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1 Question

The parametric equations of a curve are given in Equations (1) and (2).

$$x = \cos t + t \sin t \quad \dots (1)$$

$$y = \sin t - t \cos t \quad \dots (2)$$

In terms of  $t$ , determine

(i) an expression for the radius of curvature ( $R$ ), and.

(ii) Expressions for the coordinates ( $h, k$ ) of the centre of curvature.

Solution

(i)  $y = \sin t - t \cos t$

$x = \cos t + t \sin t$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \cos t - (\cos t - t \sin t)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \cancel{\cos t} - \cancel{\cos t} + t \sin t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \underline{t \sin t}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\sin t + (t \cos t + \sin t)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \cancel{-\sin t} + t \cos t + \cancel{\sin t}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = t \cos t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = t \sin t \quad \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{t \cos t}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{t \sin t}{t \cos t} = \tan t \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d(\tan t)}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \sec^2 t \times \frac{1}{t \cos t} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 t} \times \frac{1}{t \cos t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{t \cos^3 t} = \frac{1}{t} \times \frac{1}{\cos^3 t} = t^{-1} \sec^3 t$$

$$R = \frac{\left(1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right)^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}} = \frac{\left(1 + (\tan t)^2\right)^{3/2}}{t^{-1} \sec^3 t}$$

$$R = \frac{\left(1 + \tan^2 t\right)^{3/2}}{t^{-1} \sec^3 t}$$

$$\left(1 + \tan^2 t\right)^{3/2} = \sec^3 t$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{(\sec t)^3 \times \frac{3}{2}}{t^{-1} \sec^3 t}$$

$$R = \frac{(\sec t)^3}{t^{-1} (\sec t)^3}$$

$$R = \frac{1}{t^{-1}} = t$$

$$R = t \text{ units.}$$

i) to find Centre of Curvature

$$X_1 = h + R \sin \theta$$

$$h = X_1 - R \sin \theta$$

$$K = Y_1 + R \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{dy}{dx} \right\}$$

$$\text{here } \theta = \tan^{-1} (\tan t)$$

$$\text{here } \theta = t$$

$$X_1 = \cos t + t \sin t$$

$$h = \cos t + t \sin t - (t) \sin t$$

$$h = \cos t + t \sin t - t \sin t$$

$$h = \underline{\underline{\cos t}}$$

$$K = Y_1 + R \cos \theta$$

$$Y_1 = \sin t - t \cos t$$

$$K = \sin t - t \cos t + (t) \cos t$$

$$K = \sin t - t \cos t + t \cos t$$

$$K = \sin t$$

$$\text{Centre Of Curvature} = \left( \overset{h}{\cos t}, \overset{K}{\sin t} \right)$$