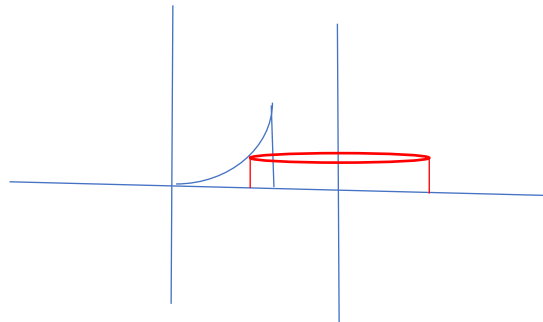
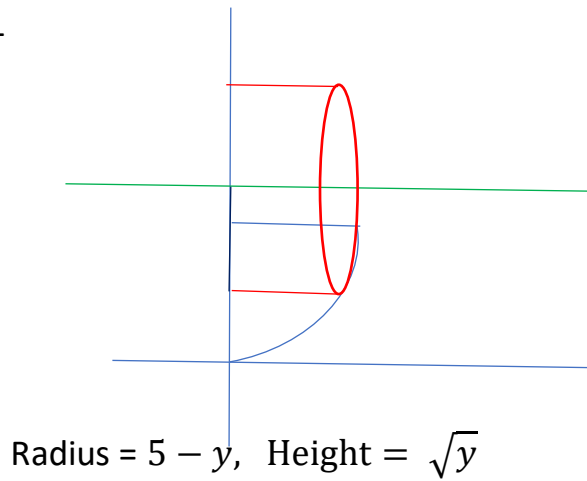


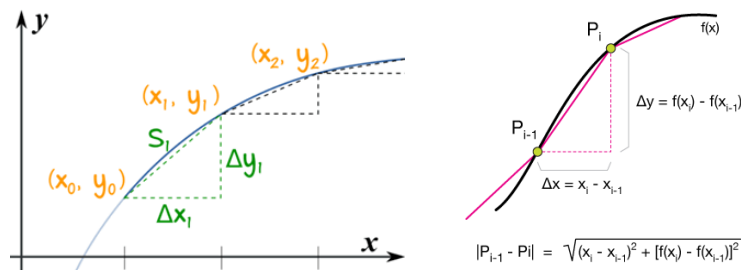
DAY-14

Quiz-2 on 12th April, 2021

Study: 6.1, 6.2, 6.3



6.4: Length of a Plane Curve



The length of a **curve** $y = f(x)$ from $x = a$ to $x = b$, that is, the length of a curve $y = f(x)$ from $(a, f(a))$ to $(b, f(b))$:

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n L_k$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \sqrt{\Delta x_k^2 + \Delta y_k^2} \quad ; \quad \Delta x_k, \quad \Delta y_k \rightarrow 0$$

$$= \int_a^b \sqrt{(dx)^2 + (dy)^2}$$

$$= \int_a^b \sqrt{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right] (dx)^2}$$

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]} dx$$

Definitions:

Definition 1: If $y = f(x)$ is a **smooth curve** on the interval $[a, b]$, then the length of the curve over the interval $[a, b]$ is defined by

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]^2} dx.$$

Steps: Given a smooth function $y = f(x)$; $x = a$ to $x = b$.

Step 1: Find $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)$

Step 2: Find $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = [f'(x)]^2$

Step 3: Find $1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 1 + [f'(x)]^2$

Step 4: Find $\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2}$.

HINT: Here we should try, if possible, to write $1 + [f'(x)]^2$ as a **perfect square** so that we can cancel the square root.

Step 5: Evaluate the integral to find the length L:

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]^2} dx$$

Exercise :1 Find the length of the curve $24xy = x^4 + 48$ from $x = 1$ to $x = 4$.

Solution: Given curve $24xy = x^4 + 48$ from $x = 1$ to $x = 4$. That is, $y = \frac{x^4+48}{24x}$ for $1 \leq x \leq 4$.

We know that the length of the curve is given by

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]^2} dx \dots \dots (1)$$

Here $y = \frac{x^4+48}{24x} = \frac{x^4}{24x} + \frac{48}{24x}$

$$y = \frac{1}{24}x^3 + 2x^{-1}$$

Differentiating:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{24}(3x^2) + 2(-x^{-2}) = \frac{1}{8}x^2 - 2x^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{8}x^2 - 2x^{-2}\right)^2 ; \text{ compare with } (a - b)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{8}x^2\right)^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{8}x^2 \cdot 2x^{-2} + (2x^{-2})^2 ; \text{ note: } x^0 = 1$$

[don't simplify a^2 and b^2 in the expression $a^2 - 2ab + b^2$]

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{8}x^2\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} + (2x^{-2})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{8}x^2\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} + (2x^{-2})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{8}x^2\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} + (2x^{-2})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{8}x^2\right)^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{8}x^2 \cdot 2x^{-2} + (2x^{-2})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{8}x^2 + 2x^{-2}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{8}x^2 + 2x^{-2}\right)^2} \text{ for } 1 \leq x \leq 4, \text{ Note: } \sqrt{m^2} = |m| \text{ for any real number } m.$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = \left|\frac{1}{8}x^2 + 2x^{-2}\right| \text{ for } 1 \leq x \leq 4.$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{8}x^2 + 2x^{-2}, \text{ for } 1 \leq x \leq 4.$$

Now, from equation (1):

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]^2} dx \\
 &= \int_1^4 \left(\frac{1}{8}x^2 + 2x^{-2}\right) dx = \left[\frac{1}{8} \frac{x^3}{3} + 2 \frac{x^{-1}}{-1}\right]_1^4 \\
 &= \left[\frac{1}{24}x^3 - 2\frac{1}{x}\right]_1^4 \\
 &= \frac{1}{24}(4^3 - 1^3) - 2\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{1}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{24}(64 - 1) - 2\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) \\
 &= \frac{63}{24} + \frac{3}{2} \\
 &= \frac{21}{8} + \frac{12}{8} \\
 &= \frac{33}{8} \text{ unit}
 \end{aligned}$$

Definition: $|x| = \begin{cases} x & ; \quad x \geq 0 \\ -x & ; \quad x < 0 \end{cases}$

Note: If $x < 0$, then multiply both sides of the inequality by -1 : $-x > 0$.

Exercise :2 Find the length of the curve $y = \frac{1}{8}x^4 + \frac{1}{4}x^{-2}$ from $x = -2$ to $x = -1$.

Hint: $\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = \left|\frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-3}\right| = -\left(\frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-3}\right)$ for $-2 \leq x \leq -1$. **Complete!**

Exercise :3 Find the length of the curve $y = \frac{1}{8}x^4 + \frac{1}{4}x^{-2}$ from $x = 1$ to $x = 4$.

Solution:

We know that the length of the curve is given by

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]^2} dx \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Given function $y = \frac{1}{8}x^4 + \frac{1}{4}x^{-2}$ over the interval $[1, 4]$.

$$\text{Then, } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{8}(4x^3) + \frac{1}{4}(-2x^{-3}) = \frac{1}{2}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^{-3}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}x^3\right)^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{2}x^{-3} + \left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-3}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}x^3\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-3}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}x^3\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-3}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}x^3\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-3}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}x^3\right)^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{2}x^{-3} + \left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-3}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-3}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-3}\right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = \left|\frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-3}\right| \text{ for } 1 \leq x \leq 4.$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-3} \text{ for } 1 \leq x \leq 4.$$

Now, from formula (1):

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]^2} dx$$

$$= \int_1^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-3}\right) dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{8}x^4 - \frac{1}{4}x^{-2}\right]_1^4$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{8}x^4 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{x^2}\right]_1^4 = \frac{1}{8}(4^4 - 1^4) - \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{4^2} - \frac{1}{1^2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8}(256 - 1) - \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{16} - 1\right)$$

$$= \frac{255}{8} + \frac{15}{64}$$

$$= \frac{2055}{64} \text{ unit}$$

Exercise :4 Find the length of the curve $y = \frac{x^6+8}{16x^2}$ from $x = 2$ to $x = 3$.

Solution: Given

$$y = \frac{x^6+8}{16x^2} = \frac{x^6}{16x^2} + \frac{8}{16x^2} = \frac{1}{16} x^4 + \frac{1}{2} x^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{4} x^3 - x^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4} x^3 - x^{-3}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4} x^3\right)^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} x^3 \cdot x^{-3} + (x^{-3})^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4} x^3\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} + (x^{-3})^2 ;$$

[Note: $x^n \cdot x^m = x^{n+m}$ and $x^n \cdot x^{-n} = x^{n-n} = x^0 = 1$]

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{4} x^3\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} + (x^{-3})^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4} x^3\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} + (x^{-3})^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4} x^3 + x^{-3}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{4} x^3 + x^{-3}\right)^2} = \left|\frac{1}{4} x^3 + x^{-3}\right| = \frac{1}{4} x^3 + x^{-3} \quad \text{for } 2 \leq x \leq 3.$$

So the length of the curve

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]^2} dx = \int_2^3 \left(\frac{1}{4} x^3 + x^{-3}\right) dx = \frac{595}{144} \text{ unit}$$

Exercise: 5 [Similar to Exercise 1]

(a) Find the length of the curve $y = \frac{e^x+e^{-x}}{2}$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 1$.

Answer: $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]^2} dx = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{2} e^x + \frac{1}{2} e^{-x}\right) dx = \left[\frac{1}{2} e^x - \frac{1}{2} e^{-x}\right]_0^1$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{e} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2e} (e^2 - 1) \text{ unit}$$

(b) Find the length of the curve $x = g(y) = \frac{e^{2y} + e^{-2y}}{4} = \frac{e^{2y}}{4} + \frac{e^{-2y}}{4}$ from $y = 0$ to $y = 3$.

Homework Similar to Exercise 1

Hint: $\sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dx}{dy}\right]^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{e^{2y}}{2} + \frac{e^{-2y}}{2}\right)^2} = \left|\frac{e^{2y}}{2} + \frac{e^{-2y}}{2}\right| = \frac{e^{2y}}{2} + \frac{e^{-2y}}{2} \quad ; \quad 0 \leq y \leq 3$

Definition 2: If $x = g(y)$ is a smooth curve on the interval $[c, d]$, then the length of the curve over the interval $[c, d]$ is defined by

$$L = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + [g'(y)]^2} \, dy = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dx}{dy}\right]^2} \, dy$$

Steps: Given a smooth function $x = g(y)$; $y = c$ to $y = d$

Step 1: Find $\frac{dx}{dy} = g'(y)$

Step 2: Find $\left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2$

Step 3: Find $1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2$

Step 4: Find $\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2}$. Here we should try, if possible, to write $1 + \left[\frac{dx}{dy}\right]^2$ as a perfect square so that we can cancel the square root.

Step 5: Evaluate the integral to find the length L:

$$L = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dx}{dy}\right]^2} \, dy$$

Exercise :6 Find the length of the curve $x = y^{\frac{3}{2}}$ **from** $y = 1$ **to** $y = 2$.

Solution:

$$L = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dx}{dy}\right]^2} \, dy \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Given $x = y^{\frac{3}{2}}$, $1 \leq y \leq 2$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{3}{2} y^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{3}{2} y^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4} y$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2 = 1 + \frac{9}{4} y = \frac{4+9y}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4+9y}{4}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4+9y} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq y \leq 2.$$

So, the length of the curve

$$L = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{dx}{dy}\right]^2} dy = \int_1^2 \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4+9y} dy$$

Now, set $u = 4 + 9y$. Then $\frac{du}{dy} = 9$, that is, $\frac{1}{9} du = dy$.

If $y = 1$, then $u = 13$ and if $y = 2$, then $u = 22$, so we get $13 \leq u \leq 22$.

Hence, Length

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_{13}^{22} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{u} \frac{1}{9} du = \int_{13}^{22} \frac{1}{18} u^{\frac{1}{2}} du = \frac{1}{18} \left[\frac{u^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_{13}^{22} = \frac{1}{18} \frac{2}{3} \left[u^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_{13}^{22} \\ &= \frac{1}{27} \left[(\sqrt{u})^3 \right]_{13}^{22} = \frac{1}{27} [22\sqrt{22} - 13\sqrt{13}] \text{ unit} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: 4 [Similar to exercise 3] Homework

Find the length of the curve $y = \sqrt{x} + 2$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 2$.

$$L = \int_0^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4x}} dx = \int_0^2 \sqrt{\frac{4x+1}{4x}} dx = ?$$

Definition 3: If no segment of the parametric curve

$$x = x(t), \quad y = y(t), \quad a \leq t \leq b$$

is traced more than once as t increases from a to b , then the length of the parametric curve is defined by

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

Step: Given a parametric curve $x = x(t), y = y(t), \quad a \leq t \leq b$

Step 1: Find $\frac{dx}{dt}$ and $\frac{dy}{dt}$

Step 2: Find $\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2$ and $\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2$

Step 3: Find $\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2$

Step 4: Find $\sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$. Here we should try, if possible, to write $\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2$ as a perfect square so that we can cancel the square root.

Step 5: Evaluate the integral to find the length L:

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

Exercise:7 Find the length of the curve $x = 3 \cos(2\theta)$, $y = 3 \sin(2\theta)$ for $\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solution: Given $x = 3 \cos(2\theta)$, $y = 3 \sin(2\theta)$

Then $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -3 \sin(2\theta) (2) = -6 \sin(2\theta)$ and $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 6 \cos(2\theta)$

$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dx}{d\theta}\right)^2 = 36 \sin^2(2\theta)$ and $\left(\frac{dy}{d\theta}\right)^2 = 36 \cos^2(2\theta)$

Then $\left(\frac{dx}{d\theta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{d\theta}\right)^2 = 36$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{d\theta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{d\theta}\right)^2} = \sqrt{36} = 6$$

The length of the curve:

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{d\theta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 6 d\theta = [6\theta]_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{3\pi}{2} \text{ unit.}$$

Exercise : 8 Find the length of the curve $x = \frac{1}{3}t^3$, $y = \frac{1}{2}t^2$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt = \int_0^1 \sqrt{(t^2)^2 + (t)^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \sqrt{t^4 + t^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 t\sqrt{t^2 + 1} dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 2t\sqrt{t^2 + 1} dt = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{3} \left[(t^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_0^1 = \end{aligned}$$

Exercise : 9 Find the length of the curve $x = e^t \cos t$, $y = e^t \sin t$ for $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solution: We know that the length of a parametric curve is given by

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Given $x = e^t \cos t$, $y = e^t \sin t$ for $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = e^t(-\sin t) + e^t \cos t = -e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = e^t \cos t + e^t \sin t$$

$$\text{Then } \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2$$

$$= (-e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t)^2 + (e^t \cos t + e^t \sin t)^2$$

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

$$= 2e^{2t}(\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t)$$

$$\text{That is, } \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 = 2e^{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} = \sqrt{2e^{2t}}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} = \sqrt{2} e^t$$

Now,

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

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{2} e^t dt$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \left(e^{\frac{\pi}{2}} - 1 \right) \text{ unit}$$

Exercise: 10 Find the length of the curve $x = 2 \cos t$, $y = 2 \sin t$ for $0 \leq t \leq \frac{3\pi}{2}$.

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$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt \dots \dots \dots (1)$$