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Problem 5:

Most computations are done with Matlab and/or Maple.
Intermediate steps are often omitted.

a) The segments of a composite parametric cubic curve is given by

$$\vec{r}_i(t) = [1 \ t \ t^2 \ t^3] \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_i^T \\ \vec{r}_i^{T+1} \\ \vec{r}_i^{T+2} \\ \vec{r}_i^{T+3} \end{bmatrix} \quad (*) \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

If the derivatives of the starting and ending vectors are specified, the derivatives at the interval points can be solved from:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\vec{r}}_0 \\ \dot{\vec{r}}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\vec{r}}_{n-1} \\ \dot{\vec{r}}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\vec{r}}_0 \\ 3(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_0) \\ \vdots \\ 3(\vec{r}_n - \vec{r}_{n-2}) \\ \dot{\vec{r}}_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (\neq \neq)$$

However $\dot{\vec{r}}_0$ and $\dot{\vec{r}}_n$ are now unspecified and we have to apply other constraints to solve for $\dot{\vec{r}}_0$ and $\dot{\vec{r}}_n$. Now the second derivatives at the beginning and ending point are zero:

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}(t(t)) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2}{dt^2}(\vec{a}_0 + \vec{a}_1 t + \vec{a}_2 t^2 + \vec{a}_3 t^3) = 2\vec{a}_2 + 6\vec{a}_3 t = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At the begin point } t=0 &\Rightarrow \vec{a}_2 = 0 \Rightarrow 3[\dot{\vec{r}}(1) - \dot{\vec{r}}(0)] - 2\dot{\vec{r}}(0) - \dot{\vec{r}}(1) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 3[\dot{\vec{r}}_1 - \dot{\vec{r}}_0] - 2\dot{\vec{r}}_0 - \dot{\vec{r}}_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{2\dot{\vec{r}}_0 - \dot{\vec{r}}_1 = 3(\dot{\vec{r}}_1 - \dot{\vec{r}}_0)} \quad \text{constraint 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At the end point } t=1 &\Rightarrow 2\vec{a}_2 + 6\vec{a}_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{a}_2 + 3\vec{a}_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \\ &\{ 3[\dot{\vec{r}}(1) - \dot{\vec{r}}(0)] - 2\dot{\vec{r}}(0) - \dot{\vec{r}}(1) \} + 3\{ 2[\dot{\vec{r}}(0) - \dot{\vec{r}}(1)] + \dot{\vec{r}}(0) + \dot{\vec{r}}(1) \} = 0 \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{3\dot{\vec{r}}_n - 3\dot{\vec{r}}_{n-1} - 2\dot{\vec{r}}_{n-1} - \dot{\vec{r}}_n}_{\vec{a}_2} + \underbrace{6\dot{\vec{r}}_{n-1} - 6\dot{\vec{r}}_n + 3\dot{\vec{r}}_{n-1} + 3\dot{\vec{r}}_n}_{\vec{a}_3} = 0 \\ -3\dot{\vec{r}}_n + 3\dot{\vec{r}}_{n-1} + \dot{\vec{r}}_{n-1} + 2\dot{\vec{r}}_n \Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{\vec{r}}_{n-1} + 2\dot{\vec{r}}_n = 3(\dot{\vec{r}}_n - \dot{\vec{r}}_{n-1})} \quad \text{constraint 2} \end{aligned}$$

Replacing the first and last row of (**) with these constraints we get ⁽¹⁵⁾

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & & & & & & \\ 0 & & & & & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ & & & & & & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_0 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_0) \\ 3(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_0) \\ \vdots \\ 3(\vec{r}_n - \vec{r}_{n-2}) \\ 3(\vec{r}_n - \vec{r}_{n-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

This equation can be solved to obtain the derivatives $\vec{r}_0, \dots, \vec{r}_n$. Using these derivatives and the curve points $\vec{r}_0, \dots, \vec{r}_n$ the segments can be generated using (**)

b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_0^T \\ \vec{r}_1^T \\ \vec{r}_2^T \\ \vec{r}_3^T \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 3-2 & 2-1 & 4-2 \\ 4-2 & 3-1 & 8-2 \\ 2-3 & 1-2 & 12-4 \\ 2-4 & 1-3 & 12-8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 6 \\ -1 & -1 & 8 \\ -2 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

using Maple:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_0^T \\ \vec{r}_1^T \\ \vec{r}_2^T \\ \vec{r}_3^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4/5 & 4/5 & 22/15 \\ 7/5 & 7/5 & 46/15 \\ -2/5 & -2/5 & 64/15 \\ -14/5 & -14/5 & 58/15 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can now compute the coefficients a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 for each segment using (**)

Last segment:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0^T \\ a_1^T \\ a_2^T \\ a_3^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_2^T \\ \vec{r}_3^T \\ \vec{r}_2^T \\ \vec{r}_3^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 8 \\ 2 & 1 & 12 \\ -2/5 & -2/5 & 64/15 \\ -14/5 & -14/5 & 58/15 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 8 \\ -2/5 & -2/5 & 64/15 \\ -12/5 & -12/5 & 2/5 \\ 4/5 & 4/5 & 2/15 \end{bmatrix}$$

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problem 5b continued

And thus for the last segment

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{a}_0 + \vec{a}_1 t + \vec{a}_2 t^2 + \vec{a}_3 t^3$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1/5 \\ -2/5 \\ 64/15 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} -12/5 \\ -11/5 \\ -2/5 \end{bmatrix} t^2 + \begin{bmatrix} 4/5 \\ 4/5 \\ 2/5 \end{bmatrix} t^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -0.4 \\ -0.4 \\ 4.3 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} -2.4 \\ -2.2 \\ -0.4 \end{bmatrix} t^2 + \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.8 \\ 0.133 \end{bmatrix} t^3$$

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differentiating w.r.t time:

$$\dot{\vec{r}}(t) = \vec{a}_1 + 2\vec{a}_2 t + 3\vec{a}_3 t^2 \quad \text{For } t = 1/2 \quad \dot{\vec{r}}(0.5) = \vec{a}_1 + \vec{a}_2 + \frac{3}{4} \vec{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2.1 \\ -2.2 \\ 3.9662 \end{bmatrix} = \dot{\vec{r}}(0.5)$$

$\Rightarrow |\dot{\vec{r}}(0.5)| = \sqrt{\dot{r}_x^2 + \dot{r}_y^2 + \dot{r}_z^2} = 5.0413$

now the tangent vector is $\hat{T} = \frac{\dot{\vec{r}}}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.4364 \\ -0.4364 \\ 0.7868 \end{bmatrix} = \hat{T}(0.5)$

we know $\frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = \kappa \hat{N}$ but $\frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = \frac{d}{dt}(\hat{T}) \frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{1}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|} \frac{d}{dt}(\dot{\vec{r}})$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = \kappa \hat{N} = \frac{1}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|} \left[\frac{\ddot{\vec{r}}}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|} + \dot{\vec{r}} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|} \right) \right]$$

intermediate: $\frac{d}{dt}(|\dot{\vec{r}}|) = \frac{d}{dt}(\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}) = 2\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \ddot{\vec{r}}$

$\frac{d}{dt}(|\dot{\vec{r}}|^2) = 2|\dot{\vec{r}}| \frac{d}{dt}(|\dot{\vec{r}}|) \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(|\dot{\vec{r}}|) = \frac{\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \ddot{\vec{r}}}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|} = \hat{T} \cdot \ddot{\vec{r}}$

Thus $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|} \right) = \frac{-1}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|^2} \frac{d}{dt}(|\dot{\vec{r}}|) = \frac{-1}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|^2} \hat{T} \cdot \ddot{\vec{r}} = \frac{-\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \ddot{\vec{r}}}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|^3}$ (A)

$\kappa \hat{N} = \frac{\ddot{\vec{r}}}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|^2} - \frac{\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \ddot{\vec{r}}}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|^4} \dot{\vec{r}} = \frac{1}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|^2} \left[\ddot{\vec{r}} - (\hat{T} \cdot \ddot{\vec{r}}) \hat{T} \right] = \kappa \hat{N}$ (1)

acceleration component in direction \hat{T}

- differentiating twice wrt t we get:

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = 2\vec{a}_2 + 6\vec{a}_3 t \longrightarrow \ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t=0.5) = 2\vec{a}_2 + 3\vec{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2.4 \\ -2.4 \\ -0.4 \end{bmatrix} = \ddot{\mathbf{r}}(0.5)$$

- plug values for $\hat{\mathbf{i}}, \hat{\mathbf{j}}, \hat{\mathbf{k}}$ into (1) and obtain.

$$k\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0639 \\ -0.0675 \\ -0.0708 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} k = 0.1148 \\ \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5564 \\ -0.5564 \\ -0.6172 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$

- First derive an expression for τ

start with

$$\frac{d^3}{dt^3}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{d^3}{dt^3}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{d}{dt}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{d}{dt}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \right] \quad \text{using}$$

$$= \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[|\hat{\mathbf{r}}|^2 k \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \hat{\mathbf{r}} (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}) \right]$$

$$= \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \left[\frac{d}{dt}(|\hat{\mathbf{r}}|^2 k) \hat{\mathbf{r}} + |\hat{\mathbf{r}}|^2 k \frac{d}{dt}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) + \frac{d}{dt}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}) + \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{d}{dt}(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}) \right]$$

$$= \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot |\hat{\mathbf{r}}|^2 k \frac{d}{dt}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) + \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}) \frac{d}{dt}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \quad \left[\frac{d}{ds}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = -k\hat{\mathbf{r}} - \tau\hat{\mathbf{r}} \right]$$

$$= |\hat{\mathbf{r}}|^2 k \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot (-k\hat{\mathbf{r}} - \tau\hat{\mathbf{r}}) + (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot k\hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$= -|\hat{\mathbf{r}}|^3 k \tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau = \frac{-\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}}{|\hat{\mathbf{r}}|^3 k}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\tau = \frac{-(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}}{|\hat{\mathbf{r}}|^3 k} \quad (2)$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = 6\vec{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4.0 \\ 4.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{plugging this and the other known values in (2)}$$

obtain

$$\tau = 0$$