

Answer on Question #37620, Math, Differential Calculus | Equations

The length of the curve if it is given in form $y=f(x)$ from point x_0 to x_1 is

$$S = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \sqrt{1+(f'_x)^2} dx \quad . \text{ For } f(x) = \ln \sec x = \ln \frac{1}{\cos x} \quad :$$

$$S = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}} dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 x} dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{dx}{\cos x} = -\ln \left(\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) + \ln \left(\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} =$$
$$-\ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2} \right) = \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}-1} \right) = \ln(\sqrt{3}+2) \quad .$$