

Answer on Question #80398 – Math – Calculus

Question

Find the angle of intersection between the curves $x^2+2xy-y^2+2ax=0$ and $3y^3-2a^2x-4a^2y+a^3=0$ at the point $(a,-a)$. Please solve it is very urgent

Solution

First curve:

$$x^2 + 2xy - y^2 + 2ax = 0$$

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$2x + 2xy' + 2y - 2yy' + 2a = 0,$$

from which

$$y' = \frac{x+y+a}{y-x}$$

For $(x, y) = (a, -a)$:

$$y' = \frac{a-a+a}{-a-a} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

This is the tangent of angle between the first curve and x -axis, $\tan\theta_1 = -\frac{1}{2}$

Second curve:

$$3y^3 - 2a^2x - 4a^2y + a^3 = 0$$

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$9y^2y' - 2a^2 - 4a^2y' = 0,$$

from which

$$y' = \frac{2a^2}{9y^2 - 4a^2}$$

For $(x, y) = (a, -a)$:

$$y' = \frac{2a^2}{9a^2 - 4a^2} = \frac{2}{5}$$

This is the tangent of angle between the second curve and x -axis, $\tan\theta_2 = \frac{2}{5}$.

Then

$$\tan(\theta_2 - \theta_1) = \frac{\tan\theta_2 - \tan\theta_1}{1 + \tan\theta_2 \tan\theta_1} = \frac{\frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{9}{8}$$

So the angle is $\theta = \arctan \frac{9}{8}$.