

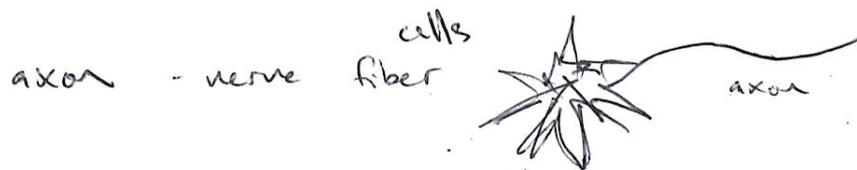
Biofilaments Overview

- Motivation - Filamentary structures (long and slender) w/ elastic properties are abundant in biology
 - appear across many length scales

Exs

▣ Subcellular DNA, ~~proteins~~ ~~especially~~

protein filaments - eg ~~grace~~ make up cytoskeleton - give structure to



▣ Cellular - Mostly biomembrane (next module)

but a line of cells may behave as filament

eg crypts in intestine



▣ Tissue/organ arteries, airways, umbilical cord, muscle fibre, elephants trunk, plant branch or stem, or root

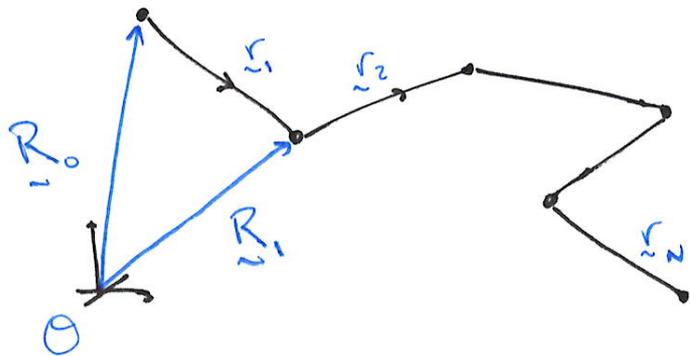
▣ Organism worms, snake

◦ The Mechanical behaviour/properties crucial to

function - Natural shape, ~~res~~ stiffness - resistance to bending, stretching, twisting

BIOFILAMENTS

1.1 The freely jointed chain model (FJC)



- Assume:
- N links, of fixed length b
 - Orientation of tangent $\underline{t}_i = \frac{\underline{r}_i}{b}$ is independent of other tangents and random
 - No excluded volume effects (not worried about overlapping)

Defn The average of a quantity a is

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

where $P(\underline{r}_1, \dots, \underline{r}_N)$ is the prob. distrib. fn for configuration state $\underline{r}_1, \dots, \underline{r}_N$

For our assumptions,

$$\rho = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{4\pi b^2} \delta(|r_i| - b)$$

since length is b

since r_i lives on sphere radius b

The end-to-end displacement $\underline{R} := \underline{R}_N - \underline{R}_0$

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

Its mean value is

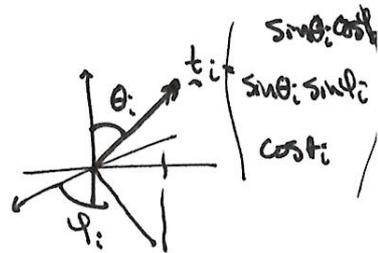
$$\langle \underline{R} \rangle = \int_{(\mathbb{R}^3)^N} dV \left(\sum b \underline{t}_i \right) \frac{1}{(4\pi b^2)^N} \delta(|r_1| - b) \dots \delta(|r_N| - b)$$

since integ. over sphere rad. b

only int. over spheres radius b

$$= \frac{(b^2)^N}{(4\pi b^2)^N} \cdot b \int d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2 \dots d\Omega_N \sum \underline{t}_i$$

$$d\Omega_i = \sin\theta_i d\theta_i d\varphi_i$$



But each integral indep, and $\int d\Omega_i \underline{t}_i = \underline{0}$

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

However, the second moment $\langle \underline{R}^2 \rangle \neq 0$

and its square root gives the lengthscale of typical end-to-end distance

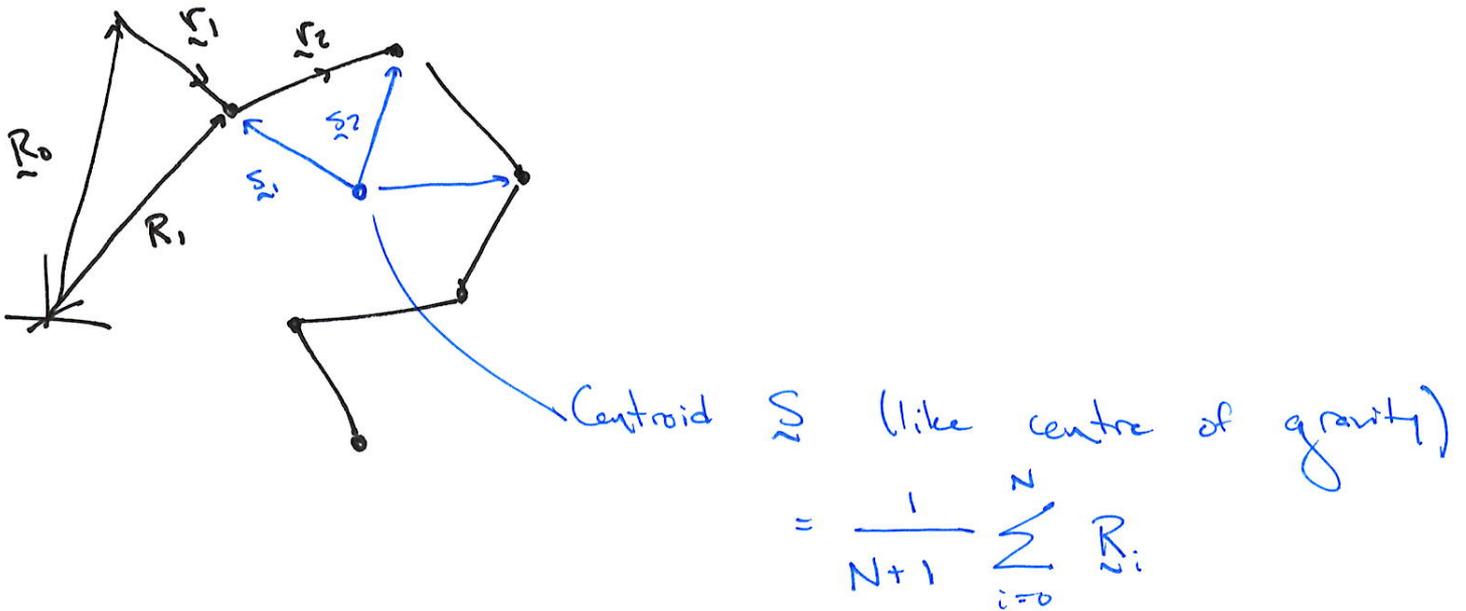
$$\underline{R}^2 = \sum \underline{r}_i \cdot \sum \underline{r}_j = \sum \underline{r}_i \cdot \underline{r}_i + \sum_{i \neq j} \underline{r}_i \cdot \underline{r}_j$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \langle \underline{R}^2 \rangle &= \langle \sum \underline{r}_i \cdot \underline{r}_i \rangle = \sum \langle \underline{r}_i \cdot \underline{r}_i \rangle = N \langle \underline{r}_i \cdot \underline{r}_i \rangle \\ &= N \langle b^2 \rangle = N b^2 \int dV \underbrace{p(\underline{r}_1, \dots, \underline{r}_N)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{by symmetry}}} = N b^2 \\ &\quad \uparrow \text{ by defn of p.d.f} \end{aligned}$$

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

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



Define $\underline{s}_i = \underline{R}_i - \underline{S}$. We want to compute

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N \underline{s}_i \cdot \underline{s}_i \quad \text{We'll use:}$$

Theorem (Lagrange): $s^2 = \frac{1}{(N+1)^2} \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq N} r_{ij}^2$, $r_{ij} := \underline{R}_j - \underline{R}_i$

Proof: see problem sheets.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } j > i. \quad r_{ij} = \underline{R}_j - \underline{R}_i &= \sum_{p=i+1}^j \underline{r}_p \Rightarrow r_{ij}^2 = \sum_{p, q=i+1}^j \underline{r}_p \cdot \underline{r}_q \\ &= \sum_{p=i+1}^j \underline{r}_p \cdot \underline{r}_p + \sum_{q \neq p \in (i+1, \dots, j)} \underline{r}_p \cdot \underline{r}_q \end{aligned}$$

[We showed $\langle \underline{r}_p \cdot \underline{r}_q \rangle = \langle \underline{r}_p \rangle \cdot \langle \underline{r}_q \rangle = 0$
and $\langle \underline{r}_p \cdot \underline{r}_p \rangle = b^2$]

$$\therefore \langle r_{ij}^2 \rangle = (j-i)b^2$$

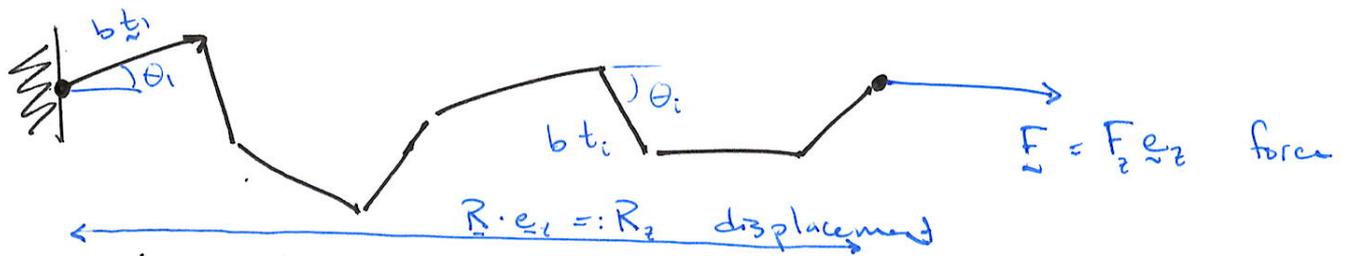
$$\therefore \langle S^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{(N+1)^2} \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq N} \langle r_{ij}^2 \rangle = \frac{b^2}{(N+1)^2} \sum_{j=0}^N \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} (j-i)$$

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

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

"In polymer physics - rad of gyration used to describe dimensions of polymer chain - can be computed experimentally by light scattering"

FJC with external force



Assumptions

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

(Note: $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N$ no longer unif. distrib)

Goal Find force-displacement relation

[Recall: $m\ddot{x} = F = -\nabla V \rightarrow m\dot{x}\ddot{x} = F\dot{x} = -V'(x)\dot{x}$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + \overset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{int. energy}}}{V} = E = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 - \underset{\substack{\leftarrow \\ \text{work}}}{Fx} \quad \therefore \text{internal energy} = -Fx]$$

The work to extend chain $W = \underset{\sim}{F} \cdot \underset{\sim}{R}$, so total internal energy is $E = -W = -F_2 b \sum_{i=1}^N \cos\theta_i$

"Could add an additional constant energy for zero energy state, but can set 0 WLOG and doesn't change any result"

Statistical Mechanics

"same as thermodynamic equil"

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

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

where $E(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)$ is internal energy of state $\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N\}$,

k_b is Boltzmann's constant, and

$$Z = \int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_N \exp \left(\frac{-E(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)}{k_b T} \right) \quad \text{is } \text{partition function}$$

solid angles, $d\Omega_i = d\theta_i d\varphi_i \sin\theta_i$
for integ. over spheres

weighted sum over all possible config. $\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N\}$. normalization constant

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

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

$$\Rightarrow Z = \int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_N \exp \left(\frac{F_z b}{k_b T} \sum \cos\theta_i \right)$$

$$\stackrel{N \text{ times}}{=} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} d\theta e^{\alpha \cos\theta} \sin\theta \quad \text{w/} \quad \alpha := \frac{F_z b}{k_b T}$$

$$= (2\pi)^N \left(\int_0^{\pi} d\theta e^{\alpha \cos\theta} \sin\theta \right)^N = \left(\frac{4\pi \sinh\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^N$$

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

Now, average distance $\langle R_z \rangle = \int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_N (b \sum \cos \theta_i) \frac{e^{\alpha \sum \cos \theta_i}}{Z}$

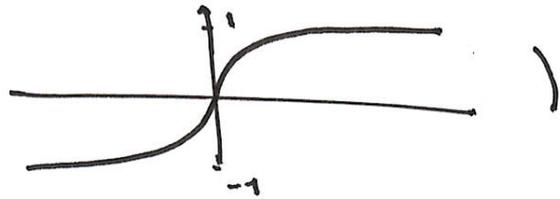
(A useful trick!)

$$\stackrel{\text{A useful trick!}}{\Rightarrow} \frac{b}{Z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_N e^{\alpha \sum \cos \theta_i} = \frac{b}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \alpha} = b \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} (\ln Z)$$

$$= b \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left(\ln \left(\frac{4\pi \sinh \alpha}{\alpha} \right)^N \right) = bN \left[\coth \alpha - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right]$$

Def'n $L(\alpha) := \coth \alpha - \frac{1}{\alpha}$ is called Langevin fun

(similar to tanh)



Then $\langle R_z \rangle = bN L(\alpha)$, $\forall \alpha = \frac{F_z b}{k_b T}$

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

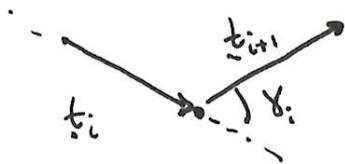
• if F_z small so that $\alpha \ll 1$, $\langle R_z \rangle = Nb \left(\frac{\alpha}{3} + O(\alpha^2) \right)$
 $= \frac{Nb^2}{3k_b T} F_z + O(F_z^2)$

Worm Like Chain Models

- FJC fails to explain experimental data at large forces \rightarrow need to include bending stiffness

Discrete model (Kratky-Porod 1949)

Like FJC, but w/ internal energy to bend two links ~~position~~ ^{w/ tangents} $\underline{t}_i, \underline{t}_{i+1}$ proportional to $\underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_{i+1}$



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

(same form as FJC w/ ext. force!)

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

as before
 $= \left(\frac{4\pi \sinh \lambda}{\lambda}\right)^N$ w/ $\lambda := \frac{K}{k_B T}$

To compute $\langle \underline{R}^2 \rangle = \langle (\sum b \underline{t}_i)^2 \rangle = b^2 \sum_{i,j} \langle \underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_j \rangle$

(1) Nearest neighbor

$$\omega_1 := \langle \underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_{i+1} \rangle = \langle \cos \phi_i \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_N \cos \phi_i e^{\lambda \sum_{j=1}^N \cos \phi_j}$$

$$= \frac{\int d\phi_i \sin \phi_i \exp(\lambda \cos \phi_i) \cos \phi_i}{\int d\phi_i \sin \phi_i \exp(\lambda \cos \phi_i)}$$

\leftarrow all other terms have matching term in Z , so cancel

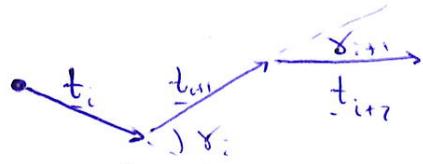
obscure: $\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} (\text{denom}) = \text{numer}$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \ln \left(\int d\delta_i \sin \delta_i e^{\lambda \cos \delta_i} \right) = \mathcal{L}(\lambda)$$

(Langmuir fa)

(2) Consider stiff polymers, $\lambda \gg 1$, & consider

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



$$\begin{aligned} \underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_{i+n} &= \cos(\delta_i + \delta_{i+1} + \dots + \delta_{i+n-1}) \\ &= \cos \delta_i \cos(\delta_{i+1} + \dots + \delta_{i+n-1}) - \sin \delta_i \sin(\delta_{i+1} + \dots + \delta_{i+n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

• For $\lambda \gg 1$, $|\delta_i| \ll 1$ (stiff polymer can't bend much)

$$\rightarrow \langle \sin \delta_i \rangle \ll \langle \cos \delta_i \rangle$$

$$\therefore \omega_n \cong \langle \cos \delta_i \rangle \langle \cos(\delta_{i+1} + \dots + \delta_{i+n-1}) \rangle$$

$$= \omega_1 \cdot \omega_{n-1}$$

\therefore By recursion

$$\left| \omega_n = (\omega_1)^n \right|$$

= $(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))^n$
correlation, $n < 0$

(* Modulus included as could have 'backwards' correlation, $n < 0$)

(3) Back to $\langle R^2 \rangle$, ~~for~~ for $\lambda \gg 1$ (stiff)

$$\langle \underline{R}^2 \rangle = b^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^{N_{\text{seg}}} \langle \underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_j \rangle = b^2 \sum_{i,j} \omega_1^{|i-j|}$$

$$= b^2 \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{seg}}} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \omega_1^{i-j} + 1 + \sum_{j=i+1}^{N_{\text{seg}}} \omega_1^{j-i} \right]$$

from $\underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_i = 1$

And $\omega_1 < 1$
since $\mathcal{L}(\lambda) < 1$ but
 \Rightarrow geometric series

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

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

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

Persistence length - take $\lambda \gg 1$, consider

$$\langle \tilde{t}_i \cdot \tilde{t}_{i+n} \rangle \sim \left(\frac{1}{\cosh \lambda} \right)^{|n|} \sim \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda} \right)^{|n|} = \exp \left(|n| \ln \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{expand log}} \approx \exp \left(-\frac{|n|}{\lambda} \right) = \exp \left(-\frac{|n| k_B T}{K} \right)$$

$$= \exp \left(-\frac{|n| b}{\xi_p} \right) \quad \text{w/ } \xi_p := \frac{K b}{k_B T} \quad \text{the persistence length,}$$

the scale on which tangent-tangent correlations decay

• If L is polymer length: (or scale at which you're viewing)

- $\xi_p \gg L$ Stiff chain

[DNA] $\xi_p \ll L$ flexible chain - well modelled by FJC

[Microtubule] $\xi_p \approx L$ semi-flexible

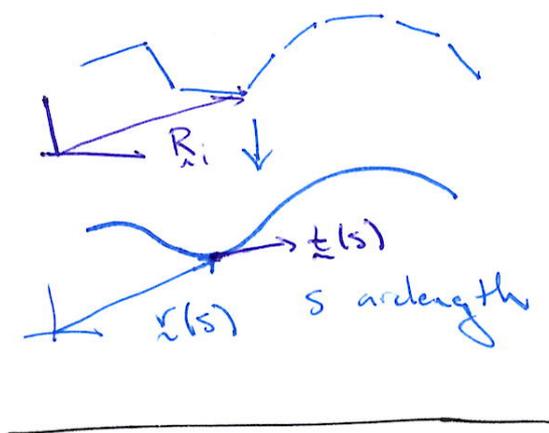
Continuous limit

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

Consider energy $H = -K \sum_{i=1}^N (\underline{t}_i \cdot \underline{t}_{i+1} - 1)$ ↖ shifted by constant so that energy = 0

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

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



$$\xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty, b \rightarrow 0} \frac{Kb}{2} \int_0^{L (=Nb)} K^2 ds$$

$\rightarrow ds$
 $\rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial \underline{t}}{\partial s}\right)^2$ in the limit
 where $|K| = \left|\frac{\partial \underline{t}}{\partial s}\right|$

is the curvature

Compare to classic result: elastic energy of an unstretchable, unshearable beam

$$E_{el} = \frac{EI}{2} \int_0^L K^2 ds, \quad EI = B \text{ is bending stiffness}$$

\therefore we identify $Kb = B$, and persistence length

$$\xi_{sp} = \frac{Kb}{k_b T} = \frac{B}{k_b T}$$

so if know persis. length, can define bending stiffness 12

Statistical Mech in Continuous Limit

Internal energy $H = \frac{\beta}{2} \int_0^L \left(\frac{\partial t}{\partial s} \right)^2 ds$

Partition function $Z = \int \mathcal{D}(t(s)) e^{-\beta H} \delta(t(L) - 1)$

defined via limiting process

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

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

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

messy but
double integ.

$= L^2 f_D\left(\frac{L}{\xi_p}\right) \quad \text{w/} \quad f_D(x) = \frac{2(x-1+e^{-x})}{x^2}$

is Debye fn

Continuous filaments

We now develop a theory of elastic rods

- suitable when stochastic motion irrelevant, i.e. when elastic energy much higher than $k_B T$
- good model for some bio polymers, and many 'macro structures', e.g. vine, hair, ~~axon~~^{amblycodon} cord, elephant trunk, --

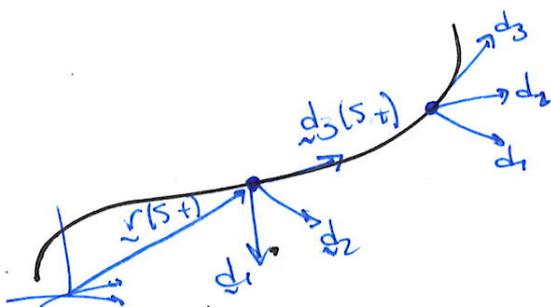
1. Geometry

A rod is defined geometrically by a centreline curve $\underline{r}(S, T)$, S is arclength in the stress-free configuration, and a material parameter, and T is time

The current arclength $s = \int_0^S \left| \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial S} \right| dS$

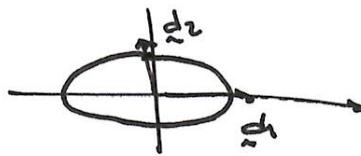
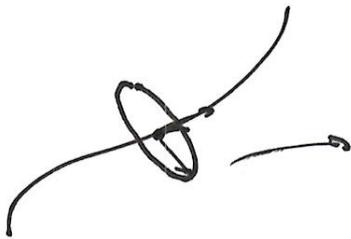
for unstretchable, i.e. inextensible rod, $s = S$

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



Discuss the point: take a 3D structure, which is slender, & collapse description to a central curve.

Let $\underline{d}_1(S,T)$, $\underline{d}_2(S,T)$ be unit vectors fixed in the material cross-section, and $\underline{d}_3 = \underline{d}_1 \wedge \underline{d}_2$



For unshearable rod (most common)

\underline{d}_3 aligned w/ tangent

We can write a vector in local basis $\frac{dr}{ds}$ $\{\underline{d}_1, \underline{d}_2, \underline{d}_3\}$ or in an inertial frame $\{\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3\}$

$$\underline{a} = \sum a_i \underline{d}_i = \sum a_j \underline{e}_j \Rightarrow a_j = \sum_i (\underline{d}_i \cdot \underline{e}_j) a_i$$

$$\therefore \underline{a} \underline{a} \underline{a} \text{ is } \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \underline{d}_1 & \underline{d}_2 & \underline{d}_3 \end{pmatrix}}_{\underline{D}} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since frame orthonormal, $\underline{D}^T \underline{D} = \underline{D} \underline{D}^T = \underline{1}$

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

Also, $\frac{\partial \underline{d}_i}{\partial S} = \alpha \underline{d}_1 + \beta \underline{d}_2 + \gamma \underline{d}_3$ since it's a basis

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \underline{D}}{\partial S} = \frac{\partial}{\partial S} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{d}_1 & \underline{d}_2 & \underline{d}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{D} \underline{U} \text{ for some } \underline{U} \quad (15)$$

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$$\text{Alt: } D^T D = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow D^T D' + \underbrace{D^T D'}_{(D^T D')^T} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D^T D' + (D^T D')^T = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D^T D' = U \quad \text{Skew symmetric}$$

$$\Rightarrow D' = DU$$

$$\therefore \text{ we have } 0 = DUD^T + D(DU)^T$$

$$= DUD^T + DU^T D^T = D(U + U^T)D^T$$

$$\Rightarrow U + U^T = 0 \quad (\text{since } DD^T = \mathbb{1})$$

or U anti-symmetric

Similarly, $\frac{\partial D}{\partial T} = DW$ w/ W antisymm $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial S} \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial T}\right)$

→ can define axial vectors $\underline{u} = \sum u_i \underline{d}_i$, $\underline{w} = \sum w_i \underline{d}_i$

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{u} , \underline{w} describe how frame rotates in S, T

eg u_3 is rotation about \underline{d}_3 along curve

Compatibility We must have $\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial S \partial T} = \frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial T \partial S}$

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

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

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

Full kinematic description

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

* Unshearable $\Rightarrow v_1 = v_2 = 0$
 * Inextensible $\Rightarrow v_3 = 1$ \leftarrow No axial stretch

If $\{ \underline{\tau}, \underline{v}, \underline{\beta} \}$ is standard Frenet-frame,
 \uparrow tangent \uparrow normal \nwarrow binormal

then under *, $\underline{\tau} = \underline{d}_3$ & $\underline{d}_1 = \underline{v} \cos \varphi + \underline{\beta} \sin \varphi$
 $\underline{d}_2 = -\underline{v} \sin \varphi + \underline{\beta} \cos \varphi$

Frenet eqns

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \underline{\tau}}{\partial S} = \kappa \underline{v} \\ \frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial S} = \tau \underline{\beta} - \kappa \underline{\tau} \\ \frac{\partial \underline{\beta}}{\partial S} = -\tau \underline{v} \end{array} \right.$$

where $\kappa = \left| \frac{\partial \underline{\tau}}{\partial S} \right|$ is

curvature; and

torsion τ is a measure of non-planarity.

• if $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial S} = 0$, can define $\underline{d}_1, \underline{d}_2$ by $\varphi = 0$, so $\underline{d}_1 = \underline{v}$
 $\underline{d}_2 = \underline{\beta}$

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

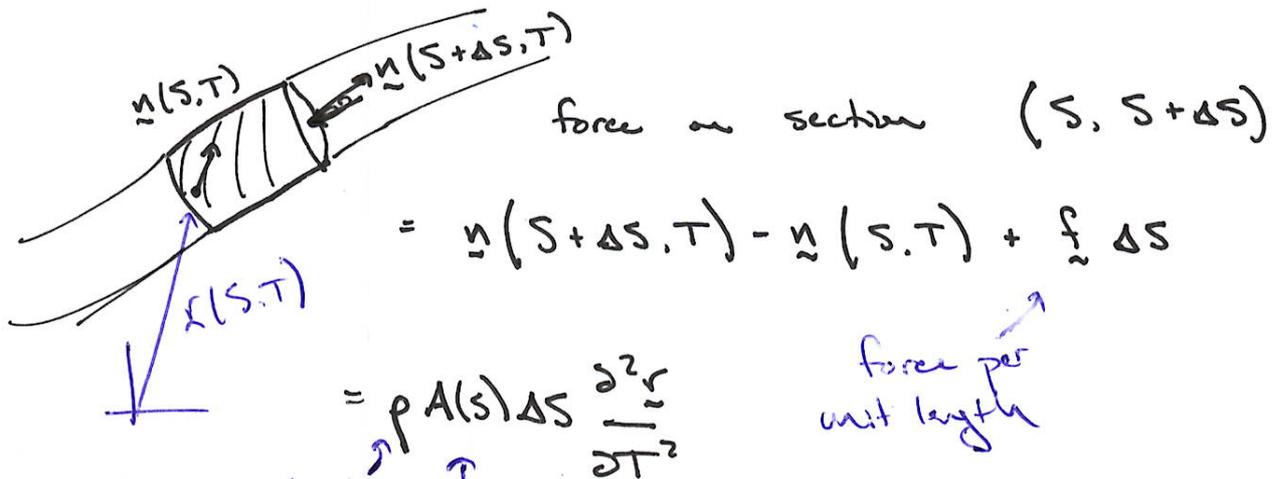
More generally, $\underline{u} = (\kappa \sin \varphi, \kappa \cos \varphi, \tau + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial S})$

"excess twist"

2. Mechanics

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

Balance of force:

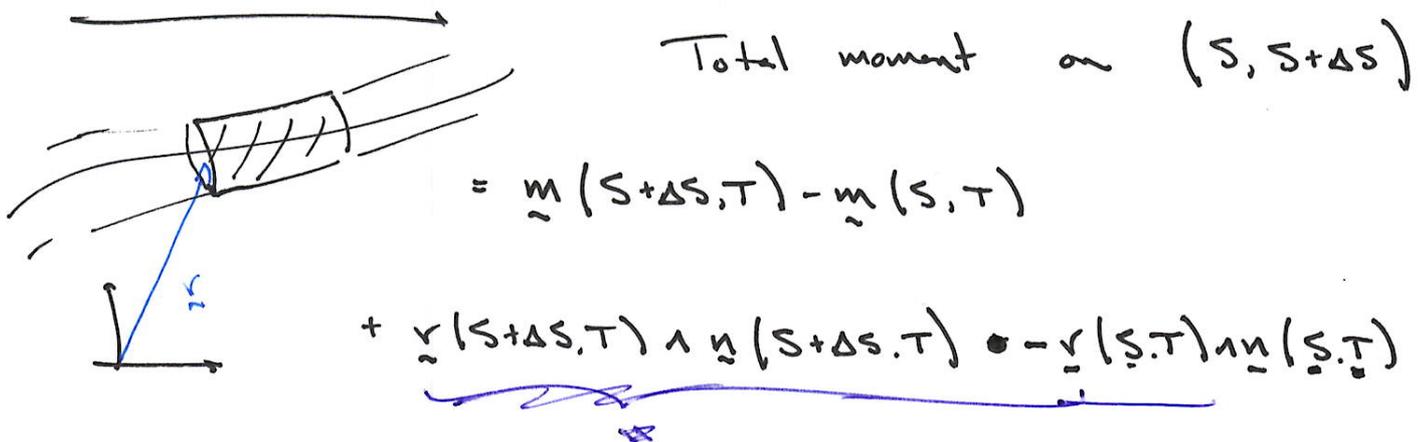


Divide by Δs ,

Take $\Delta s \rightarrow 0$:

$$\left| \frac{\partial \underline{n}}{\partial s} + \underline{f}_2 = \rho A \frac{\partial^2 \underline{r}}{\partial T^2} \right| \quad (\text{FB})$$

Balance of moments



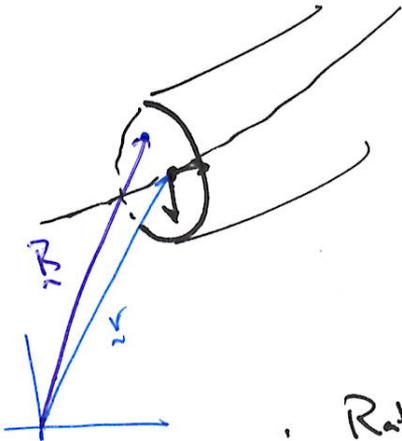
$$+ (\underline{r} \wedge \underline{f}_2) \Delta s + \underline{l} \Delta s$$

external couple per unit length

Divide by ΔS , take $\Delta S \rightarrow 0$:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial S} (\underline{m} + \underline{r} \wedge \underline{n}) + \underline{r} \wedge \underline{f} + \underline{l} = \text{Rate of chg of} \\ \text{angul. momim per} \\ \text{length}$$

Points in material given by $\underline{R} = \underline{r} + x_1 \underline{d}_1 + x_2 \underline{d}_2$



Any mom = $\int dx_1 dx_2 \underline{R} \wedge \rho \dot{\underline{R}}$
 per unit length ie $\frac{\partial \underline{R}}{\partial T}$

\therefore Rate chg Any Mom. per length = $\rho \int dx_1 dx_2 \underline{R} \wedge \ddot{\underline{R}}$

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

where $I_1 = \int x_1^2 dx_1 dx_2$, $I_2 = \int x_2^2 dx_1 dx_2$ are 2nd moments of area.

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{\partial \underline{m}}{\partial S} + \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial S} \wedge \underline{n} + \underline{l} = \rho I_2 \underline{d}_1 \wedge \ddot{\underline{d}}_1 + \rho I_1 \underline{d}_2 \wedge \ddot{\underline{d}}_2 \right| \text{(MB)}$$

by FB

3. Constitutive laws

To close the system we must relate force \underline{n} and moment \underline{m} to strain \underline{v} and \underline{u} .

We'll consider the simplest and most common form:

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

E - Young's modulus
 μ - shear modulus
Mechanical properties

I_1, I_2, J - depend on cross-section geometry

\hat{u}_i - intrinsic curvatures

For extensible rod, we also have $n_3 = \underline{n} \cdot \underline{d}_3 = EA(\alpha - 1)$

$\alpha := \frac{\partial s}{\partial S}$ axial stretch, A is area

"Hooke's law for stretching rod"

($\alpha \equiv 1$ for inextensible)

4. Boundary, initial conditions

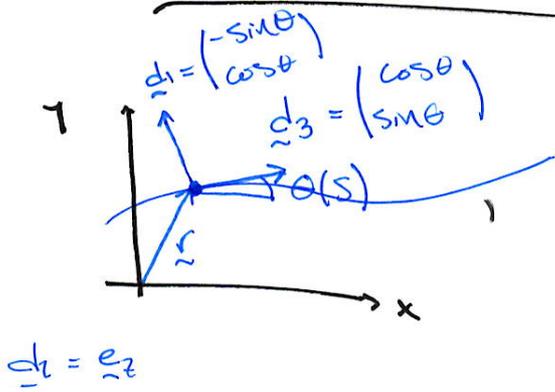
Many possibilities ...

eg clamped bdy \Rightarrow impose $\underline{r}, \{ \underline{d}_i \}$

pinned bdy \Rightarrow impose $\underline{r}, \underline{m} = \underline{0}$

free bdy \Rightarrow impose $\underline{n} = \underline{m} = \underline{0}$

Ex - Planar inextensible rod



Geometry: $\underline{r} = (x(s, T), y(s, T))$

$$\underline{r}' = \underline{d}_3 \rightarrow x' = \cos\theta \quad (1)$$

$$y' = \sin\theta \quad (2)$$

$$\underline{d}_3' = \theta' \underline{d}_1 \rightarrow \underline{u} = (0, \theta', 0)$$

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

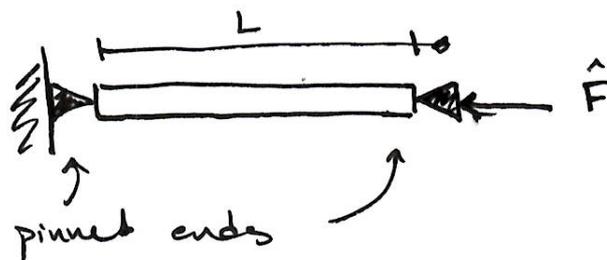
FB $\rightarrow F' = \rho A \ddot{x}$, $G' = \rho A \ddot{y}$ (3), (4)

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

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

+ 6 BC & initial profile for $\{x, y, \theta\}$

Euler Buckling



• impose compressive force \hat{F}

• At which \hat{F} does beam buckle?

- Static \rightarrow drop time deriv's. $\Rightarrow F' = G' = 0$

- align \hat{F} w/ $\underline{e}_x \Rightarrow F = \hat{F}$, $G = 0$ (compressive $\hat{F} < 0$)

- $|\theta| \ll 1 \rightarrow \sin\theta \approx \theta$, $\cos\theta \approx 1 \Rightarrow x \approx s$, $y' \approx \theta$

\rightarrow BVP $EI \theta'' - \hat{F} \theta = 0$, $\theta' = 0$ at $S=0, L$ (pinned)

has solus $\theta(s) = a \cos\left(\frac{n\pi s}{L}\right)$ if $\hat{F} = F_n = -\frac{EI n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}$

Reduction to Beam Eq'n (static)

Assumption: θ small. Same steps but treat y as dep. var.

• $x \approx s \rightarrow$ can write $y = w(x)$

• $y' \approx \theta$ and $EI \theta'' - F\theta + G = \cancel{0}$

take $\frac{d}{ds}$:

$EI w'''' - F w''(x) = 0$ ← classic beam eq'n
(F unknown)