

Assignment

The parameter equation of a curve are given as equation (1) and (2)

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

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

In terms of t , determine

(a) an expression for the radius of curvature (R)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= t \sin t$$

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

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

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$= \frac{dt}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\sin t}{\cos t} \right) \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{v \frac{dv}{dx} - y \frac{dy}{dx}}{v^2}$$

where $y = \cos t$

$$dy = \sin t$$

$$u = \sin t$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t}{\cos^2 t} \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

recall, $\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1$

$$\frac{1}{\cos^2 t} \times \frac{1}{t \cos t} = \frac{1}{t \cos^3 t}$$

Also recall that

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

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

$$R = (1 + \sin^2 t / \cos^2 t)^{3/2} \times t \cos^3 t$$

$$R = (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t / \cos^2 t)^{3/2} \times t \cos^3 t$$

$$R = \frac{1}{(\cos^2 t)^{3/2}} \times t \cos^3 t = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\cos^2 t})^3} \times t \cos^3 t$$

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

\therefore the radius of curvature is t

b) Expressions for the co-ordinates (h, k) of the centre of curvature

$$2) h = x_c - R \sin \theta \quad (1)$$

$$k = y_c + R \cos \theta \quad (2)$$

$$r = t \quad \theta = t$$

$$x_c = \cos t + t \sin t$$
$$y_c = \sin t + t \cos t$$

substituting x, y eqn (1) and y eqn (2)

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

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

The expressions for the coordinates (h, k) of the centre of curvature is $(\cos t, \sin t)$