

# R Program for Calculating and Plotting a Parametric Curve

November 15, 2024

## Task

Write an R program to calculate the coordinates of points on a parametric curve and display the curve length.

## Description

A parametric curve is given by the following equations:

$$x(t) = \sin(2t)$$

$$y(t) = \cos(t)$$

The parameter range  $t$  is from 0 to  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ . The program should:

1. Calculate and display the coordinates of the curve points for various values of  $t$ , dividing the interval into 50 equal segments.
2. Calculate the arc length of the curve using the following formula:

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

## Sample Expected Output

1. The coordinates of the curve points should be displayed as follows:

```
t = 0.00000000 : (x, y) = (0.000000e+00, 1.000000e+00)
```

```
t = 0.03205707 : (x, y) = (6.407022e-02, 9.994862e-01)
```

```
t = 0.06411414 : (x, y) = (1.278772e-01, 9.979454e-01)
```

```
...
```

```
...
```

```
t = 1.57079633 : (x, y) = (1.224647e-16, 6.123234e-17)
```

```
Length of the curve: 2.357358
```

## Hints

1. Use the derivatives for  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  as follows:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2 \cos(2t)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\sin(t)$$

2. You may use the `plot` command or the `ggplot2` package to plot the curve.
3. Use the `integrate` function to perform the integration.
4. Commenting (adding brief explanations of the code) will be part of the evaluation.