

Integrating Parametric Equations

Starter

1. **(Review of last lesson)** Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the curve $x = \ln t, y = 3t^2 - t^3$.

Working: $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{t}$ and $\frac{dy}{dt} = 6t - 3t^2 = 3t(2 - t)$

Using $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3t(2 - t)}{\frac{1}{t}}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3t^2(2 - t)$$

2. **(Review of A2 material)** Find $\int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} x \sin x dx$.

Working: Integration by parts

Let $u = x \Rightarrow u' = 1$

Let $v' = \sin x \Rightarrow v = -\cos x$

Using $\int uv' = uv - \int u'v$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} x \sin x dx &= \left[x \times -\cos x \right]_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} - \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} 1 \times -\cos x dx \\ &= \left[-x \cos x \right]_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} + \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \cos x dx \\ &= \left[-x \cos x + \sin x \right]_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \\ &= \left(-\pi \cos \pi + \sin \pi \right) - \left(-\frac{\pi}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \\ &= \pi - 1 \end{aligned}$$

E.g. 1 Find an expression in parametric form that is equivalent to $\int y dx$:

(a) $x = \frac{3}{t}, y = 4t^2$ (b) $x = \sqrt{t}, y = 3t^2 - 4$

Working:

(a) From $x = \frac{3}{t} = 3t^{-1}$, $\frac{dx}{dt} = -3t^{-2} = -\frac{3}{t^2}$

$$\int y \frac{dx}{dt} dt = \int 4t^2 \times -\frac{3}{t^2} dt = -\int 12 dt$$

(b) From $x = \sqrt{t} = t^{\frac{1}{2}}$, $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}t^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}$

$$\int y \frac{dx}{dt} dt = \int 3t^2 - 4 \times \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} dt = \int \frac{3t^2 - 4}{2\sqrt{t}} dt$$

E.g. 2 A curve has parametric equations $x = 3t^2$, $y = \frac{5}{t}$, where $t > 0$. Find the value of

$$\int_3^{75} y dx.$$

Working: When $x = 75$, $3t^2 = 75 \Rightarrow t^2 = 25$
 $\therefore t = 5$ since $t > 0$

From $x = 3t^2$, $\frac{dx}{dt} = 6t$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_3^{75} y \frac{dx}{dt} dt &= \int_1^5 \frac{5}{t} \times 6t dt \\ &= \int_1^5 30 dt = 120 \\ &= [30t]_1^5 \\ &= 30 \times 5 - 30 \times 1 \\ &= 120 \end{aligned}$$

E.g. 3 A curve has parametric equations $x = 6t^2$, $y = e^{2t}$, where $t > 0$. Find the value of

$$\int_0^6 y dx.$$

Working: When $x = 6$, $t = 1$ (since $t > 0$)
When $x = 0$, $t = 0$

$$\int_0^6 y dx = \int_0^1 (e^{2t} \times 12t) dt = \int_0^1 12te^{2t} dt$$

Let $u = 12t \Rightarrow u' = 12$

Let $v' = e^{2t} \Rightarrow v = \frac{1}{2}e^{2t}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 12te^{2t} dt &= \left[6te^{2t} \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 6e^{2t} dt \\ &= \left[6te^{2t} - 3e^{2t} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \left(6e^2 - 3e^2 \right) - \left(0 - 3e^0 \right) \\ &= 3e^2 + 3 \\ &= 3(e^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

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