

MAT 126 HW 22-23

1. PROBLEMS

1. Find the length of the curve $y = \frac{2}{3}(x^2 + 1)^{3/2}$ over the interval $[1, 4]$.
2. Find the length of the curve $y = 2(x - 1)^{3/2}$ over the interval $[1, 5]$.
3. Find the length of the curve $y = \ln(\cos x)$ over the interval $[0, \pi/4]$.
4. Find the average value of the function $f(x) = 4x^3 + 1$ on the interval $[-1, 3]$.
5. Find the average value of the function $g(x) = 4e^{3x+1}$ on the interval $[0, 2]$.

2. ANSWER KEY

1. 45
2. $\frac{2}{27} (37^{3/2} - 1)$
3. $\ln(\sqrt{2} + 1)$
4. 21
5. $\frac{2}{3} (e^5 - e)$

3. SOLUTIONS

1. Differentiating gives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x\sqrt{x^2 + 1}.$$

It follows that $1 + (dy/dx)^2 = 1 + 4x^2(x^2 + 1) = 4x^4 + 4x^2 + 1 = (2x^2 + 1)^2$. Hence the arclength is

$$\int_1^4 \sqrt{1 + (dy/dx)^2} dx = \int_1^4 \sqrt{(2x^2 + 1)^2} dx = \int_1^4 2x^2 + 1 dx = \frac{2x^3}{3} + x \Big|_1^4 = 45.$$

2. Differentiating gives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3\sqrt{x - 1}.$$

It follows that $1 + (dy/dx)^2 = 1 + 9x - 9 = 9x - 8$. Hence the arclength is

$$\int_1^5 \sqrt{1 + (dy/dx)^2} dx = \int_1^5 \sqrt{9x - 8} dx = \frac{2}{27}(9x - 8)^{3/2} \Big|_1^5 = \frac{2}{27}(37^{3/2} - 1).$$

3. Differentiating gives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\tan x.$$

It follows that $1 + (dy/dx)^2 = 1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$. Hence the arclength is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{1 + (dy/dx)^2} dx &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{\sec^2 x} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \sec x dx \\ &= \ln |\sec x + \tan x| \Big|_0^{\pi/4} \\ &= \ln |\sqrt{2} + 1| - \ln |1 + 0| \\ &= \ln (\sqrt{2} + 1). \end{aligned}$$

4.

$$\frac{1}{3 - (-1)} \int_{-1}^3 4x^3 + 1 dx = \frac{1}{4} (x^4 + x) \Big|_{-1}^3 = \frac{84}{4} = 21$$

5.

$$\frac{1}{2 - 0} \int_0^2 4e^{3x+1} dx = \frac{2}{3} e^{2x+1} \Big|_0^2 = \frac{2}{3} (e^5 - e).$$