

there must be a subsequence of  $(q_k - p) / \|q_k - p\|$  which converges to  $v$  ( $\|v\| = 1$ ). Without loss of generality, we assume that subsequence is  $(q_k)$  itself. Let  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\nabla_v N = 0$ , because  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{q_k - p}{\|q_k - p\|} = v \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\|q_k - p\|} + \lambda_k (q_k - p) \right) = p$  as  $q_k \rightarrow p$ .  $\nabla_v N = 0$  contradicts with the assumption that the curvature  $k(p) \neq 0$ . So for  $q \in C$  sufficiently close to  $p$ , the normal lines to  $C$  at  $p$  and  $q$  intersects at some point  $h(q) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

(b) First derive  $h(q)$ .  $p + s_1 \cdot N(p) = q + s_2 \cdot N(q)$ . Suppose there is a local parametrization of  $C$  about  $p = \alpha(t) : I \rightarrow C$ ,  $\alpha(t_0) = p$ , and suppose  $I$  is small enough s.t.

$\forall t \in I$ ,  $\alpha(t)$  satisfies (a). So to derive  $h(\alpha(t))$ , suppose  $\alpha(t) + s_2 N(\alpha(t)) = \alpha(t_0) + s_1 N(\alpha(t_0))$  ( $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Multiply both sides by  $\dot{\alpha}(t_0)$  and notice  $N(\alpha(t_0)) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0) = 0$ , so

$\alpha(t) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0) = \alpha(t_0) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0) + s_2 N(\alpha(t_0)) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0) = \alpha(t_0) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0)$ . By assumption  $N(\alpha(t))$  is not parallel with  $\alpha(t_0)$ , so  $N(\alpha(t)) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0) \neq 0$  so  $s_2 = \frac{\alpha(t_0) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0) - \alpha(t) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0)}{N(\alpha(t)) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0)}$

So  $h(\alpha(t)) = \frac{1}{N(\alpha(t)) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0)} [\alpha(t) \cdot (N(\alpha(t)) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0)) + N(\alpha(t)) \cdot (\alpha(t_0) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0) - \dot{\alpha}(t_0) \cdot \alpha(t))]$

Both numerator and denominator  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow t_0$ . So using L'Hospital's rule, the derivative of denominator is  $N' \alpha(t) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0)$  which equals  $-k(t_0) \|\dot{\alpha}(t_0)\|^2$

the derivative of numerator is  $\dot{\alpha}(t) \cdot (N(\alpha(t)) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0)) + \alpha(t) [N' \alpha(t) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0)] + N' \alpha(t) \cdot (\alpha(t_0) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0)) - N' \alpha(t_0) \cdot [\dot{\alpha}(t_0) \cdot \alpha(t)] - N(\alpha(t)) \cdot [\dot{\alpha}(t_0) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t)]$

when  $t = t_0$ , it is equal to  $\alpha(t_0) \cdot (-k(t_0) \|\dot{\alpha}(t_0)\|^2) - k(t_0) \dot{\alpha}(t_0) (\alpha(t_0) \cdot \dot{\alpha}(t_0)) + k(t_0) \dot{\alpha}(t_0) [\dot{\alpha}(t_0) \cdot \alpha(t_0)] - N(\alpha(t_0)) \cdot \|\dot{\alpha}(t_0)\|^2$

So  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} h(\alpha(t)) = \frac{-\|\dot{\alpha}(t_0)\|^2 (N' \alpha(t_0) + k(t_0) \cdot \alpha(t_0))}{-k(t_0) \|\dot{\alpha}(t_0)\|^2} = \alpha(t_0) + \frac{1}{k(t_0)} (N' \alpha)(t_0)$  ( $\alpha(t_0) = p$ )

By Thm 1, this is the focal point of  $C$  along the normal line through  $p$ .

16.3 (a)  $\ddot{\alpha}(t) = \varphi'(t) + \frac{1}{k^2(t)} [(N' \circ \varphi)(t) k(t) - k'(t) (N \circ \varphi)(t)]$

As  $(N' \circ \varphi)(t) = -L_p(\dot{\varphi}(t)) = -k(t) \dot{\varphi}(t)$ .

So  $\ddot{\alpha}(t) = \frac{1}{k^2(t)} k'(t) (N \circ \varphi)(t)$ , So  $\ddot{\alpha}(t) = 0$  iff  $k'(t) = 0$

(b) As  $\ddot{\alpha}(t)$  is parallel to  $(N \circ \varphi)(t)$  and by definition  $\alpha(t)$  is on the normal line to  $\text{Image } \varphi$  at  $\varphi(t)$ , so the latter is tangent to  $\alpha(t)$  to the focal locus of  $\varphi$  and by Thm 1,  $\alpha(t)$  is the focal locus of  $\varphi$

(c) The sum is  $Q = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \|\ddot{\alpha}(t)\| dt + \|\alpha(t) - \varphi(t)\|$ . Suppose  $k'(t) = b \|k'(t)\|$  and  $k(t) = a \|k(t)\|$  where  $a, b \in \{\pm 1\}$  as both  $k(t)$  and  $k'(t)$  keep their sign for  $t \in (t_1, t_2)$ . So  $\frac{d}{dt} Q = -\|\ddot{\alpha}(t)\| + \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{k(t)} = -\|\ddot{\alpha}(t)\| + a \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{k(t)}$   
 $= \frac{1}{k^2(t)} b k'(t) + a \frac{1}{k^2(t)} k'(t)$ . Notice that if  $a \cdot b = 1$  then the conclusion in this exercise doesn't hold. Otherwise if  $k'(t) \cdot k(t) < 0$ ,  $\frac{d}{dt} Q = 0$  so  $Q = \text{constant}$