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UNIT – III DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS

PART – A

1. Find the radius of curvature at the point (r, ψ) on the curve $s = c \log \sec \psi$

The given curve is $s = c \log \sec \psi$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{ds}{d\psi} \\ &= \frac{c}{\sec \psi} * \sec \psi \tan \psi = c \tan \psi \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the radius of curvature of the curve $y = e^x$ at the point, where it cuts the y – axis

To find the point where the given curve cuts y -axis, put $x=0$

$$\therefore y = e^0 = 1$$

Thus, the curve cuts the y -axis at $(0, 1)$.

$$y = e^x \Rightarrow y_1 = e^x, y_2 = e^x$$

The value of y_1 and y_2 at $(0, 1)$ is 1.

$$\therefore \rho = \frac{(1 + y_1^2)^{3/2}}{y_2} = \frac{(1 + 1)^{3/2}}{1} = 2^{3/2}$$

3. Find the radius of curvature of the curve given by the equations $x = 5t, y = 5 \log(\sec t)$ at $t = 1$.

The given equations are $x = 5t, y = 5 \log(\sec t)$

$$x_1 = 5, y_1 = 5 * \frac{1}{\sec t} * \sec t \tan t = 5 \tan t$$

$$\therefore \rho = \frac{(x_1^2 + y_1^2)^{3/2}}{x_1 y_2 - y_1 x_2} = \frac{(5^2 + 5^2 \tan^2 t)^{3/2}}{25 \sec^2 t - 0} = \frac{(5)^3 (1 + \tan^2 t)^{3/2}}{25 \sec^2 t} = 5 \sec t$$

$$\therefore \rho (t = 1) = 5 \sec(1)$$

4. Find the envelope of the family of straight lines $y = mx + \frac{1}{m}$

$$\text{Given } y = mx + \frac{1}{m}$$

$$my = m^2x + 1$$

$m^2x - my + 1 = 0$. This is quadratic in the parameter 'm'. \therefore envelope is $B^2 - 4AC = 0$.

Here $A = x, B = -y, C = 1$. \therefore Envelope is $y^2 - 4x = 0$.

5. Find ρ for the curve $x = a \cos \theta$, $y = a \sin \theta$ at θ .

Given $x = a \cos \theta$, $y = a \sin \theta$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -a \sin \theta, \frac{dy}{d\theta} = a \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{d\theta}}{\frac{dx}{d\theta}} = -\frac{a \cos \theta}{a \sin \theta} = -\cot \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y}{d^2 x} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (-\cot \theta) \\ &= \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dx} = \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta \cdot \frac{1}{a \sin \theta} = \frac{1}{a \sin^3 \theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right\}^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2 y}{d^2 x}} = \frac{\left\{ 1 + (\cot^2 \theta) \right\}^{3/2}}{\frac{1}{a \sin^3 \theta}} = \operatorname{cosec}^3 \theta \cdot a \sin^3 \theta = a$$

6. What is the radius of curvature at $(3, 4)$ on $x^2 + y^2 = 25$?

The given curve is a circle of radius 5 unit. We know that the radius of curvature of a circle is equal to the radius of the given circle. $\therefore \rho = 5$.

7. Find the envelope of $x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha = 1$ where α is the parameter.

Given $x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha = 1 \rightarrow (1)$

Partially differentiating (1) with respect to ' α ' we get

$$-x \sin \alpha + y \cos \alpha = 0 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$(1)^2 + (2)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$(x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha)^2 + (y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha)^2 = 1$$

$$x^2 \cos^2 \alpha + y^2 \sin^2 \alpha + 2xy \sin \alpha \cos \alpha + x^2 \sin^2 \alpha + y^2 \cos^2 \alpha - 2xy \sin \alpha \cos \alpha = 1$$

i.e. $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ which is the required equation of the envelope.

8. Write the formula for radius of curvature in cartesian form.

$$\rho = \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right]^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}}$$

9. Find the radius of curvature at $x = 1$ on $y = \frac{\log x}{x}$

$$y' = \frac{1 - \log x}{x^2}, \quad y'' = \frac{2 \log x - 3}{x^3}$$

$$(y')_{x=1} = 1, \quad (y'')_{x=1} = -3$$

$$\rho = \frac{(1+1)^{3/2}}{-3}$$

$$= (2\sqrt{2})/3$$

10. Find the radius of curvature for the curve $y = \frac{x^3 - a^3}{a^2}$ at any point (x, y)

$$\text{Given } a^2 y = x^3 - a^3$$

Differentiating with respect to 'x' we get

$$a^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{a^2}, \quad \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{6x}{a^2}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}} = \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{3x^2}{a^2}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}}{\frac{6x}{a^2}} = \frac{\left[a^4 + (9x^4)\right]^{3/2}}{(6a^4 x)}$$

11. Find the envelope of $ty - x = at^2$, t being the parameter.

$$\text{Given } ty - x = at^2 \rightarrow (1)$$

Partially differentiating (1) with respect to 't',

$$y = 2at \Rightarrow t = y/2a$$

$$\text{Substituting in (1), } \frac{y^2}{2a} - x = a\left(\frac{y}{2a}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{y^2}{2a} - x = ay^2/4a^2. \text{ Simplifying we get } y^2 = 4ax \text{ which is the required envelope of the}$$

given curve.

12. Find 'ρ' for the curve $y = c \cosh(x/c)$ at any point (x, y)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{c} \sinh \frac{x}{c} * c$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{c} \cosh \frac{x}{c}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}} = \frac{\left[1 + \sinh^2 \frac{x}{c}\right]^{3/2}}{\frac{1}{c} \cosh \frac{x}{c}} = c \frac{\left[\cosh^2 \frac{x}{c}\right]^{3/2}}{\cosh \frac{x}{c}} = c \frac{\cosh^3 \frac{x}{c}}{\cosh \frac{x}{c}} = c \cosh(x/c)$$

13. Find the radius of curvature at (3, 10) on the curve $xy = 30$

Differentiating with respect to 'x' we get $x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -y/x, \left\{ \frac{dy}{dx} \right\}_{(3,10)} = -10/3$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{x \frac{dy}{dx} - y}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}(3,10) = \frac{20}{9}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right]^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}} = \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{-10}{3} \right)^2 \right]^{3/2}}{\frac{20}{9}} = \frac{\left(\frac{109}{9} \right)^{3/2}}{\frac{20}{9}} = \frac{9}{20} \frac{(109)^{3/2}}{9^{3/2}}$$

14. Find the envelope of the family of circles $(x - \alpha)^2 + y^2 = 4\alpha$, where α is the parameter.

$$\text{Given } (x - \alpha)^2 + y^2 = 4\alpha \rightarrow (1)$$

Differentiating with respect to ' α ' we get

$$2(x - \alpha)(-1) = 4 \Rightarrow \alpha - x = 2 \Rightarrow \alpha = 2 + x$$

Substituting in (1),

$$(x - 2 - x)^2 + y^2 = 4(2 + x)$$

$$4 + y^2 = 8 + 4x \Rightarrow y^2 = 4 + 4x = 4(1 + x)$$

15. Find the envelope of the family of curves $y = \alpha x + \sqrt{a^2 \alpha^2 + b^2}$, where α being the parameter.

The given equation can be written as $(y - \alpha x)^2 = a^2 \alpha^2 + b^2$

$$y^2 - 2\alpha xy + \alpha^2 x^2 = a^2 \alpha^2 + b^2$$

$$(x^2 - a^2)\alpha^2 - 2xy\alpha + (y^2 - b^2) = 0,$$

which is quadratic in α .

The envelope is given by $B^2 - 4AC = 0$

$$4b^2 x^2 + 4a^2 y^2 = 4a^2 b^2 \text{ Dividing throughout by } 4a^2 b^2,$$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, \text{ which is an ellipse.}$$

16. Find ρ for the curve $y = 4 \sin x - \sin 2x$ at $x = 90^\circ$

Given $y = 4 \sin x - \sin 2x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4 \cos x - 2 \cos 2x, \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4 \sin x - 4 \sin 2x$$

$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx} \right]_{x=\pi/2} = 2, \quad \left[\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right]_{x=\pi/2} = -4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right]^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}} \\ &= \frac{[1+4]^{3/2}}{-4} \\ &= (5\sqrt{5}) / 4 \end{aligned}$$

17. Find the radius of curvature at $y=2a$ on the curve $y^2 = 4ax$

$$y^2 = 4ax \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{y} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{2a}{y^2} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$\text{At } y = 2a, \quad y_1 = 1, \quad y_2 = -1 / 2a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right]^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}} \\ &= - \frac{[1+1]^{3/2}}{\frac{1}{2a}} = -4a\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

18. What is the curvature of a (i) circle (ii) straight line

- (i) Curvature of a circle = $1/r$ where r is the radius of the circle.
- (ii) Curvature of a straight line is zero

19. For the curve $x^2 = 2c(y-x)$, find the radius of curvature at $(0,c)$

$$y - c = \frac{x^2}{2c} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{c} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{c}$$

$$\text{At } (0,c), \quad y_1 = 1, \quad y_2 = 1/c$$

$$\rho = \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right]^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}} \quad \text{Diff}$$

20. Define evolute and involute.

The locus of centre of curvature at any point on a curve is called its evolute and the curve itself is called an involute of the evolute

PART – B

1. Find the radius of curvature at the point $(\frac{3a}{2}, \frac{3a}{2})$ on the curve $x^3 + y^3 = 3axy$
2. Find the equation of the circle of curvature of the curve $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = \sqrt{a}$ at $(\frac{a}{4}, \frac{a}{4})$
3. Find the equation of the circle of curvature of the parabola $y^2 = 12x$ at the point (3, 6)
4. Find the radius of curvature of the curve $r^n = a^n \cos n\theta$ at any point (r, θ) . Hence prove that the radius of curvature of the lemniscate $r^2 = a^2 \cos 2\theta$ is $\frac{a^2}{3r}$
5. Find the evolute of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$
6. Find the evolute of the hyperbola $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$
7. Find the evolute of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$
8. Find the evolute of the curve $x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} = a^{2/3}$
9. Find the evolute of the rectangular hyperbola $xy = c^2$
10. Show that the evolute of the cycloid $x = a(\theta - \sin \theta)$, $y = a(1 - \cos \theta)$ is another cycloid.
11. Find the envelope of the family of lines $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$, where the parameters a and b are connected by the relation $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$
12. Find the envelope of the family of ellipses $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$, where the parameters a and b are connected by the relation $a + b = c$
13. Find the evolute of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$, considering it as the envelope of its normals.
14. Find the evolute of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$, considering it as the envelope of its normals.
15. Find the evolute of the hyperbola $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$, treating it as the envelope of its normals.