# §8.1 | Arc Length

A curve is to be **smooth** if the curve is continuously differentiable. That is, it's derivative is a continuous function. If a function f defines a smooth curve in the plane then the Length, L, of the curve from a to b is define by,

$$L = \int_{a}^{b} \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} dx.$$

The build looks like this:



Note: The curve need only be piece-wise smooth for the length to exist.

**Example 1:** Find the length of the arc of a parabola  $x = y^2$  from (0,0) to (1,1) **Example 2:** Find the length of the arc  $y = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})$  on  $\left[1, \sqrt{2}\right]$  (switching variables)

**Example 3:** How long is a sine curve on one cycle? (cautionary tale)

**Example 4:** Find the length of the arc  $y = \sqrt{x - x^2} + \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{x})$  (have courage!) **Example 5:** 

**Example 6:** Find the Arc Length Function for  $f(x) = x^2 - \frac{1}{8} \ln x$ . (Important fro Math 32!)

## §8.2 | Area of a Surface of Revolution

The surface area of revolution is very similar in its derivation to the arc length of a function.



**Example 1:** Find the surface area of the curve  $y = \sqrt{4 - x^2} - 1$  between -1 and 1.

Example 2: Find the surface area of a sine curve on one cycle?

**Example 3:** Find the surface area of revolution by rotating the parabola  $y = x^2$  from the points (1,1) to (2, 4) about the y-axis.

**Example 4:** Find the surface area of revolution by rotating the curve  $y = e^x$  with 0 < x < 1 around the x-axis. (What about the y-axis?)

If you are interested in how are length and surface area gets built-up I will provide a handout in class.

# §8.3 | Applications to Physics and Engineering

**Hydrostatic pressure** is the **pressure** exerted by a fluid at equilibrium at a given point within the fluid, due to the force of gravity. Generally, we define pressure to be force per unit of area.

- **Hydrostatic pressure** increases in proportion to depth measured from the surface because of the increasing weight of fluid exerting downward force from above.
- **Hydrostatic pressure** is the same in all directions in the fluid. In a sense, gravity is pulling down on a body of fluid and since the fluids we are considering are in a container, the force get's exerted in all directions.

#### Derivation

We start with force.

$$F = ma$$
  
 $F = 
ho Va$   
 $F = 
ho Ada$   
 $F = 
ho Adg$ 

Pressure (P) is just force (F) divided by area (A)

$$P = \frac{F}{A}$$
$$P = \frac{\rho A dg}{A}$$
$$P = \rho dg$$

In the language of Calculus we'd have the hydrostatic force exerted on a surface by a fluid body with a depth of a, a density of  $\rho$ , and tank width w(y) as

$$F = \int_{0}^{a} \rho g(a - y) w(y) dy$$

with g representing the acceleration due to gravity. The Hydrostatic Pressure (P) on the surface would be

$$P = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{\int_{0}^{a} \rho g(a - y) w(y) dy}{\int_{0}^{a} (a - y) w(y) dy}$$

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PRESSURE ON A DAM.

ALARGE VERTICAL DAM IN THE SHAPE OF A SYMMETRIC TRAPEZOID HAS A HEIGHT OF 30M, WIDTH OF 20M C IT'S BASE & A WIDTH OF 40M CIT'S TOP. WHAT IS THE TOTAL FORCE ON THE FACE OF THE DAM, WHEN FULL?







A diving pool that is 4m deep & full of water has a viewing window on one of its walls. Find the force on a window that is square, 0.5 m on one side, with the lower edge of the window 1 m from the bottom of the pool.

A vertical dam has a parabolic gate as shown in the diagram. Find the hydrostatic force and pressure on the gate.



A semicircular vertical plate of diameter 12 m is partially submerged in water at a depth of 4 m. (let's draw a picture). Find the hydrostatic force on the plate.

**Note:** We will not lecture on moments and centers of mass in §8.3, but there will be a take-home assignment. We will also not lecture on §8.4 (Applications to Economics & Biology) & §8.5 (Probability) but I will have a take-home assignment for both.