



QJ. Find the radius of the curve $y = e^x$ at $(0, 1)$

Soln.

$$r = \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}}{d^2y/dx^2}$$

Given $y = e^x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x$$

At $(0, 1)$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$

and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = e^x$

At $(0, 1)$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 1$

at the pt. where it crosses the y axis

$$y \text{ axis} \Rightarrow x = 0$$

$$y = e^x \Rightarrow e^0 = 1$$

$$\therefore (0, 1)$$



$$\therefore r = \frac{[1+1]^{3/2}}{1} = 2^{3/2} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

Ex 1] Find the radius of curvature at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ on the curve $y = 4 \sin x$ $\left(\frac{-1}{4}\right)$

2]. $y = c \log \sec\left(\frac{x}{c}\right)$ ($c \sec^2/c$)

3]. Find radius of curvature of $xy = c^2$ at (c, c) .

Soln.

Radius of curvature $r = \frac{[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2]^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}}$

Given $xy = c^2 \rightarrow (1)$

Differentiate w.r. to 'x'

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = -y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{(c,c)} = -\frac{c}{c} = -1$$

Differentiate (2) w.r. to 'x'

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\left[\frac{x \frac{dy}{dx} - y(1)}{x^2}\right] \quad \therefore d\left[\frac{u}{v}\right] = \frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2}$$

$$\left[\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right]_{(c,c)} = -\frac{[c(-1) - c]}{c^2} = \frac{c+c}{c^2}$$

$$= \frac{2c}{c^2} = \frac{2}{c}$$



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Radius of Curvature

$$\therefore p = \frac{[1 + (-1)^2]^{3/2}}{2/c}$$

$$= \frac{(1+1)^{3/2}}{2/c}$$

$$= 2^{3/2} \frac{c}{2}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} \frac{c}{2}$$

$$= c\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore p = c\sqrt{2}$$

How $xy = 30$ at $(3, 10)$
 $\frac{(10 \cdot 9)^{3/2}}{60}$
 $y = \frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x}}$
 $= -1$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}$
 $p = \frac{y}{\sqrt{y}}$

Q1. Find the radius of curvature
 $(a/4, a/4)$ on $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = \sqrt{a}$.
 i.e., $x^{1/2} + y^{1/2} = a^{1/2}$

Soln.
 $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = \sqrt{a} \rightarrow (1)$
 Differentiate (1) w.r. to x ,
 $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x}}$
 At $(\frac{a}{4}, \frac{a}{4})$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\sqrt{a/4}}{\sqrt{a/4}} = -1$
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{-\sqrt{x} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \frac{dy}{dx} + \sqrt{y} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}}{(\sqrt{x})^2}$

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Radius of Curvature

$$A \pm \left(\frac{a}{4}, \frac{a}{4}\right)$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{-\frac{\sqrt{a}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}} (-1) + \frac{\sqrt{a}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}}}{\frac{a}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{a}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{a}$$

$$\therefore \rho = \frac{[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2]^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}}$$

$$= \frac{[1 + (-1)^2]^{3/2}}{4/a}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{4/a}$$

$$= \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Ex] Find ρ at $\left(\frac{3a}{2}, \frac{3a}{2}\right)$ on $x^3 + y^3 = 3axy$

Soln.

$$\text{Gvn. } x^3 + y^3 = 3axy \rightarrow (1)$$

Differentiate (1) w.r. to 'x'

$$3x^2 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 3a \left[x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right]$$

$$x^2 + y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = ax \frac{dy}{dx} + ay$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} [y^2 - ax] = ay - x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{ay - x^2}{y^2 - ax}$$



$$At \left(\frac{3a}{2}, \frac{3a}{2} \right), \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{a \cdot \frac{3a}{2} - \frac{9a^2}{4}}{\frac{9a^2}{4} - a \cdot \frac{3a}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{6a^2 - 9a^2}{9a^2 - 6a^2}$$

$$= -1$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{(y^2 - ax) \left[a \frac{dy}{dx} - 2x \right] - [ay - x^2] \left[2y \frac{dy}{dx} - a \right]}{(y^2 - ax)^2}$$

$$At \left(\frac{3a}{2}, \frac{3a}{2} \right), \quad \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\frac{32}{3a}$$

$$P = \frac{[1+1]^{3/2}}{-32/3a} = \frac{2\sqrt{2} \times 3a}{-32}$$

$$= -\frac{3\sqrt{2}a}{16}$$

P is +ve. $\therefore P = \frac{3\sqrt{2}a}{16}$

Q. Find the radius of curvature of $y = \frac{ax}{a+x}$ & hence show that $\left(\frac{2P}{a}\right)^{2/3} = \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2$

Soln.

Given. $y = \frac{ax}{a+x}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(a+x)a - ax(1)}{(a+x)^2} = \frac{a^2}{(a+x)^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{(a+x)^2 \cdot 0 - a^2 \cdot 2(a+x)}{(a+x)^4} = \frac{-2a^2}{(a+x)^3}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 p &= \frac{\left[1 + \left[\frac{a^2}{(a+x)^2}\right]^2\right]^{3/2}}{-2a^2(a+x)^3} \\
 &= \frac{\left[\frac{(a+x)^4 + a^4}{(a+x)^4}\right]^{3/2}}{-2a^2(a+x)^3} = \frac{[(a+x)^4 + a^4]^{3/2}}{(a+x)^{4 \cdot (3/2)}} \times \frac{(a+x)^3}{-2a^2} \\
 &= \frac{[(a+x)^4 + a^4]^{3/2}}{(a+x)^6} \times \frac{(a+x)^3}{-2a^2} \\
 &= \frac{[(a+x)^4 + a^4]^{3/2}}{-2a^2(a+x)^3} \\
 \therefore p &= \frac{[(a+x)^4 + a^4]^{3/2}}{2a^2(a+x)^3} \\
 \text{multiply by } \frac{2}{a} & \\
 \frac{2p}{a} &= \frac{2}{a} \cdot \frac{[(a+x)^4 + a^4]^{3/2}}{2a^2(a+x)^3} \\
 &= \frac{[(a+x)^4 + a^4]^{3/2}}{a^3(a+x)^3} \\
 \text{Taking power } = 2/3 & \\
 \left[\frac{2p}{a}\right]^{2/3} &= \frac{[(a+x)^4 + a^4]}{a^2(a+x)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(a+x)^4}{a^2(a+x)^2} + \frac{a^4}{a^2(a+x)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(a+x)^2}{a^2} + \frac{a^2}{(a+x)^2} \\
 &= \frac{x^2}{y^2} + \frac{y^2}{x^2} \quad \therefore \left[\frac{2p}{a}\right]^{2/3} = \left[\frac{y}{x}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{x}{y}\right]^2
 \end{aligned}$$



Unit 3-Differential Calculus

Radius of Curvature

Q. Find the radius of curvature at $(-2, 0)$ on $y^2 = x^3 + 8$.

Soln.

$$\text{Givn. } y^2 = x^3 + 8$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{2y}$$

$$\text{At } (-2, 0), \frac{dy}{dx} = \infty$$

$$\text{Now, } y^2 = x^3 + 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = y^2 - 8$$

$$3x^2 \frac{dx}{dy} = 2y$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{2y}{3x^2}$$

$$\text{At } (-2, 0), \frac{dx}{dy} = 0$$



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Radius of Curvature

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2x}{dy^2} &= \frac{3x^2(2) - 2y \cdot 6x \cdot \frac{dx}{dy}}{9x^4} \\ &= \frac{6x^2 - 12xy \frac{dx}{dy}}{9x^4}\end{aligned}$$

At $(-2, 0)$, $\frac{d^2x}{dy^2} = \frac{6(4) - 0}{9(-2)^4} = \frac{24}{9 \times 16} = \frac{1}{6}$

WKT,
$$r = \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2x}{dy^2}}$$

$$\therefore r = \frac{(1+0)^{3/2}}{1/6}$$

$$\boxed{r = 6}$$



1]. Find the radius of curvature of $y = \cosh\left(\frac{x}{c}\right)$

Soln.

$$\text{Given } y = \cosh\left(\frac{x}{c}\right)$$

$$y_1 = \sinh\left(\frac{x}{c}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{c}$$

$$y_2 = \cosh\left(\frac{x}{c}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{c^2}$$

$$\therefore \rho = \frac{\left\{1 + \left[\sinh\left(\frac{x}{c}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{c}\right]^2\right\}^{3/2}}{\frac{1}{c^2} \cdot \cosh\left(\frac{x}{c}\right)}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\left[1 + \sinh^2\left(\frac{x}{c}\right) \frac{1}{c^2}\right]^{3/2}}{\frac{1}{c^2} \cosh\left(\frac{x}{c}\right)}$$

$$y = \log \sec\left(\frac{x}{c}\right)$$

$$x = \log\left(\frac{y}{1-y^2}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right) \text{ and } (1, 1)$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{4}, y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \sin\frac{\pi}{4}$$