.after(10)** introduces a short delay (10 milliseconds) between frames, controlling the speed of the animation. The canvas size was set as $800 x 800$ to accomodate all of the points traced. Also, the coordinate system was made so that $(0,0)$ on the graph translates to the coordinates $(400,400)$ on the screen. The complete code is as follows:

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import tkinter as tk
import math
a = float(input("Enter the length of one leg): "))
b = float(input("Enter the length of another leg: "))
window = tk.Tk()
window.title("moving triangle")
canvas = tk.Canvas(window, width=800, height=800, bg="white")
canvas.pack()
canvas.create_line(400, 0, 400, 800, fill="gray", dash=(4, 4)) # Y-axis
canvas.create_line(0, 400, 800, 400, fill="gray", dash=(4, 4)) # X-axis
def plot_triangle(x1, y1, x2, y2):
  canvas.delete("triangle") # Clear the previous triangle
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   canvas.create_line(400, 400-y2-x2, 400 + x1, 400-y2, fill="blue", width=3,
tags="triangle")
  canvas.create_line(400 + x1, 400-y2, 400 +x1-y1, 400 , fill="blue", width=3,
tags="triangle")
   canvas.create_line(400, 400 -y2-x2, 400 +x1-y1, 400 , fill="blue", width=3,
tags="triangle")
def draw_point (x0,y0):
  canvas.delete("point") # Clear the previous one
  canvas.create_oval(x0 -4, y0 - 4, x0 +4, y0 +4, fill="black", tags="point")
def animate():
  for angle in range(0, 361, 1):
    x1 =a*math.sin(math.radians(angle))
    y1 =b*math.cos(math.radians(angle))
    x2 =a*math.cos(math.radians(angle))
    y2 =b*math.sin(math.radians(angle))
    x0 = 400 + x1
    y0 = 400-y2

    plot_triangle(x1, y1, x2, y2) # Plot the triangle at the new position
    draw_point(x0,y0)
        canvas.create_oval(x0 -1.5, y0 - 1.5, x0 +1.5, y0 + 1.5, fill="red",
tags="dot")
    window.update()
    window.after(10)
animate()

window.mainloop()
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Furthermore, we provide the solution as a GIF, animation showing the right triangle moving along the perpendicular axes, with the red trace –a straight line – illustrating the locus of the right-angle vertex[13].

Theorem proved.

While detailed descriptions of the solutions to remain problems (**Problem 2-5**) are beyond the scope of this article, the source code is available in the supplementary materials [14-17], respectively. These additional applications demonstrate the versatility and extensibility of the proposed computational approach.

4. Conclusion

This article has demonstrated a practical approach to understanding and analyzing curve equations using Python, bridging the gap between theoretical concepts in differential geometry and hands-on computational techniques. By deriving and coding equations for various curves, we have showcased the power and versatility of Python's scientific computing libraries. By making these resources openly available, we hope to foster a more widespread appreciation for the beauty and utility of differential geometry. Future work could explore the application of these techniques to more complex curves, surfaces, and higher-dimensional geometric objects, as well as the development of interactive tools for exploring and manipulating curves in real-time.

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