

# ARC LENGTH & SURFACE AREA: [SST 6.4]

## • ARC LENGTH OF $y = f(x)$ :

- **SETUP:** Given function  $f \in C^1[a, b]$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $y = f(x)$  bounded by the vertical lines  $x = a$  &  $x = b$ .
- **TASK:** Find the arc length of  $\Gamma$
- Let **partition**  $\mathcal{P} := \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, x_N\}$  & **tags**  $\mathcal{T} := \{x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_{N-1}^*, x_N^*\}$  s.t.  $\mathcal{P} \subset [a, b]$
- **Key element: Line Segment**
- Length of  $k^{th}$  Line Segment =  $\sqrt{(\Delta x_k)^2 + (\Delta y_k)^2} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta y_k}{\Delta x_k}\right)^2} \Delta x_k \stackrel{MVT}{=} \sqrt{1 + [f'(x_k^*)]^2} \Delta x_k$
- $\text{ArcLength}(\Gamma) \approx L_N^* = \sum_{k=1}^N \sqrt{1 + [f'(x_k^*)]^2} \Delta x_k$
- $\text{ArcLength}(\Gamma) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} L_N^* = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx$

## • ARC LENGTH OF $x = g(y)$ :

- **SETUP:** Given function  $g \in C^1[c, d]$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $x = g(y)$  bounded by the horizontal lines  $y = c$  &  $y = d$ .
- **TASK:** Find the arc length of  $\Gamma$
- Let **partition**  $\mathcal{P} := \{y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{N-1}, y_N\}$  & **tags**  $\mathcal{T} := \{y_1^*, y_2^*, \dots, y_{N-1}^*, y_N^*\}$  s.t.  $\mathcal{P} \subset [c, d]$
- **Key element: Line Segment**
- Length of  $k^{th}$  Line Segment =  $\sqrt{(\Delta x_k)^2 + (\Delta y_k)^2} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta x_k}{\Delta y_k}\right)^2} \Delta y_k \stackrel{MVT}{=} \sqrt{1 + [g'(y_k^*)]^2} \Delta y_k$
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## • ARC LENGTH OF POLAR CURVE $r = f(\theta)$ :

- **SETUP:** Given function  $f \in C^1[\alpha, \beta]$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  bounded by the rays  $\theta = \alpha$  &  $\theta = \beta$ .
- **TASK:** Find the arc length of  $\Gamma$
- Instead of building the Riemann sum from scratch, just convert the key element's length into polar form:
- Length of  $k^{th}$  Line Segment =  $\sqrt{(\Delta x_k)^2 + (\Delta y_k)^2} \stackrel{CI1}{=} \left(\frac{\Delta \theta_k}{\Delta \theta_k}\right) \sqrt{(\Delta x_k)^2 + (\Delta y_k)^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta x_k}{\Delta \theta_k}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta y_k}{\Delta \theta_k}\right)^2} \Delta \theta_k$
- $\text{ArcLength}(\Gamma) \approx L_N^* = \sum_{k=1}^N \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta x_k}{\Delta \theta_k}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta y_k}{\Delta \theta_k}\right)^2} \Delta \theta_k$
- $\text{ArcLength}(\Gamma) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} L_N^* = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{d\theta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$
- Now, the integral needs to be purely in terms of  $\theta$ , so write  $\frac{dx}{d\theta}$  &  $\frac{dy}{d\theta}$  in polar coordinates:
 
$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta = f(\theta) \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta = f(\theta) \sin \theta \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{d\theta} = f'(\theta) \cos \theta - f(\theta) \sin \theta \\ \frac{dy}{d\theta} = f'(\theta) \sin \theta + f(\theta) \cos \theta \end{cases} \implies \left(\frac{dx}{d\theta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{d\theta}\right)^2 = [f(\theta)]^2 + [f'(\theta)]^2$$
- $\text{ArcLength}(\Gamma) = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \sqrt{[f(\theta)]^2 + [f'(\theta)]^2} d\theta$

• **SURFACE AREA OF CURVE  $y = f(x)$  REVOLVED ABOUT THE X-AXIS:**

– SETUP: Given  $f \in C^1[a, b]$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $y = f(x)$  bounded by the vertical lines  $x = a$  &  $x = b$ .

Let S be the surface formed by revolving  $\Gamma$  about the **x-axis**.

– **TASK:** Find the surface area of S.

– Let **partition**  $\mathcal{P} := \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, x_N\}$  & **tags**  $\mathcal{T} := \{x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_{N-1}^*, x_N^*\}$  s.t.  $\mathcal{P} \subset [a, b]$

– **Key element: V-Band**

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Average Radius of } k^{\text{th}} \text{ V-Band} & := & \frac{1}{2} [f(x_{k-1}^*) + f(x_k^*)] \approx f(x_k^*) \\ \text{Slant Height of } k^{\text{th}} \text{ V-Band} & := & \sqrt{(\Delta x_k)^2 + (\Delta y_k)^2} \stackrel{MVT}{=} \sqrt{1 + [f'(x_k^*)]^2} \Delta x_k \\ \text{Surface Area of } k^{\text{th}} \text{ V-Band} & := & 2\pi \times (\text{Average Radius}) \times (\text{Slant Height}) \approx 2\pi f(x_k^*) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x_k^*)]^2} \Delta x_k \end{array}$$

– Riemann Sum:  $\text{SurfaceArea}(S) \approx SA_N^* := \sum_{k=1}^N 2\pi f(x_k^*) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x_k^*)]^2} \Delta x_k$

– Integral:  $\text{SurfaceArea}(S) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} SA_N^* = \boxed{\int_a^b 2\pi f(x) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx}$

• **SURFACE AREA OF CURVE  $x = g(y)$  REVOLVED ABOUT THE Y-AXIS:**

– SETUP: Given  $g \in C^1[c, d]$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $x = g(y)$  bounded by the horizontal lines  $y = c$  &  $y = d$ .

Let S be the surface formed by revolving  $\Gamma$  about the **y-axis**.

– **TASK:** Find the surface area of S.

– Let **partition**  $\mathcal{P} := \{y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{N-1}, y_N\}$  & **tags**  $\mathcal{T} := \{y_1^*, y_2^*, \dots, y_{N-1}^*, y_N^*\}$  s.t.  $\mathcal{P} \subset [c, d]$

– **Key element: H-Band**

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Average Radius of } k^{\text{th}} \text{ H-Band} & := & \frac{1}{2} [g(y_{k-1}^*) + g(y_k^*)] \approx g(y_k^*) \\ \text{Slant Height of } k^{\text{th}} \text{ H-Band} & := & \sqrt{(\Delta x_k)^2 + (\Delta y_k)^2} \stackrel{MVT}{=} \sqrt{1 + [g'(y_k^*)]^2} \Delta y_k \\ \text{Surface Area of } k^{\text{th}} \text{ H-Band} & := & 2\pi \times (\text{Average Radius}) \times (\text{Slant Height}) \approx 2\pi g(y_k^*) \sqrt{1 + [g'(y_k^*)]^2} \Delta y_k \end{array}$$

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• **SURFACE AREA IN POLAR COORDINATES:** Given  $f \in C^1[\alpha, \beta]$ .

– Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $r = f(\theta)$  bounded by rays  $\theta = \alpha$  &  $\theta = \beta$ .

– Let S be the surface formed by revolving  $\Gamma$  about the **x-axis**.

$$* \text{ SurfaceArea}(S) = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} 2\pi r \sin \theta \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} 2\pi f(\theta) \sin \theta \sqrt{[f(\theta)]^2 + [f'(\theta)]^2} d\theta$$

– Let S be the surface formed by revolving  $\Gamma$  about the **y-axis**.

$$* \text{ SurfaceArea}(S) = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} 2\pi r \cos \theta \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} 2\pi f(\theta) \cos \theta \sqrt{[f(\theta)]^2 + [f'(\theta)]^2} d\theta$$

**EX 6.4.1:** Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $y = x^3 + x - 1$  bounded by the lines  $x = 1$  &  $x = 4$ .

Setup integral to find the arc length of  $\Gamma$ .

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**EX 6.4.2:** Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $x = \sqrt[5]{y}$  bounded by the lines  $y = -3$  &  $y = 7$ .

Setup integral to find the arc length of  $\Gamma$ .

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**EX 6.4.3:** Let  $\Gamma$  be the polar curve  $r = 2\theta$  over the interval  $\theta \in \left[0, \frac{3\pi}{4}\right]$ .

- (a) Setup integral to find the arc length of  $\Gamma$ .
- (b) Setup integral to find the surface area of the surface  $S_1$  formed by revolving  $\Gamma$  about the  $x$ -axis.
- (c) Setup integral to find the surface area of the surface  $S_2$  formed by revolving  $\Gamma$  about the  $y$ -axis.

**EX 6.4.4:** Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $y = e^x$  over the interval  $x \in [0, 2]$ .

Let  $S$  be the surface formed by revolving  $\Gamma$  about the  $x$ -axis.

Setup integral to find the surface area of  $S$ .

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**EX 6.4.5:** Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $y = e^x$  over the interval  $x \in [0, 2]$ .

Let  $S$  be the surface formed by revolving  $\Gamma$  about the  $y$ -axis.

Setup integral to find the surface area of  $S$ .

**EX 6.4.6:** Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $y = e^x$  over the interval  $x \in [0, 2]$ .

Let  $S$  be the surface formed by revolving  $\Gamma$  about the line  $y = -2$ .

Setup integral to find the surface area of  $S$ .

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**EX 6.4.7:** Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $y = e^x$  over the interval  $x \in [0, 2]$ .

Let  $S$  be the surface formed by revolving  $\Gamma$  about the line  $y = 9$ .

Setup integral to find the surface area of  $S$ .

**EX 6.4.8:** Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $y = e^x$  over the interval  $x \in [0, 2]$ .

Let  $S$  be the surface formed by revolving  $\Gamma$  about the line  $x = -3$ .

Setup integral to find the surface area of  $S$ .

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**EX 6.4.9:** Let  $\Gamma$  be the curve  $y = e^x$  over the interval  $x \in [0, 2]$ .

Let  $S$  be the surface formed by revolving  $\Gamma$  about the line  $x = 5$ .

Setup integral to find the surface area of  $S$ .