

Evoluta de la elipse.

Para la elipse

$$f(t) = (a \cos t, b \sin t)$$

Se tiene

$$f'(t) = (-a \sin t, b \cos t); \quad \|f'(t)\| = \sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 t + b^2 \cos^2 t}$$

$$\perp f'(t) = (-b \cos t, -a \sin t)$$

$$N(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 t + b^2 \cos^2 t}} (-b \cos t, -a \sin t)$$

$$f''(t) = (-a \cos t, -b \sin t)$$

De donde

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{1}{\|f'(t)\|^3} f''(t) \cdot \perp f'(t) = \frac{1}{(a^2 \sin^2 t + b^2 \cos^2 t)^{3/2}} (ab \cos^2 t + ab \sin^2 t)$$

Simplificando

$$\boxed{\kappa(t) = \frac{ab}{(a^2 \sin^2 t + b^2 \cos^2 t)^{3/2}}}$$

Para la ecuación de la evoluta queda

$$c(t) = (a \cos t, b \sin t) + \frac{a^2 \sin^2 t + b^2 \cos^2 t}{ab} (-b \cos t, -a \sin t)$$

$$\boxed{c(t) = \left(a \cos t - \frac{(a^2 \sin^2 t + b^2 \cos^2 t) \cos t}{a}; \quad b \sin t - \frac{(a^2 \sin^2 t + b^2 \cos^2 t) \sin t}{b} \right)}$$

A esta curva se le denomina *astroide*.