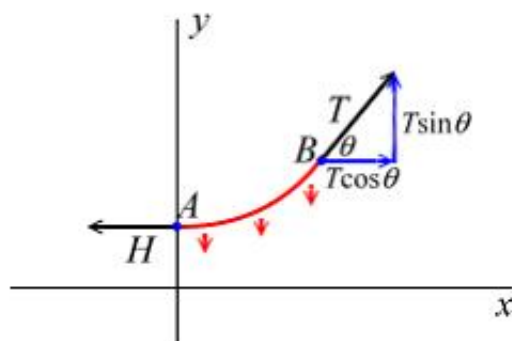


懸鏈線方程式的證明



假設鏈子的質料是均勻的且密度為 ρ ，且 S 為 AB 之間的長度

懸鏈線 AB 之中 A 點的張力為 H (水平張力)， B 點的張力為 T (切線方向) 既然造成平衡，我們可以得知

$$T \cos \theta = H \quad \text{而且} \quad T \sin \theta = \rho S \quad (\text{垂直張力是鏈子本身的重量})$$

$$\text{考慮} B \text{點: } \frac{dy}{dx} = \tan \theta = \frac{T \sin \theta}{T \cos \theta} = \frac{\rho S}{H} \dots\dots\dots (*)$$

弧長公式:

$$(dS)^2 = (dx)^2 + (dy)^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad dS = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2}$$

對(*)微分，得到

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\rho}{H} \frac{dS}{dx} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\rho}{H} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} \dots\dots\dots (**)$$

$$\text{令 } p = \frac{dy}{dx} \quad (**) \text{可化簡為 } \frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{\rho}{H} \sqrt{1 + p^2}$$

$$\text{變數分離 } \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + p^2}} dp = \frac{\rho}{H} dx \quad \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + p^2}} dp = \int \frac{\rho}{H} dx$$

$$\text{解出 } \ln(p + \sqrt{1 + p^2}) = \frac{\rho}{H} x + C$$

$$\text{I 由於當 } x = 0 \text{ 時, } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0, \text{ 將此初始條件代入得 } 0 = 0 + C \quad \Rightarrow \quad C = 0$$

$$\ln(p + \sqrt{1 + p^2}) = \frac{\rho}{H} x$$

$$p + \sqrt{1 + p^2} = \exp\left(\frac{\rho}{H} x\right)$$

$$\sqrt{1+p^2} = \exp\left(\frac{\rho}{H}x\right) - p$$

$$1+p^2 = \exp\left(2\frac{\rho}{H}x\right) - 2p\exp\left(\frac{\rho}{H}x\right) + p^2$$

$$1 = \exp\left(2\frac{\rho}{H}x\right) - 2p\exp\left(\frac{\rho}{H}x\right)$$

$$2p\exp\left(\frac{\rho}{H}x\right) = \exp\left(2\frac{\rho}{H}x\right) - 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{\rho}{H}x\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{\rho}{H}x\right)}{2}$$

$$dy = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{\rho}{H}x\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{\rho}{H}x\right)}{2} dx$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{H}{\rho}\right) \exp\left(\frac{\rho}{H}x\right) - \left(-\frac{H}{\rho}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\rho}{H}x\right) \right]$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{H}{\rho}\right) \exp\left(\frac{\rho}{H}x\right) + \left(\frac{H}{\rho}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\rho}{H}x\right) \right] \quad \text{為了方便我們令 } a = \frac{\rho}{H}$$

$$y = \frac{e^{x/a} + e^{-x/a}}{2a} \quad \text{此即為懸鏈線的方程式，這裡的 } a \text{ 與鏈子的質料有關}$$