

Notation from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catenary#Elastic_catenary

$$\text{Clear}(\alpha, \beta, wo, To, E, p_A, p_B, p_O, p, a, x_O, y_O) = 1 \quad T := \sqrt{p^2 \cdot wo^2 + To^2}$$

Numeric Elastic Catenary

$$\begin{cases} x'(p) = \frac{To}{E} + \frac{wo}{T} \\ y'(p) = wo \cdot p \cdot \frac{T+E}{T \cdot E} \\ x(p_A) = x_A \quad y(p_A) = y_A \end{cases} \quad \text{ECat}(vo) := \begin{cases} eq(p) := \begin{cases} RK := RK(p_1, p_2) \\ \begin{bmatrix} RK \\ rows(RK) 2 - x_B \\ RK \\ rows(RK) 3 - y_B \end{bmatrix} \end{cases} \\ p := \text{al_nleqsolve}(vo^T, eq) \\ \text{augment}(p^T, [RK(p_1, p_2)]) \end{cases}$$

Symbolic Elastic Catenary

$$\begin{cases} x_s(p) := \text{asinh}\left(\frac{p \cdot wo}{To}\right) + \frac{To}{E} \cdot p + \alpha \\ y_s(p) := \frac{T}{wo} + \frac{wo}{2 \cdot E} \cdot p^2 + \beta \end{cases}$$

Catenary by 3 points

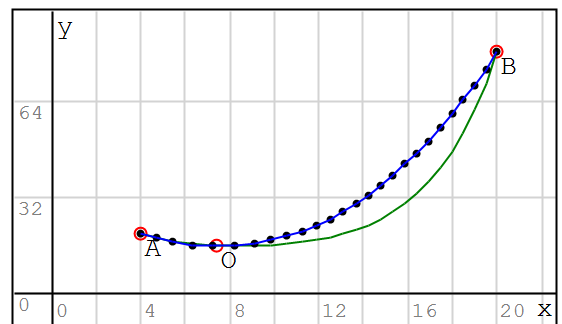
$$f(x) := a \cdot \cosh\left(\frac{x - x_O}{a}\right) + y_O \quad \text{Cat}(vo) := \begin{cases} \text{FindRoot} \left(\begin{cases} f(x_A) = y_A \\ f(x_B) = y_B \\ f(x_s(p_O)) = y_s(p_O) \end{cases}, vo^T \right)^T \end{cases}$$

Plot

$$\text{Plot}(RK, vo) := \begin{cases} [a \ x_O \ y_O] := \text{Cat}(vo) \\ [P := \text{col}(RK, 1) \ X := \text{col}(RK, 2) \ Y := \text{col}(RK, 3)] \\ ABO := \text{stack}([x_A \ y_A], [x_B \ y_B], [x_s(p_O) \ y_s(p_O)]) \quad \text{Params} := \text{stack}("wo", "To", "E") \\ \begin{cases} \text{augment}(\overrightarrow{x_s(p)}, \overrightarrow{y_s(p)}) \\ \text{augment}(X, Y, ".") \\ \text{augment}(X, f(X)) \\ \text{augment}(ABO, "o", 10, "red") \\ \text{augment}(ABO, \text{stack}("A", "B", "O"), 10) \end{cases} \\ N := 25 \end{cases}$$

Example $wo := 15$ $To := 20$ $E := 30$ $[x_A \ y_A] := [4 \ 0]$ $[x_B \ y_B] := [20 \ 80]$

$$\begin{cases} [p_A \ p_B \ RK] := \text{ECat}([-1 \ 1]) \\ p_O := \text{eval}(p_A \cdot (p_A > 0)) \\ \alpha := \text{roots}(x_s(p_A) = x_A, \alpha) \\ \beta := \text{roots}(y_s(p_A) = y_A, \beta) \end{cases}$$



Results

$$\begin{aligned} [p_O \ p_A \ p_B] &= [0 \ -2.87 \ 14.27] \\ [\alpha \ \beta] &= [7.42 \ 14.78] \end{aligned}$$

Minimum $[p_O \ x_s(p_O) \ y_s(p_O)] = [0 \ 7.42 \ 16.11]$ If O is between A and B, then $p.O = 0$.

$$\text{findrows}(RK, \text{min}(\text{col}(RK, 3)), 3) = [-0.13 \ 7.24 \ 16.12] \quad \begin{cases} X := \text{col}(RK, 2) \\ Y := \text{col}(RK, 3) \end{cases}$$

Arc length

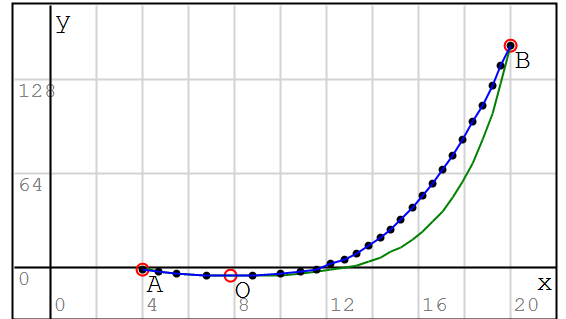
$$\int_{p_A}^{p_B} \sqrt{\frac{d}{dp} x_s(p)^2 + \frac{d}{dp} y_s(p)^2} dp = 71.7 \quad \sum_{k=2}^{\text{rows}(RK)} \text{norme} \left(\begin{bmatrix} X_k - X_{k-1} \\ Y_k - Y_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} \right) = 71.66$$

Example $wo := 30$ $To := 5$ $E := 4$ $[x_A \ y_A] := [4 \ 0]$ $[x_B \ y_B] := [20 \ 150]$ $\text{Clear}(\alpha, \beta) = 1$

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[ P_A P_B RK ] := ECat ([ -1 1 ])
P_O := eval ( P_A . ( P_A > 0 ) )
alpha := roots ( x_s ( P_A ) = x_A , alpha )
beta := roots ( y_s ( P_A ) = y_A , beta )
    
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Clear (alpha, beta) = 1

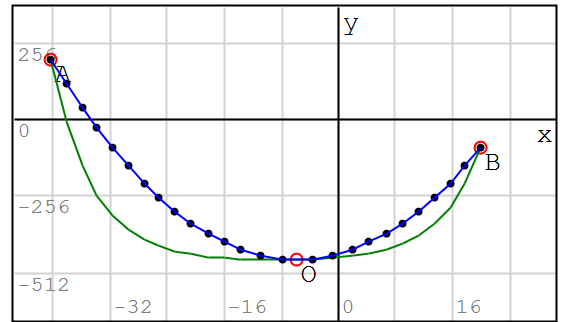


Plot (RK, [1 1 -1])

Example $w_0 := 3$ $T_0 := 10$ $E := 40$ $[x_A \ y_A] := [-40 \ 200]$ $[x_B \ y_B] := [20 \ -90]$

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[ P_A P_B RK ] := ECat ([ -1 1 ])
P_O := eval ( P_A . ( P_A > 0 ) )
alpha := roots ( x_s ( P_A ) = x_A , alpha )
beta := roots ( y_s ( P_A ) = y_A , beta )
    
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Plot (RK, [1 1 -1])



Example Guess for p.A, p.B Guess for a, x0, y0 Point A RK Intervals Plot margin

$w_0 := [-40 \ 10]$ $w_0 := [10 \ -10 \ -10]$ $[x_A \ y_A] := [0 \ 0]$ $N := 25$ $\delta\pi := 0.20$

Weight per unit length

Tension

Stiffness per length

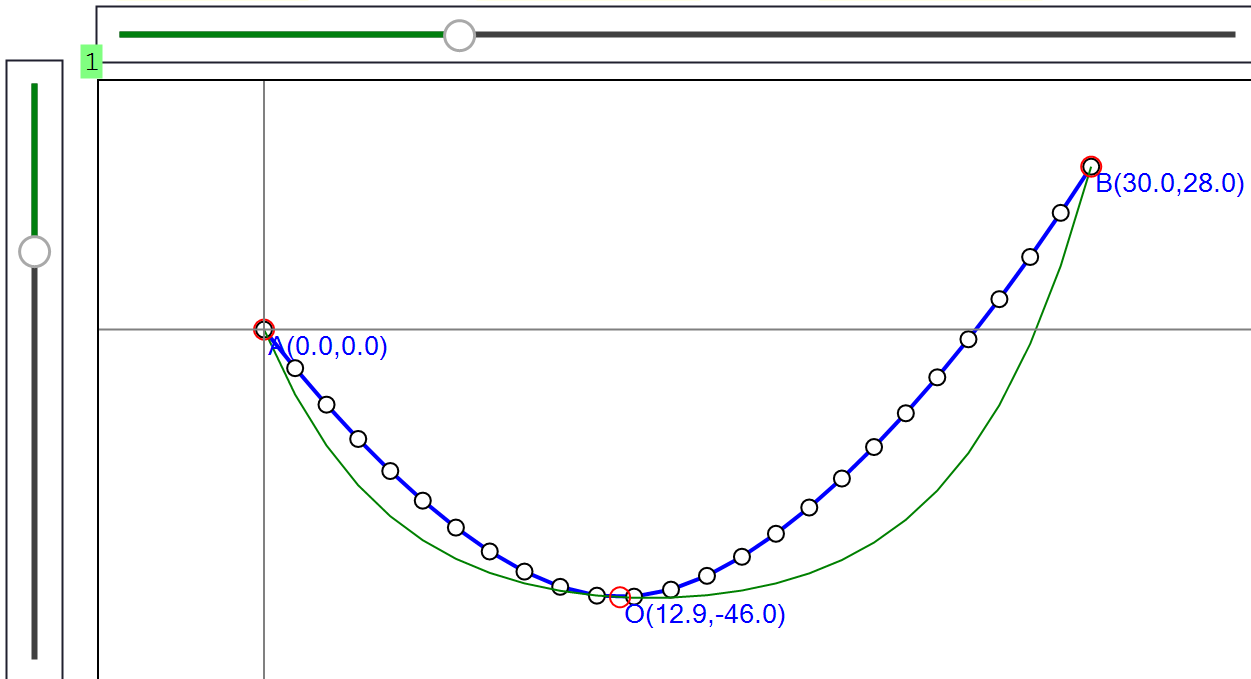
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$w_0 := 2 \cdot \kappa_1 = 4$

$T_0 := 20 \cdot \kappa_2 = 44$

$E := 40 \cdot \kappa_3 = 148$



$$\int_{P_A}^{P_B} \sqrt{\left(\frac{d}{dp} x_s(p)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d}{dp} y_s(p)\right)^2} dp = 125.46$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_A \\ P_B \\ P_O \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -36.95 \\ 50.01 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_s(p_0) \\ y_s(p_0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12.91 \\ -46.01 \end{bmatrix}$$