

# Applications of integration and functions of bounded variation

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## Definition (Additive interval function)

Let  $(\alpha, \beta)$  be an ordered pair of points  $\alpha, \beta \in [a, b]$ . Suppose that to each pair  $(\alpha, \beta)$  a number  $I(\alpha, \beta)$  is assigned so that

$$\forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [a, b] \quad I(\alpha, \gamma) = I(\alpha, \beta) + I(\beta, \gamma).$$

Then the function  $I(\alpha, \beta)$  is called an **additive (oriented) interval function** defined on intervals contained in  $[a, b]$ .

**Remark.** It follows from the definition that

- $\alpha = \beta = \gamma \Rightarrow I(\alpha, \alpha) = 0.$
- $\alpha = \gamma \Rightarrow I(\alpha, \beta) + I(\beta, \alpha) = 0.$

**Example.** If  $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ , then  $I(\alpha, \beta) := \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f.$

## Theorem (The density of an additive interval function)

Let  $I(\alpha, \beta)$  be an additive interval function,  $\alpha, \beta \in [a, b]$ . If  $\exists f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b] \forall \alpha, \beta \ a \leq \alpha \leq \beta \leq b$

$$\inf_{x \in [\alpha, \beta]} f(x)(\beta - \alpha) \leq I(\alpha, \beta) \leq \sup_{x \in [\alpha, \beta]} f(x)(\beta - \alpha),$$

then  $I(a, b) = \int_a^b f$ . The function  $f$  is called the **density** of  $I(\alpha, \beta)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\tau = \{t_k\}_{k=0}^n$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$ . As usual,  $M_k := \sup_{x \in [x_k, x_{k+1}]} f(x)$ ,  $m_k := \inf_{x \in [x_k, x_{k+1}]} f(x)$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, n-1$ . Then

$$m_k \Delta x_k \leq I(x_k, x_{k+1}) \leq M_k \Delta x_k.$$

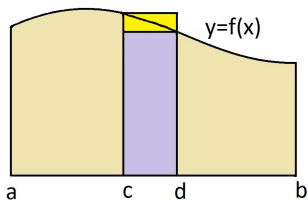
By additivity of  $I$ ,

$$s_\tau(f) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} m_k \Delta x_k \leq I(a, b) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} M_k \Delta x_k = S_\tau(f).$$

It remains to pass to the limit  $\lambda(\tau) \rightarrow 0$ .  $\square$

## The area of a curvilinear trapezoid

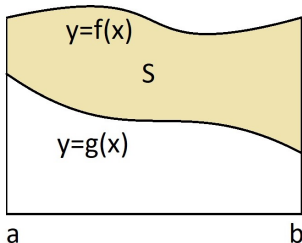
$T([a, b]) := \{(x, y) : x \in [a, b], y \in [0, f(x)]\}$  is a curvilinear trapezoid.  
 $S(a, b)$  is the area of  $T([a, b])$ .  $S(a, b) = S(a, c) + S(c, b)$ .



$$m = \inf_{x \in [c, d]} f(x), \quad M = \sup_{x \in [c, d]} f(x),$$

$$m(d - c) \leq S(c, d) \leq M(d - c),$$

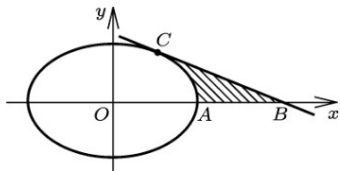
$$S(a, b) = \int_a^b f.$$



$$S = \int_a^b (f - g).$$

**Example.** The ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  has the tangent at the point

$C \left( \frac{a}{2}, \frac{b\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$ . Find the area of  $ABC$ .



$$AC : x = x_1(y) = a\sqrt{1 - \frac{y^2}{b^2}},$$

$$BC : x = x_2(y) = a \left( 2 - \frac{y\sqrt{3}}{b} \right),$$

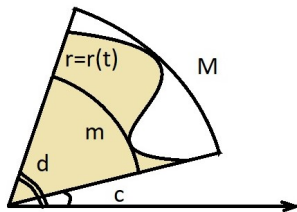
$$0 \leq y \leq \frac{b\sqrt{3}}{2}. S = \int_0^{b\sqrt{3}/2} (x_2(y) - x_1(y)) dy = J_2 - J_1.$$

$$J_2 = \int_0^{b\sqrt{3}/2} x_2(y) dy = \int_0^{b\sqrt{3}/2} a \left( 2 - \frac{y\sqrt{3}}{b} \right) dy = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{8} ab.$$

$$J_1 = \left[ y = b \sin t, 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{3} \right] = \int_0^{b\sqrt{3}/2} x_1(y) dy = ab \int_0^{\pi/3} \cos^2 t dt$$

$$= \left( \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \right) ab. S = J_2 - J_1 = ab(3\sqrt{3} - \pi)/6.$$

## The area of a curvilinear sector



Let  $(r, t)$  be polar coordinates.

$$T(c, d) = \{(r, t) : t \in [c, d], r \in [0, r(t)]\}$$

is a curvilinear sector.  $S(c, d)$  is the area of  $T([c, d])$ .

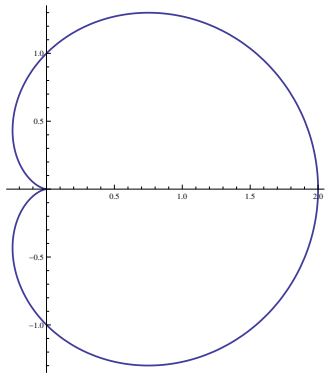
$$S(a, b) = S(a, c) + S(c, b)$$

$$m := \inf_{t \in [c, d]} r(t), \quad M := \sup_{t \in [c, d]} r(t)$$

$$\frac{m^2}{2}(d - c) \leq S(c, d) \leq \frac{M^2}{2}(d - c)$$

$$S(c, d) = \frac{1}{2} \int_c^d r^2.$$

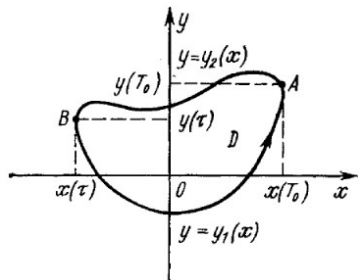
**Example.**  $r(t) = \cos t + 1$ ,  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$  cardioid.



$$\begin{aligned} S &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} r^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos t + 1)^2 dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi} (\cos t + 1)^2 dt = \int_0^{\pi} (\cos^2 t + 2 \cos t + 1) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1 + \cos 2t}{2} dt + (2 \sin t + t) \Big|_0^{\pi} = \frac{3\pi}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let the boundary be defined by the parametric curve

$$\Gamma : x = x(t), y = y(t), t \in [T_0, T_1], x(T_0) = x(T_1), y(T_0) = y(T_1).$$



Let  $[T_0, T_1]$  be divided by  $\tau \in (T_0, T_1)$  into two parts  $[T_0, \tau]$ ,  $[\tau, T_1]$ , and  $x = x(t)$  be strictly monotone and continuously differentiable on each interval  $[T_0, \tau]$ ,  $[\tau, T_1]$ . Then  $\Gamma$  consists of graphics of two functions  $y = y_1(x)$ ,  $y = y_2(x)$ . Let  $y_1(x) \leq y_2(x)$  for all  $x$ . Denote by  $S_D$  the area of  $D$ . Then

$$S_D = \int_a^b (y_2(x) - y_1(x)) dx = \int_a^b y_2(x) dx - \int_a^b y_1(x) dx$$

Changing the variable  $x = x(t)$ ,  $t \in [T_0, \tau]$ ,  $x = x(t)$ ,  $t \in [\tau, T_1]$ ,  $y_2(x(t)) = y(t)$ ,  $t \in [T_0, \tau]$ ,  $y_1(x(t)) = y(t)$ ,  $t \in [\tau, T_1]$ , we get

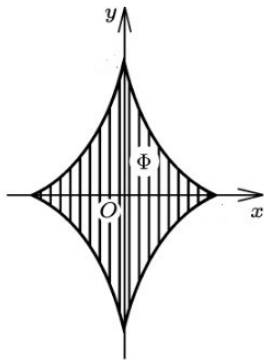
$$S_D = - \int_{T_0}^{\tau} y(t) x'_t dt - \int_{\tau}^{T_1} y(t) x'_t dt = - \int_{T_0}^{T_1} y(t) x'(t) dt.$$



Changing  $x$  and  $y$  their places, we get  $S_D = \int_{T_0}^{T_1} x(t)y'(t) dt$ . Joining two formulas yields  $S_D = \frac{1}{2} \int_{T_0}^{T_1} (x(t)y'(t) - y(t)x'(t)) dt$ .

**Example.** Find the area of the figure bounded by  $\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 1$ .

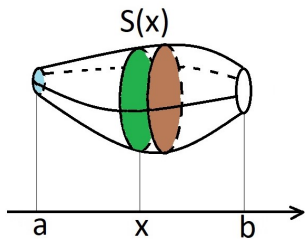
$$x(t) = a \cos^3 t, \quad y(t) = b \sin^3 t, \quad t \in [0, 2\pi].$$



$$\begin{aligned} S_{\Phi} &= 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (x(t)y'(t) - y(t)x'(t)) \, dt \\ &= 6ab \int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos^4 t \sin^2 t + \sin^4 t \cos^2 t) \, dt \\ &= 6ab \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 t \cos^2 t \, dt = \frac{3ab}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 2t \, dt \\ &= \frac{3ab}{4} \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - \cos 4t) dt = \frac{3\pi ab}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

## The volume of a solid

Let  $T \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a solid,  $T(x) := \{(y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x, y, z) \in T\}$  be a cross section in a coordinate  $x$ ,  $S(x)$  be an area of  $T(x)$ . Suppose that



- ①  $S$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,
- ②  $\exists [a, b] \quad T(x) = \emptyset$  outside  $[a, b]$ ,
- ③  $\forall [c, d] \subset [a, b] \quad \exists x^*, x^{**} \in [a, b]$   
 $\forall x \in [c, d] \quad T(x^*) \subset T(x) \subset T(x^{**})$ .

Let  $V(c, d)$  be a volume of the part of  $T$  laying between the planes  $x = c$ ,  $x = d$ .

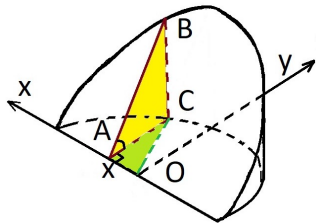
Then  $V(c, d)$  is an additive interval function and

$$S(x^*)(d - c) \leq V(c, d) \leq S(x^{**})(d - c)$$

$$\Rightarrow V(c, d) = \int_c^d S.$$

If  $T$  is obtained by revolving the curvilinear trapezoid corresponding to the function  $y = f(x)$ , then  $S(x) = \pi f^2(x)$ , so  $V(c, d) = \pi \int_c^d f^2$ .

**Example.**  $T = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 \leq a^2, 0 \leq z \leq \tan \alpha y\}$ .



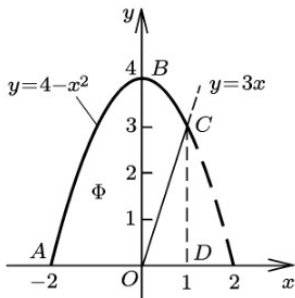
$$x \in [-a, a],$$

$$S(x) = S_{\Delta ABC} = \frac{1}{2}|AC|^2 \tan \alpha$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (a^2 - x^2) \tan \alpha,$$

$$V = \int_{-a}^a \frac{1}{2} (a^2 - x^2) \tan \alpha \, dx = \int_0^a (a^2 - x^2) \tan \alpha \, dx$$

$$= \left( a^2 x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \tan \alpha \Big|_{x=0}^{x=a} = \frac{2}{3} a^3 \tan \alpha.$$



**Example.** The figure is bounded by the parabola  $y = 4 - x^2$ , an interval  $[-2, 0]$  of  $Ox$ , and an interval of  $y = 3x$ . Find the volume of the solid which is a result of the revolving of the figure around  $Ox$ .

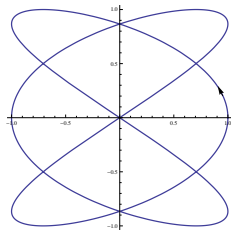
$$V_1 = \pi \int_{-2}^1 (4 - x^2)^2 dx = \frac{153}{5}\pi, \quad V_2 = \pi \int_0^1 (3x)^2 dx = 3\pi$$

$$V = V_1 - V_2 = \frac{138}{5}\pi.$$

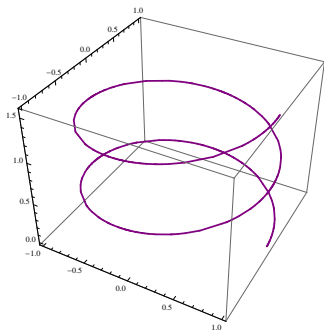
## Definition (A path)

A **path** in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is a mapping  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\gamma : t \mapsto (\gamma_1(t), \dots, \gamma_d(t))$ , where all coordinate functions  $\gamma_k$  are continuous on  $[a, b]$ . The points  $\gamma(a)$ ,  $\gamma(b)$  are called the **initial point** and the **terminal point** of the path. The path is **closed** if these points coincide. If  $\gamma(t_1) = \gamma(t_2)$  implies  $t_1 = t_2$  or  $t_1, t_2 \in \{a, b\}$ , then the path is called **simple**. If  $\gamma_k \in C^r[a, b]$ , then the path is called  **$r$ -smooth** (**smooth**, if  $r = 1$ ). If there exists a partition  $\tau = \{t_k\}_{k=0}^n$  of  $[a, b]$  and restrictions  $\gamma|_{[t_k, t_{k+1}]}$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, n-1$  are smooth, then the path is called **piecewise smooth**. The image  $\gamma([a, b])$  is called the **support** of the path.

**Example.** The path  $\gamma(t) = (\cos 3x, \sin 2x)$ ,  $x \in [0, 2\pi]$  is not simple. It is closed and smooth. Its support is called Lissajous curve.



## Example.



Helix  $\gamma(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, t/8)$ ,  $t \in [0, 4\pi]$  is a simple smooth path in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Example.** The paths have the same support.

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma^1(t) &= (t, \sqrt{1-t^2}), t \in [-1, 1], & \gamma^2(t) &= (-\cos t, \sin t), t \in [0, \pi], \\ \gamma^3(t) &= (\cos t, \sin t), t \in [0, \pi], & \gamma^4(t) &= (\cos t, |\sin t|), t \in [-\pi, \pi].\end{aligned}$$

### Definition (Equivalent paths)

Paths  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\gamma^* : [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  are called **equivalent** if there exists a strictly increasing onto (or surjective) function  $\theta : [a, b] \rightarrow [c, d]$  such that  $\gamma = \gamma^* \circ \theta$ . The function  $\theta$  is called an **admissible change of parameter**.  $t$  is a **parameter**.

**Remark.**  $\theta$  is continuous.

**Example.** The paths  $\gamma^1$  and  $\gamma^2$  are equivalent:  $\theta(t) = -\cos t$ ,  $\theta : [0, \pi] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ ,  $\gamma^1(-\cos t) = \gamma^2(t)$ .

### Definition (A curve)

The equivalence class of equivalent paths is called a **curve**. An element of the class is called a **parametrization** of a curve. We say that a curve is **smooth** if there exists a smooth parametrization.

## Definition (The length of the path, rectifiable path)

Let  $\tau = \{t_k\}_{k=0}^n$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$ ,  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  be a path. We connect  $\gamma(t_k)$ ,  $\gamma(t_{k+1})$  by line segments to create a polygonal path. Let  $p_\tau$  be the length of the polygonal path. The quantity  $s_\gamma := \sup_\tau p_\tau$  is called the **length of the path**  $\gamma$ . If  $s_\gamma$  is finite, then  $\gamma$  is called **rectifiable**.

## Lemma

The lengths of equivalent paths are equal.

**Proof.** Let  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\gamma^* : [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  be equivalent paths,  $\theta : [a, b] \rightarrow [c, d]$  be an admissible change of parameter for  $\gamma, \gamma^*$ . Let  $\tau = \{t_k\}_{k=0}^n$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$ . Then  $\tau^* := \{\theta(t_k)\}_{k=0}^n$  is a partition of  $[c, d]$ . We use notation  $|x| := \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_d^2}$  for  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

$$p_\tau = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |\gamma(t_{k+1}) - \gamma(t_k)| = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |\gamma^*(\theta(t_{k+1})) - \gamma^*(\theta(t_k))| = p_{\tau^*}.$$

$$p_\tau = p_{\tau^*} \leq s_{\gamma^*} \underbrace{\leq}_{\sup_\tau} s_\gamma \leq s_{\gamma^*}, \quad p_{\tau^*} = p_\tau \leq s_\gamma \underbrace{\leq}_{\sup_{\tau^*}} s_{\gamma^*} \leq s_{\gamma^*}.$$

□



**Remark.** By Lemma, the length of the path does not depend on a parametrization. So, the **length of the curve** can be defined as the length of its parametrization.

### Lemma (The length of the path is additive)

Suppose  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $c \in (a, b)$ ,  $\gamma^1 := \gamma|_{[a, c]}$ ,  $\gamma^2 := \gamma|_{[c, b]}$ , then

$$s_{\gamma^1} + s_{\gamma^2} = s_{\gamma}.$$

**Proof.** “ $\leq$ ” Let  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  be partitions of  $[a, c]$ ,  $[c, b]$ . Let  $p_{\tau_1}, p_{\tau_2}$  be the lengths of corresponding polygonal paths. Then  $\tau := \tau_1 \cup \tau_2$  is a partition of  $[a, b]$  and

$$p_{\tau_1} + p_{\tau_2} = p_{\tau} \leq s_{\gamma} \quad \underbrace{\Rightarrow}_{\sup_{\tau_1}, \sup_{\tau_2}} \quad s_{\gamma^1} + s_{\gamma^2} \leq s_{\gamma}.$$

“ $\geq$ ” Let  $\tau$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$ .

The 1-st case:  $c \in \tau$ . Then  $\tau = \tau_1 \cup \tau_2$ , where  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  are the partitions of  $[a, c]$ ,  $[c, b] \Rightarrow p_\tau = p_{\tau_1} + p_{\tau_2} \leq s_{\gamma_1} + s_{\gamma_2}$ .

The 2-nd case:  $c \notin \tau$ . Add the point  $c$  to the partition  $\tau$ :  $\tau^* = \tau \cup \{c\}$ .  
Let  $\tau = \{t_k\}_{k=0}^n$ ,  $c \in (t_r, t_{r+1})$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} p_\tau &= \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} |\gamma(t_{k+1}) - \gamma(t_k)| + |\gamma(t_{r+1}) - \gamma(t_r)| + \sum_{k=r+1}^{n-1} |\gamma(t_{k+1}) - \gamma(t_k)| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} |\gamma(t_{k+1}) - \gamma(t_k)| + |\gamma(c) - \gamma(t_r)| + |\gamma(t_{r+1}) - \gamma(c)| \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=r+1}^{n-1} |\gamma(t_{k+1}) - \gamma(t_k)| = p_{\tau^*} = p_{\tau_1} + p_{\tau_2} \leq s_{\gamma_1} + s_{\gamma_2}. \end{aligned}$$

In both cases,

$$p_\tau \leq s_{\gamma_1} + s_{\gamma_2} \underbrace{\Rightarrow}_{\sup_\tau} s_\gamma \leq s_{\gamma_1} + s_{\gamma_2}. \quad \square$$

## Theorem (The length of a smooth path)

If  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\gamma_j \in C^1[a, b]$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, d$ , then  $\gamma$  is rectifiable and

$$s_\gamma = \int_a^b |\gamma'(t)| \, dt = \int_a^b \left( \sum_{j=1}^d |\gamma_j'(t)|^2 \right)^{1/2} dt.$$

**Proof. 1.** Let us prove that  $\gamma$  is rectifiable. Let  $\tau = \{t_k\}_{k=0}^n$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$ . Then by Lagrange's theorem for  $\gamma_j$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p_\tau &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |\gamma(t_{k+1}) - \gamma(t_k)| = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^d |\gamma_j(t_{k+1}) - \gamma_j(t_k)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^d |\gamma_j'(t_k^*) \Delta t_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^d |\gamma_j'(t_k^*)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \Delta t_k, \end{aligned}$$

where  $t_k^* \in (t_k, t_{k+1})$ .

We denote  $M_{j,[a,b]} := \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |\gamma'_j(t)|$ ,  $m_{j,[a,b]} := \inf_{t \in [a,b]} |\gamma'_j(t)|$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} p_\tau &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^d |\gamma'_j(t_k^*)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \Delta t_k \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^d M_{j,[a,b]}^2 \right)^{1/2} \Delta t_k \\ &= \left( \sum_{j=1}^d M_{j,[a,b]}^2 \right)^{1/2} (b-a) \Rightarrow s_\tau < \infty \Rightarrow \gamma \text{ is rectifiable.} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\left( \sum_{j=1}^d m_{j,[a,b]}^2 \right)^{1/2} (b-a) \leq s_\gamma \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^d M_{j,[a,b]}^2 \right)^{1/2} (b-a).$$

2. Let us prove the formula. Let  $s(t)$  be the length of  $\gamma|_{[a,t]}$ . Given  $t$ ,  $t + \Delta t \in [a, b]$ , WLOG  $\Delta t > 0$ . By the additivity, the length of the part of the path from  $t$  to  $t + \Delta t$  is  $s(t + \Delta t) - s(t) = \Delta s(t)$ . By 1.

$$\left( \sum_{j=1}^d m_{j,[t,t+\Delta t]}^2 \right)^{1/2} \Delta t \leq \Delta s(t) \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^d M_{j,[t,t+\Delta t]}^2 \right)^{1/2} \Delta t.$$

$\gamma'_j \in C[a, b]$ , by the Weierstrass maximum value theorem,

$$\exists t_j^*, t_j^{**} \in [t, t + \Delta t] \quad m_{j,[t,t+\Delta t]} = |\gamma'_j(t_j^*)|, \quad M_{j,[t,t+\Delta t]} = |\gamma'_j(t_j^{**})|.$$

$$t_j^* = t_j^*(\Delta t), \quad t < t_j^*(\Delta t) < t + \Delta t \Rightarrow \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} t_j^*(\Delta t) = t.$$

By the theorem on the limit of a composite function

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \gamma'_j(t_j^*(\Delta t)) = \gamma'_j(t).$$

In the same manner,

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \gamma'_j(t_j^{**}(\Delta t)) = \gamma'_j(t).$$

So, passing to the limit  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  in

$$\left( \sum_{j=1}^d |\gamma'_j(t_j^*)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \frac{\Delta s(t)}{\Delta t} \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^d |\gamma'_j(t_j^{**})|^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

we get  $s'(t) = \left( \sum_{j=1}^d |\gamma'_j(t)|^2 \right)^{1/2} = |\gamma'(t)|.$

$\gamma'_j \in C[a, b] \Rightarrow |\gamma'| \in C[a, b]$ . By the fundamental theorem of integral calculus,

$$s_\gamma = s(b) = \int_a^b s'(t) dt = \int_a^b |\gamma'(t)| dt. \quad \square$$

### Example.

1.  $d = 2$ , the path  $\gamma$  is given by an explicit function  $y = y(x)$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ .  
Then  $\gamma(t) = (t, y(t))$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$ ,

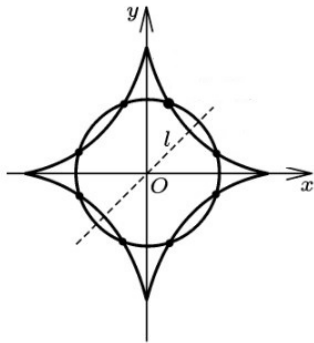
$$s_\gamma = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + (y'(x))^2} dt.$$

2.  $d = 2$ , the path  $\gamma$  is given by polar coordinates  $r = r(t)$ ,  $t \in [\alpha, \beta]$ .  
Then  $\gamma(t) = (r(t) \cos t, r(t) \sin t)$ ,  $t \in [\alpha, \beta]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |\gamma'(t)|^2 &= ((r(t) \cos t)')^2 + ((r(t) \sin t)')^2 = \\ &= (r'(t) \cos t - r(t) \sin t)^2 + (r'(t) \sin t + r(t) \cos t)^2 = (r'(t))^2 + (r(t))^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$s_\gamma = \int_a^b \sqrt{(r'(t))^2 + (r(t))^2} dt.$$

**Example.** Find the radius of the circle centered at the origin. The circle divides astroid  $x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} = a^{2/3}$ ,  $x \geq 0$ ,  $y \geq 0$  into three parts of equal length.



$$x(t) = a \cos^3 t, \quad y(t) = a \sin^3 t, \quad t \in [0, \pi/2].$$

$$s(t_0) = \int_0^{t_0} \sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2} dt$$

$$= 3a \int_0^{t_0} \sin t \cos t dt = \frac{3a}{2} \sin^2 t_0.$$

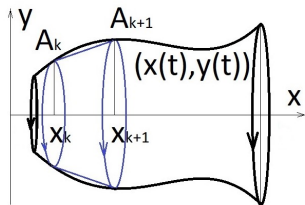
$$s\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{3a}{2}, \quad 3s(t_0) = s\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 t_0 = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \sin t_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \quad \cos t_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}},$$

$$x_0 = \frac{a}{3\sqrt{3}}, \quad y_0 = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}a, \quad r = \sqrt{x_0^2 + y_0^2} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}.$$



# Surface of revolution



Let  $(x(t), y(t))$ ,  $t \in [\alpha, \beta]$  be a parametric representation of a function,  $y \geq 0$ ,  
 $\tau = \{t_k\}_{k=0}^n$  be a partition of  $[\alpha, \beta]$ ,  
 $A_k = (x(t_k), y(t_k)) = (x_k, y_k)$ ,  
 $p_k = \sqrt{(x_{k+1} - x_k)^2 + (y_{k+1} - y_k)^2}$   
be a length of  $A_k A_{k+1}$ .

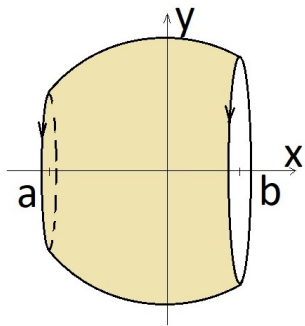
Rotating  $A_k A_{k+1}$  around  $x$ -axis we get a surface of a truncated cone, the corresponding area is  $s_k = \pi(y_k + y_{k+1})p_k$ . If there exists  $\lim_{\lambda(\tau) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} s_k$ , it is called the **area of a surface of revolution**.

## Theorem (The area of a surface of revolution)

If  $x, y \in C^1[\alpha, \beta]$ , then the area of a surface of revolution is

$$S = 2\pi \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} |y(t)| \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt.$$

## Example.



Let us find the surface area of the spherical zone, the height of the zone is  $h$ , the radius of the sphere is  $R$ .

$$y(x) = \sqrt{R^2 - x^2}, \quad x \in [a, b] \subset [-R, R], \\ b - a = h.$$

$$y'(x) = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}} \Rightarrow 1 + (y'(x))^2 = \frac{R^2}{R^2 - x^2}, \quad y(x)\sqrt{1 + (y'(x))^2} = R$$

$$S = 2\pi \int_a^b y(x) \sqrt{1 + (y'(x))^2} dx = 2\pi \int_a^b R dx = 2\pi Rh.$$

$$a = -R, \quad b = R \Rightarrow S = 4\pi R.$$

The concept of the length of a path in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  turns out to be meaningful for  $m = 1$  as well, however it makes sense to drop the continuity requirement.

## Definition

Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The quantity

$$\bigvee_a^b f = \sup_{\tau} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)|,$$

where  $\sup$  is taken over all partitions  $\tau = \{x_k\}_{k=0}^n$  of  $[a, b]$ , is called a **variation** of the function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ . If  $\bigvee_a^b f < +\infty$ , then  $f$  is referred to as the **function of bounded variation** on  $[a, b]$ . The set of all functions of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  is denoted by  $V[a, b]$ .

Variation is a length of a one-dimensional path. A function of bounded variation is a one-dimensional rectifiable mapping (under the assumption of continuity).

## Properties

**V1.** Variation is additive. If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < c < b$ , then

$$\bigvee_a^b f = \bigvee_a^c f + \bigvee_c^b f$$

**V2.** If  $f$  is piecewise smooth on  $[a, b]$ , then

$$\bigvee_a^b f = \int_a^b |f'|.$$

**V1.** is the particular case of the Lemma on the additivity of the length of a path. **V2.** is a formula for the length of a piecewise smooth path.

**V3.** Variation is monotone. If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $[\alpha, \beta] \subset [a, b]$ , then

$$\bigvee_{\alpha}^{\beta} f \leq \bigvee_a^b f.$$

Proof. By additivity,

$$\bigvee_a^b f = \bigvee_a^{\alpha} f + \bigvee_{\alpha}^{\beta} f + \bigvee_{\beta}^b f \geq \bigvee_{\alpha}^{\beta} f. \quad \square$$

Monotonicity provides the correctness of the following definition of variation for a function defined on non-closed interval. If  $f : \langle a, b \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\bigvee_a^b f := \sup_{[\alpha, \beta] \subset \langle a, b \rangle} \bigvee_{\alpha}^{\beta} f.$$

**V4.** Let  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m) : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then  $s_{\gamma} < +\infty$  iff  $\gamma_i \in V[a, b]$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

The proof follows from the estimate

$$|\gamma_i(t_{k+1}) - \gamma_i(t_k)| \leq |\gamma(t_{k+1}) - \gamma(t_k)| \leq \sum_{j=1}^m |\gamma_j(t_{k+1}) - \gamma_j(t_k)|. \quad \square$$

**V5.** If  $f$  is monotone on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f \in V[a, b]$  and

$$\bigvee_a^b f = |f(b) - f(a)|.$$

Proof. For any partition

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)| = \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)) \right| = |f(b) - f(a)|. \quad \square$$

**V6.** If  $f \in V[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ .

Proof. For all  $x \in [a, b]$

$$2|f(x)| \leq |f(x) - f(a)| + |f(b) - f(x)| + |f(a) + f(b)| \leq |f(a) + f(b)| + \bigvee_a^b f. \quad \square$$

## Theorem (Functions of bounded variations and arithmetic operations)

Let  $f, g \in V[a, b]$ , then

1.  $f + g \in V[a, b]$ ,
2.  $fg \in V[a, b]$ ,
3.  $\alpha f \in V[a, b] (\alpha \in \mathbb{R})$ ,
4.  $|f| \in V[a, b]$ ,
5. if  $\inf_{x \in [a, b]} |g(x)| > 0$ , then  $\frac{f}{g} \in V[a, b]$ .

The proof is analogue to the proof of the Theorem [Integrability and arithmetic operations]. 2.-5. are left for a homework.

**Proof.** 1.  $\Delta_k f := f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)$ . Summing up over all  $k$  the inequalities

$$|\Delta_k(f + g)| \leq |\Delta_k f| + |\Delta_k g|,$$

we get

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |\Delta_k(f + g)| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |\Delta_k f| + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |\Delta_k g| \leq \bigvee_a^b f + \bigvee_a^b g.$$

Taking sup over all partitions we obtain  $\bigvee_a^b (f + g) \leq \bigvee_a^b f + \bigvee_a^b g$ .

## Theorem (Criterion for a bounded variation)

Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f \in V[a, b]$  iff  $f$  is represented as a difference of two increasing functions on  $[a, b]$ .

**Proof.** The sufficiency follows from **V5** and the last Theorem. To check the necessity we set

$$g(x) = \bigvee_a^x f, \quad x \in [a, b], \quad h = g - f.$$

Let  $a \leq x_1 < x_2 \leq b$ , by additivity

$$g(x_2) - g(x_1) = \bigvee_{x_1}^{x_2} f \geq 0,$$

$$h(x_2) - h(x_1) = \bigvee_{x_1}^{x_2} f - (f(x_2) - f(x_1)) \geq 0.$$



**V7.**  $V[a, b] \subset R[a, b]$ .

A monotonic function is integrable and a difference of integrable functions is integrable.

**V8.** The function of bounded variation can not have discontinuities of the second kind.

It follows from the criterion for a bounded variation.

**V9.**  $V[a, b] \not\subset C[a, b]$  and  $C[a, b] \not\subset V[a, b]$ .

**Proof.** Since there are discontinuous monotone functions it follows that  $V[a, b] \not\subset C[a, b]$ . Let us give an example of continuous function of unbounded variation. Consider

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x \cos \frac{\pi}{x}, & x \in (0, 1], \\ 0, & x = 0. \end{cases}$$

$f \in C[0, 1]$ . We set  $x_k = \frac{1}{k}$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), then

$$f(x_k) = \frac{(-1)^k}{k}, \quad |f(x_k) - f(x_{k+1})| = \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{k+1}.$$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be given, consider the partition  $0 < x_n < \dots < x_1 = 1$ . (The different order of points is not essential.)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)| + |f(x_n) - f(0)| = -1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}.$$

The last sum is not bounded

$$\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n-1} \geq n \frac{1}{2n-1} > \frac{1}{2}. \quad \square$$

The function  $f$  gives an example of non-rectifiable path in  $\mathbb{R}$ , its graph is an example of non-rectifiable path in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Example.** Represent  $f(x) = \cos^2 x$  as a difference of two increasing functions on  $[0, \pi]$ .

$$f(x) = \bigvee_a^x f(x) - \varphi(x), \text{ where } \varphi(x) = \bigvee_a^x f(x) - f(x).$$

$$\bigvee_a^x f(x) = \int_0^x |f'| = \int_0^x |\sin 2t| dt = \begin{cases} \sin^2 x, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ 1 + \cos^2 x, & \frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi, \end{cases}$$

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} \sin^2 x - \cos^2 x, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ 1, & \frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi, \end{cases}$$