

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

LENGTH OF THE ARC OF A CURVE GIVEN IN POLAR FORM

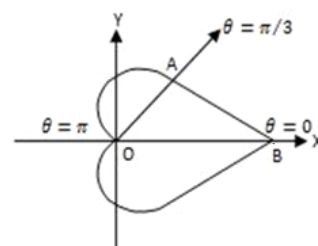
- (i) Length of the arc of a curve given by $r = f(\theta)$ is $S = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$
- (ii) Length of the arc of a curve given by $\theta = f(r)$ is $S = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \sqrt{1 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dr}\right)^2} dr$

1) Find the length of the perimeter $r = a(1 + \cos \theta)$. Prove also that the upper half of cardioid is bisected by the line $\theta = \pi/3$.

$$r = a(1 + \cos \theta)$$

Total perimeter = 2 arc OB

$$= 2 \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$$



$$r = a(1 + \cos \theta) \rightarrow \frac{dr}{d\theta} = a(-\sin \theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2 &= a^2(1 + \cos \theta)^2 + a^2 \sin^2 \theta \\ &= a^2 [1 + 2\cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta] = 2a^2(1 + \cos \theta) \\ &= 4a^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{perimeter} = 2 \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{4a^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 4a \int_0^{\pi} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} d\theta \\
 &= 4a \left[2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right]_0^{\pi} \\
 &= 8a \left[\sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin 0 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Total perimeter $= 8a$

For the second part, the arc where the line $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ divides the cardioid is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Arc AB} &= \int_0^{\pi/3} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/3} 2a \cos \frac{\theta}{2} d\theta \quad \left(\text{using the 1st part} \right) \\
 &= 2a \left[2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right]_0^{\pi/3} = 4a \left[\sin \frac{\pi}{6} - \sin 0 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Arc AB} = 4a \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] = 2a$$

Also length of Arc OB $= \frac{1}{2}$ perimeter $= 4a$

$$\therefore \text{Arc AB} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Arc OB}$$

\therefore The line $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ bisects the upper half of the cardioid.

2) Find the length of the arc of the curve $r = a \sin^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)$ from $\theta = 0$ to any point $P(\theta)$

Soln:- The required length is given by

$$S = \int_0^{\theta} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$$

$$r = a \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \rightarrow \frac{dr}{d\theta} = 2a \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$
$$= a \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\text{Now } r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2 = a^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2} + a^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$
$$= a^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \left(\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$
$$= a^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\text{The required length} = \int_0^{\theta} a \sin \frac{\theta}{2} d\theta$$
$$= a \left[-2 \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right]_0^{\theta}$$
$$= 2a \left[1 - \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$\text{The required length} = 4a \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{4}$$

3) Find the length of the cardioide $r = a(1 - \cos \theta)$ lying outside the circle $r = a \cos \theta$

$$r = a \cos \theta$$

$$r^2 = a r \cos \theta$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = ax$$

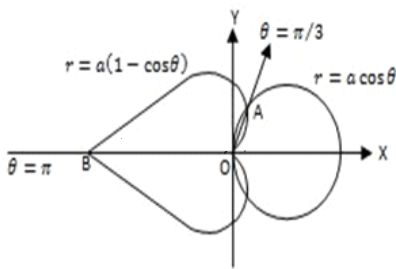
$$x^2 - ax + y^2 = 0$$

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$$\left(x^2 - ax + \frac{a^2}{4}\right) + y^2 = \frac{a^2}{4}$$

$$\left(x - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + y^2 = \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2$$

circle with centre at $\left(\frac{a}{2}, 0\right)$
radius $\frac{a}{2}$



The circle and the cardioid are shown in figure.

They intersect where
 $a(1 - \cos \theta) = a \cos \theta$
 $1 - \cos \theta = \cos \theta$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cos \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

The length of the cardioid outside the circle is
 2 Arc AB where for A, $\theta = \pi/3$ and for B
 $\theta = \pi$.

$$\therefore \text{required length} = 2 \int_{\pi/3}^{\pi} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$$

$$\text{Now } r = a(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = a(\sin \theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2 &= a^2(1 - 2\cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta) + a^2 \sin^2 \theta \\ &= 2a^2(1 - \cos \theta) = 4a^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \end{aligned}$$

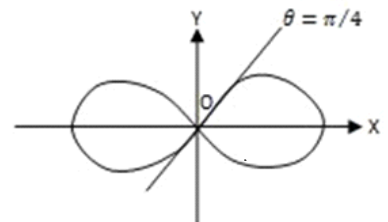
$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \text{The required length} &= 2 \int_{\pi/3}^{\pi} 2a \sin \frac{\theta}{2} d\theta \\
 &= 4a \left[-2 \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right]_{\pi/3}^{\pi} \\
 &= -8a \left[\cos \frac{\pi}{2} - \cos \frac{\pi}{6} \right] \\
 &= -8a \left[0 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

length of cardioid outside = $4\sqrt{3}a$
the circle.

4) Find the length of the upper arc of one loop of Lemniscate $r^2 = a^2 \cos 2\theta$

Sol. The curve is shown in the figure

It is clear that for upper half of one loop θ varies from 0 to $\pi/4$



$$\therefore S = \int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$$

$$\text{Now } r = a\sqrt{\cos 2\theta}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dr}{d\theta} = a \cdot \frac{1(-2\sin 2\theta)}{2\sqrt{\cos 2\theta}}$$

$$r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2 = a^2 \cos 2\theta + \frac{a^2 \sin^2 2\theta}{\cos 2\theta}$$

$$= a^2 \left[\frac{\cos^2 2\theta + \sin^2 2\theta}{\cos 2\theta} \right] = \frac{a^2}{\cos 2\theta}$$

$$\therefore S = \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{a}{\sqrt{\cos 2\theta}} d\theta$$

$$\text{put } 2\theta = t \quad d\theta = \frac{dt}{2}$$

$$\theta = 0 \quad t = 0$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad t = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$S = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{a}{\sqrt{\cos t}} \cdot \frac{dt}{2} = \frac{a}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{-1/2} t \sin^0 t dt$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^p \theta \cos^q \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} B\left(\frac{p+1}{2}, \frac{q+1}{2}\right)$$

$$S = \frac{a}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} B\left(\frac{0+1}{2}, \frac{-1/2+1}{2}\right) = \frac{a}{4} B\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$S = \frac{a}{4} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(1/2) \Gamma(1/4)}{\Gamma(3/4)} = \frac{a\sqrt{\pi}}{4} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(1/4)}{\Gamma(3/4)}$$

$$\text{but } \Gamma(1/4) \Gamma(3/4) = \pi \sqrt{2}$$

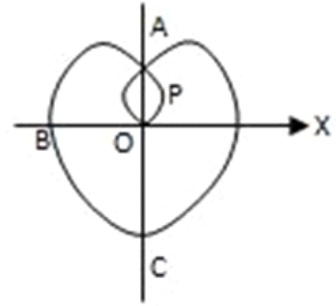
$$S = \frac{a\sqrt{\pi}}{4} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(1/4)}{\Gamma(3/4)} = \frac{a(\Gamma(1/4))^2}{4\pi\sqrt{2}}$$

$$S = \frac{a\sqrt{\pi}}{4} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1/4}}{\pi\sqrt{2}} = \frac{a(\sqrt{1/4})^2}{4\sqrt{2}\sqrt{\pi}}$$

5) Find the total length of the curve $r = a \sin^3(\theta/3)$

The curve is shown in figure

For half the arc OPABC,
 θ varies from 0 to $\frac{3\pi}{2}$



Since, $r = a \sin^3\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right)$

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = 3a \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= a \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right)$$

$$r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2 = a^2 \sin^6\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right) + a^2 \sin^4\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right) \cos^2\frac{\theta}{3}$$

$$= a^2 \sin^4\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right) \left[\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right) \right]$$

$$= a^2 \sin^4\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right)$$

The required length $= 2 \int_0^{3\pi/2} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$

$$= 2 \int_0^{3\pi/2} a \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right) d\theta$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{3\pi/2} a \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{3}\right) d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{3\pi/2} a \left(1 - \cos \frac{2\theta}{3}\right) d\theta$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} 2\sin^2\theta \\ = 1 - \cos 2\theta \end{array} \right)$$

$$= a \left[\theta - \sin\left(\frac{2\theta}{3}\right) \cdot \frac{3}{2} \right]_0^{3\pi/2}$$

$$= a \left[\frac{3\pi}{2} - \frac{3}{2} \sin(\pi) - 0 + \frac{3}{2} \sin 0 \right]$$

The total length
of given curve. $= \frac{3}{2} \pi a$

6) Find the length of the arc of the parabola $r = \frac{6}{1+\cos\theta}$ from $\theta = 0$ to $\theta = \pi/2$

Soln:- since $r = \frac{6}{1+\cos\theta} = \frac{6}{2\cos^2\frac{\theta}{2}} = 3\sec^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = 3 \cdot 2 \sec\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cdot \sec\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = 3 \sec^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2 = 9 \sec^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + 9 \sec^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2 = 9 \sec^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + 9 \sec^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$= 9 \sec^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) (1 + \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right))$$

$$r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2 = 9 \sec^6\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{The required length} = S = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} 3 \sec^3\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) d\theta$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = t & \theta = 0 \quad t = 0 \\ \sec^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} d\theta = dt & \theta = \pi/2 \quad t = 1 \end{array}$$

$$S = \int_0^1 3 \cdot 2 dt \sqrt{1+t^2}$$

$$= 6 \int_0^1 \sqrt{1+t^2} dt$$

$$\left[\int \sqrt{1+x^2} dx = \frac{x}{2} \sqrt{x^2+1} + \frac{1}{2} \log(x + \sqrt{x^2+1}) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= 6 \int \left[\frac{t}{2} \sqrt{t^2+1} + \frac{1}{2} \log(t + \sqrt{t^2+1}) \right]_0^1 \\
 &= 6 \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2}) - 0 - \frac{1}{2} \log(1) \right] \\
 S &= 3 [\sqrt{2} + \log(\sqrt{2} + 1)]
 \end{aligned}$$

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1. Show that the length of the arc of that part of cardioid $r = a(1 + \cos \theta)$ which lies on the side of the line $4r = 3a \sec \theta$ away from the pole is $4a$
 OR Show that the perimeter of cardioid $r = a(1 + \cos \theta)$ is bisected by the line $4r = 3a \sec \theta$

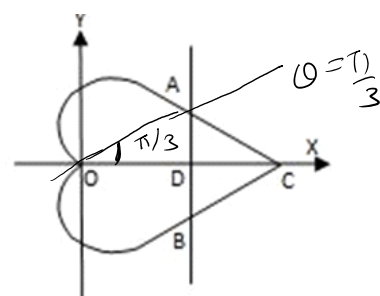
The cardioid is as shown in the figure

Now $4r = 3a \sec \theta$

$$4r \cos \theta = 3a$$

but $x = r \cos \theta$

$$\therefore 4x = 3a \Rightarrow x = \frac{3a}{4}$$



This is a line parallel to y -axis passing through $(\frac{3a}{4}, 0)$

Now, At the point of intersection A, solving

$$\begin{aligned}
 r &= a(1 + \cos \theta) \quad \text{and} \quad 4r = 3a \sec \theta \\
 r &= \frac{3a \sec \theta}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$a(1 + \cos \theta) = \frac{3a \sec \theta}{4}$$

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$$4a(1+\cos\theta) = 3a\sec\theta$$

$$4a(1+\cos\theta)\cos\theta = 3a$$

$$4\cos\theta + 4\cos^2\theta = 3$$

$$4\cos^2\theta + 4\cos\theta - 3 = 0$$

$$(2\cos\theta + 3)(2\cos\theta - 1) = 0$$

$$2\cos\theta + 3 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2\cos\theta - 1 = 0$$

$$\cos\theta = -\frac{3}{2} \quad \text{which is not possible}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{length of arc } ACB = 2 \text{ length of arc } AC$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\pi/3} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$$

$$r = a(1+\cos\theta)$$

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = -a\sin\theta$$

$$r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2 = a^2(1+2\cos\theta+\cos^2\theta) + a^2\sin^2\theta$$

$$= 2a^2(1+\cos\theta)$$

$$= 4a^2\cos^2\frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{arc } ACB = 2 \int_0^{\pi/3} 2a\cos\frac{\theta}{2} d\theta$$

$$\therefore \text{arc ACB} = 2 \int_0^{\pi/3} 2a \cos \frac{\theta}{2} d\theta$$

$$= 4a \left[2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right]_0^{\pi/3}$$

$$= 8a \left[\sin \frac{\pi}{6} - 0 \right]$$

$$= 8a \left[\frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$\text{arc ACB} = 4a.$$

Now the total perimeter of cardioid = $8a$.

\therefore The line $4x = 3a \sec \theta$ bisects the perimeter of the cardioid.

Find the total length of the curve

$$x = \frac{y^3}{3} + \frac{1}{4y} \quad \text{from } y=1 \text{ to } y=2$$

$$S = \int_1^2 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy} \right)^2} dy$$