

# Biofilaments Overview

- Motivation - Filamentary structures (long and slender) with elastic properties are abundant in biology - appear across

many length scales.

Ex. □ Subcellular DNA, protein filaments - eg make up cytoskeleton, give structure

- axon . nerve fiber



□ Cellular . Mostly biomembrane (next module) - but a line of cells may behave as filament . eg crypts in intestine

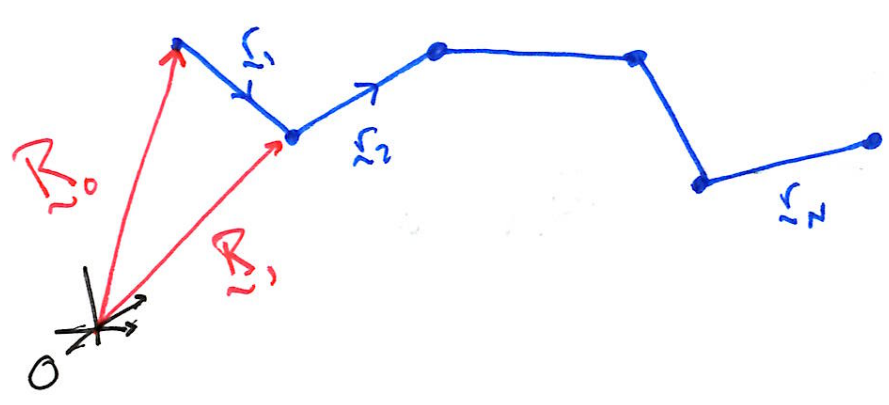
□ Tissue/organ . arteries, airways, elephant's trunk, plant: branch, stem, roots, umbilical cord, muscle fibers,



□ Organism worm, snake

• The mechanical properties/behaviour crucial to function - natural shape  
- stiffness - resistance to bending, stretching, twisting

# 1.1 The freely-jointed Chain model (FJC)



Assume: i)  $N$  links of fixed length  $b$

ii) Orientation of tangent  $\underline{t}_i = \frac{\underline{r}_i}{b}$

is independent of other tangents and

random

iii) No excluded volume effects (not worried about overlapping)

Defn The average of a quantity  $\underline{a}$  is

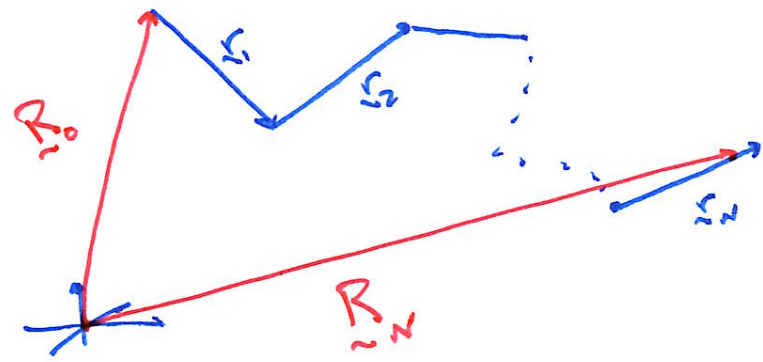
$$\langle \underline{a} \rangle := \int_{(\mathbb{R}^3)^N} dV \underline{a}(\underline{r}_1, \underline{r}_2, \dots, \underline{r}_N) p(\underline{r}_1, \underline{r}_2, \dots, \underline{r}_N) \quad \text{where}$$

$p(\underline{r}_1, \dots, \underline{r}_N)$  is the probability distribution function for configuration state  $\underline{r}_1, \underline{r}_2, \dots, \underline{r}_N$  for since  $|\underline{r}_i|$  must =  $b$

For our assumptions,

$$P = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{4\pi b^2} \delta(|\underline{r}_i| - b)$$

$\uparrow$   $\underline{r}_i$  lives on sphere radius  $b$



End-to-end displacement  $\vec{R} := \vec{R}_N - \vec{R}_0$

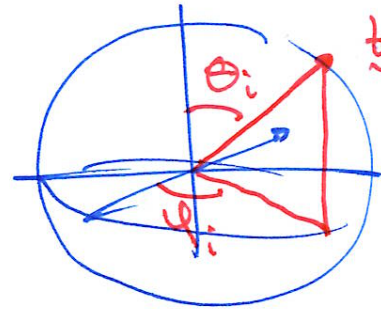
$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{r}_i$$

Its mean value (avg) is

$$\langle \vec{R} \rangle = \int_{(\mathbb{R}^3)^N} dV \left( \sum_{i=1}^N b \frac{\vec{r}_i}{r_i} \right) \frac{1}{(4\pi b^2)^N} \cdot \underbrace{\delta(|r_{i1}| - b) \delta(|r_{i2}| - b) \dots \delta(|r_{iN}| - b)}_{\substack{\text{integ. over sphere} \\ \text{radius } b}}$$

$$= \frac{(b^2)^N}{(4\pi b^2)^N} \cdot b \int d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2 \dots d\Omega_N \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{r}_i$$

where  $d\Omega_i = \sin\theta_i d\theta_i d\phi_i$



$$\vec{r}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \sin\theta_i \cos\phi_i \\ \sin\theta_i \sin\phi_i \\ \cos\theta_i \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: each integral indep.

and  $\int d\Omega_0 \vec{r}_i = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \vec{r}_i \sin\theta_i d\theta_i d\phi_i = 0$

$$\therefore \langle \vec{R} \rangle = 0$$

However, the second moment  $\langle R^2 \rangle \neq 0$  and its square root gives the lengthscale of typical end-to-end distance.

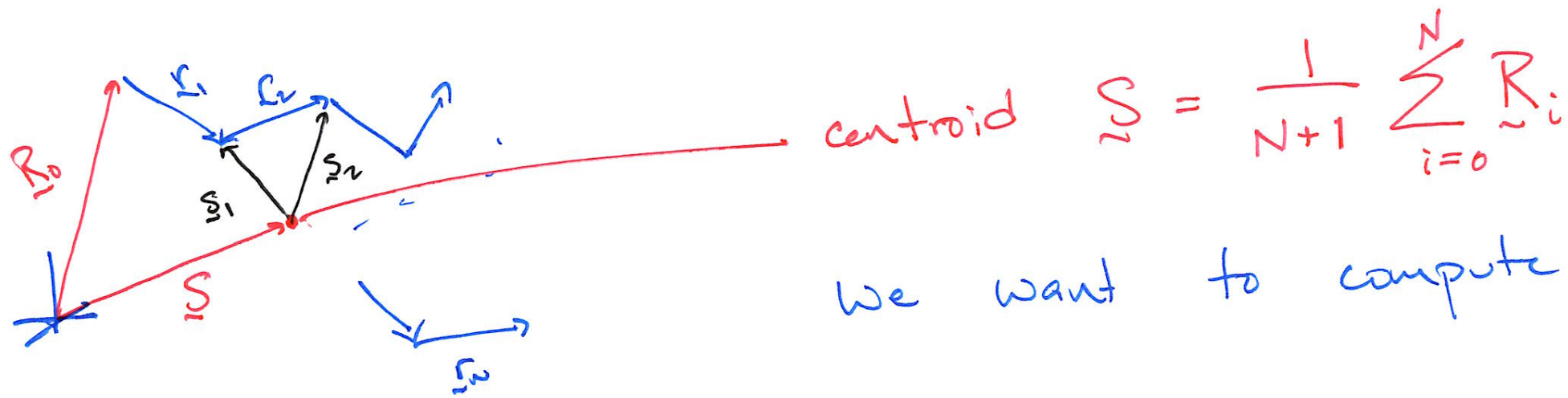
$$R^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{r}_i \cdot \sum_{j=1}^N \underline{r}_j = \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{r}_i \cdot \underline{r}_i + \sum_{i \neq j} \underline{r}_i \cdot \underline{r}_j$$

For  $i \neq j$ :  $\langle \underline{r}_i \cdot \underline{r}_j \rangle = \langle \underline{r}_i \rangle \cdot \langle \underline{r}_j \rangle$  since  $\underline{r}_i, \underline{r}_j$  are uncorrelated  
 and  $\langle \underline{r}_i \rangle = 0$  by similar calc as above

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \langle R^2 \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{r}_i \cdot \underline{r}_i \right\rangle = N \langle \underline{r}_i \cdot \underline{r}_i \rangle \quad \text{by symmetry} \\ &= N \langle b^2 \rangle = N b^2 \int_{(\mathbb{R}^3)^N} dV \underbrace{p(\underline{r}_1, \dots, \underline{r}_N)}_{=1} = N b^2 \quad \text{by def'n of p.d.f.} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Root mean square  $\sqrt{\langle R^2 \rangle} = b \sqrt{N}$   
 Analogous to root mean square displacement of random walker after  $N$  steps, i.e. Brownian motion.

Defn The gyration radius,  $S$ , is the root mean square distance relative to centroid



centroid  $\bar{R} = \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N \bar{R}_i$

We want to compute

Define  $\tilde{s}_i = \bar{R}_i - \bar{R}$

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N \tilde{s}_i \cdot \tilde{s}_i$$

Theorem (Lagrange):  $S^2 = \frac{1}{(N+1)^2} \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq N} \tilde{r}_{ij}^2$  where  $\tilde{r}_{ij} = \bar{R}_j - \bar{R}_i$

Proof: see problem sheets

Let  $j > i$ .  $\tilde{r}_{ij} = \bar{R}_j - \bar{R}_i = \sum_{p=i+1}^j \tilde{r}_p \Rightarrow \tilde{r}_{ij}^2 = \sum_{p,q=i+1}^j \tilde{r}_p \cdot \tilde{r}_q = \sum_{p=i+1}^j \tilde{r}_p \cdot \tilde{r}_p + \sum_{q \neq p \in \{i+1, \dots, j\}} \tilde{r}_p \cdot \tilde{r}_q$

We showed  $\langle \tilde{r}_p \cdot \tilde{r}_q \rangle = 0$  if  $p \neq q$ ,  $\rightarrow \langle \tilde{r}_{ij}^2 \rangle = (j-i)b^2$

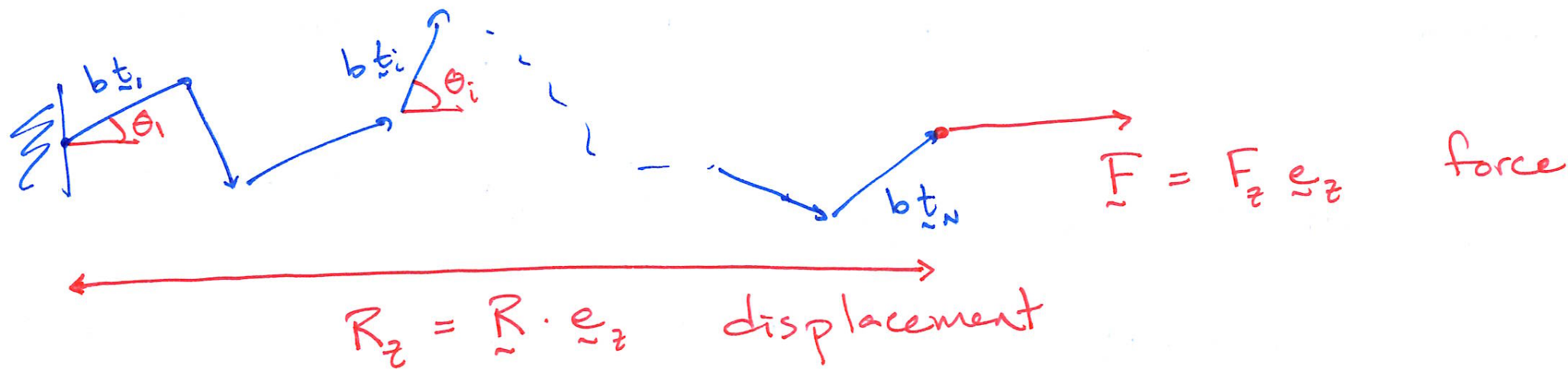
and  $\langle \tilde{r}_p \cdot \tilde{r}_p \rangle = b^2$

$$\therefore \langle S^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{(N+1)^2} \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq N} \langle \sqrt{ij}^2 \rangle = \frac{b^2}{(N+1)^2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} (j-i)$$

$$\stackrel{k=j-i}{=} \frac{b^2}{(N+1)^2} \sum_{j=1}^N \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^j k}_{\frac{j(j+1)}{2}} = \frac{b^2}{2(N+1)^2} \left( \frac{N(N+1)(2N+1)}{6} + \frac{N(N+1)}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore \langle S^2 \rangle = \frac{b^2 N(N+2)}{6(N+1)}$$

# FJC with external force



## Assumptions

- i) FJC with one end fixed
- ii) Constant force
- iii) Equilibrium w/ thermal bath, temp.  $T$

Goal Find force - displacement relation

Note:  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_N$  no longer unif. distributed

[Recall]:  $m\ddot{x} = F = -\nabla V \rightarrow m\ddot{x} = Fx = -V'(x) \dot{x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \underbrace{V(x)}_{\text{internal energy}} = E = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 - \underbrace{Fx}_{\text{work}}$

$\therefore$  internal energy =  $-Fx$  ]

The work to extend chain is  $W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{R}$ , so total internal energy is

$$E = -W = -F_z R_z = -F_z b \sum_{i=1}^N \cos\theta_i$$

# Statistical Mechanics

By considering the maximisation of entropy for the combined system of chain and heat bath

$$\text{Prob} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{system in} \\ \text{state} \\ \{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_N\} \end{array} \right) = \frac{\exp \left( - \frac{E(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)}{k_b T} \right)}{Z}$$

where

$E(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)$

is internal energy of state

$k_b$  is Boltzmann's constant, and  $Z = \int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_N \exp \left( - \frac{E(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)}{k_b T} \right)$

is partition function

$d\Omega_i = d\theta_i d\phi_i \sin\theta_i$  are solid angles for intgy. over spheres.

weighted sum over all possible configurations

• Observe:  $E(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)$  high  $\rightarrow$   $P(\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N\})$  is low

- We have  $E = -F_z b \sum_{i=1}^N \cos\theta_i \Rightarrow Z = \int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_N \exp \left( \frac{F_z b}{k_b T} \sum_{i=1}^N \cos\theta_i \right)$

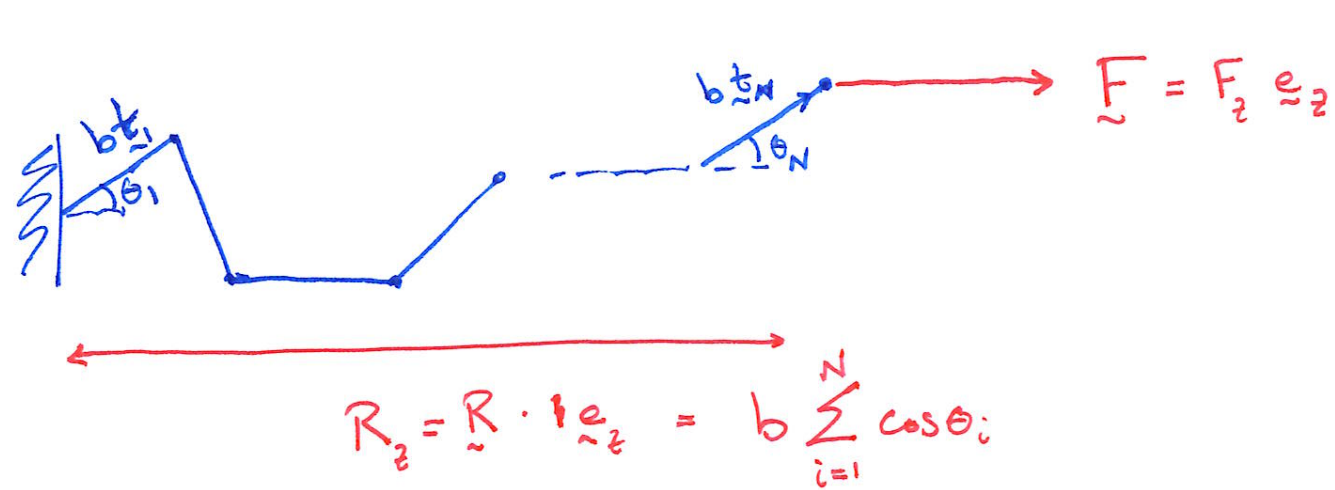


$$\rightarrow Z = \prod_{i=1}^N \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} e^{\alpha \cos \theta_i} \sin \theta_i d\theta_i d\varphi_i$$

$$\omega \quad \alpha := \frac{F_z b}{k_b T} = (2\pi)^N \left( \int_0^{\pi} e^{\alpha \cos \theta} \sin \theta d\theta \right)^N$$

$$\rightarrow Z = \left( \frac{4\pi \sinh \alpha}{\alpha} \right)^N$$

$$\therefore P(\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N\}) = \left( \frac{\alpha}{4\pi \sinh \alpha} \right)^N \cdot e^{\alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \cos \theta_i}$$



$$P(\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N\}) = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{E(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)}{k_b T}\right)}{Z}$$

$$Z = \left(\frac{4\pi \sinh \alpha}{\alpha}\right)^N \quad \alpha = \frac{F_z b}{k_b T}$$

Recall

$$\left[ Z = \int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_N \exp\left(\alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \cos \theta_i\right) \right]$$

$$P(\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N\}) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi \sinh \alpha}\right)^N e^{\alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \cos \theta_i}$$

Arg. displacement  $\langle R_z \rangle = \int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_N \left( b \sum_{i=1}^N \cos \theta_i \right) \frac{e^{\alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \cos \theta_i}}{Z}$

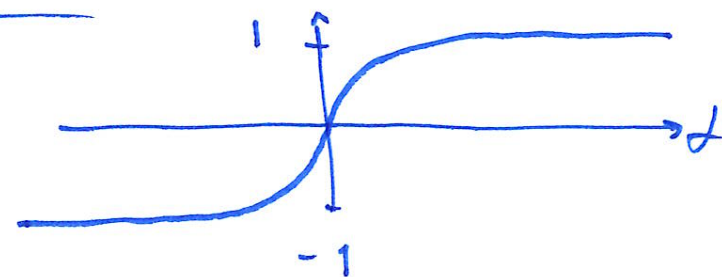
$$= \frac{b}{Z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_N e^{\alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \cos \theta_i} = \frac{b}{Z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} Z = b \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \ln Z = b \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \ln \left[ \left(\frac{4\pi \sinh \alpha}{\alpha}\right)^N \right]$$

$$= \boxed{bN \left[ \coth \alpha - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right]} = \langle R_z \rangle$$

Defn  $L(\alpha) := \coth \alpha - \frac{1}{\alpha}$  is called

Langevin function - similar

to  $\tanh \alpha$



$$\langle R_z \rangle = bN L(\alpha)$$

Limits:  $\lim_{F_z \rightarrow \infty} \langle R_z \rangle = bN$  ← max extension

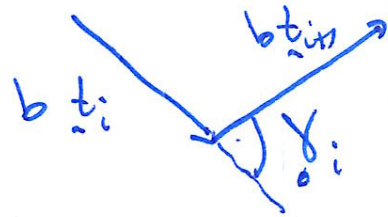
• if  $F_z$  small so that  $\alpha \ll 1$ ,  $\langle R_z \rangle = Nb \left( \frac{\alpha}{3} + O(\alpha^2) \right) = \frac{Nb^2}{3k_b T} F_z + O(F_z^2)$

Worm Like Chain Model FJC fails to explain exptial data

at large forces  $\rightarrow$  need to include bending stiffness

Discrete model (Kratky-Porod 1949)  $\rightarrow$  Like FJC, but w/ internal energy to bend two links w/ tangents  $\vec{t}_i, \vec{t}_{i+1}$  proportional to

$$\vec{t}_i \cdot \vec{t}_{i+1}$$

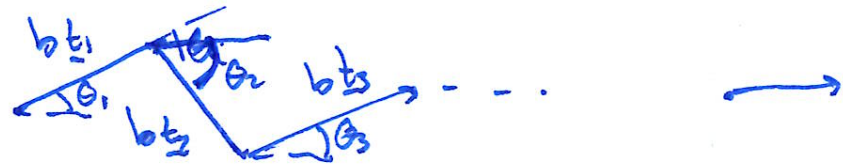


internal energy  $E = -K \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{t}_i \cdot \vec{t}_{i+1}$

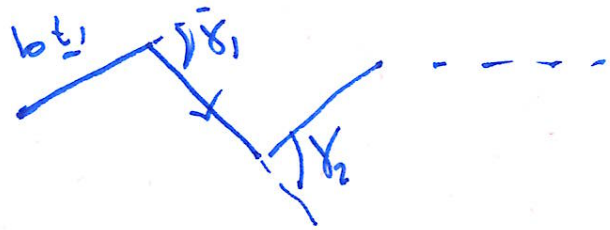
$$= -K \sum_{i=1}^N \cos \gamma_i$$

Compare:

FJC w/ external force



WLC



Partition function

$$Z = \int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_N \exp \left( \frac{K}{k_B T} \sum \cos \gamma_i \right)$$

$$d\Omega_i = \sin \gamma_i d\gamma_i d\varphi_i \quad \lambda := \frac{K}{k_B T}$$

$$\rightarrow Z \rightarrow \left( \frac{4\pi \sinh \lambda}{\lambda} \right)^N$$

as before

To compute  $\langle R^2 \rangle = \left\langle \left( \sum_{i=1}^N b \vec{t}_i \right)^2 \right\rangle = b^2 \sum_{i,j} \langle \vec{t}_i \cdot \vec{t}_j \rangle$

(i) Nearest neighbor:  $w_1 := \langle \underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_{i+1} \rangle = \langle \cos \gamma_i \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_N \cdot \cos \gamma_i \cdot \exp\left(\lambda \sum_j \cos \gamma_j\right)$

$$= \frac{\int d\Omega_i \cos \gamma_i e^{\lambda \cos \gamma_i}}{\int d\Omega_i e^{\lambda \cos \gamma_i}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \ln \left( \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} d\gamma_i d\varphi_i \sin \gamma_i e^{\lambda \cos \gamma_i} \right) = \mathcal{L}(\lambda) \quad \text{Langevin fn.}$$

all other terms have matching term in Z, so cancel

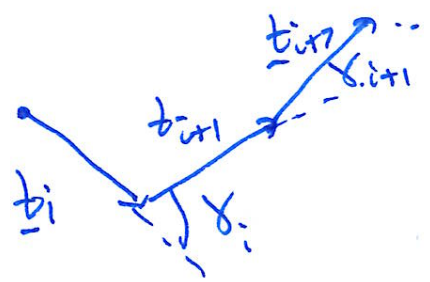
Observe: numer =  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda}$  (denom)

(ii) Consider stiff polymers, or  $\lambda \gg 1$ , consider:

$w_n := \langle \underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_{i+n} \rangle$

$$\underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_{i+n} = \cos(\gamma_i + \gamma_{i+1} + \dots + \gamma_{i+n-1})$$

$$= \cos(\gamma_i) \left\{ \cos(\gamma_{i+1} + \dots + \gamma_{i+n-1}) - \sin \gamma_i \sin(\gamma_{i+1} + \dots + \gamma_{i+n-1}) \right\}$$



$\lambda \gg 1 \Rightarrow |\gamma_i| \ll 1$  (stiff polymer can't bend much)

$\rightarrow |\sin \gamma_i| \ll |\cos \gamma_i| \quad \therefore w_n \approx \langle \cos \gamma_i \rangle \langle \cos(\gamma_{i+1} + \dots + \gamma_{i+n-1}) \rangle$

$= w_1 \cdot w_{|n|-1}$  Modulus allows for  $n < 0$ , "backwards" correlation

$\therefore$  By recursion,  $w_n \approx (w_1)^{|n|} = (\mathcal{L}(\lambda))^{|n|}$

(iii) Back to  $\langle \tilde{R}^2 \rangle$ , in limit  $\lambda \gg 1$ ,

$$\langle \tilde{R}^2 \rangle = b^2 \sum_{i,j} \langle \tilde{t}_i \cdot \tilde{t}_j \rangle = b^2 \sum_{i,j} \omega_1^{|i-j|} = b^2 \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \omega_1^{i-j} + \sum_{j=i+1}^N \omega_1^{j-i} + 1 \right]$$

Note  $|\omega_1| < 1$  since  $|\mathcal{L}(\lambda)| < 1 \Rightarrow$  geom. series

$$= b^2 \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{\omega_1 (1 - \omega_1^{i-1})}{1 - \omega_1} + \frac{1 - \omega_1^{N+1-i}}{1 - \omega_1} \right] = \frac{b^2}{1 - \omega_1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \omega_1 - \sum_{i=1}^N \omega_1^i + \sum_{i=1}^N 1 - \sum_{i=1}^N \omega_1^{N+1-i} \right]$$

↑ small in comparison as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$= \frac{b^2 N (\omega_1 + 1)}{1 - \omega_1} \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

Persistence length ( $\lambda \gg 1$ ), consider  $\langle \tilde{t}_i \cdot \tilde{t}_{i+n} \rangle \approx (\mathcal{L}(\lambda))^{|n|} \sim \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^{|n|}$

$$= \exp\left(\ln \ln \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda}\right)\right) \approx \exp\left(\frac{-\ln \lambda}{\lambda}\right) = \exp\left(\frac{-\ln k_b T}{K}\right) \stackrel{\text{with } \lambda = \frac{K}{b}}{=} \exp\left(\frac{-\ln b}{\xi_p}\right), \quad \xi_p := \frac{Kb}{k_b T}$$

expand log

$\xi_p$  gives scale on which tangent-tangent correlations decay.

• If  $L$  is polymer length or scale at which viewing  
 •  $\xi_p \gg L$  - stiff chain

$\xi_p \ll L$  flexible chain (FJC valid)  
 ↑ DNA

# Continuous limit

Goal: take limit  $N \rightarrow \infty, b \rightarrow 0$  w/  
 $Nb = L$  fixed in WLC

Consider energy  $H = -K \sum_{i=1}^N (\underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_{i+1} - 1)$

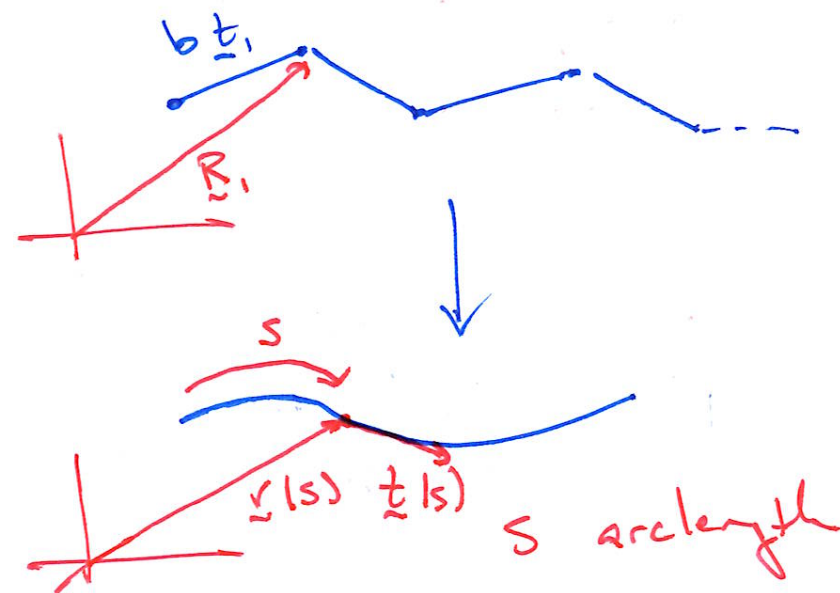
shifts energy by constant so that min energy = 0.

Now use  $\frac{(\underline{t}_i - \underline{t}_{i+1})^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + 1 - 2 \underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_{i+1}) = 1 - \underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_{i+1}$

$\Rightarrow H = \frac{K}{2} \sum (\underline{t}_i - \underline{t}_{i+1})^2 = \frac{Kb}{2} \sum b \left( \frac{\underline{t}_i - \underline{t}_{i+1}}{b} \right)^2$

in limit  $N \rightarrow \infty, b \rightarrow 0$ :

$H \rightarrow \frac{Kb}{2} \int_0^L \kappa^2(s) ds$  where  $|\kappa| = \left| \frac{\partial \underline{t}}{\partial s} \right|$  is the curvature



Compare to "classical result" elastic energy of an unstretchable, unsharable beam:

$E_{cl} = \frac{EI}{2} \int_0^L \kappa^2 ds$ ,  $EI = B$  is bending stiffness

$Kb = B$

so persistence length  $\xi_p = \frac{Kb}{k_B T} = \frac{B}{k_B T}$

# Statistical Mechanics in Continuous Limit

Internal energy  $H = \frac{B}{2} \int_0^L x^2(s) ds$  . Compute  $\langle \tilde{R}^2 \rangle$

Partition fn  $Z = \int \underbrace{D(\tilde{t}(s))}_{\substack{\text{defined via limiting} \\ \text{process}}} e^{-\beta H} \delta(|\tilde{t}(s)| - 1)$

$\langle \tilde{t}(s) \cdot \tilde{t}(s') \rangle = \exp\left(-\frac{|s-s'|}{\xi_p}\right)$  by taking limit of  $\langle \tilde{t}_{i_i} \cdot \tilde{t}_{i+n} \rangle \sim \exp\left(-\frac{|n|b'}{\xi_p}\right)$

$$\therefore \langle \tilde{R}^2 \rangle = \left\langle \left( \int_0^L \tilde{t}(s) ds \right)^2 \right\rangle = \int_0^L ds \int_0^L ds' \langle \tilde{t}(s) \cdot \tilde{t}(s') \rangle = \int_0^L \int_0^L ds ds' \exp\left(-\frac{|s-s'|}{\xi_p}\right)$$

$$= 2 \xi_p^2 \left( \frac{L}{\xi_p} - 1 + e^{-L/\xi_p} \right) = L^2 \int_0^1 \left( \frac{L}{\xi_p} \right)$$

messy but  
double  
integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{2(x-1+e^{-x})}{x^2} \quad \text{is Debye fn}$$

Continuous filaments - We now develop a theory of elastic

rods. - Suitable when stochastic motion irrelevant - (elastic energy much higher than  $k_B T$ ) . good model for some biopolymers, many macrostructures, eg vine, hair, umbilical cord, etc.

Ingredients: 1) Geometry 2) Mechanics 3) Constitutive Law

1. Geometry - A rod is defined geometrically by a central

curve  $\underline{\zeta}(S, T)$ ,  $S$  is arclength in stress-free configuration,

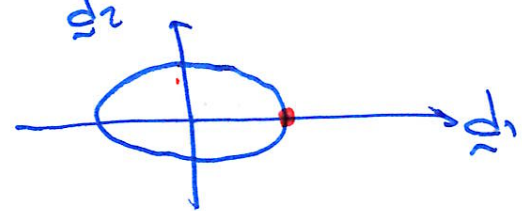
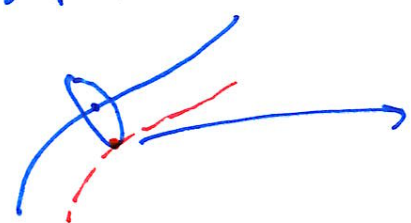
and  $T$  is time.

- The current arclength  $s = \int_0^S \left| \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial \tilde{S}} \right| d\tilde{S}$  for unstretchable or inextensible rod,  $s = S$

At each  $S$ , the rod is equipped with an orthonormal frame  $\{ \underline{d}_1, \underline{d}_2, \underline{d}_3 \}$

Let  $\underline{d}_1(S, T), \underline{d}_2(S, T)$  be unit vectors fixed in each material

cross-section



$$\underline{d}_3 = \underline{d}_1 \wedge \underline{d}_2$$



For unshearable rod, (most common),  $\underline{d}_3$  aligned w/ tangent  $\frac{\partial \underline{x}}{\partial S}$

we can write any vector in basis  $\{\underline{d}_1, \underline{d}_2, \underline{d}_3\}$  or in an  
fixed lab frame  $\{\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3\}$ .  $\underline{a} = \sum a_i \underline{d}_i = \sum a_j \underline{e}_j \Rightarrow a_j = \sum_i (\underline{d}_i \cdot \underline{e}_j) a_i$

ie  $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{d}_1 & \underline{d}_2 & \underline{d}_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix}$

Since frame orthonormal,

$$D^T D = D D^T = \mathbb{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial D}{\partial S} D^T + D \frac{\partial D^T}{\partial S} = 0$$

Also,  $\frac{\partial \underline{d}_i}{\partial S} = \alpha \underline{d}_1 + \beta \underline{d}_2 + \gamma \underline{d}_3$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial D}{\partial S} = \frac{\partial}{\partial S} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{d}_1 & \underline{d}_2 & \underline{d}_3 \end{pmatrix} = D U \quad \text{for some } U$$

$$\therefore 0 = D U D^T + D (D U)^T = D U D^T + D U^T D^T = D (U + U^T) D^T \Rightarrow U + U^T = 0$$

ie  $U$  is antisymmetric

Similarly,  $\frac{\partial D}{\partial T} = D W$  for some antisymm.  $W \rightarrow$  can define axial vectors

$\underline{u} = \sum u_i \underline{d}_i$  so that  $U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -u_3 & u_2 \\ u_3 & 0 & -u_1 \\ -u_2 & u_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $W = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -w_3 & w_2 \\ w_3 & 0 & -w_1 \\ -w_2 & w_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\underline{w} = \sum w_i \underline{d}_i$

equivalently,

$$\frac{\partial \underline{d}_i}{\partial S} = \underline{u} \wedge \underline{d}_i, \quad \frac{\partial \underline{d}_i}{\partial T} = \underline{w} \wedge \underline{d}_i$$

$u, w$  describe how material frame rotates  
in  $S, T$

Compatibility . Require  $\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial S \partial T} = \frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial T \partial S}$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial T} (DU) - \frac{\partial}{\partial S} (DW) = \frac{\partial D}{\partial T} U + D \frac{\partial U}{\partial T}$$

$$* - \frac{\partial D}{\partial S} W - D \frac{\partial W}{\partial S} = D (WU - UW) + D \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} - \frac{\partial W}{\partial S} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} - \frac{\partial W}{\partial S} = -WU + UW \right]$$

# Full Kinematics Description

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial S} &= \underline{v} && \underline{v} \text{ stretch vector} \\ \frac{\partial \underline{d}_i}{\partial S} &= \underline{u} \wedge \underline{d}_i && \underline{u} \text{ strain (curvature) vector} \\ & i=1,2,3 \\ \frac{\partial \underline{d}_i}{\partial T} &= \underline{\omega} \wedge \underline{d}_i && \underline{\omega} \text{ spin vector} \end{aligned} \right.$$

\* Unshearable  $\Rightarrow v_1 = v_2 = 0$   
 $(\underline{v} = \sum v_i \underline{d}_i)$

\* Inextensible  $\Rightarrow v_3 = 1$   
 no axial stretch allowed.

## Standard Frenet equations

$$\left\{ \underline{T}, \underline{V}, \underline{B} \right\}$$

orthon. basis for space curve, satisfying:

tangent  $\uparrow$  normal  $\uparrow$  binormal

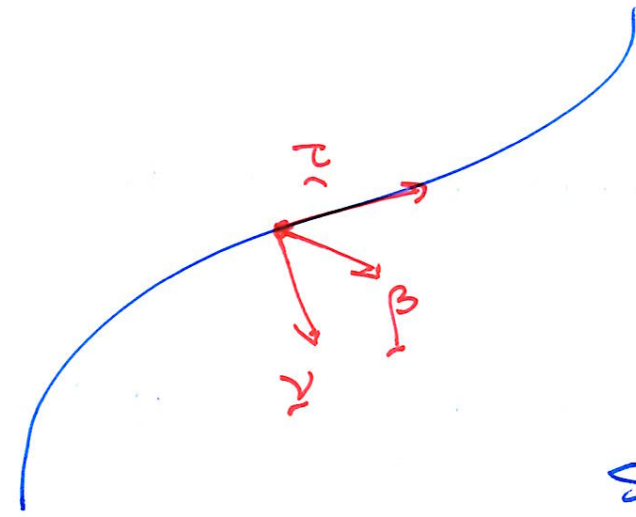
$$\frac{\partial \underline{T}}{\partial S} = \underline{V}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial S} = \kappa \underline{B}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial S} = -\tau \underline{V}$$

$$\kappa = \left| \frac{\partial \underline{T}}{\partial S} \right| \text{ is curvature,}$$

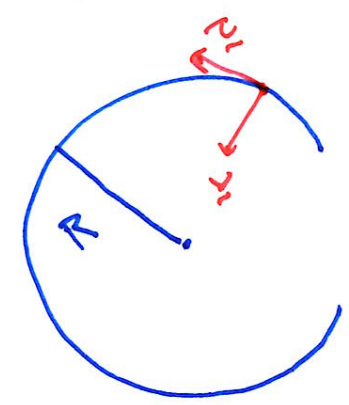
$\tau$  is torsion is a measure of non-planarity



• Properties only of space curve

Ex 1

Ring (constant curvature)



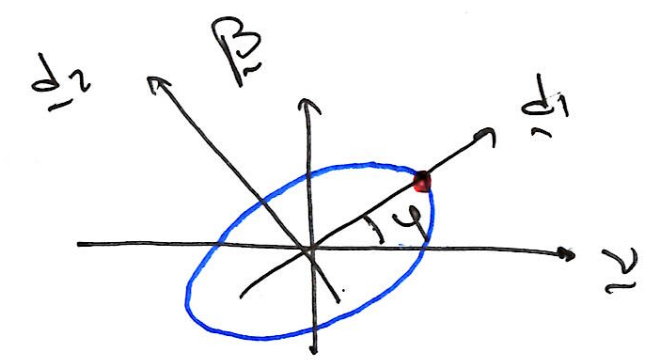
$$\kappa = \frac{1}{R}, \tau = 0$$

Under assumptions of next, unshearable,

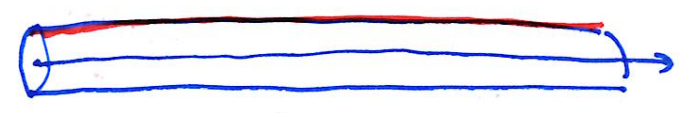
$$\tau = d_3, \text{ and}$$

$$d_1 = \nu \cos \varphi + \beta \sin \varphi$$

$$d_2 = -\nu \sin \varphi + \beta \cos \varphi$$

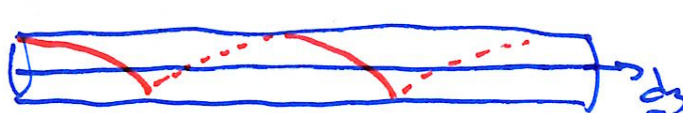


Ex 2



$$\kappa = \tau = 0$$

Twist



$$\kappa = \tau = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial S} \neq 0$$

$$u_1 = u_2 = 0, u_3 \neq 0$$

• if  $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial S} = 0$ , we can define  $d_1, d_2$

by  $\varphi \equiv 0 \rightarrow d_1 = \nu, d_2 = \beta$

Then  $\underline{u} = (0, \kappa, \tau)$

• if  $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial S} \neq 0$ , can express  $\underline{u} = \left( \underset{u_1}{\kappa \sin \varphi}, \underset{u_2}{\kappa \cos \varphi}, \underset{u_3}{\tau + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial S}} \right)$

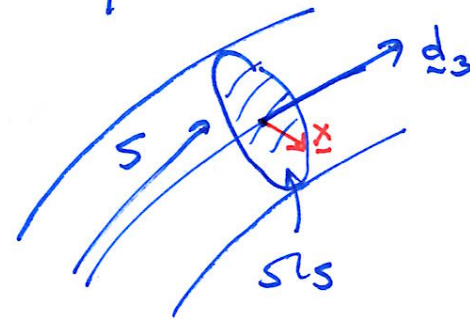
## 2. Elastic Rod Mechanics

Let  $\underline{n}(s, \tau)$  be the resultant force and  $\underline{m}(s, \tau)$  the resultant moment exerted by the rod section  $(s, L]$  on  $[0, s)$

[3D to 1D : suppose  $\sigma$  is stress tensor

### Balance of force

on section  $[s, s+\Delta s]$ :



$$\underline{n} = \int_{\Omega_s} \sigma \cdot \underline{d}_3 \, dA$$

$$\underline{m} = \int_{\Omega_s} (\sigma \cdot \underline{d}_3) \wedge \underline{x} \, dA$$

$$\underline{n}(s+\Delta s, \tau) - \underline{n}(s, \tau) + \underline{f} \Delta s$$

↑ external force per unit length

$$= \rho A(s) \Delta s \frac{\partial^2 \underline{r}}{\partial \tau^2}$$

↑ density    ↑ Area

Divide by  $\Delta s$ , send  $\Delta s \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\left| \frac{\partial \underline{n}}{\partial s} + \underline{f} = \rho A \frac{\partial^2 \underline{r}}{\partial \tau^2} \right| \quad (\text{FB})$$

### Balance of moments (PS1)

on section  $[s, s+\Delta s]$ :

Total moment on section

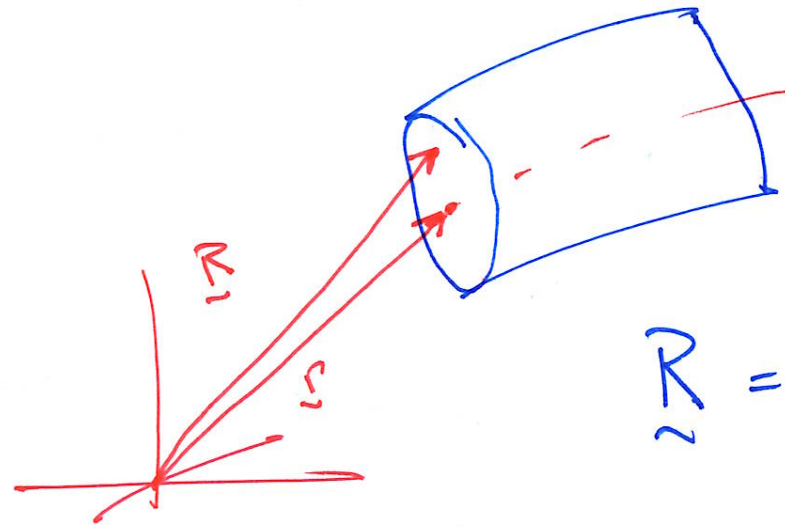
$$= \underline{m}(s+\Delta s, \tau) - \underline{m}(s, \tau) + \underline{r}(s+\Delta s, \tau) \wedge \underline{n}(s+\Delta s, \tau)$$

$$- \underline{r}(s, \tau) \wedge \underline{n}(s, \tau) + \underline{r} \wedge \underline{f} \Delta s + \underline{l} \Delta s$$

↖ external couple

Divide by  $\Delta S$ ,  $\Delta S \rightarrow 0$ :  $\frac{\partial}{\partial S} (\underline{m} + \underline{r} \wedge \underline{n}) + \underline{r} \wedge \underline{f} + \underline{l}$

= Rate of change of angular momentum per unit length



Material points in section 1

$$\underline{R} = \underline{r} + x_1 \underline{d}_1 + x_2 \underline{d}_2$$

Ang. momentum per unit length

$$= \int dx_1 dx_2 \underline{R} \wedge \rho \dot{\underline{R}}$$

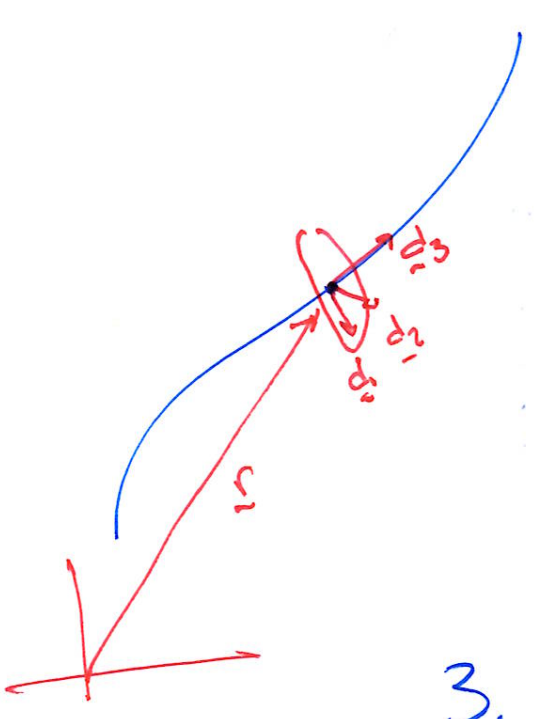
$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \underline{R}$

$\therefore$  Rate of change of Ang. momentum per unit length

$$= \rho \int dx_1 dx_2 \underline{R} \wedge \ddot{\underline{R}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{m}}{\partial S} + \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial S} \wedge \underline{n} + \underline{l} = \rho I_2 \underline{d}_1 \wedge \ddot{\underline{d}}_1 + \rho I_1 \underline{d}_2 \wedge \ddot{\underline{d}}_2$$

(MB)



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \underline{n}}{\partial s} &= \alpha \underline{d}_3 \\ \frac{\partial \underline{d}_i}{\partial s} &= \underline{u} \wedge \underline{d}_i \\ \frac{\partial \underline{d}_i}{\partial T} &= \underline{w} \wedge \underline{d}_i \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \underline{n}}{\partial s} + \underline{f} &= \rho A \frac{\partial^2 \underline{r}}{\partial T^2} \\ \frac{\partial \underline{m}}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial s} \wedge \underline{n} + \underline{l} &= \rho I_2 \underline{d}_1 \wedge \underline{d}_2 + \rho I_1 \underline{d}_2 \wedge \underline{d}_3 \end{aligned}$$

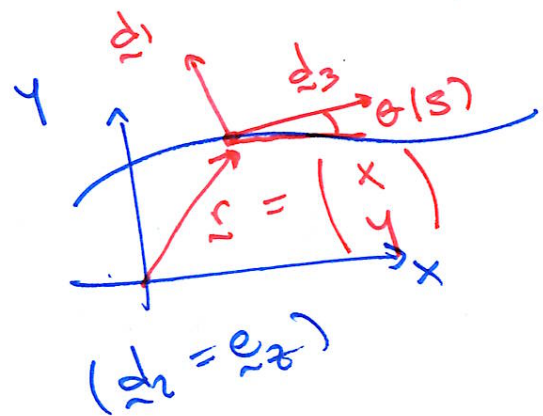
3. Constitutive Laws - To close the system, we must relate  $\underline{n}$  and  $\underline{m}$  to strain  $\alpha, \underline{u}$ . The simplest form: (& most common)

$$\underline{m} = EI_1 (u_1 - \hat{u}_1) \underline{d}_1 + EI_2 (u_2 - \hat{u}_2) \underline{d}_2 + \mu J (u_3 - \hat{u}_3) \underline{d}_3$$

$E$  - Young's Modulus  
 $\mu$  - Shear modulus  
 $I_1, I_2, J$  - depend on cross-sectional geometry  
 $\hat{u}_i = \hat{u}_i(s, T)$  - intrinsic curvatures  
 $\hat{u}_i$  describe shape rod "wants to be"  
 - Mechanical parameters  
 - when  $u_i = \hat{u}_i, \underline{m} = \underline{0}$

• For extensible rod, we have  $n_3 = \underline{n} \cdot \underline{d}_3 = EA(\alpha - 1)$  A cross-sec. Area  
 $\alpha := \frac{\partial s}{\partial S}$  axial stretch "Hook's Law"  $\alpha \equiv 1$  for inextensible

# Ex. Planar inextensible rod



$$\underline{d}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{d}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin\theta \\ \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Geometry

$$\underline{r}' = \underline{d}_3$$

$$\begin{cases} x'(s, \tau) = \cos\theta & (1) \\ y'(s, \tau) = \sin\theta & (2) \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{d}_i' = \underline{u} \wedge \underline{d}_i \rightarrow \underline{u} = u_2 \underline{d}_2 = \theta'(s, \tau) \underline{d}_2 = (0, \kappa, 0)$$

Mech Let  $\underline{n} = F \underline{e}_x + G \underline{e}_y$ ,  $\underline{m} = m \underline{e}_z$

FB  $\rightarrow$   $F' = \rho A \ddot{x}$ ,  $G' = \rho A \ddot{y}$  (3), (4)

( $\underline{f} = \underline{0}$ ,  $\underline{l} = \underline{0}$ )

MB  $\rightarrow$   $\underline{m}' + \underline{r}' \wedge \underline{n} = \rho I_2 \ddot{\theta}$

$$\rightarrow m' + G \cos\theta - F \sin\theta = \rho I_2 \ddot{\theta} \quad (5)$$

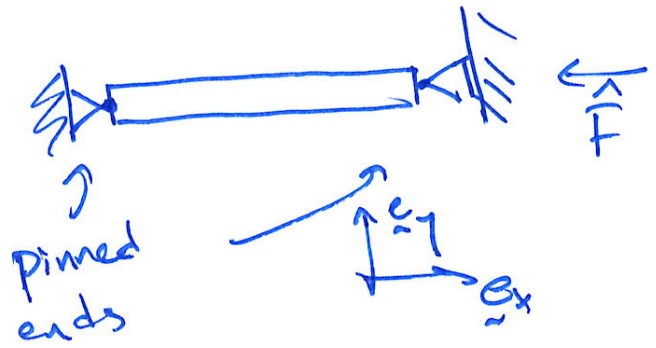
variables:  $\{x, y, \theta, F, G, m\}$

Constit  $m = EI_2 u_2 = EI_2 \theta'$  (6)

Need 6 BC + initial profile



# Euler Buckling



- apply compressive force

• At which  $\hat{F}$  does rod buckle?

Static  $\rightarrow$  drop time deriv's.

(3, 4)  $\Rightarrow F, G$  const.

• if align  $\hat{F}$  w/  $\underline{e}_x$ , then  $F = \hat{F}$ ,  
 $G = 0$

(for compressive,  $\hat{F} < 0$ )

•  $|\theta| \ll 1 \rightarrow \sin \theta \approx \theta, \cos \theta \approx 1$

(1, 2)  $\rightarrow x \approx s, y' \approx \theta$

MB:  $m' - \hat{F}\theta \approx 0 \rightarrow EI_2 \theta'' - \hat{F}\theta \approx 0$

BC:  $\theta' = 0$  at  $S = 0, L$

has solns  $\theta(s) = a \cos\left(\frac{n\pi s}{L}\right)$

if  $\hat{F} = \hat{F}_n = -\frac{EI n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}$