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## Unit speed *parameterization* of a curve

### Definition. Unit speed parameterization of a curve

An **unit speed parameterization** of a curve  $\gamma : [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is such that

$$\|\gamma'\|(t) = 1, \forall t \in [0, L]$$

☰ An unit speed parameterization for a curve, if it exists, is **unique upto a reparameterization** of

$$\theta(t) = \pm t + t_0$$

for some  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

☰ Given a **regular** curve, at least one unit speed reparameterization  $\gamma \circ \theta$  **exists** > which follows

$$\theta \circ \mathcal{L}[\gamma] = \text{Id} = \mathcal{L}[\gamma] \circ \theta$$

where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the [arc length function](#).

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