

In these problems draw (using Manipulate) a point moving on each curve and display the curvature of the curve at the point by means of Tooltip.

- Graph the curvatures of the cycloids illustrated in Figures 2.4 and 2.5. Find the formula for the curvature  $\kappa$  of the general cycloid  $\text{cycloid}[a, b]$ . Then define and draw ordinary, prolate and curtate cycloids together with the defining circle such as those on page 42.

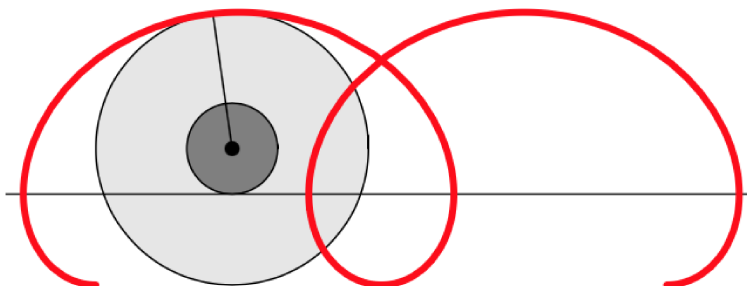


Figure 2.4: The prolate cycloid  $t \mapsto (t - 3 \sin t, 1 - 3 \cos t)$

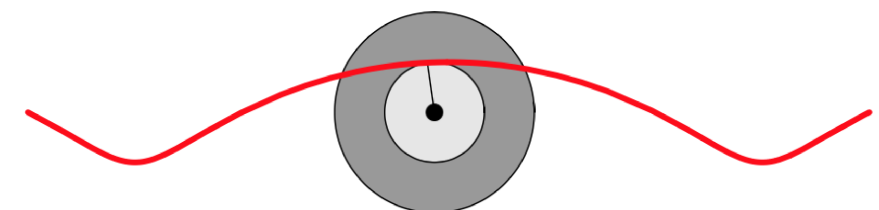


Figure 2.5: The curtate cycloid  $t \mapsto (2t - \sin t, 2 - \cos t)$

- A **deltoid** is defined by

$$\text{deltoid}[a](t) = (2a \cos t(1 + \cos t) - a, 2a \sin t(1 - \cos t)).$$

The curve is so named because it resembles a Greek capital delta. It is a particular case of a curve called **hypocycloid** (see Exercise 13 of Chapter 6). Plot as one graph the deltoids  $\text{deltoid}[a]$  for  $a = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Graph the curvature of the first deltoid.

- The **Lissajous**<sup>7</sup> or **Bowditch curve**<sup>8</sup> is defined by

$$\text{lissajous}[n, d, a, b](t) = (a \sin(nt + d), b \sin t).$$

Draw several of these curves and plot their curvatures. (One is shown in Figure 11.19 on page 349.)

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4. The **limaçon**, sometimes called **Pascal's snail**, named after Étienne Pascal, father of Blaise Pascal<sup>9</sup>, is a generalization of the cardioid. It is defined by

$$\text{limaçon}[a, b](t) = (2a \cos t + b)(\cos t, \sin t).$$

Find the formula for the curvature of the limaçon, and plot several of them.

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6. Define the curve

$$\text{tschirnhausen}[n, a](t) = \left( a \frac{\cos t}{(\cos(t/3))^n}, a \frac{\sin t}{(\cos(t/3))^n} \right).$$

When  $n = 1$ , this curve is attributed to Tschirnhausen<sup>11</sup>. Find the formula for the curvature of  $\text{tschirnhausen}[n, a][t]$  and make a simultaneous plot of the curves for  $1 \leq n \leq 8$ .