

Length Plane Curve [6.4]

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* Intro: Len one arch of cycloid.



How long is this?

It is not a fn of x or of y .

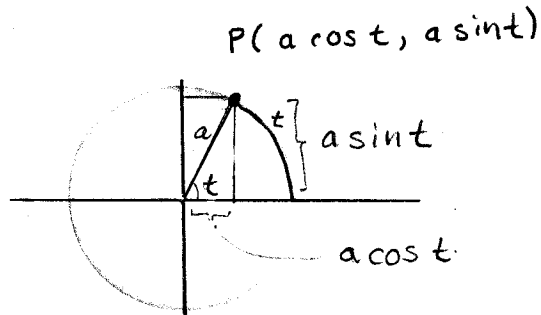
It's hard to see how to restrict Dmn to get fn.

Parametric Representation of Curves

Circle

$$x = a \cos t, y = a \sin t, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

parametric eqns. of circle radius a .



Spiral

$$x = t \cos t$$

$$y = t \sin t, 0 \leq t \leq 5\pi$$

Sine

$$y = \sin t$$

$$x = t, 0 \leq t \leq \pi$$

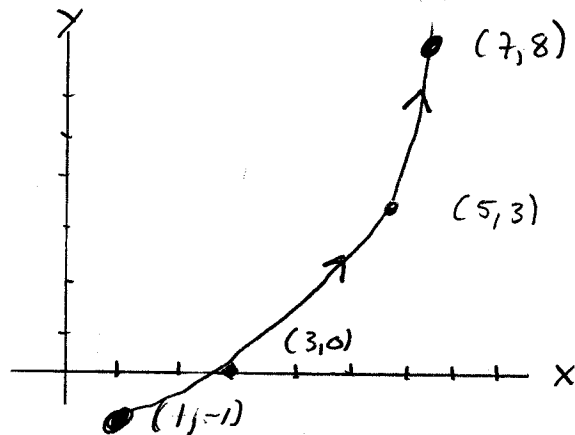
Parabola

$$y = t$$

$$x = t^2, -2 \leq t \leq 2$$

GRAPH $x = 2t + 1, y = t^2 - 1, 0 \leq t \leq 3$

t	x	y
0	1	-1
1	3	0
2	5	3
3	7	8



Parametriz curve has an orientation.

a smooth curve

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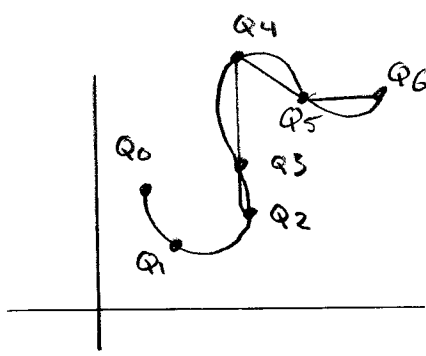
$$x = f(t)$$

$$y = g(t), a \leq t \leq b$$

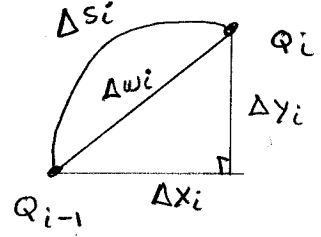
f', g' exist and continuous on $[a, b]$

$f'(t)$ and $g'(t)$ not both zero at same t on (a, b)

Arc Len



[6.4] Arc Len.



Partition

$$a = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n = b$$

Producing arcs w/ end pts $Q_0, Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_{n-1}, Q_n$

$$\Delta w_i = \sqrt{(\Delta x_i)^2 + (\Delta y_i)^2}$$

$$\Delta w_i = \sqrt{[f(t_i) - f(t_{i-1})]^2 + [g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1})]^2}$$

By MVT

$$f(t_i) - f(t_{i-1}) = f'(\bar{t}_i) \Delta t_i$$

$$g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1}) = g'(\hat{t}_i) \Delta t_i$$

\bar{t}_i, \hat{t}_i usually are not equal

$$\Delta t_i = t_i - t_{i-1}$$

$$\Delta w_i = \sqrt{[f'(\bar{t}_i) \Delta t_i]^2 + [g'(\hat{t}_i) \Delta t_i]^2}$$

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$$\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta w_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{[f'(\bar{t}_i)]^2 + [g'(\hat{t}_i)]^2} \Delta t_i$$

Lim of above as norm of partition $\rightarrow 0$,

NOT exactly a Riemann sum, because \bar{t}_i and \hat{t}_i are not likely the same point. But a Thm of analysis says that as norm of partition goes to zero, this makes no difference.