

Review and Practice problems

1. Arc length.

(a) $y = f(x), a \leq x \leq b$

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

Example: $y = \frac{1}{4}x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x), x \in (1, 2)$. Find the exact value of arc length.**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2x} \\
 L &= \int_1^2 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2x}\right)^2} dx = \int_1^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4x^2}} dx \\
 &= \int_1^2 \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4x^2}} dx = \int_1^2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2x}\right)^2} dx \\
 &= \int_1^2 \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2x} dx = \left(\frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{1}{2} \ln(x)\right) \Big|_{x=1}^{x=2} \\
 &= \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2)
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) $x = f(y), a \leq y \leq b$

Formula: $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + (f'(y))^2} dy$

(c) $x = x(t), y = y(t), a \leq t \leq b$

Formula: $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt$

Example: $x = 3\sin^2(t), y = \sin^3(t), t \in (0, \pi/2)$. Find the exact value of arc length.**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 x'(t) &= 6\sin(t)\cos(t) \\
 y'(t) &= 3\sin^2(t)\cos(t) \\
 L &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{36\sin^2(t)\cos^2(t) + 9\sin^4(t)\cos^2(t)} dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{9\sin^2(t)\cos^2(t)(4 + \sin^2(t))} dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} 3\sin(t)\cos(t)\sqrt{4 + \sin^2(t)} dt \\
 \text{Let } u &= 4 + \sin^2(t), \text{ then } du = 2\sin(t)\cos(t)dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{t=0}^{t=\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{u} du = \left(u^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \Big|_{t=0}^{t=\frac{\pi}{2}} \\
&= \left(u^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \Big|_{u=4}^{u=5} = 5\sqrt{5} - 8
\end{aligned}$$

2. Average value of a function.

Definition: $f(x)$ is a function defined on $[a, b]$

$$f_{ave} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Theorem: $f(x)$ is a continuous function on $[a, b]$, then there exists at least one value c in $[a, b]$, such that

$$f(c) = f_{ave}$$

Example: $f(x) = (x-3)^2$, $x \in [2, 5]$. Find f_{ave} and c such that $f(c) = f_{ave}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{ave} &= \frac{1}{5-2} \int_2^5 (x-3)^2 dx \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{3} (x-3)^3 \right) \Big|_2^5 \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(c) &= f_{ave} \\
(c-3)^2 &= 1 \\
c &= 2 \quad \text{or} \quad c = 4
\end{aligned}$$

3. Work.

Newton's 2nd Law: $Force = Mass * Acceleration$

Definition of work: $Work = Force * Distance$

Work by a variable force $f(x)$ acting on a particle as it moves from $x = a$ to $x = b$:

$$W = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

- (a) Spring problem

Hooke's law: The force to maintain a spring x units beyond its natural length ℓ_n is $f(x) = kx$, where k is the spring constant.

Formula: The work done in stretching a spring from length ℓ_a to ℓ_b is

$$W = \int_{\ell_a - \ell_n}^{\ell_b - \ell_n} kx dx$$

Example: The force to stretch a spring to 0.12m is 0.4N. The work done in stretching this spring from 0.1m to 0.2m is 0.1J. How much work is done in stretching a spring from 0.14m to 0.16m?

Solution:

Step-1. Find ℓ_n and k

The force to stretch a spring to 0.12m is 0.4N

$$k(0.12 - \ell_n) = 0.4 \quad (1)$$

The work done in stretching this spring from 0.1m to 0.2m is .

$$\int_{0.1-\ell_n}^{0.2-\ell_n} kx dx = 0.1 \quad (2)$$

Simplify (2),

$$k(0.015 - 0.1\ell_n) = 0.1 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{(1)}{(3)} \rightarrow \frac{0.12 - \ell_n}{0.015 - 0.1\ell_n} = 4 \rightarrow \ell_n = 0.1$$

Let $\ell_n = 0.1$ in (1), then $k = 20$.

Step-2. Find W

$$W = \int_{0.04}^{0.06} 20x \, dx = 10x^2 \Big|_{0.04}^{0.06} = 0.02J$$

(b) Cable problem

Example: A cable 100 feet long and weighing 400 pounds hangs vertically from the top of a building. If a 100-lb object is attached to the end of the cable, how much work is required to pull it to the top?

Solution:

This cable weighs 4 lb/ft. Let $f(x)$ be the force to lift the cable and the object, where x is the length of cable on the top of building. $f(x)$ =total weight-the weight of cable on the top of the building, which is

$$f(x) = 500 - 4x$$

$$W = \int_0^{100} 500 - 4x \, dx = (500x - 2x^2) \Big|_0^{100} = 30000\text{ft}\cdot\text{lb}$$

(c) Tank problem

Example: A tank has the shape of a hemisphere (circular part at the top) with a radius of 5 meters. If the height of water in the tank is 3 meters, find the work required to pump the water to the top of the tank until the water height is 1 meters. (The mass density of water is $1000 \, \text{kg}/\text{m}^3$).

Solution:

For simplicity, we set the origin at the center of the circular top and y as the vertical axis. We want to pump the water between $y = -4$ and $y = -2$ to the top of the tank at $y = 0$.

Step-1, Split the water into n layers of water and estimate the work to pump each layer

of water to the top of the tank.

For water between y_i and y_{i+1} ,

The volume is

$$V_i = \pi(\sqrt{25 - y_i^2})^2 \Delta y = \pi(25 - y_i^2) \Delta y$$

The mass is

$$M_i = 1000V_i = 1000\pi(25 - y_i^2) \Delta y$$

The force of gravity is

$$F_i = 9.8M_i = 9800\pi(25 - y_i^2) \Delta y$$

The distance from this layer of water to the top of tank is

$$D_i = 0 - y_i = -y_i$$

The work done for this layer of water

$$W_i = F_i * D_i = 9800\pi(25 - y_i^2)(-y_i) \Delta y$$

The total work will be

$$W = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_i 9800\pi(25 - y_i^2)(-y_i) \Delta y = \int_{-4}^{-2} 9800\pi(25 - y^2)(-y) dy$$

Step-2, compute W .

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_{-4}^{-2} 9800\pi(25 - y^2)(-y) dy \\ &= 9800\pi \left(\frac{1}{4}y^4 - \frac{25}{2}y^2 \right) \Big|_{-4}^{-2} \\ &= 9800\pi[(4 - 50) - (64 - 200)] \\ &= 882000\pi(J) \end{aligned}$$

4. Force due to fluid pressure.

Definition: $Pressure = \frac{Force}{Area}$

Formula: Suppose region A is on one side of a tank and under water surface $y = h$, which is bounded by $y = a$ from below, $y = b$ from above, $x = f(y)$ from right and $x = g(y)$ from left. Then the force due to fluid pressure over region A is,

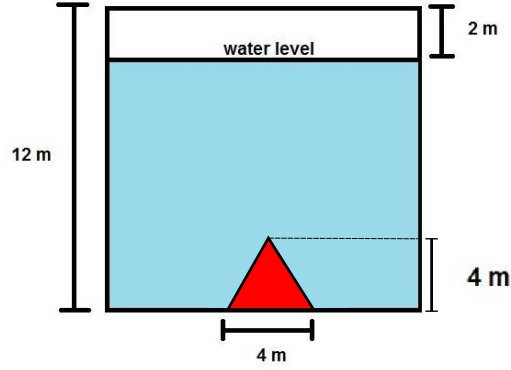
$$F = \int_a^b Density(\text{lb/ft}^3) * (h - y)(f(y) - g(y)) dy \quad (\text{lb})$$

or

$$F = \int_a^b Density(\text{kg/m}^3) * Accel. \text{ of gravity} * (h - y)(f(y) - g(y)) dy \quad (\text{N})$$

Example: A vertical dam has a triangular gate as shown in the figure. Find the hydrostatic force against the gate.

Solution:



Set the origin at the top of the gate, then the water surface is at $y = 6$. The gate is bounded by $y = -4$, $y = 0$, $x = -\frac{1}{2}y$ (from right) and $x = \frac{1}{2}y$ (from left).

$$F = \int_{-4}^0 1000 * 9.8 * (6 - y) \left(-\frac{1}{2}y - \frac{1}{2}y\right) dy = 9800 \left(\frac{1}{3}y^3 - 3y^2\right) \Big|_{-4}^0 = \frac{2038400}{3} \text{ (N)}$$

5. Moments and Center of mass.

Definition and Formula:

1-D case: n particles with masses m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n locate at x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .

The moment of m_i with respect to the origin is $m_i x_i$.

The total moment: $M = \sum m_i x_i$

The total mass: $m = \sum m_i$

The center of mass: $\bar{x} = \frac{M}{m}$

2-D case: n particles with masses m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n locate at $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$.

The moment of m_i with respect to the y -axis is $m_i x_i$.

The moment of m_i with respect to the x -axis is $m_i y_i$.

The total y -moment: $M_y = \sum m_i x_i$

The total x -moment: $M_x = \sum m_i y_i$

The total mass: $m = \sum m_i$

The center of mass: $\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{m}, \bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{m}$

Lamina case: A plane lamina with a constant density ρ is bounded by $x = a$ from left, $x = b$ from right, $y = 0$ from below and $y = f(x)$ from above.

The total y -moment: $M_y = \rho \int_a^b x f(x) dx$

The total x -moment: $M_x = \rho \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} [f(x)]^2 dx$

The total mass: $m = \rho \int_a^b f(x) dx$

The center of mass: $\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{m} = \frac{\int_a^b x f(x) dx}{\int_a^b f(x) dx}$, $\bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{m} = \frac{\int_a^b \frac{1}{2} [f(x)]^2 dx}{\int_a^b f(x) dx}$

Example: A plane lamina with a constant density $\rho = 10$ is enclosed by $x = 0$ from left, $x = \pi$ from right, $y = 0$ from below and $y = \sin(x)$ from above. Find M_x , M_y and (\bar{x}, \bar{y})

Solution:

$$M_y = 10 \int_0^\pi x \sin(x) dx = 10([-x \cos(x)]_0^\pi - \int_0^\pi (-\cos(x)) dx) = 10(\pi + \sin(x)|_0^\pi) = 10\pi$$

$$M_x = 10 \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) dx = \frac{10}{4} \int_0^\pi (1 - \cos(2x)) dx = \frac{10}{4} \left(x - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) \right) \Big|_0^\pi = \frac{10\pi}{4}$$

$$m = 10 \int_0^\pi \sin(x) dx = 10(-\cos(x)) \Big|_0^\pi = 20$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{m} = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{m} = \frac{\pi}{8}$$