

due date: February 28, Tuesday (beginning of class)
grace period - March 2

1. Consider the system

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} T & M_1 & M_2 & \gamma \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T & M_1 & M_2 & \gamma \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -v u & -v v & v \\ v u & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ v v & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

with $\begin{bmatrix} T(0) & M_1(0) & M_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = I_3$ the 3×3 identity matrix, $\gamma(t)$ defines a curve in \mathbb{R}^3 and v, u, v are scalar control functions (of time). What is the classical curvature κ of γ as a function of time?

HINT: Look for an expression involving v, u and v .

2. Let $s \mapsto \gamma(s)$, $a \leq s \leq b$, $\gamma(s) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ be a unit speed curve. Let $s \mapsto T(s)$ denote the associated unit tangent vector, varying with s .

(i) Under what conditions is the curve $s \mapsto T(s)$ a regular curve?

(ii) Suppose κ and τ are the curvature and torsion functions of the curve γ .

Suppose $\kappa(s) > 0$. Let \tilde{s} denote the unit speed parametrization of T and let $\tilde{\kappa}$ denote the curvature function of T . Show that

$$\bar{\kappa} = \sqrt{1 + (\varepsilon/\kappa)^2}$$

3. Show that the collection of matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$$

with $d \neq 0$ is a matrix Lie group. Determine a basis for its Lie algebra and associated structure constants.

4. Show that the smallest Lie algebra of 2×2 matrices which contains the matrices A_1, A_2 :

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is four dimensional.

5. Show that for any square $n \times n$ matrix P , the set $\{X : P X + X' P = 0\}$ of $n \times n$ matrices forms a Lie algebra.

6. Give a precise and careful argument as to why the sequence of numbers

$$\{S_n : n \geq 1\}$$

defined by

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \quad n=1,2,\dots$$

is NOT convergent.

- 7 Can you use Banach iteration method to solve the equation

$$\sin(a \cos(bx)) = x?$$

Under what hypotheses? Hint: Consider a, b .

- 8 Read section 5 (starting in page 615) of Roger HOWE's paper.
Then go to sections 3 and 4