

Show that the length of the curve  $y = \log \sec x$  between the points  $x=0$  and  $x=\pi/3$  is  $\log(2+\sqrt{3})$ .

Solution:

The Length of the curve  $y = \log \sec x$  between the points  $x=0$  and  $x=\pi/3$  given a formula

$$s = \int_0^{\pi/3} \sqrt{1 + (y')^2}$$

$$y' = (\log(\sec(x)))' = \frac{1}{\sec(x)} (\sec(x))' = \tan(x)$$

$$\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$$

$$s = \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{dx}{\cos(x)} = \log \left| \tan\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right|_0^{\pi/3} = \log \left| \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right| - \log \left| \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right|$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{1 - \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) * \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} + 1}{1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}} = 2 + \sqrt{3}$$

So

$$s = \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{dx}{\cos(x)} = \log \left| \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right| - \log \left| \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right| = \log(2 + \sqrt{3})$$

