

Problem:

Find the area between the curves $u = 1$ and $u = 2$ in the elliptical coordinate system of Exercise 4.2.1. Sketch those curves and two curves of constant v .

Exercise 4.2.1:

The formulas

$$x = \cosh u \cos v$$

$$y = \sinh u \sin v$$

define *elliptic coordinate* (u, v) in the $x - y$ plane, with the ranges $u \geq 0$, $0 \leq v \leq 2\pi$.

Solution:

First find $\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)}$:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \sinh u \cos v & -\cosh u \sin v \\ \cosh u \sin v & \sinh u \cos v \end{vmatrix} = \sinh^2 u \cos^2 v + \cosh^2 u \sin^2 v$$

By applying trigonometric identities, this can be simplified:

$$\sin^2 v + \cos^2 v = 1$$

$$\cosh^2 u - \sinh^2 u = 1$$

$$\sinh^2 u(1 - \sin^2 v) + (1 + \sinh^2 u) \sin^2 v$$

$$\sinh^2 u - \sinh^2 u \sin^2 v + \sin^2 v + \sinh^2 u \sin^2 v$$

$$\sinh^2 u + \sin^2 v$$

The area can be found in the following way:

$$A = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} \right| du dv$$

$$A = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 (\sinh^2 u + \sin^2 v) du dv$$

Next apply the following trigonometric identities to aid in integration:

$$\sinh^2 u = \frac{\cosh 2u - 1}{2}$$

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

Yielding this:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 \cosh 2u - 1 + 1 - \cos 2v \, du \, dv$$

Now evaluate the integral:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 \cosh 2u - \cos 2v \, du \, dv$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{\sinh 2u}{2} - u \cos 2v \right]_1^2 \, dv$$

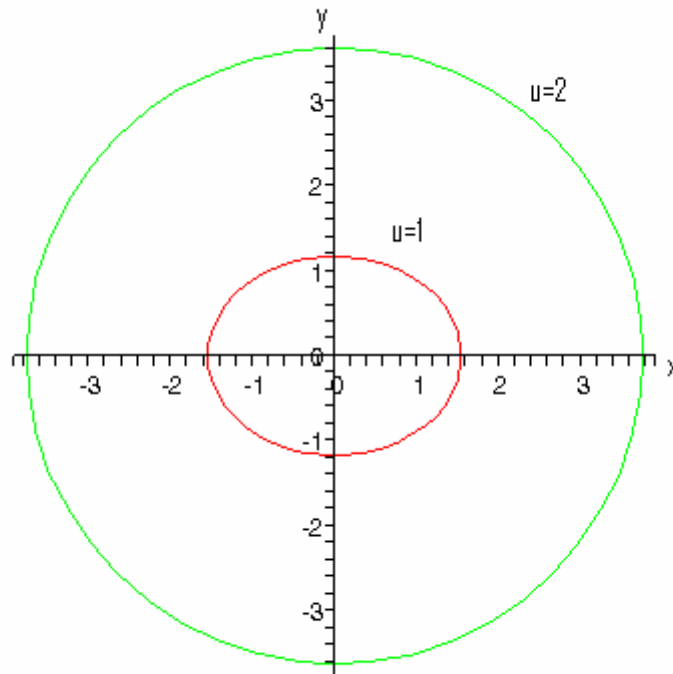
$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sinh 4}{2} - 2 \cos 2v - \frac{\sinh 2}{2} + \cos 2v \, dv$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left[v \left(\frac{\sinh 4}{2} - \frac{\sinh 2}{2} \right) - \sin 2v + \frac{\sin 2v}{2} \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

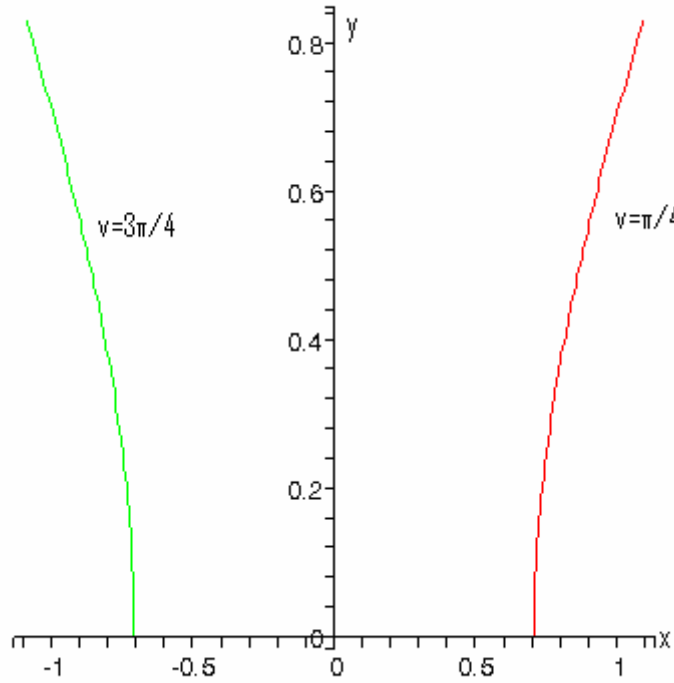
$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left[2\pi \left(\frac{\sinh 4}{2} - \frac{\sinh 2}{2} \right) - \sin(4\pi) + \frac{\sin(4\pi)}{2} + \sin(0) - \frac{\sin(0)}{2} \right]$$

$$A = \frac{\pi}{2} (\sinh 4 - \sinh 2)$$

$$A \approx 37.17 \text{ units}^2$$



The inner curve is $u = 1$ and the outer curve is $u = 2$. The area found is that which is between them.



The curve on the right is $v = \frac{\pi}{4}$ and the curve on the left is $v = \frac{3\pi}{4}$, where $0 \leq u \leq 1$.