

Mathematical method to convert certain functions via their respective compositions

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Summary: We propose in this paper the response of the less known compositions of the few functions namely the composition of an affine function by a parabola function, a parabola by an ellipse, a line by an ellipse, etc. Among the various possibilities, in this article, we would be interested in its applications in physics notably on the study of rectilinear motion uniform and circular as for the conversion of their respective trajectories.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Mathematics is often perceived as a theoretical science, useless in everyday life [16], [10], [19] and [12]. They are an irreplaceable tool for rigorous training and reasoning [14], [5], [13] and [17]. They prove to be an excellent tool for developing human intelligence by its crystallized component [9], [8], [18], [7]. Moreover, the teaching-learning of mathematics shows the possibility of concretizing objectives of the applications of the composition of functions, [6], [15] and [3]. Also, this paper concerns the response of the less known compositions of some functions namely by the composition of an affine function by a parabola function, a parabola by an ellipse, a line by an ellipse, etc.. Among the various possibilities, in this article, we are interested in its applications in physics notably on the study of rectilinear motion uniform and circular. In what follows, our work is divided into five sections. Section 2 gives some reminders and definitions. Section 3 discusses a technique for building an ellipse. Section 4 concerns the notion of compound functions. Section 5 introduces the less known composition of some functions. Section 6 gives a conclusion.

II. REMINDERS AND DEFINITIONS

In this section, we recall some definitions of an ellipse of lines and a parabola and sometimes followed by an example.

2.1. A line

Let \mathcal{P} be a euclidean plan with an orthonormal coordinate system (O, \vec{i}, \vec{j})

- It is well known that the geometry in the plan seen by Euclid defines that a straight line is the set of aligned points. In mathematics often expressed by the function f defined on \mathbb{R} by: $\forall (a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, with $a \neq 0 : f(x) = ax + b$ (Jaen LusShabert, 1991).
- But, in the plan seen by Henri Poincaré, one of the founder of non-Euclidean hyperbolic geometry, which is none other than the upper half-plan of the Euclidean plan with $y \geq 0$, we define two kinds of straight lines including:
 - ✓ the vertical half-lines located on the x -axis. That is to say the whole noted D_a defined by: $D_a = \{(a, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 / a : \text{constant and } y \geq 0\}$ [1];
 - ✓ and the semicircles on the upper plan centered on the abscissa axis. That is to say the whole noted $D_{(a, r)}$ defined by: $D_{(a, r)} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 / (x - a)^2 - y^2 = r^2 \text{ where } y \geq 0\}$ characteristic function $F_{(a, r)}(x) = \sqrt{r^2 - (x - a)^2}$ [2].

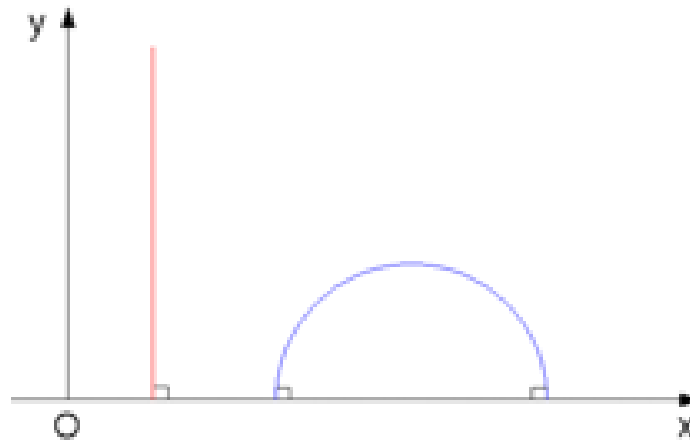


Figure 1 - Two types of lines of Henry Poincaré

2.2. A parabola

A parabola is a conic formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane parallel to a generator of the cone. A parabola is also the set of points of a plane equidistant from a fixed point, the focus, and from a straight line, the director. The parabola is symmetrical about its axis, straight through the focus and perpendicular to the director. A symmetric parabola with respect to the x-axis and having for vertex the origin has for equation: $y^2 = 2px$ in an orthonormal frame, p real positive, being the parameter of the parabola (Bemarisika Parfait, 2004). A very convenient parabolic function expression in mathematics is defined by: $\forall (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ with $a \neq 0$: $x \mapsto ax^2 + bx + c$.

III. A TECHNIQUE FOR BUILDING AN ELLIPSE

In this section, we will see or observe a construction technique of an ellipse. Indeed, it is a tool for the study of non-Euclidean geometry according to the Poincaré's model. Moreover, it stands among the most important curves in physics. In astronomy, the orbits of the Earth and other planets around the Sun are ellipses. It is used in engineering for the arches of some bridges and in the design of gears for some machines and even in monumental construction architecture in the shape of an arc.

3.1. Reminder and definition

Definition 1. An ellipse is a conic in the form of a closed curve, obtained as the intersection of a cone by a plane intersecting a single ply of this cone (Figure 1).

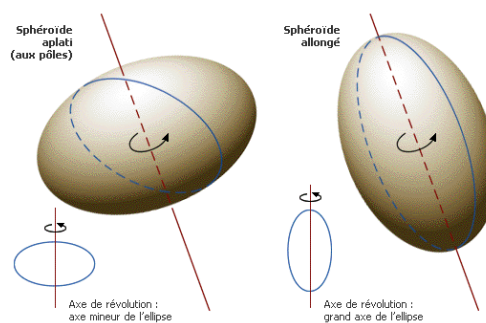


Figure 2 – Examples of ellipses

3.2. Functional approach

Let \mathcal{P} be a Euclidean plane with an orthonormal coordinate system (O, \vec{i}, \vec{j}) . It is well known that the reduced equation of an ellipse is defined by:

$$\left(\frac{x-a}{q}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-b}{r}\right)^2 = 1 \quad (1)$$

We denote by \mathcal{E} the graphical representation of (1) on \mathcal{P} .

Let's start from the expression (1) we have (Armand & André Totohasina, 2019a), (Armand & André Totohasina, 2019b):

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{x-a}{q}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-b}{r}\right)^2 = 1 &\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{r}{q}\right)^2 (x-a)^2 + (y-a)^2 = r^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (y-a)^2 = r^2 - (\alpha)^2(x-a)^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{r^2 - (\alpha)^2(x-a)^2} + b, \quad \text{avec } \alpha = \frac{r}{q}. \end{aligned}$$

If we note by (C_y^+) the graphical representation of the function $y = +\sqrt{r^2 - (\alpha)^2(x-a)^2} + b$ and by (C_y^-) that of $y = -\sqrt{r^2 - (\alpha)^2(x-a)^2} + b$, then $\mathcal{E} = (C_y^+) \cup (C_y^-)$. The graphical representation of an ellipse in the plan \mathcal{P} is none other than the union of two curves representative of two functions, with one constant, opposite $F_{(\alpha, a, b, r)}^{e+}$ and $F_{(\alpha, a, b, r)}^{e-}$ so defined: $F_{(\alpha, a, b, r)}^{e+}(x) = +\sqrt{r^2 - (\alpha)^2(x-a)^2} + b$ and $F_{(\alpha, a, b, r)}^{e-}(x) = -\sqrt{r^2 - (\alpha)^2(x-a)^2} + b$ where $(\alpha, a, b, r) \in \mathbb{R}^4$. These two functions are called characteristic functions of an ellipse. Note that both functions $F_{(\alpha, a, b, r)}^{e+}$ and $F_{(\alpha, a, b, r)}^{e-}$ each characterizing a half-ellipse, are all defined and well-continuous over the same bounded interval $\left[a - \frac{r}{\alpha}; a + \frac{r}{\alpha}\right]$ (Armand & André Totohasina, 2019), (Armand & André Totohasina, 2019b).

Note 1. This pedagogical approach to the construction of an ellipse would at least have the advantage of avoiding a cognitive break in learners already well accustomed to representative curves of functions and orthogonal symmetry, to a vertical transformation, geometric transformation already acquired at the end of secondary school $C_y^- = S_{(y=b)}(C_y^+)$, where $S_{(y=b)}$ is the orthogonal axis symmetry, the equation line $y = b$ (Armand & André Totohasina, 2019a), (Armand & André Totohasina, 2019b).

3.3. Descriptions of the characteristic elements of this ellipse

Recall that the center of this ellipse is the point $I(a, b)$. For the visualization of its axes and its peaks, it is necessary to examine the values of real α . Hence the following proposition.

Proposition 1.

- (i) If $|\alpha| = 1$, then the union of two curves represents a circle of center I and radius r ;
- (ii) If $|\alpha| < 1$, then the union of two curves represents a long axis ellipse the abscissa axis of the vertices $S_1\left(a - \frac{r}{\alpha}, b\right), S_3\left(a + \frac{r}{\alpha}, b\right), S_3(a, -r + b)$ and $S_4(a, r + b)$;
- (iii) If $|\alpha| > 1$, then the union of two curves represents an ellipse of great axis the axis of the ordinates of the vertices $S_1\left(a - \frac{r}{\alpha}, b\right), S_3\left(a + \frac{r}{\alpha}, b\right), S_3(a, -r + b)$ and $S_4(a, r + b)$.

3.4. Construction of an ellipse whose major axis is located on the y-axis

To understand the construction in question, let's start from an example. Let us note in passing that for the visualization of elliptic figures using the characteristic functions in the plan \mathcal{P} , it is advantageous to combine and to couple the use of the softwares "GeoGebra", "Derive5", "Sine qua non", "Latex with PST + grazing, etc., exploiting their complementarity (Armand & André Totohasina, 2019a), (Armand & André Totohasina, 2019b).

Example 1. The graphical representation of the ellipse E_I of the characteristic elements $I(0; 2)$ and vertices $S_1(-1, 2), S_2(1, 2), S_3(0, 0), S_4(0, 4)$ is nothing but the union of two representative curves of two functions $F_{(4, 0, 2, 2)}^{e+}$ and $F_{(4, 0, 2, 2)}^{e-}$ defined by : $F_{(4, 0, 2, 2)}^{e+}(x) = +\sqrt{2^2 - (4x)^2} + 2$ and $F_{(4, 0, 2, 2)}^{e-}(x) = -\sqrt{2^2 - (4x)^2} + 2$ (Figure 7).

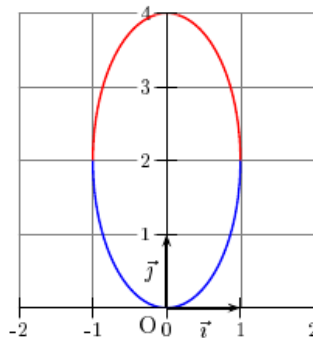


Figure 7 – Ellipse de centre $I(0, 2)$

3.5. Building a circle using its characteristic functions

As we have already announced in paragraph 4 proposition 4.3, the graphical representation of a circle of center $I(a, b)$ and of radius r is no more than the union of two curves representative of two functions (cf. 12) $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+}$ and $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c-}$ defined by : $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+}(x) = +\sqrt{r^2 - (x - a)^2} + b$ and $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c-}(x) = -\sqrt{r^2 - (x - a)^2} + b$. These two functions are called characteristic functions of a semicircle.

Example 3. The graphical representation of the circle C of center $I(-3, 2)$ and of radius $r = 4$ is none other than the union of two curves representative of two functions $F_{(1, -3, 2, 2)}^{c+}$ and $F_{(1, -3, 2, 2)}^{c-}$ defined: $F_{(1, -3, 2, 2)}^{c+}(x) = +\sqrt{2^2 - (x + 3)^2} + 2$ and $F_{(1, -3, 2, 2)}^{c-}(x) = -\sqrt{2^2 - (x + 3)^2} + 2$ (figure 12).

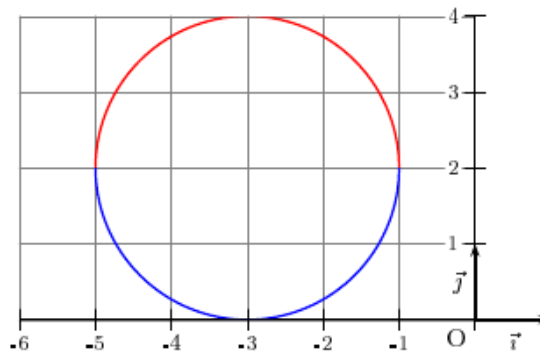


Figure 12 – Circle of center $I(-3; 2)$ and radius 3

IV. COMPOSITION OF FUNCTIONS

Let f and g two numerical functions defined respectively on D_f and D_g . The compound of f by g , denoted $g \circ f$, is defined by $g \circ f: x \mapsto g \circ f(x) = g[f(x)]$ for $x \in D_f$ and $f(x) \in D_g$. Subsequently, in mathematics, the composition of functions (or composition of applications) is a process which consists, from at least two functions, of constructing a new one. For this, we use the images of the first function as argument for the second (provided that it makes sense). This is called composite function (or compound application).

4.1. Less known composition of some functions

In this section, we speak in particular of the less well-known compound of functions for converting a function to another function via their respective compositions.

4.2. Converting a circle to a straight line

Let $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+}$ a function characterizing an upper semicircle defined on the bounded interval $[a - r; a + r]$ by: $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+}(x) = +\sqrt{r^2 - (x - a)^2} + b$. First, to a transformation, this function can be written $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+}(x) = +r\sqrt{1 - (X)^2} + b$ with $X = \frac{x - a}{r}$. Recall in passing that if $-1 \leq X \leq 1$, then $a - r \leq x \leq a + r$. For this purpose, let us now consider a function $F_{c \rightarrow d}$ defined by: $F_{c \rightarrow d}(x) = \sqrt{1 - (X)^2}$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+} \circ F_{c \rightarrow d}(x) &= r\sqrt{1 - \left(\sqrt{1 - (X)^2}\right)^2} + b \\ &= rX + b \\ &= x + b - a \\ &= x + \lambda \text{ with } \lambda = b - a. \end{aligned}$$

Morality 2. The function $F_{c \rightarrow d}$ defined is called the conversion function to transform the functions $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+}$ and $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c-}$ characterizing a circle in affine function. In other words, we will think that this approach can overcome the problem of trajectory conversion of a homogeneous body undergoes a circular motion in rectilinear trajectory because its trajectory is initially generated by a circle of radius r and center $I(a, b)$, then its rectilinear transform has for line trajectory such that $x \mapsto x + \lambda$, with $\lambda = b - a$.

4.3. Converting a line to a circle

This time, let's start from the function g_d defined by: $g_d(x) = \varepsilon x + \delta$. Subsequently, the conversion of a line to a circle consists of transforming the function g_d to the function $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+}$ or $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c-}$. It's about building and looking for a transformation $F_{d \rightarrow c}$ for example) which can make this function affine to a function $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+}$ or $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c-}$. For this purpose, let us now consider a function $F_{d \rightarrow c}$ defined by: $F_{d \rightarrow c}(x) = \sqrt{r^2 + (x/\varepsilon)^2} + b$. This function is used to transform the function g_d in a circle of radius r and center $I(0; b)$ such that: $g_d(x) = \varepsilon x + \delta$ and $F_{d \rightarrow c}(x) = \sqrt{r^2 + (x/\varepsilon)^2} + b$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{c \rightarrow d} \circ g_d(x) &= \sqrt{r^2 - \left(\frac{\varepsilon \left(x + \frac{\delta}{\varepsilon}\right)}{\varepsilon}\right)^2} + b \\ &= \sqrt{r^2 - \left(x + \frac{\delta}{\varepsilon}\right)^2} + b \\ &= \sqrt{r^2 - (x - a)^2} + b \text{ with } a = -\frac{\delta}{\varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

Morality 3. The function $F_{d \rightarrow c}$ thus defined is called the conversion function which makes it possible to transform an affine function to the function $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+}$ or $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c-}$. That is to say, this theory could be converted the trajectory of a homogeneous body undergoes a rectilinear motion in a circular trajectory.

4.4. Converting a line to a parabola

This conversion is not a problem. Indeed the compound of a given line of the type $x \mapsto \varepsilon x + \delta$ by a parabola of the type: $x \mapsto ax^2 + bx + c$ and vice versa gives a corresponding parabola.

4.5. Conversion of a dish to a straight line

Let f a parabolic function set on \mathbb{R} by: $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ where $a \neq 0$. The conversion of this function into a line via the composition of a given function comes down to finding a function $f_{p \rightarrow d}$, for example, as $f \circ f_{p \rightarrow d}$ give a line. For this purpose, we can write $f_{p \rightarrow d}(x) = \sqrt{x} - \frac{b}{2a}$.

Indeed, on has:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= ax^2 + bx + c \\ &= a \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$f \circ f_{p \rightarrow d}(x) = a \left(\sqrt{x} - \frac{b}{2a} + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + \gamma$$

$$= a|x| + \gamma.$$

We find that the last expression is a straight line.

4.6. Converting a parabola to a circle

Let f a parabolic function set on \mathbb{R} by: $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ where $a \neq 0$. The conversion of this function into a line via the composition of a given function comes down to finding a function $f_{p \rightarrow c}$, for example, as $f \circ f_{p \rightarrow c}$ give a line. For this purpose, we can write $f_{p \rightarrow c}(x) = \sqrt{r^2 - \frac{x}{a}} - \gamma + \chi$.

Indeed, on has:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= ax^2 + bx + c \\ &= a \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

So, on gets:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{p \rightarrow d} \circ f(x) &= \sqrt{r^2 - \frac{a \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + \gamma}{a}} - \gamma + \chi \\ &= \sqrt{r^2 - a \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2} + \chi \\ &= \sqrt{r^2 - a(x - \omega)^2} + \chi. \end{aligned}$$

The last relationship gives us the semicircle equation generated by the center circle $W(\omega, \chi)$ and radius r .

4.7. Converting a circle to a parabola

Let $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+}$ a function characterizing an upper semicircle defined on the bounded interval $[a - r; a + r]$ by:
 $F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+}(x) = +\sqrt{r^2 - (x - a)^2} + b$. This time, we will look for the function $F_{c \rightarrow p}$ for example, as $F_{c \rightarrow p} \circ F_{(1, a, b, r)}^{c+}(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$ with $(A, B, C) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such as $A \neq 0$. We can indeed take for example $F_{c \rightarrow p}(x) = \psi(x - b)^2 - \psi r + \rho$.

And we have:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{c \rightarrow p} \circ f(x) &= \psi \left(\sqrt{r^2 - (x - a)^2} + b - b \right)^2 - \psi r + \rho \\ &= -\psi x^2 - 2a\psi x - a^2 + \rho \\ &= Ax^2 + Bx + C \text{ with } (A, B, C) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ such as } A \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

V. CONCLUSION AND PERSPECTIVES

In a nutshell, it is important to introduce this approach in order to solve situations of the various problems to be determined, to search, to calculate as well as to justify what we need. In this work, we have also tried to make some reflections through the stakes of the composition of numerical functions of on real variable. We believe that this approach could give the possible application of said compositions from general to particular for each area where they are needed. It would facilitate the classification of functions that can be used for other functions. We have also tried to show in this modest work some examples of situation arguing the necessity of mathematics in the modeling of the conversion of some function via the composition. We have also shown some examples of situations giving reasons or evidence that justify or support a less well-known composition point of view of the few functions through the possible resolution of the few mathematical problems. In the future work, we will think to give the contribution of this approach through the study of rectilinear movement's uniform, uniformly varied and circular including the transformations of the trajectories of these movements

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