



Calculus 2 Workbook Solutions

Arc length

ARC LENGTH OF $Y=F(X)$

- 1. Find the arc length of the curve over $[0,2]$.

$$y = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 6$$

Solution:

The derivative of the function is

$$f'(x) = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}-1}$$

$$f'(x) = 2\sqrt{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f'(x) = 2\sqrt{2x}$$

Then the arc length over the interval is

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx$$

$$L = \int_0^2 \sqrt{1 + [2\sqrt{2x}]^2} dx$$

$$L = \int_0^2 \sqrt{1 + 4(2x)} dx$$



$$L = \int_0^2 \sqrt{1+8x} \, dx$$

Use substitution.

$$u = 1 + 8x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 8, \text{ so } du = 8 \, dx, \text{ so } dx = \frac{du}{8}$$

Substitute, integrate, then back-substitute and evaluate over the interval.

$$L = \int_{x=0}^{x=2} \sqrt{u} \left(\frac{du}{8} \right)$$

$$L = \frac{1}{8} \int_{x=0}^{x=2} u^{\frac{1}{2}} \, du$$

$$L = \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{2}{3} u^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=2}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{12} u^{\frac{3}{2}} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=2}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{12} (1+8x)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Big|_0^2$$

$$L = \frac{1}{12} (1+8(2))^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{1}{12} (1+8(0))^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{12} (17)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{1}{12} (1)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$



$$L = \frac{1}{12}(17)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{1}{12}$$

$$L = \frac{17\sqrt{17} - 1}{12}$$

- 2. Find the arc length of the curve over $[-3,3]$. Round your answer to the nearest three decimal places.

$$y = x^2 - 3$$

Solution:

The derivative of the function is

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

Then the arc length over the interval is

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} \, dx$$

$$L = \int_{-3}^3 \sqrt{1 + [2x]^2} \, dx$$

$$L = \int_{-3}^3 \sqrt{1 + 4x^2} \, dx$$

Use trigonometric substitution.



$$a = 1$$

$$u = 2x$$

$$2x = \tan \theta, \text{ so } \theta = \arctan(2x)$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta$$

$$dx = \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \theta \, d\theta$$

Substitute.

$$L = \int_{x=-3}^{x=3} \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \theta \, d\theta \right)$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x=-3}^{x=3} \sec^2 \theta \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta} \, d\theta$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x=-3}^{x=3} \sec^2 \theta \sqrt{\sec^2 \theta} \, d\theta$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x=-3}^{x=3} \sec^3 \theta \, d\theta$$

Integrate.

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sec \theta \tan \theta + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| \right) \Big|_{x=-3}^{x=3}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{4} \left(\sec \theta \tan \theta + \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| \right) \Big|_{x=-3}^{x=3}$$



Back-substitute, then evaluate over the interval.

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\sec(\arctan(2x)) \tan(\arctan(2x)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \ln | \sec(\arctan(2x)) + \tan(\arctan(2x)) | \right) \Big|_{-3}^3 \\
 L &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\sqrt{(2x)^2 + 1} \cdot (2x) + \ln \left| \sqrt{(2x)^2 + 1} + (2x) \right| \right) \Big|_{-3}^3 \\
 L &= \frac{1}{4} \left(2x\sqrt{4x^2 + 1} + \ln \left| \sqrt{4x^2 + 1} + 2x \right| \right) \Big|_{-3}^3 \\
 L &= \frac{1}{4} \left(2(3)\sqrt{4(3)^2 + 1} + \ln \left| \sqrt{4(3)^2 + 1} + 2(3) \right| \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \left(2(-3)\sqrt{4(-3)^2 + 1} + \ln \left| \sqrt{4(-3)^2 + 1} + 2(-3) \right| \right) \\
 L &= \frac{1}{4} \left(6\sqrt{37} + \ln \left| \sqrt{37} + 6 \right| \right) - \frac{1}{4} \left(-6\sqrt{37} + \ln \left| \sqrt{37} - 6 \right| \right) \\
 L &= \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{37} + \frac{1}{4} \ln(\sqrt{37} + 6) + \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{37} - \frac{1}{4} \ln(\sqrt{37} - 6) \\
 L &= 3\sqrt{37} + \frac{1}{4} \ln(\sqrt{37} + 6) - \frac{1}{4} \ln(\sqrt{37} - 6) \\
 L &= 3\sqrt{37} + \frac{1}{4} \left[\ln(\sqrt{37} + 6) - \ln(\sqrt{37} - 6) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$



$$L = 3\sqrt{37} + \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{\sqrt{37} + 6}{\sqrt{37} - 6}$$

$$L \approx 19.494$$

■ 3. Set up the arc length integral of the curve over $[-1, 2]$. Do not evaluate the integral.

$$y = \frac{x^3}{3} + x^2 + 5$$

Solution:

The derivative of the function is

$$f'(x) = x^2 + 2x$$

Then the arc length over the interval is

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} \, dx$$

$$L = \int_{-1}^2 \sqrt{1 + [x^2 + 2x]^2} \, dx$$

$$L = \int_{-1}^2 \sqrt{1 + x^4 + 4x^3 + 4x^2} \, dx$$



- 4. Set up the arc length integral of the curve over $[-\pi, \pi]$. Do not evaluate the integral.

$$y = \sin x - 5$$

Solution:

The derivative of the function is

$$f'(x) = \cos x$$

Then the arc length over the interval is

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} \, dx$$

$$L = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sqrt{1 + [\cos x]^2} \, dx$$

$$L = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sqrt{1 + \cos^2 x} \, dx$$

- 5. Set up the arc length integral of the curve over $[-\pi/4, \pi/4]$. Do not evaluate the integral.

$$y = \tan x \sec x + 2$$



Solution:

The derivative of the function is

$$f'(x) = \sec^2 x \sec x + \tan x \sec x \tan x$$

$$f'(x) = \sec^3 x + \tan^2 x \sec x$$

Then the arc length over the interval is

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} \, dx$$

$$L = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sqrt{1 + (\sec^3 x + \tan^2 x \sec x)^2} \, dx$$

$$L = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sqrt{1 + \tan^4 x \sec^2 x + 2 \tan^2 x \sec^4 x + \sec^6 x} \, dx$$



ARC LENGTH OF $X=G(Y)$

- 1. Find the arc length of the curve on the interval $1 \leq y \leq 6$.

$$x = \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{\ln y}{4} - 8$$

Solution:

The derivative of the function is

$$g'(y) = y - \frac{1}{4y}$$

Then the arc length over the interval is

$$L = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + [g'(y)]^2} dy$$

$$L = \int_1^6 \sqrt{1 + \left[y - \frac{1}{4y}\right]^2} dy$$

$$L = \int_1^6 \sqrt{1 + y^2 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16y^2}} dy$$

$$L = \int_1^6 \sqrt{y^2 + \frac{1}{16y^2} + \frac{1}{2}} dy$$



$$L = \int_1^6 \sqrt{\left(y + \frac{1}{4y}\right)^2} dy$$

$$L = \int_1^6 y + \frac{1}{4y} dy$$

Integrate, then evaluate over the interval.

$$L = \left. \frac{1}{2}y^2 + \frac{1}{4} \ln|y| \right|_1^6$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2}(6)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \ln|6| - \left(\frac{1}{2}(1)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \ln|1| \right)$$

$$L = 18 + \frac{1}{4} \ln 6 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}(0)$$

$$L = \frac{35}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \ln 6$$

- 2. Find the arc length of the curve on the interval $0 \leq y \leq 4$.

$$x = \frac{1}{3}(y^2 + 2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 5$$

Solution:

The derivative of the function is



$$g'(y) = \frac{1}{2}(y^2 + 2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(2y)$$

$$g'(y) = y(y^2 + 2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$g'(y) = y\sqrt{y^2 + 2}$$

Then the arc length over the interval is

$$L = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + [g'(y)]^2} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_0^4 \sqrt{1 + \left[y\sqrt{y^2 + 2}\right]^2} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_0^4 \sqrt{1 + y^2(y^2 + 2)} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_0^4 \sqrt{y^4 + 2y^2 + 1} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_0^4 \sqrt{(y^2 + 1)^2} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_0^4 y^2 + 1 \, dy$$

Integrate, then evaluate over the interval.

$$L = \frac{1}{3}y^3 + y \Big|_0^4$$



$$L = \frac{1}{3}(4)^3 + 4 - \left(\frac{1}{3}(0)^3 + 0 \right)$$

$$L = \frac{64}{3} + 4$$

$$L = \frac{64}{3} + \frac{12}{3}$$

$$L = \frac{76}{3}$$

- 3. Find the arc length of the curve on the interval $4 \leq y \leq 16$.

$$x = y^{\frac{3}{2}} + 15$$

Solution:

The derivative of the function is

$$g'(y) = \frac{3}{2}y^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$g'(y) = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{y}$$

Then the arc length over the interval is

$$L = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + [g'(y)]^2} dy$$



$$L = \int_4^{16} \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{3}{2} \sqrt{y} \right]^2} dy$$

$$L = \int_4^{16} \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{4}y} dy$$

Integrate, then evaluate over the interval.

$$L = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{9} \left(1 + \frac{9}{4}y \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Big|_4^{16}$$

$$L = \frac{8}{27} \left(1 + \frac{9}{4}y \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Big|_4^{16}$$

$$L = \frac{8}{27} \left(1 + \frac{9}{4}(16) \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{8}{27} \left(1 + \frac{9}{4}(4) \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$L = \frac{8}{27} (1 + 36)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{8}{27} (1 + 9)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$L = \frac{8}{27} (37)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{8}{27} (10)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$L = \frac{296\sqrt{37}}{27} - \frac{80\sqrt{10}}{27}$$

$$L = \frac{296\sqrt{37} - 80\sqrt{10}}{27}$$

■ 4. Find the arc length of the curve on the interval $1 \leq y \leq 8$.



$$x = \left(1 - y^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Solution:

The derivative of the function is

$$g'(y) = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - y^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{2}{3}y^{-\frac{1}{3}}\right)$$

$$g'(y) = -y^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 - y^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Then the arc length over the interval is

$$L = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + [g'(y)]^2} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_1^8 \sqrt{1 + \left[-y^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 - y^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right]^2} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_1^8 \sqrt{1 + y^{-\frac{2}{3}} \left(1 - y^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_1^8 \sqrt{1 + \left(y^{-\frac{2}{3}} - y^0\right)} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_1^8 \sqrt{1 + y^{-\frac{2}{3}} - 1} \, dy$$



$$L = \int_1^8 \sqrt{y^{-\frac{2}{3}}} dy$$

$$L = \int_1^8 \left(y^{-\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dy$$

$$L = \int_1^8 y^{-\frac{1}{3}} dy$$

Integrate, then evaluate over the interval.

$$L = \frac{3}{2} y^{\frac{2}{3}} \Big|_1^8$$

$$L = \frac{3}{2}(8)^{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{3}{2}(1)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$L = \frac{3}{2}(4) - \frac{3}{2}(1)$$

$$L = \frac{3}{2}(4 - 1)$$

$$L = \frac{3}{2}(3)$$

$$L = \frac{9}{2}$$

■ 5. Find the arc length of the curve on the interval $1 \leq y \leq 5$.



$$x = \frac{y^2}{8} - \ln y$$

Solution:

The derivative of the function is

$$g'(y) = \frac{y}{4} - \frac{1}{y}$$

Then the arc length over the interval is

$$L = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + [g'(y)]^2} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_1^5 \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{y}{4} - \frac{1}{y} \right]^2} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_1^5 \sqrt{1 + \frac{y^2}{16} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{y^2}} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_1^5 \sqrt{\frac{y^2}{16} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{y^2}} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_1^5 \sqrt{\left(\frac{y}{4} + \frac{1}{y} \right)^2} \, dy$$

$$L = \int_1^5 \frac{y}{4} + \frac{1}{y} \, dy$$



Integrate, then evaluate over the interval.

$$L = \frac{y^2}{8} + \ln|y| \Big|_1^5$$

$$L = \frac{5^2}{8} + \ln|5| - \frac{1^2}{8} - \ln|1|$$

$$L = \frac{25}{8} + \ln 5 - \frac{1}{8} - 0$$

$$L = \frac{24}{8} + \ln 5$$

$$L = 3 + \ln 5$$



