

Quiz 6

Math 104 - Calculus I

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Note: *In order to receive full credit, you must show work that justifies your answer.*

1. Find the arc length of $y = \frac{2}{3}(x^2 - 1)^{3/2}$ from $x = 1$ to $x = 3$.

First note that $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x^2 - 1)^{1/2}(2x)$. Thus,

$$1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 1 + 4x^2(x^2 - 1) = 4x^4 - 4x^2 + 1 = (2x^2 - 1)^2$$

The arc length is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx = \int_1^3 \sqrt{(2x^2 - 1)^2} dx = \int_1^3 (2x^2 - 1) dx \\ &= \left[\frac{2}{3}x^3 - x\right]_1^3 = (18 - 3) - \left(\frac{2}{3} - 1\right) = 15 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{46}{3} \end{aligned}$$

2. Set up, but do not solve, an integral representing the area of the surface obtained by rotating the graph of $y = \sin^2 x$, $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, about the x -axis.

The surface area formula is: $S = \int_a^b 2\pi y \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx$.

In this problem, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \sin x \cos x$. Thus, the surface area is given by:

$$S = \int_0^{\pi/2} 2\pi \sin^2 x \sqrt{1 + 4 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x} dx$$