

# Curve Matching

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## Outline

- The group equivalence and the projection problems for curves and the relationship between them.
- The equivalence problem for smooth parametrized curves under the group of rotations and translations ( $SE(2)$ -group).
  - The Frenét frame and the curvature.
  - The solution based on differential signature.
- The differential signature in the case of other groups.
- The differential signature of algebraic curves.
- The integral signatures and their numerical approximations.
- The projection problem revisited: relationship between invariants of an object and its image.

**The group equivalence and the projection problems  
and the relationship between them.**

## The group-equivalence problem for planar curves

$G$  - a group acting on the affine or projective plane ( $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{C}^2$  or  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{C}^2$ ).

$$G \curvearrowright \text{plane} \Rightarrow G \curvearrowright \{ \text{planar curves} \}.$$

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Definition: Two curves  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are  $G$ -equivalent (or  $G$ -congruent)

$$X_1 \underset{G}{\cong} X_2$$

if

$$\exists g \in G : X_1 = g \cdot X_2.$$

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The  $G$ -equivalence problem:

- Given  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  and  $G$  decide whether or not  $X_1 \underset{G}{\cong} X_2$ .
- Describe equivalence classes of curves.

Examples of groups and their actions:  $(x, y) \mapsto (\bar{x}, \bar{y})$

$E(2)$ =Euclidean group acts by rotations, translations, reflections:

$$\bar{x} = \cos(\phi)x - \sin(\phi)y + a, \quad \bar{y} = \epsilon(\sin(\phi)x + \cos(\phi)y) + b$$

$$a, b, \phi \in \mathbb{R}, \epsilon = \pm 1$$

If  $\epsilon = 1$ , then  $SE(2)$ = special Euclidean group

$A(2)$ =Affine group acts by invertible linear transformations and translations:

$$\bar{x} = \alpha x + \beta y + a, \quad \bar{y} = \gamma x + \delta y + b$$

$$\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha\delta - \beta\gamma \neq 0$$

If  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1$ , then  $SA(2)$ = special affine (or equi-affine) group

$PGL(3)$ =Projective group=  $GL(3)\setminus\{\lambda I\}$  acts by linear fractional transformations:

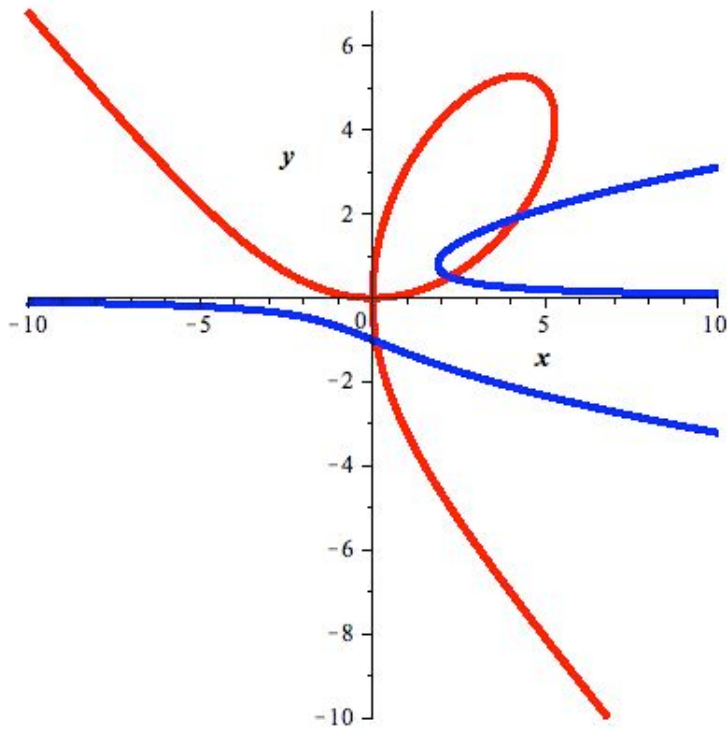
$$\bar{x} = \frac{\alpha x + \beta y + a}{\nu x + \mu y + c}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\gamma x + \delta y + b}{\nu x + \mu y + c}, \quad \det \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta & a \\ \gamma & \delta & b \\ \nu & \mu & c \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

**Problem:** [*M. Berger, Geometry II, 1987*] Locate four points on each of the following photograph, transfer them to a blank sheet of paper, and verify that the two sets of points cannot be mapped one to another by an affine transformation. They can be mapped to each other by a projective transformation on the plane.



Example of equivalence and non-equivalence:

$$X_1 = \{(x, y) \mid x^3 + y^3 - 10xy = 0\} \text{ and } X_2 = \{(x, y) \mid y^3 - xy + 1 = 0\}$$



$$X_1 \not\cong_{E(2)} X_2$$

and

$$X_1 \not\cong_{A(2)} X_2$$

but

$$X_1 \cong_{PGL(3)} X_2, \text{ with } X_2 = g \cdot X_1,$$

where

$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = g \cdot (x, y) = \left( \frac{10}{y}, \frac{x}{y} \right)$$



Projections:

$$P: \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank} P = 3$$

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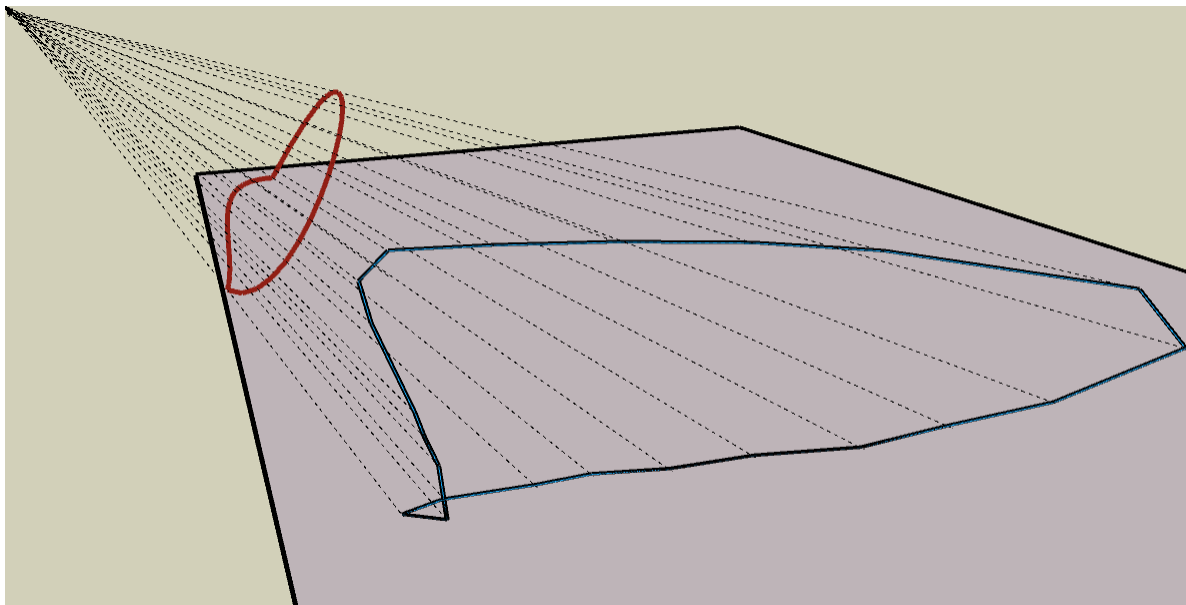
12 parameters  $p_{ij}$ , equivalent up to scaling by a nonzero constant  $p_{ij} \rightarrow \lambda p_{ij}$ .

The center is the kernel of  $P$ .

## Projection (or object-image correspondence) problem for curves

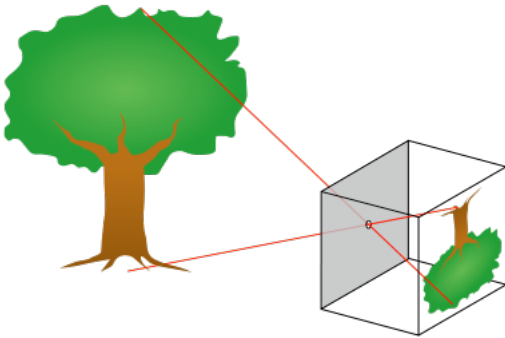
Given a curve  $Z \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  and a plane curve  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ ,

decide whether there exists  $P: Z \rightarrow X$ , such that  $X = PZ$



Finite cameras, or central projection (the left  $3 \times 3$  submatrix of  $P$  is non-singular):

$$P: (z_1, z_2, z_3) \mapsto (x, y).$$



[Image from the Wikipedia]

$$x = \frac{p_{11} z_1 + p_{12} z_2 + p_{13} z_3 + p_{14}}{p_{31} z_1 + p_{32} z_2 + p_{33} z_3 + p_{34}},$$

$$y = \frac{p_{21} z_1 + p_{22} z_2 + p_{23} z_3 + p_{24}}{p_{31} z_1 + p_{32} z_2 + p_{33} z_3 + p_{34}}.$$

11 degrees of freedom:

- location of the center (3 degrees of freedom);
- position of the image plane (3 degrees of freedom);
- choice of affine coordinates on the image plane up to overall scaling (5 degrees of freedom).

If the center of the projection is at  $\infty$ , then we have a parallel projection (the last row of  $P$  is  $(0, 0, 0, 1)$ )

$$x = p_{11} z_1 + p_{12} z_2 + p_{13} z_3 + p_{14},$$

$$y = p_{21} z_1 + p_{22} z_2 + p_{23} z_3 + p_{24}.$$

## Relationship between the projection and the group-equivalence problems.

[Burdis, Hong and IK (2013)]

Proposition: Given  $Z \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$\exists$  a central projection  $P: Z \rightarrow X$



$\exists c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $X$  is  $PGL(3)$ -equivalent to a planar curve:

$$Z_c = \left\{ \left( \frac{z_1 - c_1}{z_3 - c_3}, \frac{z_2 - c_2}{z_3 - c_3} \right) \mid (z_1, z_2, z_3) \in Z \right\}$$

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$\mathbf{c} = (c_1, c_2, c_3)$  is the center of the projection.

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Proof:  $P = AP_0B$ , where  $A$  is the left  $3 \times 3$  submatrix of  $P$ ,

$$P_0 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -c_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -c_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -c_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The **central projection problem** can be reduced to a

a  $PGL(3)$ -group-equivalence problem with 3 parameters.

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Similarly, the **parallel projection problem** can be reduced to a

a  $A(2)$ -group-equivalence problem with 2 parameters.

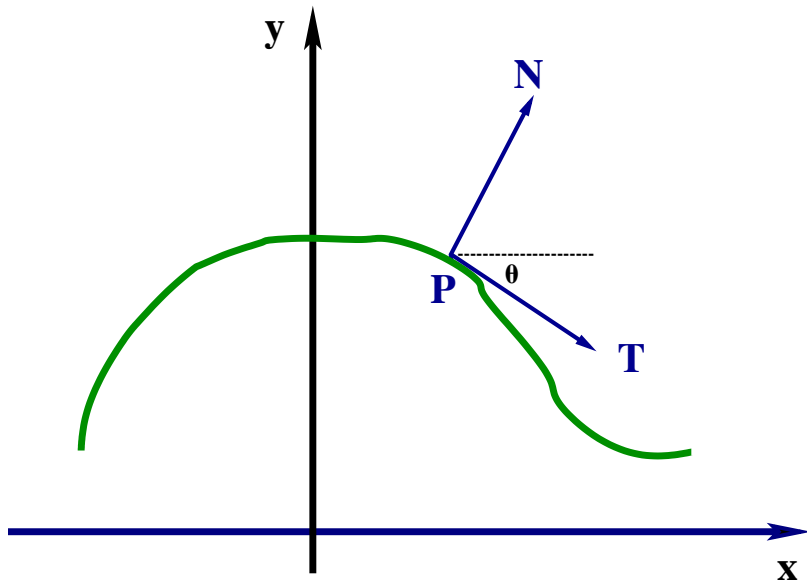
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⇒ algorithms for solving the projection problem.

## The equivalence problem

starting with smooth parameterized curves under the  $SE(2)$ -action

## Euclidean Curvature:



- $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t))$  at least  $C^2$ -smooth immersed curve.
- $\gamma'(t) = (x'(t), y'(t))$
- $|\gamma'(t)| = \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2}$ .
- $T = \frac{1}{|\gamma'|} \gamma' = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$
- $\theta$  is the signed angle between the x-axis and  $T$ .
- $N = \frac{1}{|\gamma'|} (-y', x') = (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta)$

- The arc-length parameter  $s(t) = \int_{t_0}^t |\gamma'(\tau)| d\tau$

- Infinitesimal arc-length  $ds = |\gamma'(t)| dt$ .

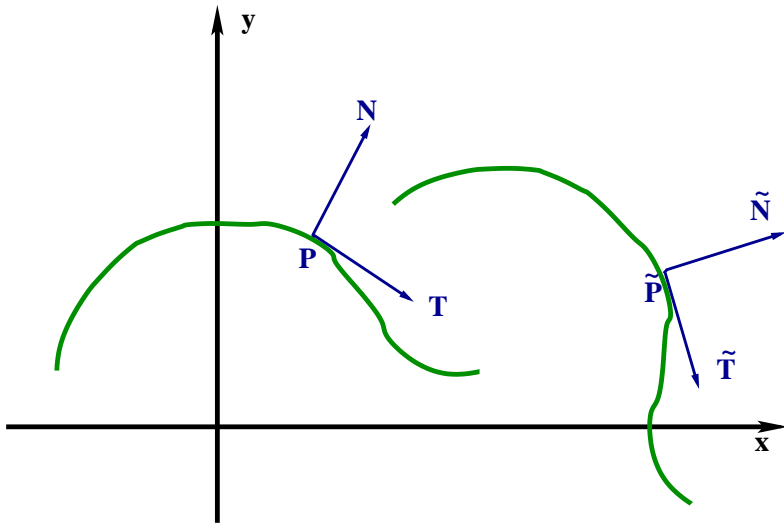
- The arc-length derivative  $\frac{d}{ds} = \frac{1}{|\gamma'(t)|} \frac{d}{dt}$ .

- The signed Euclidean curvature

$$\kappa = \frac{d\theta}{ds} = \frac{\det(\gamma'(t), \gamma''(t))}{|\gamma'(t)|^3} = \frac{x'(t)y''(t) - y'(t)x''(t)}{(x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$



## Equivariant moving frames and invariants:



- $g \in SE(2) = SO(2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$
- $\tilde{X} = g \cdot X, \quad \tilde{P} = g \cdot P$
- $T, N$  are equivariant:  
 $\tilde{T} = g \cdot T, \quad \tilde{N} = g \cdot N$
- $\kappa$  is invariant:  $\kappa_{\tilde{X}}(\tilde{P}) = \kappa_X(P)$

- Frenét equation (Frenét thesis 1847)  $\boxed{\frac{dT}{ds} = \kappa N}$ .
- $[T, N] \in SO(2), \quad P \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \implies \quad (T, N, P) \in SE(2)$
- we have an equivariant map from {jets of curves}  $\rightarrow SE(2)$ .
- general definition of an equivariant moving frame map [ by Fels and Olver, 1999]  $\implies$  a wide range of applications.

- Frenét equations: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dT}{ds} \\ \frac{dN}{ds} \\ \frac{dP}{ds} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \kappa & 0 \\ -\kappa & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T \\ N \\ P \end{bmatrix}$$

- For sufficiently smooth curves,

$\kappa_s = \frac{d\kappa}{ds}$ ,  $\kappa_{ss} = \frac{d^2\kappa}{ds^2}$ ,  $\kappa_{sss}$ , ... - are higher order invariants.

- Any differential invariants, i. e. smooth invariant functions built from  $x, y, x_t, y_t, x_{tt}, y_{tt}, \dots$  is a function of those.

A function  $\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $C^0$ -smooth if it is continuous,  $C^k$ -smooth if all its (partial) derivatives up to order  $k$  are continuous,  $C^\infty$ -smooth if the derivatives of any order are continuous, and  $C^\omega$  if it is analytic.

## Reconstructing a curve from its curvature:

Proposition:  $\forall$  continuous  $\kappa: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\exists!$  curve  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  with a  $C^2$ -smooth arc-length parameterization  $\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , such that  $\gamma(0) = (0, 0)$ ,  $\gamma'(0) = [1, 0]^T$ , and  $\kappa(s)$  is the curvature of  $X$  at the point  $\gamma(s)$ .

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Proof:

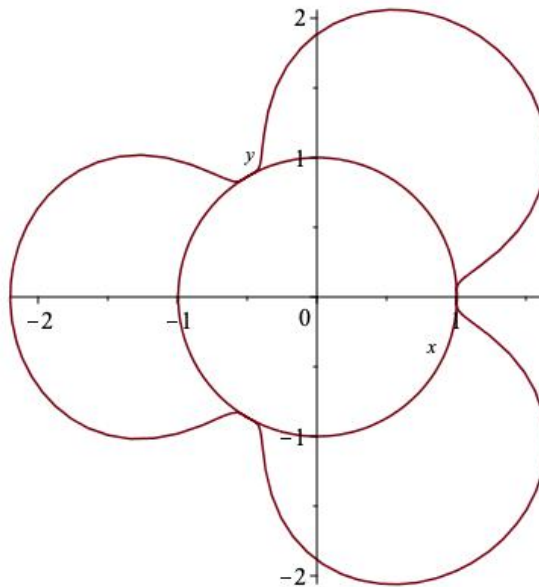
$$\bullet \quad \kappa = \frac{d\theta}{ds} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \boxed{\theta(s) = \int_0^s \kappa(\tau) d\tau.}$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{d\gamma}{ds} = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \boxed{\gamma(s) = \left( \int_0^s \cos \theta(\tau) d\tau, \int_0^s \sin \theta(\tau) d\tau \right)}$$

## Congruence in terms of curvature:

Proposition: Let  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  be arc-length parameterizations of curves  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  and  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2$  be the corresponding curvature functions. Then

- $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that  $\kappa_1(s) = \kappa_2(s + c) \implies X_1 \stackrel{\cong}{SE(2)} X_2$ .
- $\iff$  is true if  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are simple.



## Solution based on curvature as a function of the arc-length:

Given two simple planar curves  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ ,

1. Compute their arc-length parameterizations  $\gamma_1(s)$  and  $\gamma_2(s)$ ;

2. Compute their curvatures  $\kappa_1(s)$  and  $\kappa_2(s)$ ;

3.  $X_1 \underset{SE(2)}{\cong} X_2 \iff \exists c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\kappa_1(s) = \kappa_2(s + c)$

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Drawbacks:

- step 1 - computing the arc-length parameterization is difficult;
- step 3 - to avoid the shift we must match “the initial point”.

The differential signature  $(\kappa, \kappa_s)$  is a parametrization independent invariant:

Calabi, Olver, Shakiban, Tannenbaum, Haker (1998)

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Definition: Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be an immersed, at least  $C^3$ -smooth curve.

- for a parameterization  $\gamma: I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X$ , a **parameterized signature map**  $\sigma_\gamma: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is defined by  $\sigma_\gamma(t) = (\kappa(t), \kappa_s(t))$ , where

$$\kappa = \frac{\det(\gamma', \gamma'')}{|\gamma'|^3} \text{ and } \kappa_s = \frac{(\gamma' \cdot \gamma') \det(\gamma', \gamma''') - 3(\gamma' \cdot \gamma'') \det(\gamma', \gamma'')}{|\gamma'|^6}$$

- the **signature** (the **signature set**) of  $X$  is the image of this map:

$$S_X = \text{Im} \sigma_\gamma;$$

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Proposition:

- $S_X$  does not depend on parameterization.
- $S_X$  is  $SE(2)$  invariant:  $X_1 \underset{SE(2)}{\cong} X_2 \implies S_{X_1} = S_{X_2}$ .

Example:

$$\gamma_1(t) = (t^3, \cos(t^3)),$$

$$t \in [0, \pi^{\frac{1}{3}}]$$

$$\kappa(t) = -\frac{\cos(t^3)}{(\sin^2(t^3)+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\kappa_s(t) = \frac{2 \sin(t^3)(\cos^2(t^3)+1)}{(\sin^2(t^3)+1)^3}$$

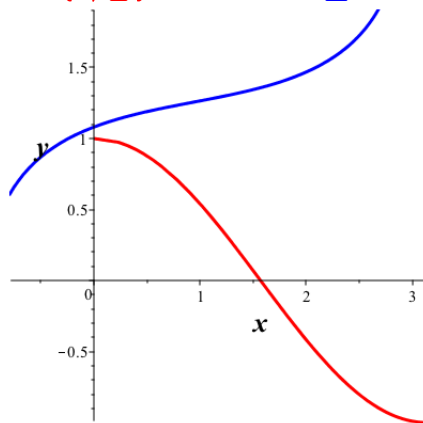
$$\gamma_2(t) = (\frac{3}{5}t - \frac{4}{5} \cos t, \frac{4}{5}t + \frac{3}{5} \cos t),$$

$$t \in [0, \pi]$$

$$\kappa(t) = -\frac{\cos t}{(\sin^2 t+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

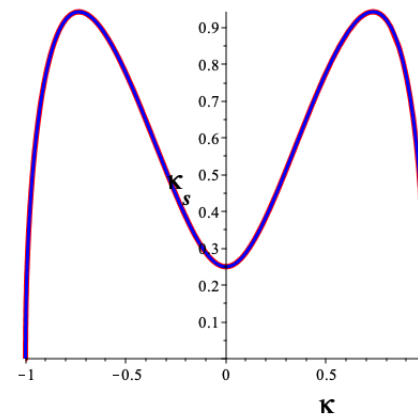
$$\kappa_s(t) = \frac{2 \sin(t)(\cos^2 t+1)}{(\sin^2 t+1)^3}$$

$X_1 = \text{Im}(\gamma_1)$  and  $X_2 = \text{Im}(\gamma_2)$



$$X_1 \underset{SE(2)}{\cong} X_2$$

The signatures are equal:



$$S_{X_1} = S_{X_2}$$

## Observations:

- $\kappa \equiv 0$  on  $X \iff X$  is a line (or a line segment)  $\iff S_X$  is a point  $(0, 0)$ .
- $\kappa \equiv c \neq 0$  on  $X \iff X$  is a circle (or a circular arc)  $\iff S_X$  is a point  $(c, 0)$ .
- otherwise  $S_X$  is one-dimensional phase portrait: if  $\gamma(s)$  is an arc-length parameterization of  $X$ , then  $(\kappa(s), \kappa'(s))$  is “in-phase” parametrization of  $S_X$ .



A fundamental question:

Do signatures characterize equivalence classes of  $C^3$  smooth curves?

Signatures are invariant:

$$X_1 \underset{SE(2)}{\cong} X_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad S_{X_1} = S_{X_2}$$

but are they separating?

$$S_{X_1} = S_{X_2} \quad \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} \quad X_1 \underset{SE(2)}{\cong} X_2 \quad .$$

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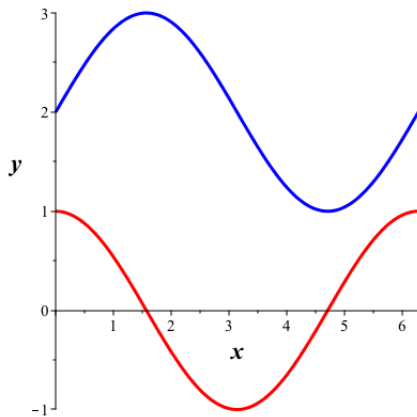
**Answer:** No, unless we put some additional restrictions on a class of curves we consider, or augment the signature with some additional information.

# Non-congruent curves with the same signatures

## I. Non-congruent curve segments

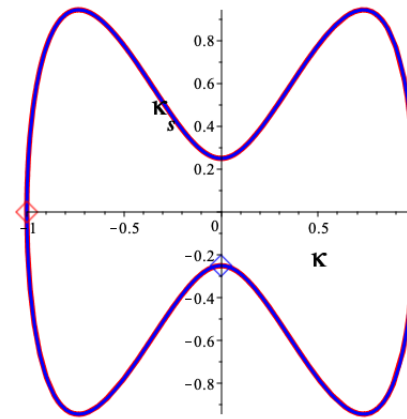
$\gamma_1(t) = (t, \cos t), t \in [0, 2\pi]$	$\gamma_2(t) = (t, \sin t + 2) t \in [0, 2\pi],$
$\kappa(t) = -\frac{\cos t}{(\sin^2 t + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$	$\kappa(t) = -\frac{\sin t}{(\cos^2 t + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$
$\kappa_s(t) = \frac{2 \sin t (\cos^2 t + 1)}{(\sin^2 t + 1)^3}$	$\kappa_s(t) = -\frac{2 \cos t (\sin^2 t + 1)}{(\cos^2 t + 1)^3}$

$X_1 = Im(\gamma_1)$  and  $X_2 = Im(\gamma_2)$



$$X_1 \not\cong_{SE(2)} X_2$$

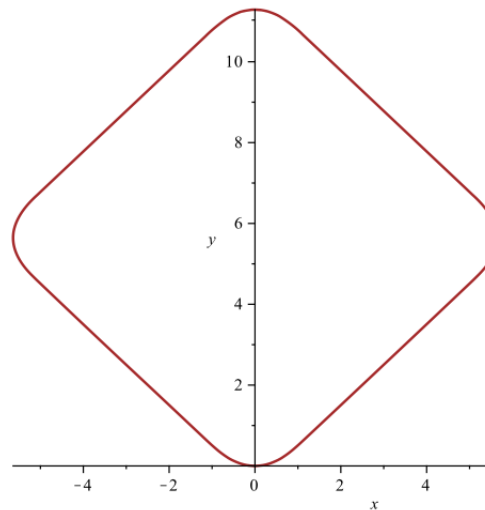
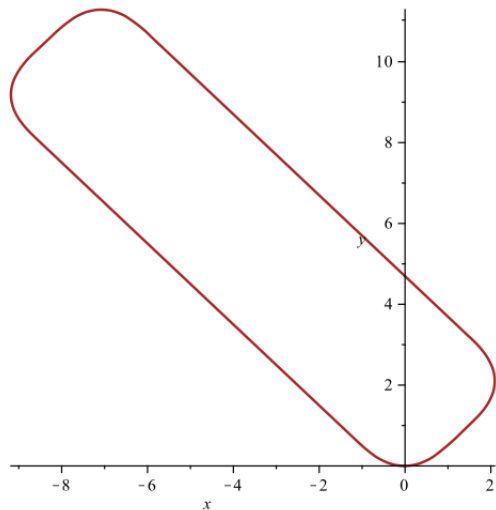
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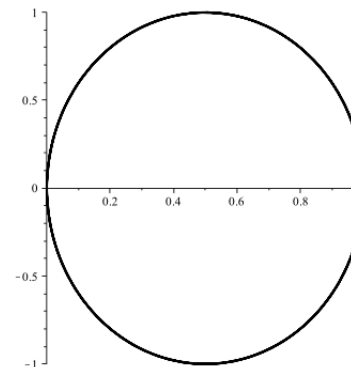
$$S_{X_1} = S_{X_2}$$

## II. Non-congruent closed curves containing straight segments and circular arcs ( degenerate curves .)

The following two curves



share the same signature:



Can we construct examples of non-congruent curves, such that:

- whose parametrization defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  ( $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ );
  - which do not contain segments of constant curvature (non-degenerate curves)?
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In addition we may want them to be

- closed ( $\gamma$  is periodic);
- simple.

### III. Non-congruent non-degenerate closed curves with the same signatures.

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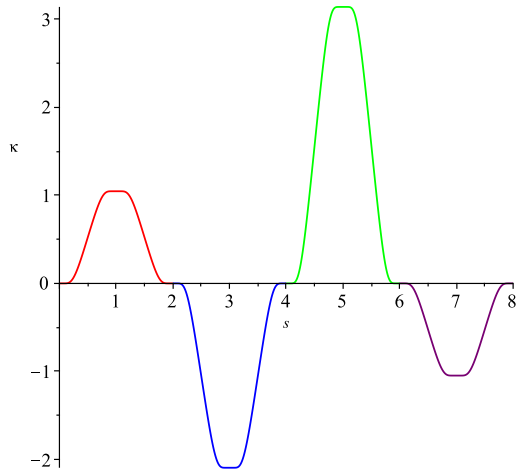
Geiger and IK (2020):

- Describe a general mechanism for constructing families of non-congruent curves with the same signature.
  
- Introduce the notion of a signature quiver and use it to
  - to formulate congruence criteria for non-degenerate curves.
  
  - encode global and local symmetries of curves.

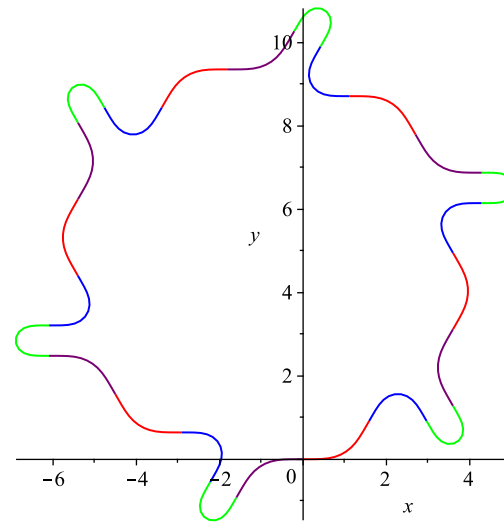
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Our results continue the line of research in

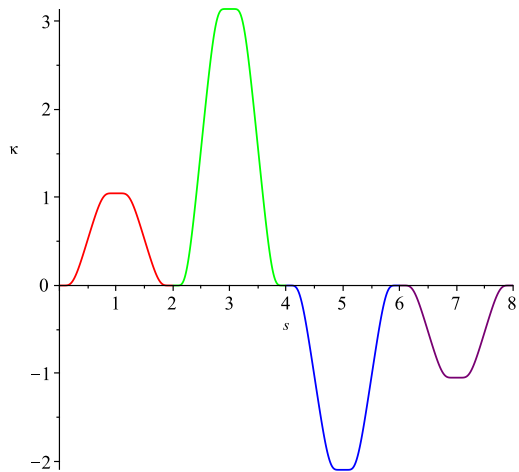
- Musso and Nicolodi (2009)
  
- Hickman (2012)
  
- Olver (2016)



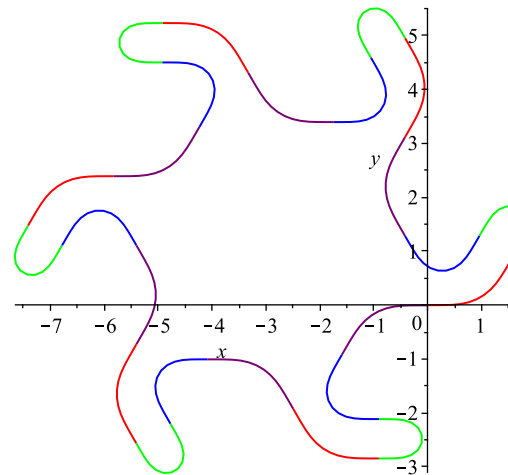
Curvature  $\kappa_1(s)$ .



$X_1$  is reconstructed from the periodic continuation of  $\kappa_1(s)$

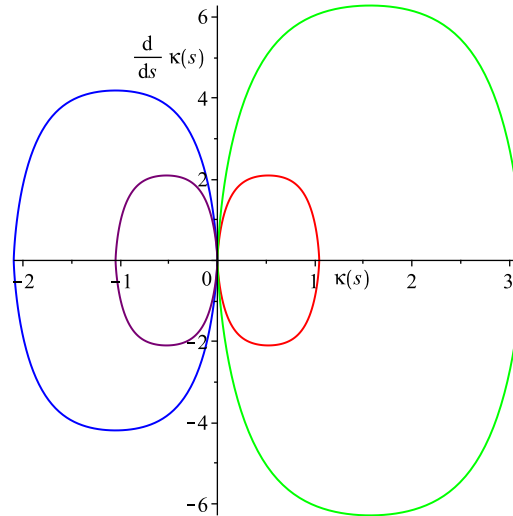


Curvature  $\kappa_2(s)$ .

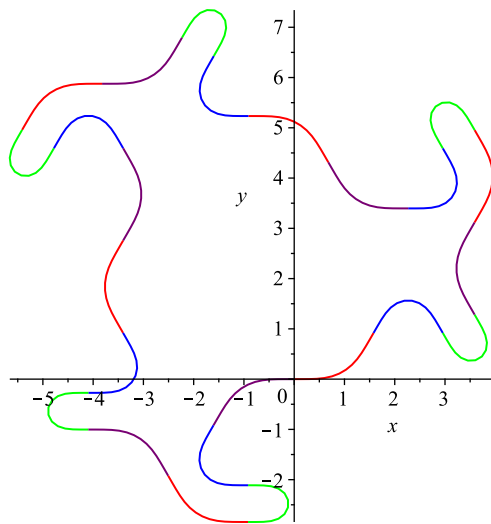


$X_2$  is reconstructed from the periodic continuation of  $\kappa_2(s)$ .

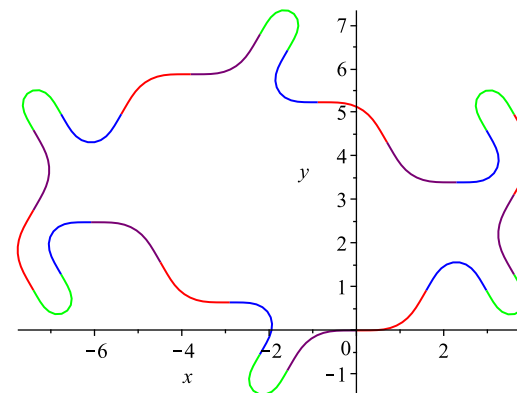
$X_1$  and  $X_2$  are non-congruent, but have the same signature:



More non-congruent curves with the same signature:



$X_3$  has the symmetry group  $\mathbb{Z}_3$



$X_4$  has the symmetry group  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

So, what does equality of the signatures  $S_{X_1} = S_{X_2}$  imply?

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**Local congruence:**  $\forall p \in X_1$  such that  $\kappa_s(p) \neq 0$ ,  $\exists$  a curve piece  $\hat{X}_1 \subset X_1$ ,  $p \in \hat{X}_1$ , which is  $SE(2)$ -congruent to a curve piece  $\hat{X}_2 \subset X_2$ . [Calabi, Olver, Shakiban, Tannenbaum, Haker (1998)]

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**Global congruence,**  $X_1 \underset{SE(2)}{\cong} X_2$ , when:

- $X_1$  and  $X_2$  have **analytic** parameterizations with domain  $\mathbb{R}$ ;
- $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are **algebraic**;

(We will discuss an adaptation of the differential signature to algebraic curves later)

- $X_1$  and  $X_2$  have **no vertices** [Hoff and Olver, 2013];
- $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are **non-degenerate closed with simple signatures** [Geiger and IK, 2020].



# Differential signatures for other groups

## Classifying Differential Invariants

Theorem: Let a Lie group  $G \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\dim G = r$ . Consider the induced action on the set of sufficiently smooth parameterized curves  $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ . Then

- $\exists$  classifying differential invariants  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  of orders\*  $k$  and  $r$ , respectively,  $k < r$ , s. t. the  $(K_1, K_2)$ -signature can be used to solve the local equivalence problems for sufficiently regular planar curves under  $G$ -action.
- For most actions<sup>†</sup> the signature is a phase portrait:
  - $K_1 = \kappa_G$  is the  $(r - 1)$ -th order differential invariant, called  $G$ -curvature.
  - $K_2 = \frac{d\kappa_G}{ds_G}$  is the derivative of the  $G$ -curvature with respect to the  $G$ -arc-length.

\*The order of a differential invariants is the highest order of the derivatives of  $\gamma$  it depends on.

<sup>†</sup>See Theorem 5.24, Olver, “Equivalence, Invariance and Symmetries” (1995).

## Curvatures and arc-lengths for $SE(2) \subset SA(2) \subset PGL(3)$

$G$	$G$ -curvature	$G$ -arc-length
$SE(2)$	$\kappa = \frac{x'y'' - y'x''}{(x'^2 + y'^2)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$	$ds = \sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2} dt$
$SA(2)$	$\mu = \frac{3\kappa(\kappa_{ss} + 3\kappa^3) - 5\kappa_s^2}{9\kappa^{8/3}}$	$d\alpha = \kappa^{1/3} ds$
$PGL(3)$	$\eta = \frac{6\mu_{\alpha\alpha\alpha}\mu_{\alpha} - 7\mu_{\alpha\alpha}^2 - 9\mu_{\alpha}^2\mu}{6\mu_{\alpha}^{8/3}}$	$d\rho = \mu_{\alpha}^{1/3} d\alpha$

[Inductive and recursive constructions of moving frames and invariants: Kogan (2003), Olver (2018), Olver and Valiquette (2018)]

# Differential signatures of algebraic curves

## Rational Classifying Differential Invariants

**Theorem:** [Ruddy, Vinzant and IK (2020)] Let a complex\* algebraic group  $G \subset PGL(3) \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $\dim G = r$ . Consider the induced action on the set of algebraic curves defined by an irreducible polynomial  $F(x, y) = 0$ . Then

- $\exists$  classifying differential invariants  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , depending rationally on the derivatives of  $F$  of orders  $k$  and  $r$ , respectively,  $k < r$ , such that  $(K_1, K_2)$ -signature can be used to solve the global  $G$ -equivalence problems for generic algebraic curves.

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\*Real case is more subtle.

In more details:

Let  $\mathcal{P}_d = \{F(x, y) \mid \deg F \leq d\}$  such that  $\binom{d+2}{2} - 2 \geq \dim G$ . There exists a Zariski closed subset of  $\mathcal{P}_d$ , such that for all curves whose defining equation lies outside of this set:

- the signature map of  $X$ ,  $\sigma_X = (K_1|_X, K_2|_X) : X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ , is a rational map;
- the signature of  $X$ ,  $S_X = \overline{\text{Im}(\sigma_X)}$ , is
  - a point  $\iff$  the symmetry group of  $X$  has positive dimension;
  - an algebraic curve, whose defining polynomial (in principle) can be computed by an elimination algorithm;
- $\sigma_X$  is generically  $n : 1$ , where  $n$  is the cardinality of the symmetry group of  $X$ ;
- $X_1 \stackrel{\cong}{\underset{G}{\simeq}} X_2 \iff S_{X_1} = S_{X_2}$ .

## Examples of rational classifying invariants

$G$	$SE(2)$	$E(2)$	$SA(2)$	$A(2)$	$PGL(3)$
$K_1$	$\kappa^2$	$\kappa^2$	$\mu^3$	$\frac{\mu_\alpha^2}{\mu^3}$	$\eta^3$
$K_2$	$\kappa_s$	$\kappa_s^2$	$\mu_\alpha$	$\frac{\mu_\alpha \alpha}{\mu^2}$	$\eta_\rho$
irreducible exceptional	lines		lines and conics		

In general,  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  can be computed by

1. Prolongations of group actions.
2. Algorithm for computing a generating set of rational invariants [Derksen (1999), Hubert and IK (2007), Derksen and Kemper (2015)].

Are there other classifying pairs?

$$\tilde{K}_1 = \frac{aK_1 + b}{cK_1 + d} \text{ and } \tilde{K}_2 = \frac{\alpha(K_1)K_2 + \beta(K_1)}{\gamma(K_1)K_2 + \delta(K_1)},$$

where

$$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{C}[K_1].$$



## Degree of a signature

Theorem: Signatures of generic curves of degree  $d$  have the same degree and this degree is the upper bound.

$G$	$SE(2)$	$E(2)$	$SA(2)$	$A(2)$	$PGL(3)$
$\deg S_X$	$6d^2 - 6d$	$12d^2 - 12d$	$24d^2 - 48d$	$24d^2 - 48d$	$96d^2 - 216d$

## Signatures of symmetric curves have much lower degree

Example: Fermat curves  $X_d$ , defined by  $F_d(x, y) = x^d + y^d + 1$  of degree  $d > 2$ , under  $PGL(3)$ -action.

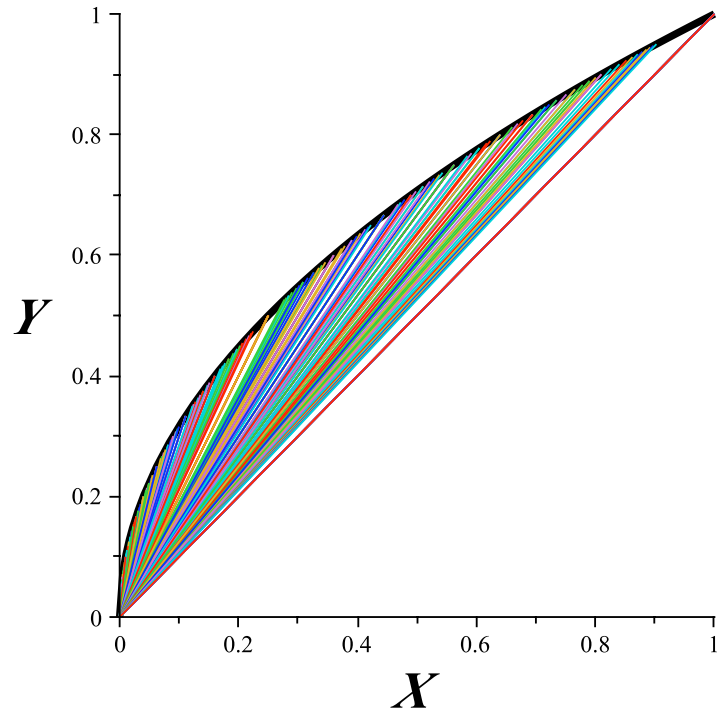
- the symmetry group is  $S_3 \rtimes (\mathbb{Z}_d \times \mathbb{Z}_d)$  of cardinality  $6d^2$ ;
- the signature of has degree 4 independently of  $d$ .

Its defining polynomial is

$$\begin{aligned} & 49392(d-2)^4 d^3 (d+1)^4 (2d-1)^4 K_2^4 + 602112(d-2)^4 d^3 (d+1)^4 (2d-1)^4 K_1 K_2^2 \\ & + 10584(d-2)^3 d^2 (d+1)^3 (2d-1)^3 (10d^2 - 3d + 3) (34d^2 - 27d + 27) K_2^3 \\ & + 1835008(d-2)^4 d^3 (d+1)^4 (2d-1)^4 K_1^2 - 9289728(d-2)^3 d^2 (d+1)^3 (2d-1)^3 (d^2 - d + 1)^2 K_1 K_2 \\ & + 61236(d-2)^2 d (d+1)^2 (2d-1)^2 (d^2 - d + 1) (10d^2 - 3d + 3)^2 (16d^2 - 9d + 9) K_2^2 \\ & - 23328(d-2)^2 d (d+1)^2 (2d-1)^2 (11792d^8 - 17376d^7 + 28152d^6 - 24424d^5 + 19473d^4 - 8940d^3 \\ & + 3358d^2 - 324d + 81) K_1 + 118098(d-2)(d+1)(2d-1) (d^2 - d + 1)^2 (10d^2 - 3d + 3)^4 K_2 \\ & + 531441d (d^2 - d + 1)^3 (10d^2 - 3d + 3)^4. \end{aligned}$$

# Integral Invariants

## Example: Signed area between the curve and a secant



$$\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t)), \quad t \in [a, b]$$

$$X(t) = x(t) - x(a)$$

$$Y(t) = y(t) - y(a)$$

$$I^{[0,1]}(t) = \int_a^t Y(\tau) dX(\tau) - \frac{1}{2}X(t)Y(t)$$

Question: *With respect to which transformation  $I^{[0,1]}$  is invariant ?*

Answer: special affine -  $SA(2) \implies$  special Euclidean -  $SE(2)$ .

## How to obtain integral invariants for planar curves?

$$\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t)), t \in [0, 1]$$

1. Shift starting point to the origin:  $X(t) = x(t) - x(0)$ ,  $Y(t) = y(t) - y(0)$ ,

2. Prolong the action to integral variables:

$$X^{[i,j]}(t) = \int_0^t X(\tau)^i Y(\tau)^j dX(\tau).$$

3. Fels-Olver m.-f. method  $\Rightarrow$  Invariants.

## Examples:

0-th order  $r = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$  -  $E(2)$ -invariant

1-st order  $I^{[0,1]} = X^{[0,1]} - \frac{1}{2}XY$  -  $SA(2)$  and  $SE(2)$ -invariant.

2-nd order -  $I^{[1,1]} = Y X^{[1,1]} - \frac{1}{2}X X^{[0,2]} - \frac{1}{6}X^2 Y^2$ .  
 $SA(2)$  and  $E(2)$ -invariant

-  $I^{[0,2]} = Y X^{[0,2]} + 2X X^{[1,1]} - \frac{1}{3}X Y^3 - \frac{2}{3}X^3 Y$   
 $E_2$ -invariant

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[Hann and Hickman (2002) - planar curves; Feng, Krim and IK (2010) - inductive formulas, space curves]

## Integral signatures for planar curves

- $SE(2)$ -signature  $(r, I^{[0,1]})$
- $E(2)$ -signatures  $(r, (I^{[0,1]})^2)$  or  $(r, I^{[1,1]})$ .
- similarity signature:  $\left( \frac{(I^{[0,1]})^2}{r^4}, \frac{I^{[1,1]}}{r^4} \right)$
- $SA(2)$ -signature  $(I^{[0,1]}, I^{[1,1]})$

## Main features of signatures based on integral invariants:

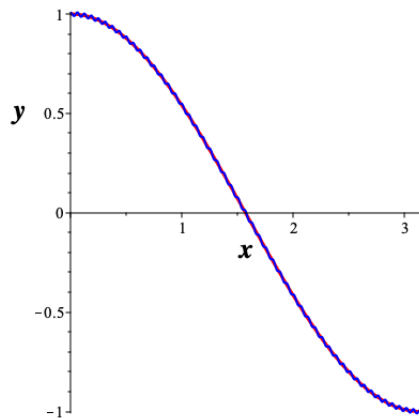
- Stability with respect to noise and high frequency small perturbations.
- Easily derived invariant numerical approximations.
- Dependence on initial point (semi-local).
- Local, independent of initial point, discrete integral signatures can be defined [Feng, Krim and IK (2010)]



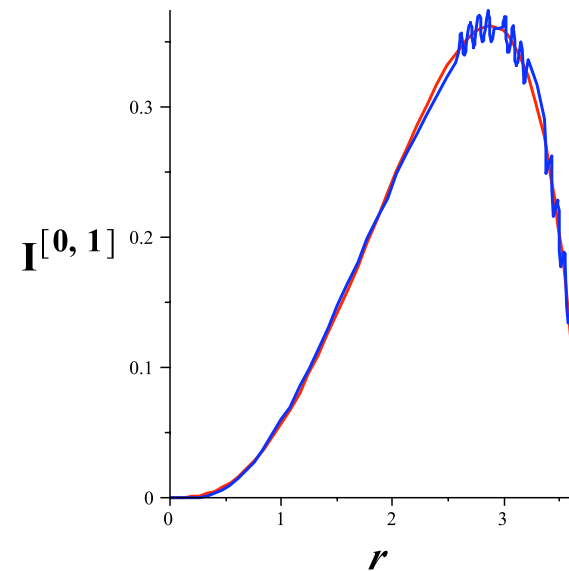
## Stability of integral signature

$\gamma(t) = (t, \cos t),$ $t \in [0, \pi]$	$\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (t, \cos(t) + \frac{1}{100} \sin(100t)),$ $t \in [0, \pi]$
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Images of  $\gamma$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

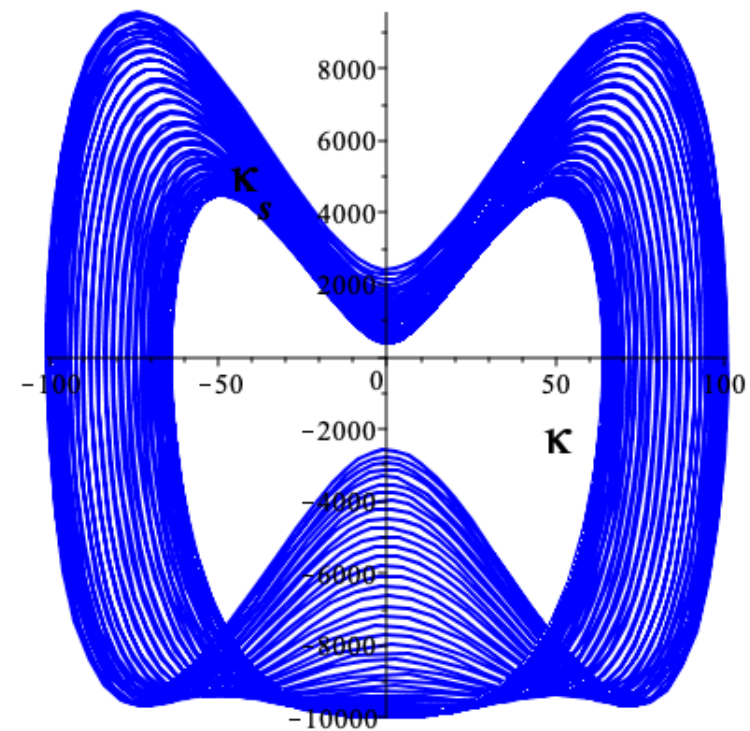
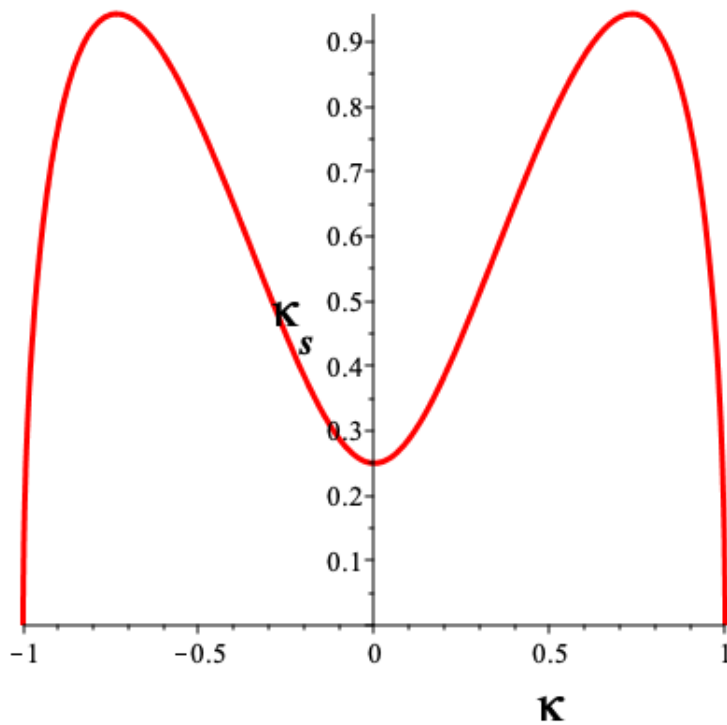


$SE(2)$ - signatures for  $\gamma$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}$

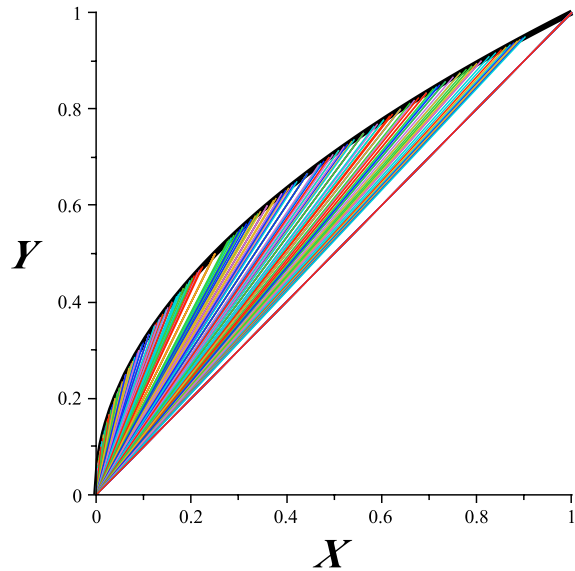


## $SE(2)$ -differential signatures for the same curves

$\gamma(t) = (t, \cos t),$ $t \in [0, \pi]$	$\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (t, \cos(t) + \frac{1}{100} \sin(100t)),$ $t \in [0, \pi]$
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## Numerical approximations:

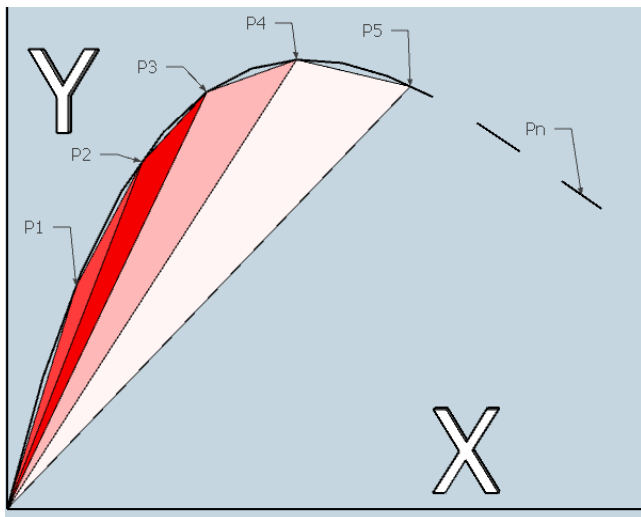


$$\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t)), t \in [a, b]$$

$$X(t) = x(t) - x(a)$$

$$Y(t) = y(t) - y(a)$$

$$I^{[0,1]}(t) = \int_a^t Y(\tau) dX(\tau) - \frac{1}{2}X(t)Y(t)$$



$$\gamma(n) = (x(n), y(n)), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$X(n) = x(n) - x(0)$$

$$Y(n) = y(n) - y(0)$$

$$I^{[0,1]}(n) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{vmatrix} X_i & X_{i-1} \\ Y_i & Y_{i-1} \end{vmatrix}$$

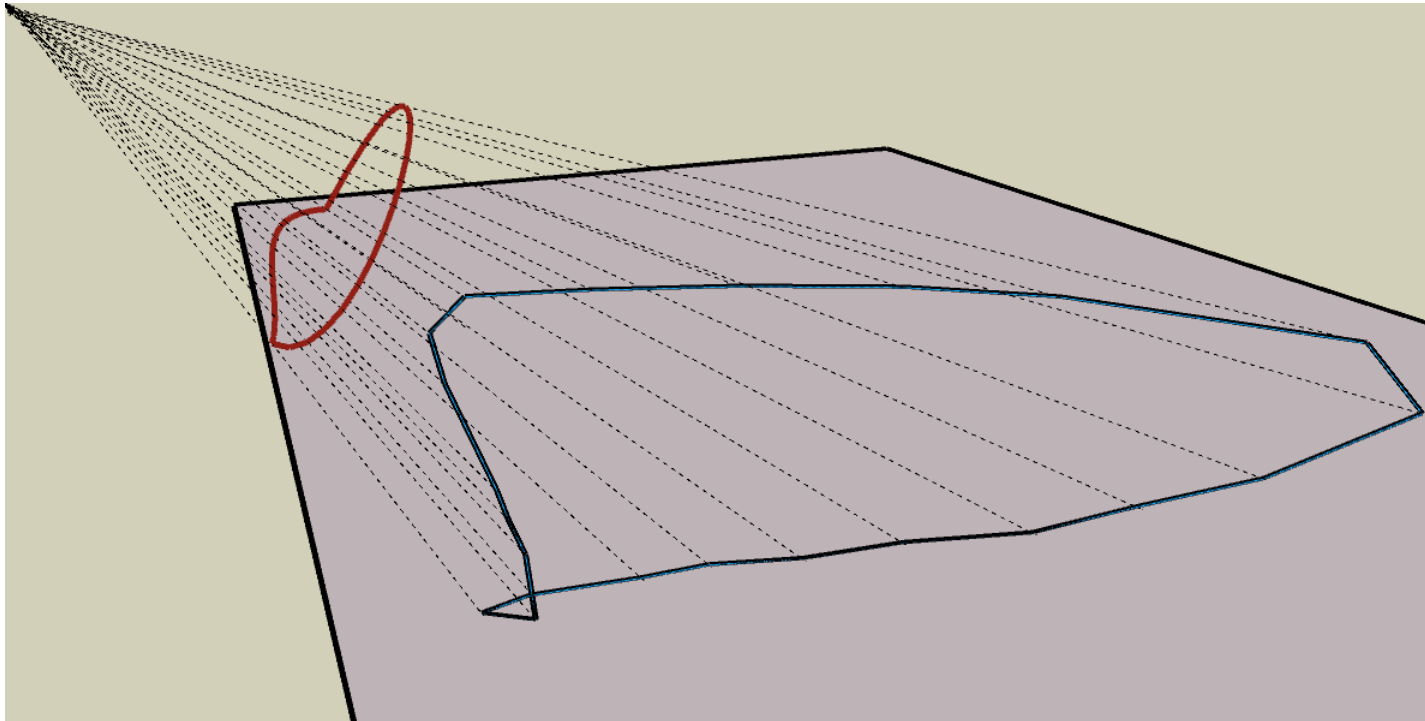
## Applications of integral invariants

- Feng, Krim, and IK (2007) (face recognition)
- Golubitsky, Mazalov and Watt (2009) (handwriting recognition)
- Katie Iwancio Ph.D. Thesis, NCSU (2009) (contour-matching)
- Susan Crook Ph.D. Thesis, NCSU (2013) (puzzles, handwriting)

**Returning to the projection problem:**

**Relations between invariants of an object and its image**

## Relations between invariants of an object and its image



Invariants with respect to which group-action on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

- on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  - standard linear action of  $GL(3)$ (centro-affine invariants) or  $SL(3)$ -action (centro-equi-affine invariants)
- on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  - projective action (projective invariants)

## Centro-equi-affine invariants for space curves in terms of the invariants of the planar images:

**Theorem:** [Olver and IK (2015)]

Differential algebra of centro-equi-affine invariants of space is generated by:

- $\hat{\eta} = P_0^*(\eta)$
- $\zeta = z_3 P_0^*\left(\frac{1}{\mu_\alpha^{1/3}}\right)$
- $d\hat{\rho} = P_0^*(d\rho),$

where

- $\eta$  and  $d\rho$  are planar projective curvature and arc-length;
- $\mu$  and  $d\alpha$  are planar equi-affine curvature and arc-length;
- $P_0$  is the standard central projection  $x = \frac{z_1}{z_3}, y = \frac{z_2}{z_3}$  from the origin to the plane  $z_3 = 1$ :

## Centro-equi-affine curvature, torsion and arc-lengths: [Olver (2010)]

Let  $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be parametric curve  $\mathbf{z}(t) = (z_1(t), z_2(t), z_3(t))$ , then

- centro-equi-affine arc-lengths  $dS := |\mathbf{z}, \dot{\mathbf{z}}, \ddot{\mathbf{z}}| dt$  (undefined when  $\mathcal{Z}$  is contained in the plane spanned by  $\mathbf{z}(0)$  and  $\dot{\mathbf{z}}(0)$ ).
- centro-equi-affine torsion  $\tau = |\mathbf{z}_S, \mathbf{z}_{SS}, \mathbf{z}_{SS}|$  ( $\tau \equiv 0 \iff \mathcal{Z}$  is coplanar).
- centro-equi-affine curvature  $\kappa = |\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{SS}, \mathbf{z}_{SS}|$

Theorem  $\kappa, \tau$  and  $dS$  generate differential algebra of centro-affine invariants.



## Relationship between two generating sets:[Olver and IK (2015) ]

- $\hat{\eta} = \frac{a_{ss} a - \frac{7}{6} a_s^2 - \frac{3}{2} \kappa a^2}{3^{2/3} a^{8/3}};$

- $\zeta = (3a)^{-1/3};$

- $d\hat{\rho} = (3a)^{1/3} dS;$

where  $a = \kappa_S + 2\tau$  is identically zero iff  $P_0(\mathcal{Z})$  is a line or a conic.

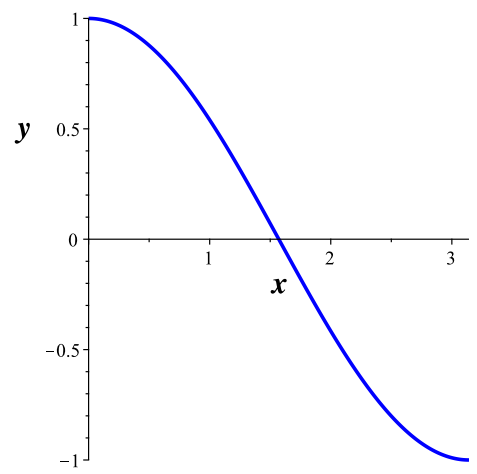
# Additional slides

**Warning:**  $\kappa(t)$  for an arbitrary parametrization can not be used to solve the equivalence problem!

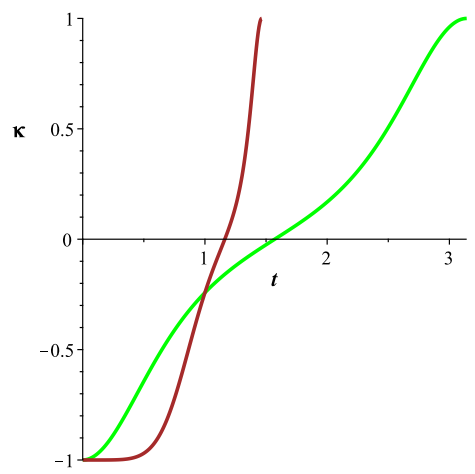
**Example:** Consider two parametrization of  $y = \cos(x)$ ,  $x \in [0, \pi]$ :

$$\gamma(t) = (t, \cos t), t \in [0, \pi] \text{ and } \tilde{\gamma}(t) = (t^3, \cos(t^3)), t \in [0, \pi^{\frac{1}{3}}].$$

The corresponding graphs  $\kappa(t) = \frac{x'y'' - y'x''}{(x'^2 + y'^2)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$  are not related by a shift:



The graph of  $y = \cos(x)$  for  $x \in [0, \pi]$ .



The graphs of  $\kappa(t)$  for  $\gamma(t)$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}(t)$ .

## Non-degeneracy and vertices

### Definition:

- Let  $\gamma(t)$  be a parameterization of  $X$ . Then a point  $p = \gamma(t_0)$  is a **vertex** if  $\kappa_s(t_0) = 0$ .
  - $X$  with a finite set of vertices is called **non-degenerate**.
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### Observations:

- Curves containing circular arcs or straight segments are **degenerate**.
- Under the signature map, vertices are mapped to the horizontal axis.
- Every closed curve has at least 2 vertices and a simple closed curve has at least 4. Mukhopadhyaya (1909), Kneser (1912), AMS Notices overview DeTurck, Gluck, Pomerleano, and Shea Vick (2007)

**Theorem.** [Musso and Nicolodi (2009)] *Any closed phase portrait is the Euclidean signature of a 1-parameter family of non congruent closed curves.*

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Families of curves constructed in the proof of this theorem contained at most one non-degenerate curve.

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