

8.1) Arc Length

Exercise: a) Find the length of the arc of the parabola $y = 2x^2$ between the points (0,0) and (2,8).
 b) Find the length of $36y^2 = (x^2 - 4)^3$ from $x = 2$ to $x = 3$, and where $y \geq 0$.

$$\text{a) } L = \int_0^2 \sqrt{1 + (4x)^2} dx = \int_0^2 \sqrt{1 + 16x^2} dx = \int_0^{\arctan(8)} \sqrt{1 + \tan^2(u)} \left(\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(u) \right) du =$$

$$\frac{1}{4} * \frac{1}{2} (\sec(u) \tan(u) + \ln|\sec(u) + \tan(u)|) \Big|_0^{\arctan(8)} =$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\sqrt{65}}{1} \left(\frac{8}{1} \right) + \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{65}}{1} + \frac{8}{1} \right| \right) = \sqrt{65} + \frac{1}{8} \ln \left| \sqrt{65} + 8 \right|$$

$$\text{b) } y = \frac{(x^2 - 4)^{3/2}}{6}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x(x^2 - 4)^{1/2}}{2}$$

$$L = \int_2^3 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{x(x^2 - 4)^{1/2}}{2} \right)^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_2^3 \sqrt{4 + x^2(x^2 - 4)} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_2^3 \sqrt{x^4 - 4x^2 + 4} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_2^3 (x^2 - 2) dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - 2x \right) \Big|_2^3 = \frac{1}{2} (9 - 6) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{8}{3} - 4 \right) = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{13}{6}$$

Exercise: a) Find the arc length function for the curve $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{4x}$ by letting $P_0 = (1, \frac{5}{6})$ be the starting point.

b) Use the function to find the arc length from $(1, \frac{5}{6})$ to $(\frac{9}{4}, \frac{2251}{576})$

a)

$$L = \int_1^x \sqrt{1 + (t^2 - \frac{1}{4t^2})^2} dt = \int_1^x \sqrt{1 + t^4 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16t^4}} dt = \int_1^x \sqrt{t^4 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16t^4}} dt = \int_1^x \sqrt{(t^2 + \frac{1}{4t^2})^2} dt =$$

$$\int_1^x (t^2 + \frac{1}{4t^2}) dt = \frac{t^3}{3} - \frac{1}{4t} \Big|_1^x = \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{1}{4x} - \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\text{b) } L \Big|_{x=\frac{9}{4}} = \frac{\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^3}{3} - \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{729}{128} - \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{2075}{576} = 3.602430556$$

9.1 Modeling with Differential Equations:

Exercise: a) Determine whether $y = \sin(2x)$ is a solution to the following differential equation:

$$y^{(3)} - y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$$

b) Determine whether $y = \sqrt{x}$ is a solution to the following differential equation:

$$4x^2y'' + 4xy' = y$$

a)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^3}{dx^3}[\sin(2x)] - \frac{d^2}{dx^2}[\sin(2x)] - 4 * \frac{d}{dx}[\sin(2x)] + 4 * \sin(2x) &= -8\cos(2x) + 4\sin(2x) - 4(2\cos(2x)) + 4\sin(2x) = \\ &-16\cos(2x) + 8\sin(2x) \end{aligned}$$

No, not a solution.

$$\text{b) } 4x^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2}[\sqrt{x}] + 4x \frac{d}{dx}[\sqrt{x}] = 4x^2 * \left(-\frac{1}{4x^{3/2}}\right) + 4x \frac{1}{2x^{1/2}} = -\sqrt{x} + 2\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{x} = y$$

Yes, a solution.

Exercise: Find a solution of the differential equation $y' = \frac{1}{2}(y^2 - 1)$ that satisfies the initial condition $y(0) = -3$.

$$\begin{aligned} -3 &= \frac{1+ce^0}{1-ce^0} \\ -3 + 3c &= 1 + c \\ 2c &= 4 \\ c &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$y = \frac{1+2e^x}{1-2e^x}$$