

1. Sketch the curve given by  $x = t^2, y = t^3$  for  $t \in [0, 2]$ . Find its arclength exactly.

**Solution:** The arclength is:

$$\int_0^2 \sqrt{(2t)^2 + (3t^2)^2} dt = \int_0^2 t\sqrt{4 + 9t^2} dt$$

Now let  $u = 4 + 9t^2$ , so  $du/18 = t dt$ , and get

$$\frac{1}{18} \int_4^{40} \sqrt{u} du = \frac{1}{18} \cdot \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \Big|_4^{40} = \frac{1}{27} (40^{3/2} - 4^{3/2}) = \frac{8}{27} (\sqrt{1000} - 1) \approx 9.07.$$

2. The parameterized curve  $(3 \sin t, \cos t)$  gives an ellipse, with  $t$  running from 0 to  $2\pi$ . Sketch the curve and then find the circumference of the ellipse.

**Solution:** The arclength is:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{(3 \cos t)^2 + (-\sin t)^2} dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{9 \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} dt$$

The integral is not elementary (it's called an *elliptic integral*) and evaluates numerically to about 13.36.