

## A Generalized Curvature of a Generalized Envelope

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### المخلص

الهدف من هذا البحث هو دراسة بعض تطبيقات الانحناء المعمم [3] على الغلاف المعمم لعائلة من المستقيمات معطاة [7]، [8] باستخدام بعض مفاهيم التحليل غير القياسي الذي أوجده [5] Robinson, A. ووضعه Nelson, E. بأسلوب منطقي.

### ABSTRACT

In this paper we study one of the applications of a generalized curvature [3] on the generalized envelope of a family of lines given in [7], [8], using some concepts of nonstandard analysis given by **Robinson, A.** [5] and axiomatized by **Nelson, E.**

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### 1- Introduction:

The following definitions and notations are needed throughout this paper.

Every concept concerning sets or elements defined in classical mathematics is called **standard** [4].

Any set or formula which does not involve new predicates “standard, infinitesimals, limited, unlimited...etc” is called **internal**, otherwise it is called **external** [2], [4].

A real number  $x$  is called **unlimited** if and only if  $|x| > r$  for all positive standard real numbers, otherwise it is called **limited** [2].

A real number  $x$  is called **infinitesimal** if and only if  $|x| < r$  for all positive standard real numbers  $r$  [2].

Two real numbers  $x$  and  $y$  are said to be **infinitely close** if and only if  $x - y$  is infinitesimal and denoted by  $x @ y$  [2], [6].

If  $x$  is a limited number in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then it is infinitely close to a unique standard real number, this unique number is called the **standard part** of  $x$  or **shadow** of  $x$  denoted by  $st(x)$  or  ${}^0x$  [2], [4].

If  $x$  is a real limited number, then the set of all numbers, which are infinitely close to  $x$ , is called the **monad** of  $x$  and denoted by  $m(x)$  [2], [3].

A curve  $n$  is called **envelope** of a family of curves  $\{g_a\}$  depending on a parameter  $a$ , if at each of its points, it is tangent to at least one curve of the family  $\{g_a\}$ , and if each of its segments is tangent to an infinite set of these curves [1].

The **projective homogenous plane** over  $R$ , denoted by  $P_R^2$  is the set:

$P_R^2 = R^2 \cup \{\text{one point at } \infty \text{ for each equivalence classes of parallel lines}\}$ , we denoted it by **(PHP)** [1].

The **projective homogeneous coordinates** of a point  $p(x, y) \in R^2$  are  $(xa, ya, a)$ , where  $a$  is any nonzero number, we denote it by **(PHC)**. In this sense the projective homogeneous coordinates of any point is not unique. [1]

By a **parameterized differentiable curve**, we mean a differentiable map  $\gamma: I \rightarrow R^3$  of an open interval  $I = (a, b)$  of the real line  $R$  into  $R^3$  such that:  $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t)) = x(t)e_1 + y(t)e_2 + z(t)e_3$ , and  $x, y$ , and  $z$  are differentiable at  $t$ ; it is also called **spherical curve** [2].

#### Definition 1.1 [7]

Let  $A = \gamma(t)$  be a standard point on the curve  $\gamma$ , then the following cases occur for the point  $A$  with the existence of the order of derivatives of  $\gamma$ :

- 1- If  $\gamma' \neq 0, \gamma'' \neq 0$  and  $\gamma' \cdot \gamma'' \neq 0$  then the point is called **biregular** point.
- 2- If  $\gamma' \neq 0$  then the point is called **regular** point.
- 3- If  $\gamma' \neq 0$  and  $\gamma' \cdot \gamma'' \neq 0$  then the point is called **only regular** point, and we say that the point is only regular point of order  **$p-1$**  if  $\gamma' \neq 0$  and  $\gamma' = \gamma'' = L = \gamma^{(p-1)} = 0$ , but  $\gamma' \cdot \gamma^{(p)} \neq 0$ . In this case we say that  **$p$**  is the order of the first vector derivative not **collinear** with  $\gamma'$
- 4- If  $\gamma' = 0$  then the point is called **singular** point. In general if  $\gamma' = \gamma'' = L = \gamma^{(p-1)} = 0$  but  $\gamma^{(p)} \neq 0$ , then the point is called **singular point of order  $p$** .

#### Theorem 1.2 [7]

Let  $\gamma$  be a standard curve of order  $C^n$  and  $A$  be a standard singular point of order  $p-1$  on  $\gamma$ ; and let  $B$  and  $C$  be two points infinitely close to the point  $A$ , then the generalized curvature of  $\gamma$  at the point denoted by  $K_G$  and given by

$$K_G = \frac{(p!)^{\frac{q}{p}} |x^{(p)}y^{(q)} - x^{(q)}y^{(p)}|}{q! \left( x^{(p)^2} + y^{(p)^2} \right)^{\frac{q+p}{2p}}} = \frac{(p!)^{\frac{q}{p}} |g^{(p)} \wedge g^{(q)}|}{q! \|g^{(p)}\|^{\frac{q}{p}+1}},$$

where  $q$  is the order of the first vector derivative of  $g$  not collinear with  $\gamma^{(p)}$ .

**Theorem 1.3** [7]

If  $p_k(t) = r_k(t) = q_k(t) = 0$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$  ( $n$  standard) and  $p_n(t), r_n(t), q_n(t)$  are not all zeros, then the *PHC* points of  $\gamma(t)$  are of the form  $(p_n(t), r_n(t), q_n(t))$  which does not depend on  $\varepsilon$ . Thus, we get the generalized nonclassical form of the envelope curve  $\gamma(t)$  as follows:

$$(x(t), y(t)) = \left( \frac{X_\varepsilon(t)}{Z_\varepsilon(t)}, \frac{Y_\varepsilon(t)}{Z_\varepsilon(t)} \right) \\ = \left( \frac{v^{(n)}(t)w(t) - w^{(n)}(t)v(t)}{u^{(n)}(t)v(t) - v^{(n)}(t)u(t)}, \frac{w^{(n)}(t)u(t) - u^{(n)}(t)w(t)}{u^{(n)}(t)v(t) - v^{(n)}(t)u(t)} \right)$$

**2- A Generalized Curvature of the Envelope of a Family of Lines**

Throughout this section, we give a curvature formula for the envelope of a family of lines  $L_t : u(t)x + v(t)y + w(t)z = 0$  represented by the components  $u, v$ , and  $w$ .

It is clear that every two infinitely closed points (points in the same monad) on the envelope curve of a family of lines determine two infinitely close lines in that monad.

That is, " $A(t_0), B(t_0) \in \gamma(t_0)$ , where  $B(t_0 + \alpha) \in m(A(t_0))$  there exists a line  $L_{t_0 + \alpha} \in \{L_t\}$  such that  $L_{t_0 + \alpha} > L_{t_0}$  in  $m(A(t_0))$ , where  $m(A(t_0))$  denotes the monad of the point  $A$ , where  $a$  is an infinitesimal number.

For finding curvature formula of the envelope of a family of lines, we follow the following algorithm.

1. Find the envelope curve using **Theorem 1.3** according to the case under consideration.
2. Find the singularity and collinearity order of the envelope curve.
3. Consider three infinitely closed points  $A(t_0)$ ,  $B(t_0 + \alpha)$  and  $C(t_0 + \beta)$  on the envelope curve  $\gamma(t)$  such that

$$A(t_0) \in L_{t_0}, B(t_0 + \alpha) \in L_{t_0 + \alpha} \text{ and } C(t_0 + \beta) \in L_{t_0 + \beta}$$

4. Apply the generalized curvature formula given in **Theorem 1.2** at the points  $A(t_0)$ ,  $B(t_0 + \alpha)$  and  $C(t_0 + \beta)$ .

Where  $a$  and  $b$  are infinitesimal numbers.

The following theorems will give a new formula of the generalized curvature of the envelope of a family of lines.

**Theorem 2.1**

Let  $A = (t_0)$  be a regular point of the envelope curve  $\gamma$  of the family  $L_t : u(t)X + v(t)Y + w(t)Z = 0$  in  $PHC$ , then the generalized curvature  $K_G$  of the envelope curve at a point  $A$  is given by

$$K_G = \frac{\left| (r'(t)q'(t) - r''(t)q'(t))^2 + (p''(t)q'(t) - p'(t)q''(t))^2 + (p'(t)r''(t) - p''(t)r'(t))^2 \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2|p'(t)^2 + q'(t)^2 + r'(t)^2|^{\frac{3}{2}}}, \quad \dots (2.1.1)$$

where  $p(t)$ ,  $r(t)$  and  $q(t)$  are as given in **Theorem 1.3** for  $n=1$

**Proof:**

Let  $A = \gamma(t_0)$  be a standard point on the envelope of the curve  $\gamma$ , and  $B = \gamma(t_0 + \alpha)$ ,  $C = \gamma(t_0 + \beta)$  be two points infinitely close to  $A$ . Let  $L_t$ ,  $L_{t+\alpha}$  and  $L_{t+\beta}$  be three lines of the family  $\{L_t\}$  having  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  as contact points with the envelope curve, respectively.

Then;

$$L_t : u(t)X + v(t)Y + w(t)Z = 0,$$

$$L_{t+\alpha} : u(t+\alpha)X + v(t+\alpha)Y + w(t+\alpha)Z = 0,$$

$$L_{t+\beta} : u(t+\beta)X + v(t+\beta)Y + w(t+\beta)Z = 0.$$

Since, the point  $A$  is regular, then **Theorem 1.3** for  $n=1$  is satisfied, and therefore  $\gamma(t) = (p_1(t), r_1(t), q_1(t))$

Using the spherical case of the generalized curvature given in **Theorem 1.2** for a curve  $\gamma = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$ , we get

$$K_G = \frac{\left| (y'z'' - y''z')^2 + (x''z' - x'z'')^2 + (x'y'' - x''y')^2 \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2|x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2|^{\frac{3}{2}}} \quad \dots (2.1.2)$$

Now replacing each of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  by  $p_1(t)$ ,  $r_1(t)$  and  $q_1(t)$ , respectively, we get the required result. ■

**Theorem 2.2**

Let  $A = \gamma(t_0)$  be a singular point of the envelope curve  $\gamma$  of order  $n-1$ , and let  $m$  be the order of the first nonzero derivative which is not collinear with  $\gamma^{(m)}(t)$ , that is,  $\gamma'(t) = \gamma''(t) = \dots = \gamma^{(n-1)}(t) = 0$ ,  $\gamma^{(m)}(t) \neq 0$ , and  $\gamma'(t), \gamma''(t), \gamma'''(t), \dots, \gamma^{(m-1)}(t) = 0$ ,  $\gamma^{(m)}(t) \neq 0$ ,  $\gamma^{(m+1)}(t) = 0$ ,  $\gamma^{(m+2)}(t) \neq 0$ .

Then, the generalized curvature  $K_G$  of the envelope curve  $\gamma$  at the points of the monad of  $A$  is given by

$$\frac{(n!)^{\frac{m}{n}} \left| \left( r^{(n)} q^{(m)} - r^{(m)} q^{(n)} \right)^2 + \left( p^{(m)} q^{(n)} - p^{(n)} q^{(m)} \right)^2 + \left( p^{(n)} r^{(m)} - p^{(m)} r^{(n)} \right)^2 \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{m! \left| p^{(n)^2} + q^{(n)^2} + r^{(n)^2} \right|^{\frac{m+n}{2n}}} \dots (2.2.1)$$

Moreover, the Cartesian coordinate of the generalized curvature  $K_G$  of the envelope curve  $\gamma$  at the points of the monad of  $A$  is given by

$$\frac{(n!)^{\frac{m}{n}} \left| \left( \frac{p(t)}{q(t)} \right)^{(n)} \left( \frac{r(t)}{q(t)} \right)^{(m)} - \left( \frac{p(t)}{q(t)} \right)^{(m)} \left( \frac{r(t)}{q(t)} \right)^{(n)} \right|}{m! \left| \left( \frac{p(t)}{q(t)} \right)^{(n)^2} + \left( \frac{r(t)}{q(t)} \right)^{(n)^2} \right|^{\frac{m+n}{2n}}} \dots (2.2.2)$$

where  $n$  and  $m$  are positive integer numbers.

**Proof:**

First, applying the spherical case of the generalized curvature given in **Theorem 1.2** at  $\mathbf{X} = p_1(t)$ ,  $\mathbf{Y} = r_1(t)$  and  $\mathbf{Z} = q_1(t)$ , we get the generalize curvature formula (2.2.1). Since the point  $(p_1(t), r_1(t), q_1(t))$  in **PHC** is equivalent to the point  $(p_1(t)/q_1(t), r_1(t)/q_1(t), 1)$ , so again, applying the spherical case of generalized curvature, we get

$$K_G = \frac{(n!)^{\frac{m}{n}} \left| \left( y^{(n)} z^{(m)} - y^{(m)} z^{(n)} \right)^2 + \left( z^{(n)} x^{(m)} - z^{(m)} x^{(n)} \right)^2 + \left( x^{(n)} y^{(m)} - x^{(m)} y^{(n)} \right)^2 \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{m! \left| x^{(n)^2} + y^{(n)^2} + z^{(n)^2} \right|^{\frac{m+n}{2n}}} \dots (2.2.3)$$

Thus, putting  $\mathbf{X} = p_1(t)/q_1(t)$ ,  $\mathbf{Y} = r_1(t)/q_1(t)$  and  $\mathbf{Z} = 1$ , in (2.2.3), we obtain the formula (2.2.2). ■

### Corollary 2.3

Let  $A = \gamma(t_0)$  be a singular point of the envelope curve  $\gamma$  satisfying the hypothesis of **Theorem 2.2**.

Moreover, let the coefficient vector  $(u(t), v(t), w(t))$  of the envelope curve has a singularity of order  $n-1$ , then the generalized curvature  $K_G$  of the envelope curve  $\gamma$  at points in the monad of  $A$  is given by

$$\frac{(n!)^{\frac{m}{n}} \left| \left( r_n(t) q_m(t) - r_m(t) q_n(t) \right)^2 + \left( p_m(t) q_n(t) - p_n(t) q_m(t) \right)^2 + \left( p_n(t) r_m(t) - p_m(t) r_n(t) \right)^2 \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{m! \left| p_n^2(t) + q_n^2(t) + r_n^2(t) \right|^{\frac{m+n}{2n}}} \dots (2.3.1)$$

and the cartesian coordinate curvature  $K_G(t)$  of the envelope curve  $\gamma$  at  $A$  is given by

$$\frac{(n!)^{\frac{m}{n}} \left| \left( \frac{p_n(t)}{q_n(t)} \right) \left( \frac{r_m(t)}{q_m(t)} \right) - \left( \frac{p_m(t)}{q_m(t)} \right) \left( \frac{r_n(t)}{q_n(t)} \right) \right|}{m! \left| \left( \frac{p_n(t)}{q_n(t)} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{r_n(t)}{q_n(t)} \right)^2 \right|^{\frac{m+n}{2n}}} \quad \dots(2.3.2)$$

**Proof:**

By **Theorem 2.2** we have

$$K_G(t) = \frac{(n!)^{\frac{m}{n}} \left| \left( r^{(n)} q^{(m)} - r^{(m)} q^{(n)} \right)^2 + \left( p^{(m)} q^{(n)} - p^{(n)} q^{(m)} \right)^2 + \left( p^{(n)} r^{(m)} - p^{(m)} r^{(n)} \right)^2 \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{m! \left| p^{(n)^2} + q^{(n)^2} + r^{(n)^2} \right|^{\frac{m+n}{2n}}}$$

Since the coefficient vector  $(u(t), v(t), w(t))$  of the envelope curve has a singularity of order  $n-1$ , so we get

$$u(t) = v(t) = w(t) = \dots = u^{(n-1)}(t) = v^{(n-1)}(t) = w^{(n-1)}(t) = 0,$$

and  $(u^{(n)}(t), v^{(n)}(t), w^{(n)}(t)) \neq \mathbf{0}$

Therefore,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} p^{(n)}(t) &= v^{(n)}(t)w(t) - w^{(n)}(t)v(t) = p_n(t) \\ r^{(n)}(t) &= w^{(n)}(t)u(t) - u^{(n)}(t)w(t) = r_n(t) \\ q^{(n)}(t) &= u^{(n)}(t)v(t) - v^{(n)}(t)u(t) = q_n(t) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \dots(2.3.3)$$

Hence, the result of the first part is proved.

To prove the second part put  $\mathbf{x} = p_n(t)/q_n(t)$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = r_n(t)/q_n(t)$  and  $\mathbf{z} = 1$  and then apply the spherical curvature formula (2.2.3) to obtain the formula (2.3.2). ■

#### Corollary 2.4

Let  $A = \gamma(t_0)$  be a singular point of the envelope curve  $\gamma$  satisfying the hypothesis of **Theorem 2.2**. Let  $\gamma(t) = (p(t), r(t), q(t))$  be such that  $q(t)$  has a nonzero constant value, then the generalized curvature  $K_G$  of the envelope curve  $\gamma$  at points of the monad of  $A$  is given by

$$\frac{(n!)^{\frac{m}{n}} \left| \left( p^{(n)}(t) r^{(m)}(t) - p^{(m)}(t) r^{(n)}(t) \right)^2 \right|^{\frac{m-n}{n}}}{m! \left| p^2(t) + r^2(t) \right|^{\frac{m+n}{2n}}} \cdot q^{\frac{m-n}{n}} \quad \dots (2.4.1)$$

**Proof:**

Without loss of generality we use the cartesian coordinate form (2.2.2) of **Theorem 2.2** to obtain

$$K_G(t) = \frac{(n!)^{\frac{m}{n}} \left| \left( \frac{p(t)}{q(t)} \right)^{(n)} \left( \frac{r(t)}{q(t)} \right)^{(m)} - \left( \frac{p(t)}{q(t)} \right)^{(m)} \left( \frac{r(t)}{q(t)} \right)^{(n)} \right|}{m! \left| \left( \frac{p(t)}{q(t)} \right)^{(n)^2} + \left( \frac{r(t)}{q(t)} \right)^{(n)^2} \right|^{\frac{m+n}{2n}}} \quad \dots (2.4.2)$$

Since the value of  $q(t)$  is constant, we get

$$\begin{aligned} K_G(t) &= \frac{(n!)^{\frac{m}{n}} \left( \frac{1}{q} \right)^2 \left| p^{(n)}(t) r^{(m)}(t) - p^{(m)}(t) r^{(n)}(t) \right|}{m! \left( \frac{1}{q} \right)^{\frac{m+n}{n}} \left| p^{(n)^2}(t) + r^{(n)^2}(t) \right|^{\frac{m+n}{2n}}} \\ &= \frac{(n!)^{\frac{m}{n}} \left| p^{(n)}(t) r^{(m)}(t) - p^{(m)}(t) r^{(n)}(t) \right|^2}{m! \left| p^2(t) + r^2(t) \right|^{\frac{m+n}{2n}}} \cdot q^{\frac{m-n}{n}} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

### Remark 2.5

If  $q(t)=0$  then, by using either equation (2.2.1) or the equation (2.3.1), we can find a spherical generalized curvature  $K_G$ , but it does not represent a real curvature of the envelope curve. We shall call such value of curvature **Ideal Curvature** of a curve  $\gamma$  at points of the monad of  $A=\gamma(t_0)$ .

### Example 2.6

Consider the family of lines  $2x - 3ty + t^3 = 0$

By applying the algorithm given at the beginning of this section, we get

$$\begin{array}{llll} u = 2 & u' = 0 & u'' = 0 & u''' = 0 \\ v = -3t & v' = -3 & v'' = 0 & v''' = 0 \\ w = 2t^3 & w' = 6t^2 & w'' = 12t & w''' = 12 \end{array}$$

Now we determine the singularity and collinearity

$$\gamma(0)=(0,0) \quad \gamma'(0)=(0,0) \quad \gamma''(0)=(0,2) \quad \gamma'''(0)=(12,0)$$

Thus  $\gamma$  has a first singularity order (that is  $n=2$ ) and the order of collinearity is equal to 3. The envelope curve  $\gamma(t)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (X\varepsilon(t), Y\varepsilon(t), Z\varepsilon(t)) &= (v'(t)w(t) - w'(t)v(t), w'(t)u(t) - u'(t)w(t), u'(t)v(t) - v'(t)u(t)) \\ &= (6t^3, 6t^2, 12) \end{aligned}$$

Since the value of  $q(t)$  is constant, so using **Corollary 2.4**, we get,

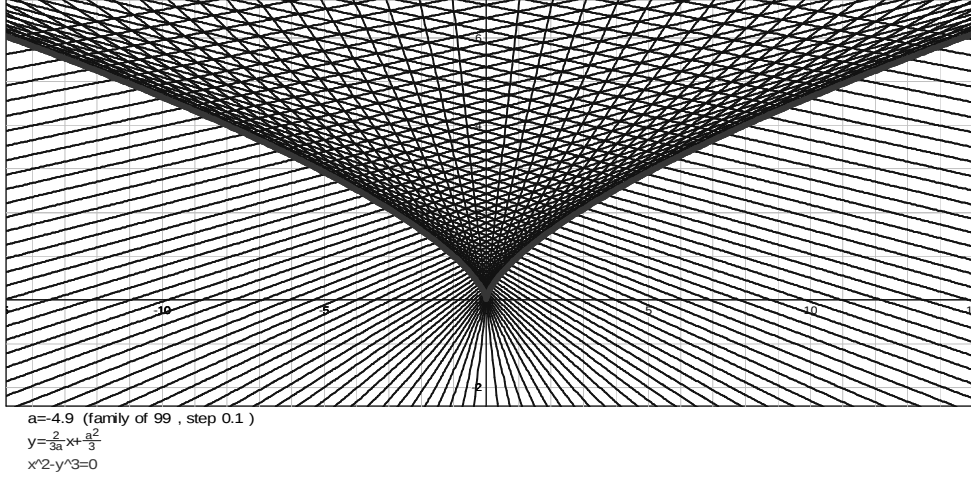
$$K_G = \frac{(2!)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left| p^{(2)}(t) r^{(3)}(t) - p^{(3)}(t) r^{(2)}(t) \right|^2}{3! \left| p^2(t) + r^2(t) \right|^{\frac{3+2}{2 \times 2}}} \cdot q^{\frac{3-2}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \cdot \sqrt{12} = \sqrt{2}$$

Note that if we use the cartesian coordinate, we find that  $\gamma(t)$  is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} (x(t), y(t)) &= \left( \frac{X_\varepsilon(t)}{Z_\varepsilon(t)}, \frac{Y_\varepsilon(t)}{Z_\varepsilon(t)} \right) = \left( \frac{v'(t)w(t) - w'(t)v(t)}{u'(t)v(t) - v'(t)u(t)}, \frac{w'(t)u(t) - u'(t)w(t)}{u'(t)v(t) - v'(t)u(t)} \right) \\ &= (1/2)(t^3, t^2) \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\gamma$  also has a first singularity order (that is  $n=2$ ) and the order of collinearity is equal to 3. Thus by using the usual two dimensional forms of the generalized curvature, we get, (see **Figure 2.3** )

$$K_G = \frac{(2!)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left| (x^{(2)}(t)y^{(3)}(t) - x^{(3)}(t)y^{(2)}(t))^2 \right|}{3! \left| (x^{(2)}(t))^2 + (y^{(2)}(t))^2 \right|^{\frac{3+2}{2 \times 2}}} = \frac{(2!)^{\frac{3}{2}} |3t \cdot 0 - 3 \cdot 1|}{3! \left| (3t)^2 + (1)^2 \right|^{\frac{3+2}{2 \times 2}}}_{t=0} = \sqrt{2}$$



**Figure 2.3**

**Remark:** The graph of the equation of the above example is plotted with specific software **Omnigraph V3.1b-2005**.

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