

PHYSICS 204A

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HW #1 SOLUTIONS

Problem 1 :

GOLDBART-STONE 1.3

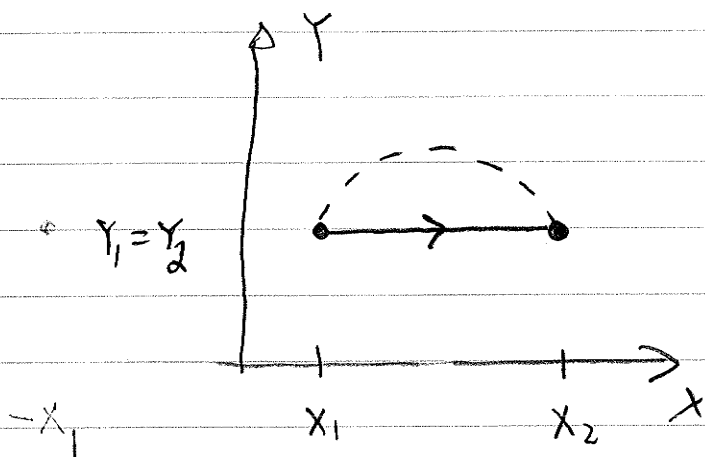
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Hyperbolic Geometry

(The non Euclidean Geometry of Lobachevsky)

Metric  $ds^2 = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$  ( $y > 0$ )

physically this means "distance traveled" is less as one moves to higher  $y$  values.



instead of ———  
should go to higher  $y$   
to minimize "distance" - - -

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{(1+y'^2)^{1/2}}{y} dx$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) = -\frac{(1+y'^2)^{1/2}}{y^2} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{(1+y'^2)^{-1/2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2y'}{y} \right)$$

Could work through algebra, but we know general principles  
since  $f$  is indep of  $x \rightarrow f - y' \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = c$

$$\frac{(1+y'^2)^{1/2}}{y} - y' \frac{(1+y'^2)^{-1/2}}{y} y' = \frac{1}{R} \quad \text{call constant } \frac{1}{R}$$

Multiply by  $y\sqrt{1+y'^2}$  yields

$$1 + y'^2 - y'^2 = \frac{1}{R} y \sqrt{1+y'^2}$$

Thus  $\frac{R}{y} = \sqrt{1+y'^2}$        $\frac{R^2}{y^2} - 1 = y'^2$        $\sqrt{\frac{R^2-y^2}{y^2}} = \frac{dy}{dx}$

Finally  $\frac{y dy}{\sqrt{R^2-y^2}} = dx$       or  $-(R^2-y^2)^{1/2} = x+a$

So  $R^2 - y^2 = (x+a)^2$

$$\boxed{(x+a)^2 + y^2 = R^2}$$

Circle center at  $(-a, 0)$  radius  $R$ ,

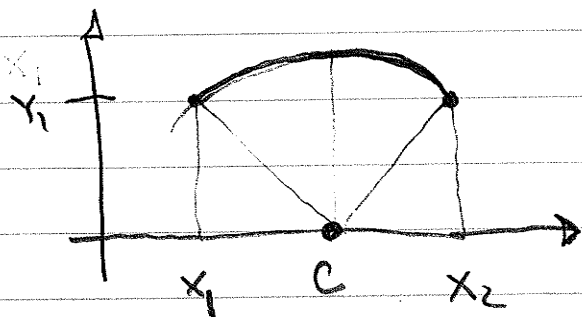
Given points  $(x_1, y_1)$   $(x_2, y_2)$  how are  $a, R$  determined

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1+a)^2 + y_1^2 &= R^2 \\ (x_2+a)^2 + y_2^2 &= R^2 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} (x_1+a)^2 + y_1^2 &= (x_2+a)^2 + y_2^2 \\ &+ \text{get } a \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^2 + 2ax_1 + a^2 + y_1^2 &= \\ x_2^2 + 2ax_2 + a^2 + y_2^2 & \end{aligned}$$

$$a = \frac{x_1^2 - x_2^2 + y_1^2 - y_2^2}{2(x_2 - x_1)}$$

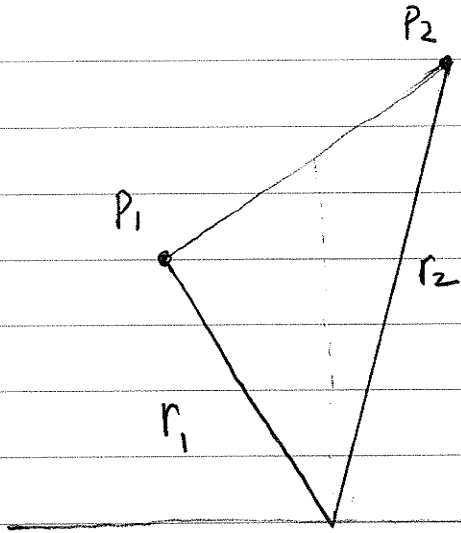
Special case  $y_1 = y_2$        $-a = \left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}\right)$  as expected



$$R^2 = y_1^2 + \left(\frac{x_1 - x_2}{2}\right)^2$$

(Pythagorean theorem)

Geometrical construction:



using  $-a = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$

evidently will fail since

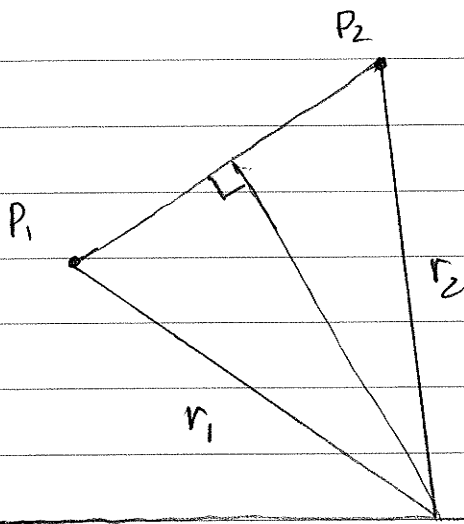
$r_1 \neq r_2$

Must move to right.



pretty clearly  $r_1 = r_2$  when using  $\perp$  bisector

by "SAS"



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mathematically that  $(-a, a)$

is indeed on  $\perp$  bisector.

Recast Eqn in clever way

$$\frac{y_2^2 - y_1^2}{2} = \frac{x_1^2 - x_2^2}{2} + a(x_1 - x_2)$$

$$\left(\frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)(y_2 - y_1) = (x_1 - x_2) \left[\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} + a\right]$$

$$-\frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{y_2 - y_1} \left[-a - \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}\right]$$

Think about this as eqn of line

$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$$

Through point  $(-a, 0) = (x_0, y_0)$

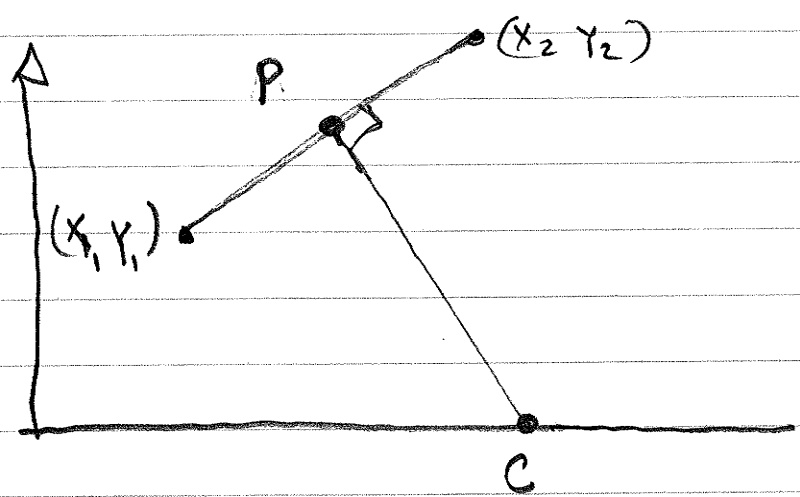
Evidently  $y_0 = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$   $x_0 = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$

What is this point? Midpoint P of  $(x_1, x_2)$   $(y_1, y_2)$  !

slope of line is  $\frac{x_1 - x_2}{y_2 - y_1}$

Does any one recognize this?

It is  $-1/m$   
where  $m$  is slope  
of line through  $P_1, P_2$

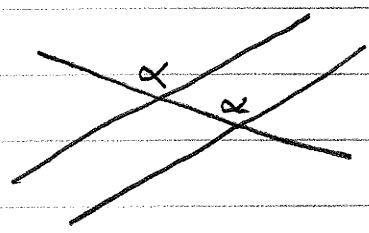


→ perpendicular

Before doing parts b) c) some preliminary comments:

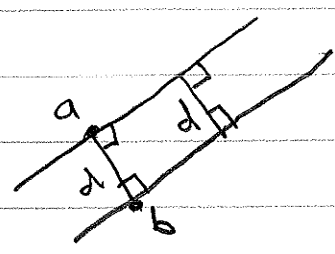
1) In Euclidean geometry there are many equivalent definitions of the word "parallel".

a) 2 lines are parallel if a third line intersects them at the same angle



b) two lines are parallel if they never meet

c) two lines are parallel if the distance between them is constant.



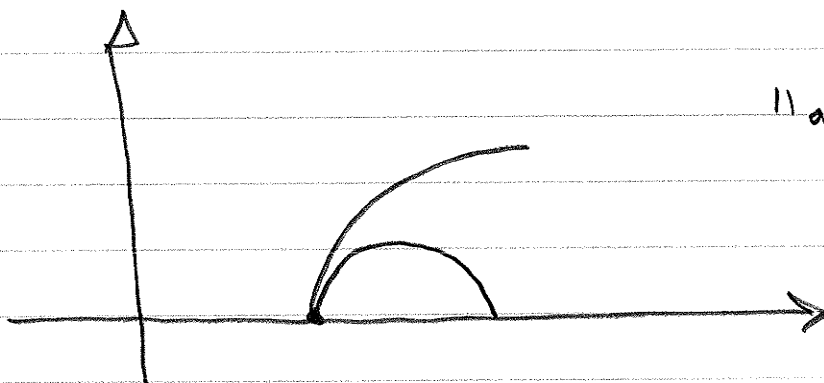
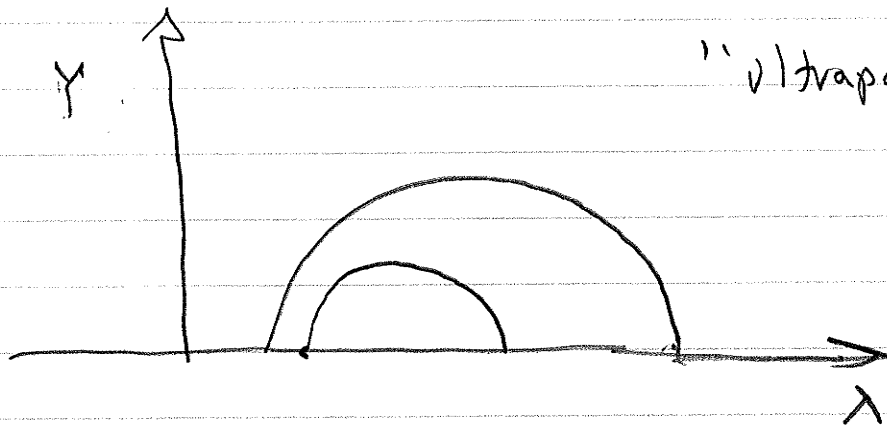
← (This picture raises questions about how points a/b chosen)

In non Euclidean geometries these definitions are inequivalent!

2) So the textbook adopts the definition that lines are parallel if they meet at infinity at one end, that is definition to do the problem as stated. The definition sort of makes sense in that at one end at least it is a version of c. Clearly 2 lines in this geometry must touch on the x axis or else the distance between them is infinite. (It only sort of works because of presence of non touching end)

3) This is apparently not the usual nomenclature

Carlip says word "parallel" is not usually used in this geometry.



b) Uniqueness follows from algebra/geometric construction:

There is only one way to do it!

c)  $(x+a)^2 + y^2 = R^2$

$$y = [R^2 - (x+a)^2]^{1/2}$$

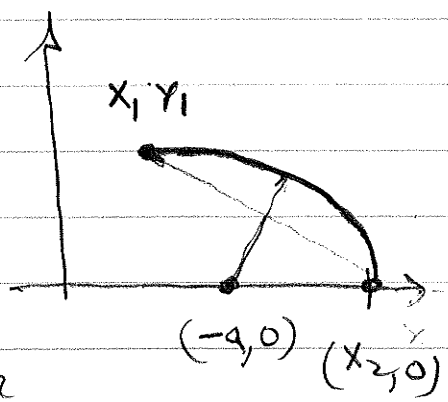
$$dy/dx = [R^2 - (x+a)^2]^{-1/2} [-(x+a)]$$

$$(dy/dx)^2 = (x+a)^2 / R^2 - (x+a)^2$$

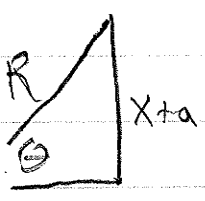
$$1 + (dy/dx)^2 = R^2 / R^2 - (x+a)^2$$

$$\therefore \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{dx [1 + (dy/dx)^2]^{1/2}}{y}$$

$$= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} dx \frac{R}{R^2 - (x+a)^2}$$



Note that  $y_2 = 0 \Rightarrow (x+a)^2 = R^2$



$$(x+a) = R \sin \theta \quad dx = R \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$\int \frac{R \cos \theta d\theta}{R^2 \cos^2 \theta} R = \int \sec \theta d\theta = \ln(\sec \theta + \tan \theta)$$

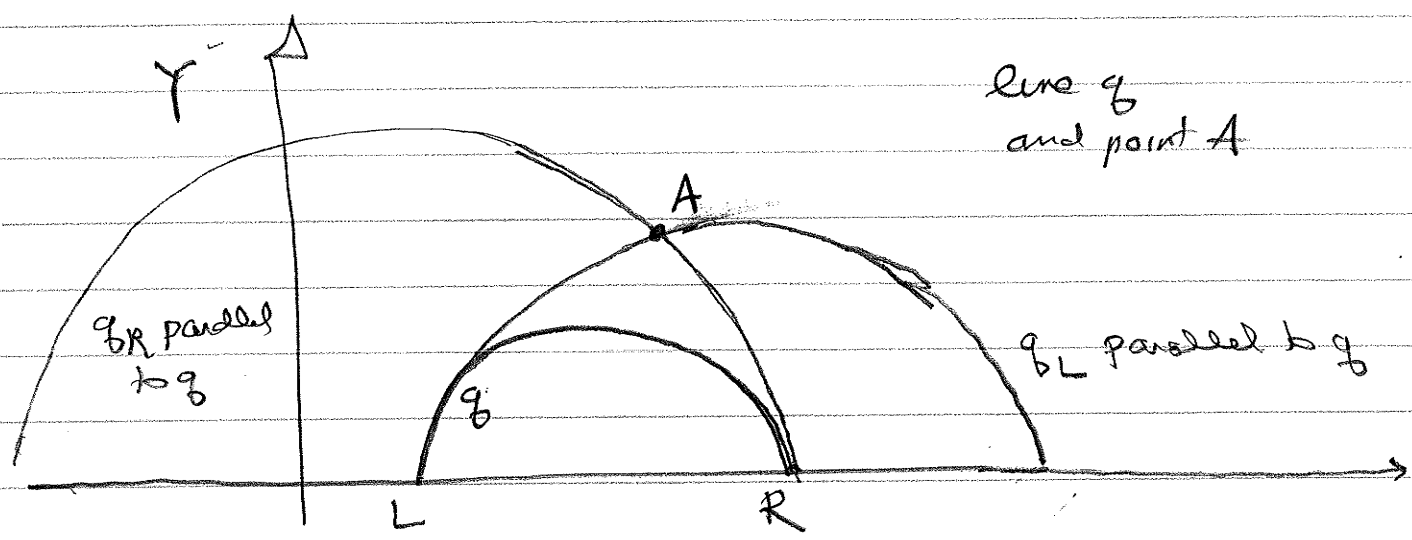


Travel time from  $(x, y_1)$  to  $(x_2, 0)$  is <sup>nonzero</sup>

$$\ln(\sec\theta + \tan\theta) = \ln \left[ \frac{R + (x+ta)}{\sqrt{R^2 - (x+ta)^2}} \right]_{x_1}^{x_2}$$

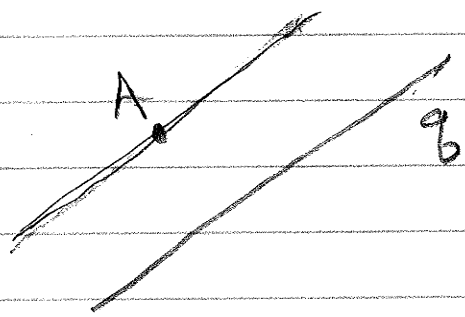
But  $R^2 - (x_2+ta)^2 = 0$  so time diverges

Lines go from  $+\infty$  to  $-\infty$  : Start and end on x-axis



two ways to meet at infinity : left or right sides  $\Rightarrow$  2 lines.

What is point : In "ordinary" geometry only 1 line

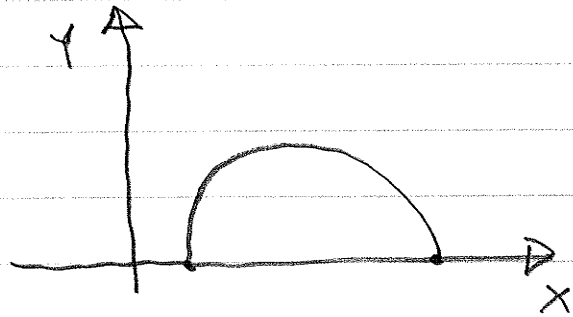


through A which never meets g

Q: What is a line??

A: Can travel along it forever without reaching end.

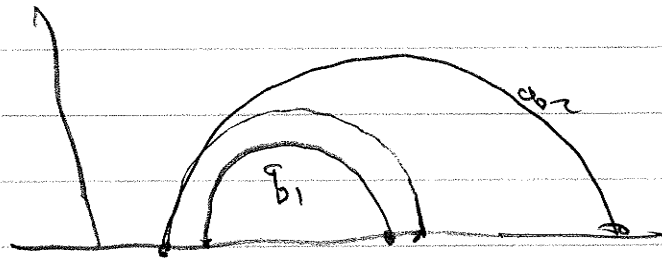
If so, in this geometry, lines begin and end on x-axis



"Usual" geometry: only one line through 2 given points. Same is true here

"Usual" geometry:

Basic Q: why is nothing at all part of definition of parallel. why not just that they do not meet ?!



why are  $g_1, g_2$  not parallel?!

Problem Set #1

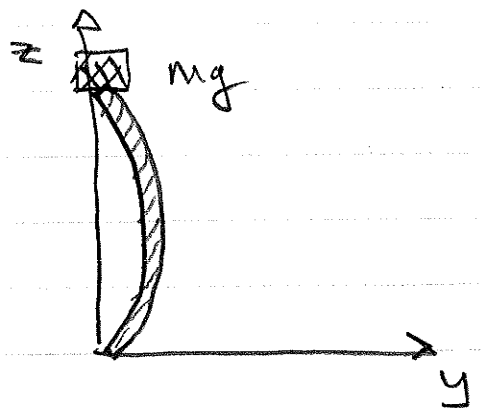
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Goldband - Stone 1.4

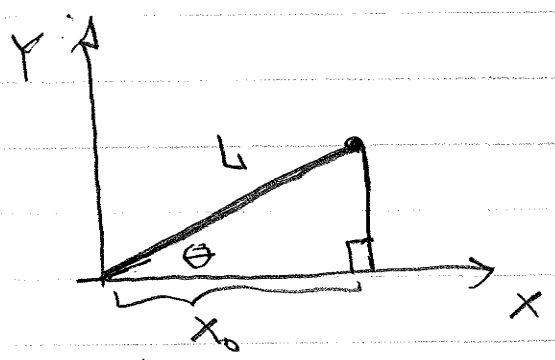
a) We will first just use the formula for the elastic energy (later we will see where it comes from !!) of the bar

$$U_e = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} YI y''^2 dz$$

We need the potential energy of the load  $mg$



How much lower does  $mg$  fall due to bending?



segment length  $L$

When a line makes an angle  $\theta$  with an axis

its projection  $x_0 = L \cos \theta = L(1 - \theta^2/2)$  if  $\theta$  is small

Now  $\theta \approx \tan \theta = dy/dx$  so  $L - x_0 = -\frac{1}{2} (dy/dx)^2$

Considering a bent shape as a collection of such segments we see that the load  $mg$  falls

a distance  $\frac{1}{2} \int dz \left(\frac{dy}{dz}\right)^2$

Putting together

$$U[y] = \int_0^L \left[ \frac{YI}{2} (y'')^2 - \frac{Mg}{2} (y')^2 \right] dz$$

If  $y(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi z}{L}$  ← note  $y(0) = y(L) = 0$

$$y'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{n\pi}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi z}{L}$$

$$y''(z) = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 \sin \frac{n\pi z}{L}$$

$$\int_0^L \cos^2\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right) dz = \frac{L}{2} = \int_0^L \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right) dz$$

$$U(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{YI}{2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^4 - \frac{Mg}{2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 \right] a_n^2 \frac{L}{2}$$

Unstable if  $\frac{YI}{2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 < \frac{Mg}{2}$   $Mg > YI \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$

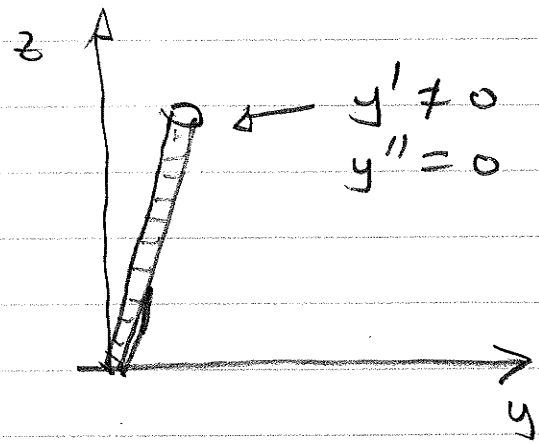
physically reasonable  $M$  in numerator and  $L$  in denominator??

Now where does  $U_e$  come from?

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First Comment on  $U_e = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} YI y''^2 dz$  :

Clearly if you do not bend the bar but just give it a nonzero  $y'$  it remains straight and the elastic energy is zero



Thus we expect  
 $U_e \sim y''$   
not  $U \sim y'$ !

Put better: The curvature of a function is not set by the derivative.

~~Consider a circle  $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$   $y = (R^2 - x^2)^{1/2}$~~

~~then  $dy/dx = -x(R^2 - x^2)^{-1/2}$~~

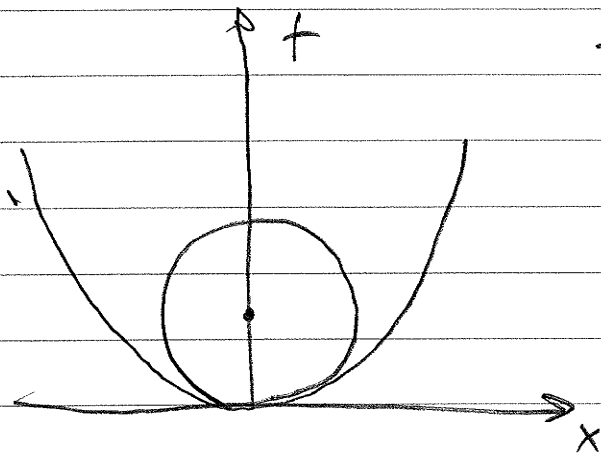
~~$d^2y/dx^2 = -(R^2 - x^2)^{-1/2} - x^2(R^2 - x^2)^{-3/2}$~~

What circle best approximates

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{1}{2}f''(x_0)(x-x_0)^2 + \dots$$

$$x_0 = 0$$

wlog consider  $f(x_0) = 0 = f'(x_0)$  i.e. orient axes and locate axes at minimum of  $f(x)$



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}f''(0)x^2$$

~~y =~~

$$x^2 + (y-R)^2 = R^2$$

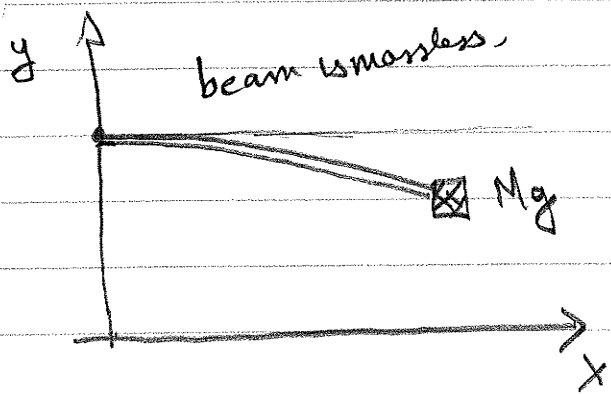
$$y = R - \sqrt{R^2 - x^2}$$

$$= R - R\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{R^2}\right)^{1/2}$$

Taylor expand  $y = R - R\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2R^2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{R} x^2$

Matching up we see  $f''(0) = 1/R$

(b) We use  $U_e = \int_0^L \frac{YI}{2} (y'')^2 dx$



$$U = \int_0^L \frac{YI}{2} (y'')^2 + Mg y(L)$$

Question: Why not use

$$\int_0^L y' dx \text{ as distance}$$

$Mg$  falls?

Answer: This is same as  $y(L)!!$

(Use  $x$  as horiz. axis not  $z$  as stated in text)

So, our total energy functional is:

$$U[y] = \int_0^L \frac{YI}{2} (y'')^2 dx + Mg y(L)$$

Applying, integration by parts twice we get:

$$\delta U = \int_0^L YI y'' \delta y'' dx + Mg \delta y(L)$$

$$= YI y'' \delta y' \Big|_0^L - \int_0^L YI \delta y' y''' dx + Mg \delta y(L)$$

$$\delta U = YI y'' \delta y' \Big|_0^L - YI y''' \delta y \Big|_0^L + \int_0^L YI y'' \delta y dx + Mg \delta y(L)$$

Note: we could not naively apply E-L equations, since endpoints are not fixed, but we are given

specific boundary conditions which help us solve the problem.

We are given boundary conditions:

At  $x=0$ ,  $y(0)=0$  and  $y'(0)=0$   
 which means  $y'''(0) = y^{(4)}(0) = 0$  also

Re-writing  $\delta U$  (and eliminating zero terms based on above)

$$\delta U = VI y''(L) \delta y' - VI y'''(L) \delta y(L) + Mg \delta y(L) + \int_0^L VI y^{(4)} \delta y dx$$

$$= \boxed{VI y''(L)} \delta y' - \boxed{[VI y'''(L) - Mg]} \delta y(L) + \boxed{\int_0^L VI y^{(4)} dx} \delta y$$

All terms in boxes must vanish at a minimum.

So, we obtain:

$$y''(L) = 0$$

$$y'''(L) = Mg/VI$$

From here, we let:

$$y(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \quad [y^{(4)} = 0 \text{ above!}]$$

and solve for coefficients:

$$c, d = 0 \quad \text{since } y(0) = d \text{ and } y'(0) = c$$

$$\text{So } y(x) = ax^3 + bx^2$$



$$y''(x) = 6ax + 2b \Rightarrow y''(L) = 6aL + 2b = 0$$

$$b = -3aL$$

$$y'''(x) = 6a = Mg/YI$$

$$a = Mg/6YI$$

Finally

a

b

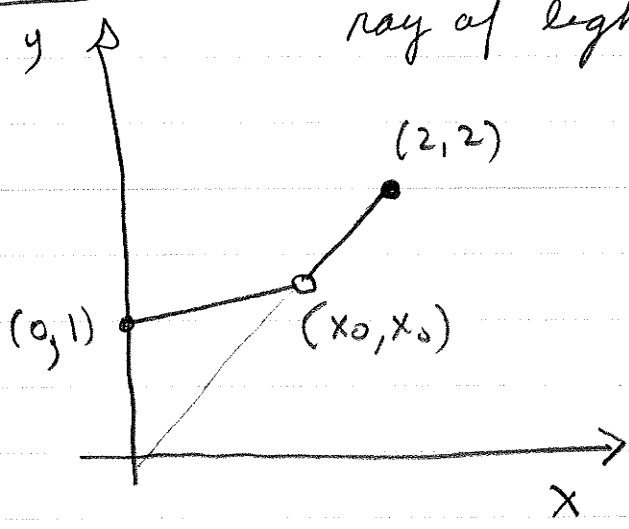
$$y(x) = \frac{Mg}{6YI} x^3 - \frac{3Mg}{6YI} x^2 = \frac{Mg}{6YI} (x^3 - 3Lx^2)$$

and

$$y(L) = -\frac{1}{3} Mg L^3 / YI$$

Problem 3: Minimize time travel of ray of light.

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$$n = a + b(y^2 - x^2)$$

$$v = c/n$$

$$dt = ds/v = ds n/c$$

$$y = mx + 1$$

$$ds = \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2} = dx \sqrt{1+m^2} \quad \text{where } m = \frac{x_0 - 1}{x_0}$$

$$t_1(x_0) = \int_0^{x_0} dx \sqrt{1+m^2} \frac{a + b[(mx+1)^2 - x^2]}{c}$$

$$t_2(x_0) = (2 - x_0) \sqrt{2} \frac{a}{c}$$

$$t_1(x_0) = \frac{\sqrt{1+m^2}}{c} \int_0^{x_0} dx \left[ a + b[(m^2-1)x^2 + 2mx + 1] \right]$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{1+m^2}}{c} \left[ ax + b(m^2-1)\frac{x^3}{3} + mbx^2 + bx \right] \Big|_0^{x_0}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{1+m^2}}{c} \left[ (a+b)x_0 + mbx_0^2 + \frac{b(m^2-1)}{3} x_0^3 \right]$$

$$\frac{dt}{dx_0} = \frac{d}{dx_0} (t_1 + t_2) \quad \leftarrow \text{Note } m \text{ is a function of } x_0 \text{ here}$$

# Program to compute minimum time

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c      CODE TO COMPUTE MIN TIME TO TRAVEL FROM (1,0) to (2,2)
c      ALONG GENERAL PATH
c      FOR v=c/n WITH c=1 and n=a+b |y^2-x^2|

      implicit none
      real*8 a,b,c,x(0:100),y(0:100),dx,dx2,n,beta,E,dE,move
      real*8 dy,ran2,xx,yy,avey(0:100),aveE,aveE2
      integer ix,Nx,imonte,Nmonte,iran,accept

      c=1.d0
      Nx=400

      write (6,*) 'enter a,b,Nmonte,move,beta,iran'
      read (5,*) a,b,Nmonte,move,beta,iran

      dx=2.d0/dfloat(Nx)
      dx2=dx*dx

c      INITIALIZE x,y TO BE STRAIGHT LINE

      do 100 ix=0,Nx
         x(ix)=0.d0+(2.d0-0.d0)*dfloat(ix)/dfloat(Nx)
         y(ix)=1.d0+(2.d0-1.d0)*dfloat(ix)/dfloat(Nx)
100     continue

c      COMPUTE "ENERGY"

      E=0.d0
      do 110 ix=1,Nx
         xx=x(ix)-dx2
         yy=(y(ix)+y(ix-1))/2.d0
         n=a+b*dabs(yy*yy - xx*xx)
         dE = dsqrt( (y(ix)-y(ix-1))**2 + dx2 ) * n/c
         E=E+dE
         avey(ix)=0.d0
110     continue
      avey( 0)=1.d0*dfloat(Nmonte)
      avey(Nx)=2.d0*dfloat(Nmonte)

      accept=0
      aveE =0.d0
      aveE2=0.d0
      do 300 imonte=1,Nmonte
      do 200 ix=1,Nx-1

         xx=x(ix)-dx2

         yy=(y(ix)+y(ix-1))/2.d0
         n=a+b*dabs(yy*yy - xx*xx)
         dE = - dsqrt( (y(ix)-y(ix-1))**2 + dx2 ) * n/c

         yy=(y(ix)+y(ix+1))/2.d0
         n=a+b*dabs(yy*yy - xx*xx)
         dE = dE - dsqrt( (y(ix)-y(ix+1))**2 + dx2 ) * n/c

         dy=move*(ran2(iran)-0.5d0)

         yy=(y(ix)+dy+y(ix-1))/2.d0
         n=a+b*dabs(yy*yy - xx*xx)
         dE = dE + dsqrt( (y(ix)+dy-y(ix-1))**2 + dx2 ) * n/c

         yy=(y(ix)+dy+y(ix+1))/2.d0
         n=a+b*dabs(yy*yy - xx*xx)
         dE = dE + dsqrt( (y(ix)+dy-y(ix+1))**2 + dx2 ) * n/c
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      if (ran2(iran).le.dexp(-beta*dE)) then
        accept=accept+1
        y(ix)=y(ix)+dy
        E=E+dE
      endif
      avey(ix)=avey(ix)+y(ix)
      aveE =aveE +E
c      aveE2=aveE2+E*E
200    continue
300    continue
      aveE =aveE / (dfloat(Nx-1)*dfloat(Nmonte))
c      aveE2=aveE2/(dfloat(Nx-1)*dfloat(Nmonte))

c      NEED TO BIN TO GET ACCURATE ERROR ESTIMATE...

c      write (6,990) dfloat(accept)/(dfloat(Nx-1)*dfloat(Nmonte)),
1      aveE,dsqrt(aveE2-aveE*aveE)/dsqrt(dfloat(Nmonte-1))
1      E,aveE
c990    format('acc= ',f8.4,' <t>= ',f8.4,' +- ',f8.4)
990    format('acc= ',f8.4,' <t>= ',f8.4,' t= ',f8.4)
991    format(i6,3f8.4)

      do 400 ix=0,Nx
        write (66,991) ix,x(ix),y(ix),avey(ix)/dfloat(Nmonte)
400    continue

      end

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c      USE THESE COMMENTED OUT LINES IF REAL*8 DESIRED.
REAL*8 FUNCTION RAN2 (IDUM)
IMPLICIT REAL*8 (A-H,O-Z)
c      FUNCTION RAN2 (IDUM)
save
PARAMETER (M=714025, IA=1366, IC=150889, RM=1.4005112E-6)
DIMENSION IR(97)
DATA IFF /0/
IF (IDUM.LT.0.OR.IFF.EQ.0) THEN
  IFF=1
  IDUM=MOD (IC-IDUM, M)
  DO 11 J=1, 97
    IDUM=MOD (IA*IDUM+IC, M)
    IR (J)=IDUM
11  CONTINUE
  IDUM=MOD (IA*IDUM+IC, M)
  IY=IDUM
ENDIF
J=1+(97*IY)/M
IF (J.GT.97.OR.J.LT.1) PAUSE
IY=IR (J)
RAN2=IY*RM
IDUM=MOD (IA*IDUM+IC, M)
IR (J)=IDUM
RETURN
END

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$N_x=400$   $dy=0.01$   $\beta=10000$

