

The parametric equations of a curve are given in equations

$$1 \text{ and } 2$$

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

$$y = \sin t - t \cos t$$

In terms of t determine

- (i) An expression for the radius of curvature (R)
- (ii) An expression for the coordinates (h, k) of the centre of curvature.

Soln:

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

$$y = \sin t - t \cos t$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{t \sin t}{t \cos t}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{U \frac{dV}{dx} - V \frac{dU}{dx}}{U^2}$$

U^2

$$U = t \sin t \quad V = t \cos t$$

$$\frac{dU}{dx} = t \cos t + \sin t \quad \frac{dV}{dx} = t \sin t + \cos t$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(t \cos t) \cdot (t \cos t + \sin t) - (t \sin t) \cdot (t \sin t + \cos t)}{(t \cos t)^2} \times \frac{1}{t \cos t}$$

$$= \frac{t^2 \cos^2 t + t \cos t \sin t - (t^2 \sin^2 t + t \cos t \sin t)}{(t \cos t)^2} \times \frac{1}{t \cos t}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{t^2 \cos^2 t + t \cos t \sin t + t^2 \sin^2 t - t \cos t \sin t}{(t \cos t)^2} \times \frac{1}{t \cos t}$$

$$= \frac{t^2 \cos 2t + t^2 \sin^2 t}{(t \cos t)^2} \times \frac{1}{t \cos t}$$

$$= \frac{t^2 (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t)}{(t \cos t)^2} \times \frac{1}{t \cos t}$$

$$= \frac{t^2}{(t \cos t)^2} \times \frac{1}{t \cos t}$$

$$= \frac{t^2}{t^2 \cos^2 t} \times \frac{1}{t \cos t}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{t \cos^3 t}$$

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

$$= \left[1 + \left(\frac{t \sin t}{t \cos t}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{t \cos^3 t}$$

$$R = \left[\frac{1 + \frac{t^2 \sin^2 t}{t^2 \cos^2 t}}{1}\right]^{3/2} \times \frac{t \cos^3 t}{1}$$

$$R = \left[\frac{t^2 (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t)}{t^2 \cos^2 t}\right]^{3/2} \times t \cos^3 t$$

But $\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1$

$$R = \left[\frac{t^2}{t^2 \cos^2 t}\right]^{3/2} \times t \cos^3 t$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{\cos^2 t}\right]^{3/2} \times t \cos^3 t$$

$$= \left[\frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{\cos^2 t}}\right]^3 \times t \cos^3 t$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos^3 t} \times \frac{1}{(\cos t)^3} \times t \cos^3 t$$

(ii)

$$h = x - R \sin t$$

$$k = y + R \cos t$$

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

$$y = \sin t - t \cos t$$

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

$$h = \cos t$$

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

$$k = \sin t$$