

Calculus with Parametric Curves

Ex: Find a parametrization for the segment joining (1, 1) and (2, 3), $0 \leq t \leq 1$



$$\boxed{\begin{cases} x = x_0 + at \\ y = y_0 + bt \end{cases}}$$

$$x = x(t)$$

$$y = y(t)$$

$$t=0 \rightarrow (1, 1)$$

$$\begin{cases} 1 = x_0 + a \cdot 0 \\ 1 = y_0 + b \cdot 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_0 = 1 \\ y_0 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 1 + t \\ y = 1 + 2t \end{cases}$$

$$t=1 \rightarrow (2, 3)$$

$$\begin{cases} 2 = 1 + a \cdot 1 \\ 3 = 1 + b \cdot 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = 1 \\ b = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$0 \leq t \leq 1$$



$$t=0 \rightarrow (2, 3)$$

$$\begin{cases} 2 = x_0 + a \cdot 0 \\ 3 = y_0 + b \cdot 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} x_0 = 2 \\ y_0 = 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$t=1 \rightarrow (1, 1) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 = 2 + a \cdot 1 \\ 1 = 3 + b \cdot 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} a = -1 \\ b = -2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 2 - t \\ y = 3 - 2t \end{cases}$$

$$0 < t \leq 1$$

- Derivatives and Tangent lines ✓
- The Length of the Curve
- The Area under the Curve
- The Area of the Surface of Revolution

Derivatives and Tangent lines

If $C = \begin{cases} x = x(t) \\ y = y(t) \end{cases}$ then the slope $\frac{dy}{dx}$ of the tangent line to C is $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$, provided $\frac{dx}{dt} \neq 0$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2}$

Arc Length

If $C = \begin{cases} x = x(t) \\ y = y(t) \end{cases}$ $a \leq t \leq b$, and C doesn't intersect itself, except possibly

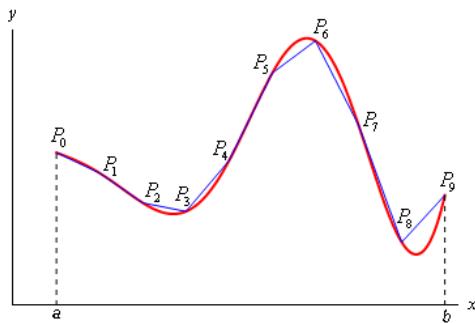
for $t = a$ and $t = b$, then the Length L of C is

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

$$\ell = \int \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} dx$$

$$(f'(x))^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(y'(t))^2}{(x'(t))^2}$$

$$\int \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} dx = \int \sqrt{\frac{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2}{(x'(t))^2}} dx$$



Let $\Delta t_k = t_k - t_{k-1}$

and let $P_k = (x(t_k), y(t_k))$ and $P_{k-1} = (x(t_{k-1}), y(t_{k-1}))$
be the points on C that correspond to t_k and t_{k-1}

If $d(P_k, P_{k-1})$ is the length of the line segment $P_{k-1}P_k$

then the length of the broken line is $L_P = \sum_{k=1}^n d(P_k, P_{k-1})$

$$\text{and } L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_P$$

$$d(P_k, P_{k-1}) = \sqrt{(x(t_k) - x(t_{k-1}))^2 + (y(t_k) - y(t_{k-1}))^2} = \sqrt{(x'(w_k))^2 + (y'(v_k))^2} \cdot \Delta t_k$$

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \sqrt{(x'(w_k))^2 + (y'(v_k))^2} \cdot \Delta t_k = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

Example#1

Find the length of a circle of radius R

(Circumference $\Rightarrow 2\pi R$)

$$x^2 + y^2 = R^2$$

$$\begin{cases} x = R \cos t \\ y = R \sin t \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 l &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{(-R \sin t)^2 + (R \cos t)^2} dt = \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{R^2(\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t)} dt = R \int_0^{2\pi} dt = R \cdot t \Big|_0^{2\pi} = R \cdot 2\pi = \underline{2\pi R}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example#2

Consider the parametric equations given by $x(t) = 2 \sin t, y(t) = 2 \cos t$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4$$

- a. Find the length of the curve on the range $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 l &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{(2 \cos t)^2 + (-2 \sin t)^2} dt = \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{4(\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t)} dt = 2 \cdot t \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \boxed{\pi}
 \end{aligned}$$

b. Graph the portion of the curve from part (a) and find the slope of the curve dy/dx at the point

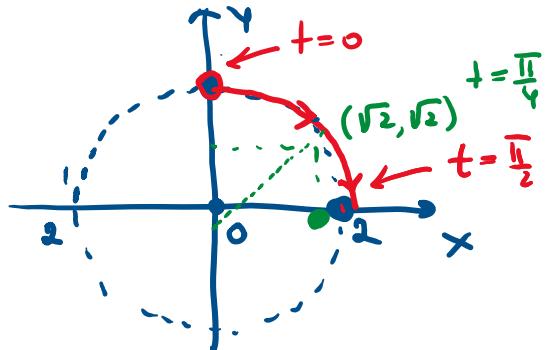
$$\begin{cases} x = 2 \sin t \\ y = 2 \cos t \end{cases} \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 4$$

$$t=0 \Rightarrow (x, y) = (0, 2)$$

$$t=\frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow (x, y) = (2, 0)$$

$$0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \begin{matrix} x > 0 \\ y > 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{slope } (m = f'(x))_{x=x_0} = \left. \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} \right|_{t=\frac{\pi}{4}} = \left. \frac{-2 \sin t}{2 \cos t} \right|_{t=\frac{\pi}{4}} = -\tan t \Big|_{t=\frac{\pi}{4}} = -1$$



tangent line at $(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$

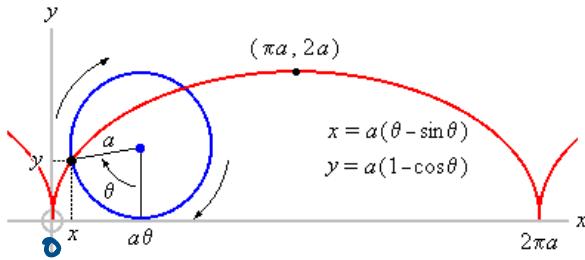
$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$$

$$y - \sqrt{2} = (-1)(x - \sqrt{2}) \Rightarrow$$

$$y = -x + 2\sqrt{2}$$

Example#3

Find the length of one arch of the cycloid $C = \begin{cases} x = t - \sin t \\ y = 1 - \cos t \end{cases}$



$$a=1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

$$l = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt = \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= 1 - \cos t \\ y'(t) &= \sin t \\ (x')^2 + (y')^2 &= (1 - \cos t)^2 + \sin^2 t = \\ &= 1 - 2\cos t + \cancel{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} = \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2 - 2\cos t = 2(1 - \cos t)$$

$$\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}$$

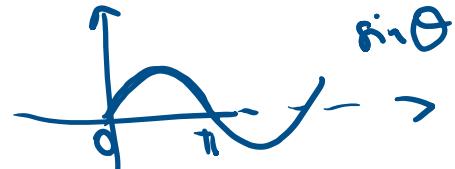
$$s = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2(1 - \cos t)} dt =$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2(2\sin^2 \frac{t}{2})} dt$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{2\pi} |\sin \frac{t}{2}| dt$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \frac{t}{2} dt = 2(-2\cos \frac{t}{2}) \Big|_0^{2\pi} = (-4)(-1 - 1) = 8$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \\ 0 \leq \frac{t}{2} \leq \pi \\ \sin \frac{t}{2} \geq 0 \end{array}$$



Example#4 (final spring 2016)

$$C = \begin{cases} x = \ln(1+t^2) \\ y = 2\arctan(t) \end{cases}$$

a. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y'(x) = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{\frac{2}{1+t^2}}{\frac{1}{1+t^2} \cdot 2t} = \boxed{\frac{1}{t}}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = y''(x) = \frac{\frac{d}{dt}(y')}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)'}{\frac{1}{1+t^2} \cdot 2t} = \frac{-\frac{1}{t^2}}{\frac{2t}{1+t^2}} = \frac{-\frac{1}{t^2}}{\frac{2t}{1+t^2}} = \boxed{\frac{-(1+t^2)}{2t \cdot t^2}} = \boxed{\frac{-(1+t^2)}{2t^3}}$$

b. Find the length of this curve for $0 \leq t \leq 1$

$$l = \int_0^1 \sqrt{\left(\frac{2t}{1+t^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{1+t^2}\right)^2} dt = \int_0^1 \sqrt{\frac{4t^2+4}{(1+t^2)^2}} dt =$$

$$= \int_0^1 2 \sqrt{\frac{1+t^2}{(1+t^2)^2}} dt = \int_0^1 2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} dt$$

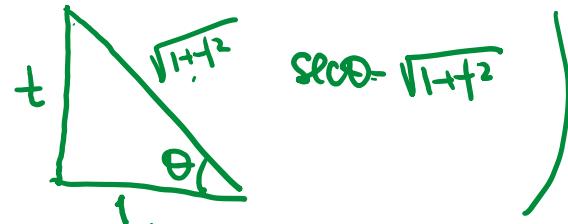
$$= 2 \ln |\sqrt{1+t^2} + t| \Big|_0^1 =$$

$$2 \left(\ln |\sqrt{2} + 1| - (\ln(1+0)) \right) =$$

$$\boxed{2 \ln(\sqrt{2}+1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t &= \tan \theta \\ 1+t^2 &= 1+\tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta \\ dt &= \sec^2 \theta d\theta \\ \int \frac{2 \cdot \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\sec \theta} &= 2 \int \sec \theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2 \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C$$



Example #5

Consider the planar parametric curve $\begin{cases} x = e^t \sin t \\ y = e^t \cos t \\ 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \end{cases}$

a. Sketch the curve

$$x^2 + y^2 = e^{2t} \sin^2 t + e^{2t} \cos^2 t = e^{2t}$$

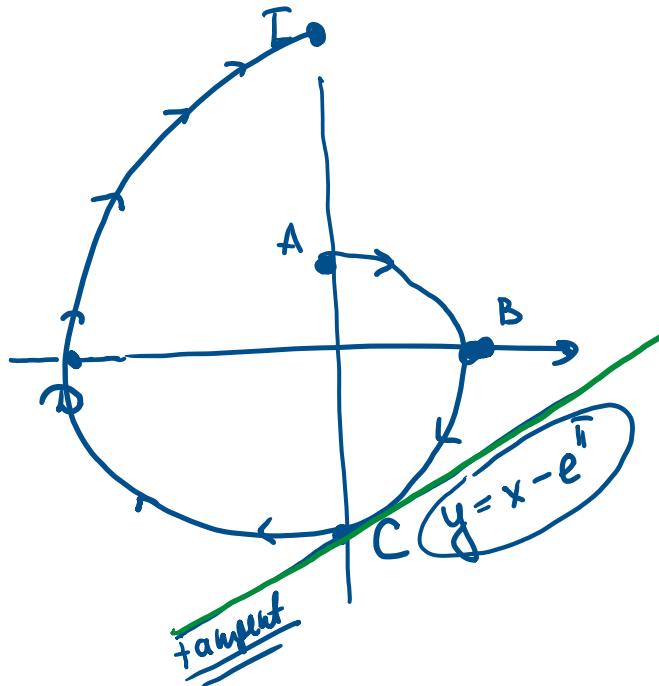
$$t=0 \quad (x, y) \rightarrow (0, 1) = A$$

$$t=\frac{\pi}{2} \quad (x, y) \rightarrow (e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}, 0) = B$$

$$t=\pi \quad (x, y) \rightarrow (0, -e^\pi) = C$$

$$t=\frac{3\pi}{2} \quad (x, y) = (-e^{\frac{3\pi}{2}}, 0) = D$$

$$t=2\pi \quad (x, y) = (0, e^{2\pi}) = E$$



b. Find the length of the curve

$$\begin{cases} x = e^t \sin t \\ y = e^t \cos t \end{cases}$$

$$x'(t) = e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t = e^t (\sin t + \cos t)$$

$$y'(t) = e^t \cos t - e^t \sin t = e^t (\cos t - \sin t)$$

$$(x')^2 + (y')^2 = e^{2t} (\sin^2 t + 2 \sin t \cos t + \cos^2 t + \cancel{2 \sin^2 t} + \cancel{- 2 \sin t \cos t} + \cancel{\sin^2 t})$$

$$= e^{2t} (1+1) = 2e^{2t}$$

$$l = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2e^{2t}} dt = \sqrt{2} e^t \Big|_0^{2\pi} = \sqrt{2} (e^{2\pi} - e^0) = \boxed{\sqrt{2} (e^{2\pi} - 1)}$$

c. Find the tangent line to the curve at $t = \pi$

$$m = \left. \frac{y'(t)}{x'(t)} = \frac{e^t(\cos t - \sin t)}{e^t(\cos t + \sin t)} \right|_{t=\pi} = \frac{-1-0}{-1+0} = \boxed{1}$$

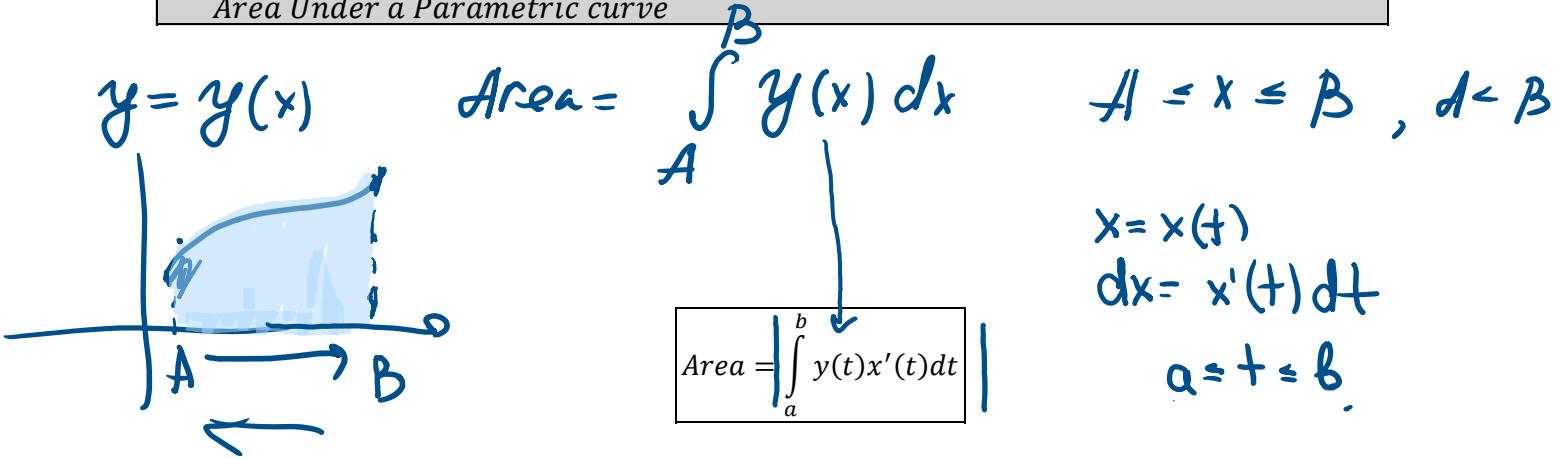
$$t = \pi \rightarrow (x, y) = (0, e^\pi)$$

$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0) \Rightarrow y - e^\pi = 1(x - 0)$$

$$y + e^\pi = x$$

$$\boxed{y = x - e^\pi}$$

Area Under a Parametric curve



Example: Find the area inside of the circle with radius R

$$(\pi R^2)$$

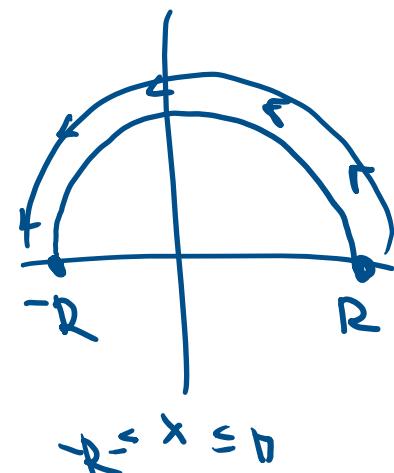
$$x = R \cos t$$

$$0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

$$y = R \sin t$$

$$A = \left| \int_0^{2\pi} (R \sin t) \cdot (-R \cos t) dt \right| = \left| -R^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 t dt \right| =$$

$$= \left| -R^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 - \cos 2t}{2} dt \right| =$$

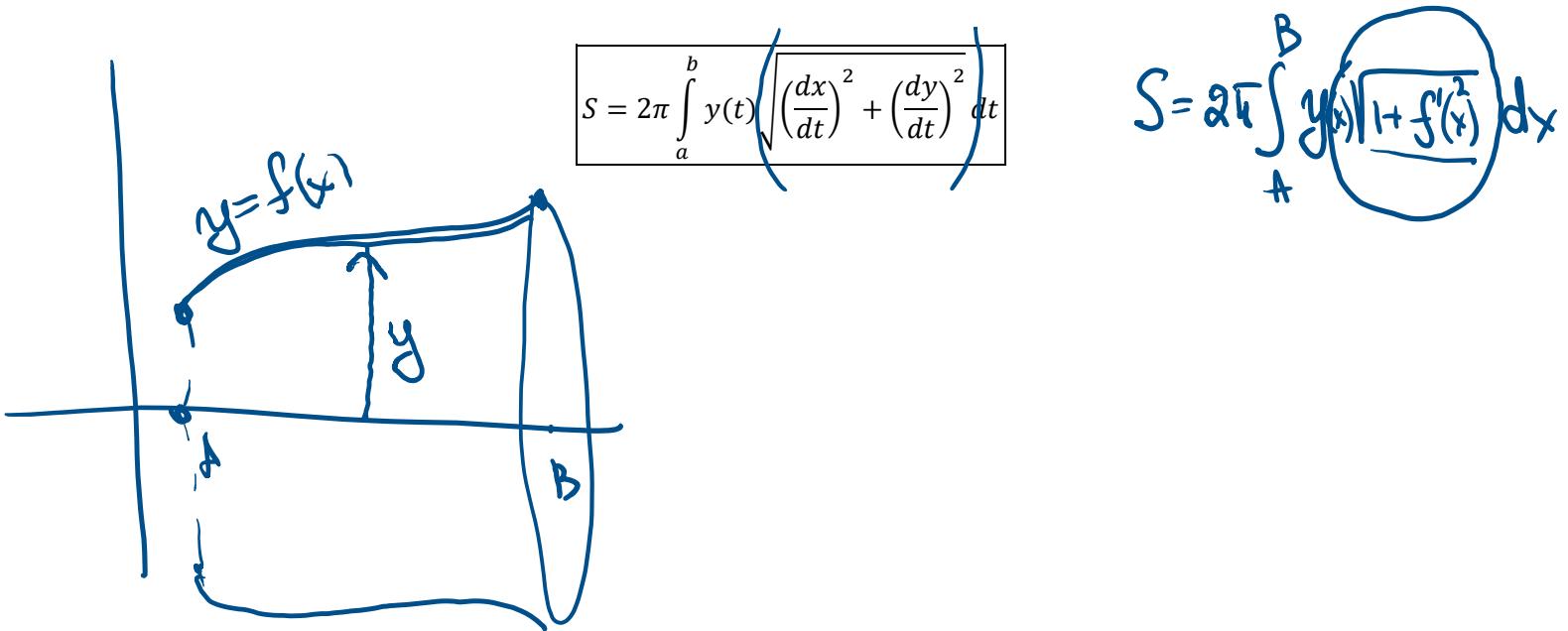


$$= \left| -\frac{R^2}{2} \left(t \Big|_0^{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \Big|_0^{2\pi} \right) \right| =$$

$$= \left| -\frac{R^2}{2} (2\pi - \frac{1}{2}(0-0)) \right| =$$

$$= \left| -\pi R^2 \right| = \boxed{\pi R^2}$$

Area of Surface of Revolution about x -axis



Example#6

Verify that the surface area of a sphere of radius R is $4\pi R^2$

$y = R \sin t$
 $x = R \cos t$
 $0 \leq t \leq \pi$

$$\times 2\pi \int_0^\pi R \sin t \sqrt{R^2(\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t)} dt =$$

$$= 2\pi R^2 \int_0^\pi \sin t dt = 2\pi R^2 (-\cos t) \Big|_0^\pi = 4\pi R^2$$

$\begin{cases} x = 1 - t^2 \\ y = 2t \end{cases}$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$ \Rightarrow find the area of the surface

Example #5

Find the area of the surface generated by revolving $\begin{cases} x = 1 - t^2 \\ y = 2t \end{cases}$ on the t -interval $[0, 1]$ about x -axis

$$S = 2\pi \int_0^1 (2t) \sqrt{(1-t^2)^2 + (2t)^2} dt =$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 2t \sqrt{(-2t)^2 + 2^2} dt -$$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^1 t \sqrt{4(t^2+1)} dt = 8\pi \int_0^1 t \sqrt{t^2+1} dt$$

$$u = t^2 + 1$$

$$du = 2t dt$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = t dt$$

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

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{u} du =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2}$$

$$= 8\pi \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(t^2+1)^{3/2}}{3/2} \right) \Big|_{t=0}^1 = 4\pi \cdot \frac{2}{3} (\sqrt{8}-1)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{8\pi}{3} (2\sqrt{2}-1)}$$

