

## LAB 2: Finding angle between two polar curves, curvature and radius of curvature.

### 2.1 Objectives:

Use python

1. To find angle between two polar curves.
2. To find radius of curvature.

Syntax for the commands used:

#### 1. diff()

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diff(function, variable)
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#### 2. Derivative()

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Derivative(expression, reference variable)
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- **expression** – A SymPy expression whose unevaluated derivative is found.
- **reference variable** – Variable with respect to which derivative is found.
- **Returns:** Returns an unevaluated derivative of the given expression.

#### 3. doit()

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doit(x)
```

#### 4. Return : evaluated object

#### 5. simplify()

```
simplify(expression)
```

#### 6. expression – It is the mathematical expression which needs to be simplified.

#### 7. Returns: Returns a simplified mathematical expression corresponding to the input expression.

#### 8. display()

```
display(expression)
```

#### 9. expression – It is the mathematical expression which needs to be simplified.

#### 10. Returns: Displays the expression.

#### 11. syntax of Substitute : subs()

$$\theta = 2\alpha \cos \alpha = 2 \times \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

`math_expression.subs(variable, substitute)`

12. **variable** – It is the variable or expression which will be substituted.
13. **substitute** – It is the variable or expression or value which comes as substitute.
14. **Returns:** Returns the expression after the substitution.

## 2.2 1. Angle between two polar curves

Angle between radius vector and tangent is given by  $\tan \phi = r \frac{dr}{dt}$ .

If  $\tan \phi_1$  and  $\tan \phi_2$  are angle between radius vector and tangent of two curves then  $|\phi_1 - \phi_2|$  is the angle between two curves at the point of intersection.

✓ 1. Find the angle between the curves  $r = 4(1 + \cos t)$  and  $r = 5(1 - \cos t)$ .

1.57

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from sympy import *

r,t =symbols('r,t') # Define the variables required as symbols

r1=4*(1+cos(t)); #Input first polar curve
r2=5*(1-cos(t)); #Input first polar curve
dr1=diff(r1,t) # find the derivative of first function
dr2=diff(r2,t) # find the derivative of second function
t1=r1/dr1
t2=r2/dr2
q=solve(r1-r2,t) # solve r1==r2, to find the point of intersection
                    between curves
w1=t1.subs({t:float(q[1])}) # substitute the value of "t" in t1
w2=t2.subs({t:float(q[1])}) # substitute the value of "t" in t2
y1=atan(w1) # to find the inverse tan of w1
y2=atan(w2) # to find the inverse tan of w2
w=abs(y1-y2) # angle between two curves is abs(w1-w2)
print('Angle between curves in radians is %0.3f'%(w))
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2. Find the angle between the curves  $r = 4 \cos t$  and  $r = 5 \sin t$ .

1.5708

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from sympy import *

r,t =symbols('r,t')

r1=4*(cos(t));
r2=5*(sin(t));

dr1=diff(r1,t)
dr2=diff(r2,t)
t1=r1/dr1
t2=r2/dr2

q=solve(r1-r2,t)
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w1=t1.subs({t:float(q[0])})
w2=t2.subs({t:float(q[0])})

y1=atan(w1)
y2=atan(w2)
w=abs(y1-y2)
print('Angle between curves in radians is %.4f'%float(w))
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## 2.3 2. Radius of curvature

Formula to calculate Radius of curvature in polar form is  $\rho = \frac{(r^2 + r_1^2)^{3/2}}{r^2 + 2r_1^2 - rr_2}$

1. Find the radius of curvature,  $r = 4(1 + \cos t)$  at  $t = \pi/2$ .

2.8284

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from sympy import *
t=Symbol('t') # define t as symbol
r=Symbol('r')
r=4*(1+cos(t))
r1=Derivative(r,t).doit() #find the first derivative of r w.r.t "t"
r2=Derivative(r1,t).doit() #find the second derivative of r w.r.t "t"
rho=(r**2+r1**2)**(1.5)/(r**2+2*r1**2-r*r2); # Substitute r1 and r2 in
                                             formula
rho1=rho.subs(t,pi/2) # substitute t in rho
print('The radius of curvature is %.3f units'%rho1)
```

✓ 2. Find the radius of curvature for  $r = a \sin(nt)$  at  $t = \pi/2$  and  $n = 1$ .

$$\frac{(a^2)^{1.5}}{2a^2}$$

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from sympy import *
t,r,a,n=symbols('t r a n')
r=a*sin(n*t)
r1=Derivative(r,t).doit()
r2=Derivative(r1,t).doit()
rho=(r**2+r1**2)**1.5/(r**2+2*r1**2-r*r2);
rho1=rho.subs(t,pi/2)
rho1=rho1.subs(n,1)
print("The radius of curvature is")
display(simplify(rho1))
```

## 2.4 Parametric curves

The formula to calculate Radius of curvature is  $\rho = \frac{(x'^2 + y'^2)^{3/2}}{y''x' - x''y'}$ .

$$x' = \frac{dx}{dt}, x'' = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}, y' = \frac{dy}{dt}, y'' = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$$

1. Find radius of curvature of  $x = a \cos(t)$ ,  $y = a \sin(t)$ .

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from sympy import *
from sympy.abc import rho, x,y,r,K,t,a,b,c,alpha # define all symbols
                                                    required

y=(sqrt(x)-4)**2
y=a*sin(t) #input the parametric equation
x=a*cos(t)
dydx=simplify(Derivative(y,t).doit())/simplify(Derivative(x,t).doit())
                                                    # find the derivative of parametric
                                                    equation
rho=simplify((1+dydx**2)**1.5/(Derivative(dydx,t).doit()/(Derivative(x,
t).doit())) #substitute the
                                                    derivative in radius of curvature
                                                    formula

print('Radius of curvature is')
display(ratsimp(rho))
t1=pi/2
r1=5
rho1=rho.subs(t,t1);
rho2=rho1.subs(a,r1);
print('\n\nRadius of curvature at r=5 and t= pi/2 is', simplify(rho2));
curvature=1/rho2;
print('\n\n Curvature at (5,pi/2) is',float(curvature))

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2. Find the radius of curvature of  $y = (a \sin(t))^{3/2}$  ;  $x = (a \cos(t))^{3/2}$ .

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from sympy import *
from sympy.abc import rho, x,y,r,K,t,a,b,c,alpha
y=(a*sin(t))**(3/2)
x=(a*cos(t))**(3/2)
dydx=simplify(Derivative(y,t).doit())/simplify(Derivative(x,t).doit())
rho=simplify((1+dydx**2)**1.5/(Derivative(dydx,t).doit()/(Derivative(x,
t).doit()))

print('Radius of curvature is')
display(ratsimp(rho))
t1=pi/4
r1=1;
rho1=rho.subs(t,t1);
rho2=rho1.subs(a,r1);
display('Radius of curvature at r=1 and t=pi/4 is',simplify(rho2));
curvature=1/rho2;
print('\n\n Curvature at (1,pi/4) is',float(curvature))

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## 2.5 Exercise:

Plot the following:

- Find the angle between radius vector and tangent to the following polar curves
  - $r = a\theta$  and  $r = \frac{a}{\theta}$   
Ans: Angle between curves in radians is 90.000
  - $r = 2\sin(\theta)$  and  $r = 2\cos(\theta)$   
Ans: Angle between curves in radians is 90.000

2. Find the radius of curvature of  $r = a(1 - \cos(t))$  at  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

Ans:  $\frac{0.942809041582063(a^2)^{1.5}}{a^2}$

3. Find radius of curvature of  $x = a\cos^3(t)$ ,  $y = a\sin^3(t)$  at  $t = 0$ .

Ans:  $\rho = 0.75\sqrt{3}$  and  $\kappa = 0.769800$

4. Find the radius of curvature of  $r = a\cos(t)$  at  $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

Ans:  $\frac{(a^2)^{1.5}}{2a^2}$

5. Find the radius of curvature of  $x = a(t - \sin(t))$  and  $y = a(1 - \cos(t))$  at  $t = \pi/2$ .

Ans:  $\rho = 2.82842712$  and  $\kappa = 0.353553$