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Arc Length

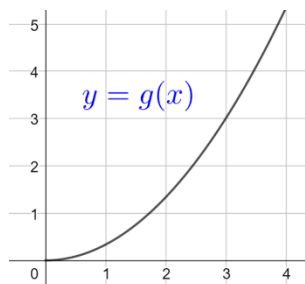
Let the function $y = f(x)$ represent a smooth curve on the interval $[a, b]$, the arc length of f from $x = a$ to $x = b$ is defined by:

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

Arc Length Quick Check

Quick Check 1: Consider the function $f(x) = \cos(3x)$. Write, but do not evaluate, an integral expression that gives the arc length of $f(x)$ from 0 to $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

$$L = \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{3}} \sqrt{1 + [-3\sin(3x)]^2} dx$$

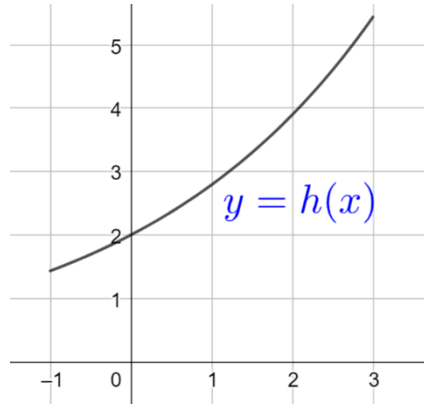


Quick Check 2: A portion of the function $g(x)$ is given above. The arc length of the function $g(x)$ over

the interval $[0,3]$ is given by $\int_0^3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{9}x^2} dx$. Find $g'(x)$.

$$[g'(x)]^2 = \frac{4}{9}x^2 \Rightarrow g'(x) = \sqrt{\frac{4}{9}x^2} = \frac{2}{3}x \text{ or } -\frac{2}{3}x.$$

$$g'(x) \neq -\frac{2}{3}x \text{ since } g(x) \text{ is increasing for } x > 0$$



Quick Check 3: A portion of the function $h(x)$ is given above. The arc length of the function $h(x)$ over

the interval $[0,2]$ is $\int_0^2 \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{2}{3}e^{\frac{x}{3}}\right]^2} dx$. Find the equation of the tangent line to $h(x)$ at $x = 0$.

$$h'(x) = \frac{2}{3}e^{\frac{x}{3}} \Rightarrow h'(0) = \frac{2}{3}e^{\frac{0}{3}} = \frac{2}{3} \qquad T(x) = \frac{2}{3}x + 2$$

Quick Check 4: Consider the function $f(x) = \ln(3x^2 + 2)$. The length of the curve of $f(x)$ from

$x = 1$ to $x = 4$ is given by $\int_1^4 \sqrt{1 + \frac{ax^2}{(3x^2 + 2)^2}} dx$. Find the value of a .

$$L = \int_1^4 \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx \qquad f'(x) = \frac{6x}{(3x^2 + 2)}$$

$$= \int_1^4 \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{6x}{(3x^2 + 2)}\right]^2} dx \qquad \left[\frac{6x}{(3x^2 + 2)}\right]^2 = \frac{ax^2}{(3x^2 + 2)^2}$$

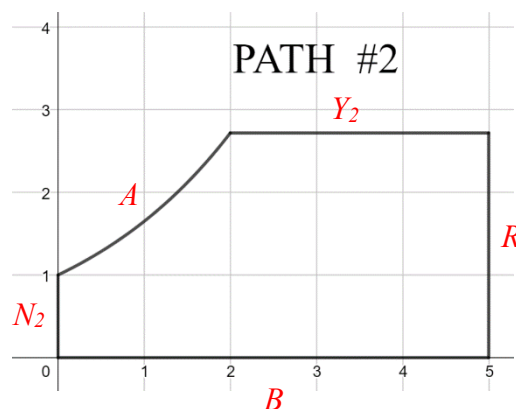
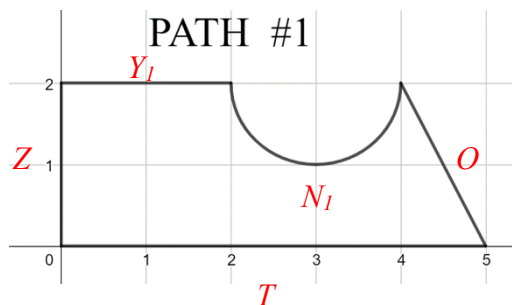
$$36x^2 = ax^2$$

$$a = 36$$

Quick Check 5: Let $y = f(g(2x))$. Write an integral expression that represents the arc length of y from 0 to 5.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(g(2x))(g'(2x))(2) \qquad L = \int_0^5 \sqrt{1 + [2f'(g(2x))(g'(2x))]^2} dx$$

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BC 1: Tony and Bryan both start at the origin and walk the closed paths as shown above to end back at the origin. Tony follows Path #1 while Bryan follows Path #2. Path #1 consists of four line segments and a semi circle while Path #2 consists of four line segments and the function $f(x) = e^{\frac{x}{2}}$.



(a) Who took the longer path, Bryan or Tony?

$$\text{Path \#1: } L_1 = T + O + N_1 + Y_1 + Z$$

$$= 5 + \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\pi(2)\right) + 2 + 2 = 9 + \sqrt{5} + \pi = 14.3776\dots$$

$$\text{Path \#2: } L_2 = B + R + Y_2 + A + N_2$$

$$= 5 + e^{\frac{2}{2}} + 3 + \int_0^2 \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{1}{2}e^{\frac{x}{2}}\right]^2} dx + 1 = 9 + e + 2.6625\dots = 14.3808\dots$$

Bryan's path was longer.

(b) Whose path created the region with the largest area?

$$\text{Path \#1 area: } (2)(2) + \left[4 - \frac{1}{2}\pi(1)^2\right] + \frac{1}{2}(1)(2) = 9 - \frac{1}{2}\pi = 7.4292\dots$$

$$\text{Path \#2 area: } \int_0^2 e^{\frac{x}{2}} dx + (3)(e) = 3e + 2 \left[e^{\frac{x}{2}}\right]_0^2 = 3e + 2[e - 1] = 5e - 2 = 11.5914\dots$$

Bryan's path's area is largest

(c) Let $P_2(x)$ be the second degree Maclaurin polynomial for $f(x)$. Find $P_2(x)$ and use it to approximate $f(2)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_2(x) &= f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 & f(0) &= 1 \\
 & & f'(0) &= \frac{1}{2}e^{\frac{0}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \\
 & & f''(0) &= \frac{1}{4}e^{\frac{0}{2}} = \frac{1}{4} \\
 P_2(x) &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1/4}{2!}x^2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{8}x^2 & f(2) &\approx P_2(2) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(2) + \frac{1}{8}(2)^2 = \frac{5}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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BC 2: Let g be the function defined by $g(x) = \begin{cases} a \sin(x^2 - 1), & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ \ln(x), & x > 1 \end{cases}$ where a is a constant.

(a) Show that $g(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} [a \sin(x^2 - 1)] = [a \sin((1)^2 - 1)] = [a \sin(0)] = 0 \\
 \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} [\ln(x)] = [\ln(1)] = 0 & g(1) &= a \sin((1)^2 - 1) = 0 \\
 g(x) &\text{ is continuous at } x = 1 \text{ because } g(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find the value of a that guarantees the function $g(x)$ is differentiable at $x = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 g'(x) &= \begin{cases} a \cos(x^2 - 1)(2x), & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{x}, & x > 1 \end{cases} \\
 \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g'(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g'(x) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} [a \cos(x^2 - 1)(2x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \left[\frac{1}{x} \right] \\
 \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} [a \cos(x^2 - 1)(2x)] &= a \cos(0)(2) = 2a & \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \left[\frac{1}{x} \right] &= 1 \Rightarrow 2a = 1 \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Write, but do not evaluate, an expression involving one or more integrals that gives the arc length of $g(x)$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 3$.

$$L = \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + [x \cos(x^2 - 1)]^2} dx + \int_1^3 \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{1}{x}\right]^2} dx$$

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BC 3: Consider the continuous and differentiable positive function f such that the arc length of the curve f from 0 to 2 is equal to the area bounded between the graph of f and the x axis from 0 to 2.

(a) Show that the function $y = f(x)$ satisfies the differential equation $y^2 - (y')^2 - 1 = 0$.

$$\int_0^2 \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} \, dx = \int_0^2 f(x) \, dx \Rightarrow \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} = f(x)$$

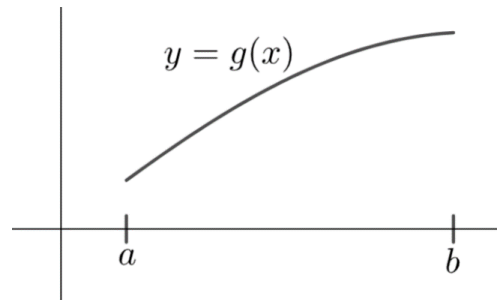
$$\begin{aligned} (f(x))^2 - (f'(x))^2 - 1 &= (1 + [f'(x)]^2) - (f'(x))^2 - 1 = 0 \\ y^2 - (y')^2 - 1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) One such function that satisfies the differential equation in part (a) is $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^x + \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}$.

Find the arc length of $g(x)$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_0^2 \sqrt{1 + [g'(x)]^2} \, dx = \int_0^2 g(x) \, dx = \int_0^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}e^x + \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [e^x - e^{-x}]_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} [(e^2 - e^{-2}) - (e^0 - e^{-0})] = \frac{1}{2} [(e^2 - e^{-2})] \end{aligned}$$

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BC 4: A portion of the graph for the differentiable function g is given above for $a \leq x \leq b$.

The arc length of g over the interval $[a, b]$ is equal to L where $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + 4 \cos^2(2x)} dx$.

(a) Find $g'(0)$

$$[g'(x)]^2 = 4 \cos^2(2x) \Rightarrow g'(x) = 2 \cos(2x) \Rightarrow g'(0) = 2 \cos(0) = 2$$

(b) Find $\int g(x) dx$

$$g'(x) = 2 \cos(2x) \Rightarrow g(x) = \sin(2x) + C$$

$$\int \sin(2x) dx = -\frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) + Cx + D$$

(c) Find the equation of the line tangent to $g(x)$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$

$$T(x) = g\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + g'\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$g\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + C = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + C$$

$$g'\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = (2)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$T(x) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + C\right) + (1)\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) + \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + C$$

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x	0	1	4	6	8
$f'(x)$	$\sqrt{8}$	$\sqrt{3}$	0	$\sqrt{3}$	2

BC 5: The function f is twice differentiable for all real values with $f''(0) = -\frac{3}{8\sqrt{2}}$. Selected values

of f' , the derivative of f , are given in the table above. The arc length of the function $f(x)$

from 0 to x can be represented by the function S , defined by $S(x) = \int_0^x \sqrt{1 + [f'(t)]^2} dt$.

- (a) Using a left Riemann sum with the four subintervals indicated in the table, approximate the arc length of the function $f(x)$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 8$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^8 \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx &\approx 15 \\ &\approx (1)\left(\sqrt{1 + [f'(0)]^2}\right) + (3)\left(\sqrt{1 + [f'(1)]^2}\right) + (2)\left(\sqrt{1 + [f'(4)]^2}\right) + (2)\left(\sqrt{1 + [f'(6)]^2}\right) \\ &= (\sqrt{9}) + (3)(\sqrt{4}) + (2)(\sqrt{1}) + (2)(\sqrt{4}) = 15 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with two steps of equal size to approximate $S(8)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

$$S(x) = \int_0^x \sqrt{1 + [f'(t)]^2} dt \Rightarrow S'(x) = \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2}$$

x	$S(x)$	$S'(x)dx$
0	0	$\sqrt{1 + [f'(0)]^2} (4) = \sqrt{1 + [\sqrt{8}]^2} (4) = 12$
4	12	$\sqrt{1 + [f'(4)]^2} (4) = \sqrt{1 + [0]^2} (4) = 4$
8	16	

$$S(8) \approx 8$$

(c) Let $P_2(x)$ be the second degree Maclaurin polynomial for $S(x)$. Find $P_2(x)$ and use it to approximate $S(8)$.

$$\begin{aligned} P_2(x) &= S(0) + S'(0)x + \frac{S''(0)}{2!}x^2 & S(0) &= 0 \\ & & S'(0) &= \sqrt{1 + [f'(0)]^2} = 3 \\ & & S''(0) &= \frac{2f'(0)f''(0)}{2\sqrt{1 + [f'(0)]^2}} = \frac{(\sqrt{8})\left(-\frac{3}{8\sqrt{2}}\right)}{3} = \frac{-(2)}{8} = -\frac{1}{4} \\ P_2(x) &= 3x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 & S(8) &\approx 3(8) - \frac{1}{8}(8)^2 = 24 - 8 = 16 \end{aligned}$$

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Question 5

A population is modeled by a function P that satisfies the logistic differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{P}{5} \left(1 - \frac{P}{12} \right).$$

(a) If $P(0) = 3$, what is $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t)$?

If $P(0) = 20$, what is $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t)$?

(b) If $P(0) = 3$, for what value of P is the population growing the fastest?

(c) A different population is modeled by a function Y that satisfies the separable differential equation

$$\frac{dY}{dt} = \frac{Y}{5} \left(1 - \frac{t}{12} \right).$$

Find $Y(t)$ if $Y(0) = 3$.

(d) For the function Y found in part (c), what is $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Y(t)$?

(a) For this logistic differential equation, the carrying capacity is 12.

If $P(0) = 3$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t) = 12$.

If $P(0) = 20$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t) = 12$.

(b) The population is growing the fastest when P is half the carrying capacity. Therefore, P is growing the fastest when $P = 6$.

(c) $\frac{1}{Y} dY = \frac{1}{5} \left(1 - \frac{t}{12} \right) dt = \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{t}{60} \right) dt$

$$\ln|Y| = \frac{t}{5} - \frac{t^2}{120} + C$$

$$Y(t) = K e^{\frac{t}{5} - \frac{t^2}{120}}$$

$$K = 3$$

$$Y(t) = 3e^{\frac{t}{5} - \frac{t^2}{120}}$$

(d) $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Y(t) = 0$

2 : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{array} \right.$

1 : answer

5 : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{separates variables} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } Y \\ 0/1 \text{ if } Y \text{ is not exponential} \end{array} \right.$

Note: max 2/5 [1-1-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: 0/5 if no separation of variables

1 : answer

0/1 if Y is not exponential

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Question 6

Let f be the function given by $f(x) = \sin\left(5x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$, and let $P(x)$ be the third-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$.

- (a) Find $P(x)$.
- (b) Find the coefficient of x^{22} in the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$.
- (c) Use the Lagrange error bound to show that $\left|f\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) - P\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)\right| < \frac{1}{100}$.
- (d) Let G be the function given by $G(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$. Write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for G about $x = 0$.

(a) $f(0) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
 $f'(0) = 5\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2}$
 $f''(0) = -25\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{25\sqrt{2}}{2}$
 $f'''(0) = -125\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{125\sqrt{2}}{2}$
 $P(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2}x - \frac{25\sqrt{2}}{2(2!)}x^2 - \frac{125\sqrt{2}}{2(3!)}x^3$

(b) $\frac{-5^{22}\sqrt{2}}{2(22!)}$

(c) $\left|f\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) - P\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)\right| \leq \max_{0 \leq c \leq \frac{1}{10}} |f^{(4)}(c)| \left(\frac{1}{4!}\right) \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^4$
 $\leq \frac{625}{4!} \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^4 = \frac{1}{384} < \frac{1}{100}$

(d) The third-degree Taylor polynomial for G about

$$x = 0 \text{ is } \int_0^x \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2}t - \frac{25\sqrt{2}}{4}t^2 \right) dt$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}x + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{4}x^2 - \frac{25\sqrt{2}}{12}x^3$$

4 : $P(x)$

$\langle -1 \rangle$ each error or missing term

deduct only once for $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$
evaluation error

deduct only once for $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$
evaluation error

$\langle -1 \rangle$ max for all extra terms, + \dots ,
misuse of equality

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{magnitude} \\ 1 : \text{sign} \end{cases}$

1 : error bound in an appropriate
inequality

2 : third-degree Taylor polynomial for G
about $x = 0$

$\langle -1 \rangle$ each incorrect or missing term

$\langle -1 \rangle$ max for all extra terms, + \dots ,
misuse of equality