

Principles of Calculus Modeling: An Interactive Approach by Donald Kreider, Dwight Lahr, and Susan Diesel
Exercises for Section 4.9

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1. (1 pt)

Find the length of the curve $y = \frac{4}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ between $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.
Length = _____

2. (1 pt)

Find the length of the curve $y = \frac{x^5}{20} + \frac{1}{3x^3}$ between $x = 3$ and $x = 4$.
Length = _____

3. (1 pt)

Find the length of the curve $y = 2x^2 - \frac{\ln x}{16}$ between $x = 3$ and $x = 6$.
Length = _____

4. (1 pt)

What is the length of the curve $y = \ln(\sin x)$ between $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ and $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$?

- A. $\ln(\sqrt{2} - 1) - \ln \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ units
- B. $\ln(2 + \sqrt{3}) - \ln(\sqrt{2} + 1)$ units
- C. $\ln \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} - \ln(2 - \sqrt{3})$ units
- D. $\ln \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} - \ln(\sqrt{2} - 1)$ units
- E. $\ln(2 + \sqrt{3}) - \ln \sqrt{3}$ units

5. (1 pt)

Using the trapezoid rule with 7 subintervals, evaluate the integral that defines the length of the curve $y = x^4$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 1$. You may use Maple or another computer algebra program to find the answer. Enter the answer to 6 decimal places.
Length = _____

6. (1 pt)

Using the trapezoid rule with 6 subintervals, evaluate the integral that defines the length of the arc of the ellipse $x^2 + 2y^2 = 2$ between $(0, 1)$ and $(1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$. You may use Maple or another computer algebra program to find the answer. Enter the answer to 6 decimal places.
Length = _____

7. (1 pt)

Set up an integral for finding the arc length of the graph of $y = y^3 - x$ from $(0, -1)$ to $(6, 2)$.
variable of integration = _____
integrand = _____
lower limit of integration = _____
upper limit of integration = _____

8. (1 pt)

Set up an integral for finding the arc length of the graph of $2y^3 - 7y + 2x - 8 = 0$ from $(4, 0)$ to $(6.5, 1)$.
variable of integration = _____
integrand = _____
lower limit of integration = _____
upper limit of integration = _____

9. (1 pt)

Let $G(x) = \frac{d}{dx}f(x)$. What quantity is described by the integral $\int_a^b \sqrt{1 + G'(x)^2} dx$?

- A. the arclength of the curve $f(x)$ from a to b
- B. the arclength of the curve $\sqrt{1 + G(x)}$ from a to b
- C. the arclength of the curve $G(x)$ from a to b
- D. the arclength of the curve $f(x)^2$ from a to b
- E. none of the above.

10. (1 pt)

Evaluate $\int_{-1.5}^3 \sqrt{\frac{9}{9-x^2}} dx$.

11. (1 pt)

What is the integral formula for the length of the curve $y = \ln(x)$ from $x = 5$ to $x = 26$?
Length = \int_5^{26} _____ dx
Now approximate this integral using 8 circumscribed rectangles.

12. (1 pt)

What is the length of one cycle of the curve $y = \cos^8(x)$, approximated using the arclength formula with 13 midpoint rectangles?

13. (1 pt)

Consider the curve $y = \sqrt{256 - x^2}$ from $x = -16$ to $x = 16$. Approximate its length using the arclength formula with 16 midpoint rectangles.

Calculate the exact length using geometric formulas.

14. (1 pt)

Find the length of the parabolic curve $y = \frac{x^2}{12}$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 15$, accurate to 3 decimal places, using the trapezoid rule.
Length = _____

15. (1 pt)

Approximate the length of the curve $y = \cos(x)$ from $x = 0$ to $x = \frac{\pi}{5}$ using 20 trapezoids.

16. (1 pt)

Approximate the length of the curve $y = x^2$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 1$ using 1370 trapezoids.

Now approximate the length of the curve $y = x^3$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 1$ using 1370 trapezoids.

Now approximate the length of the curve $y = x^4$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 1$ using 1370 trapezoids.

17. (1 pt)

What is the circumference of the hypocycloid $x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} = 15$?

18. (1 pt)

What is the length of the curve $x = 2y^3 + \frac{1}{34y}$ from $y = 1$ to $y = 17$?

19. (1 pt)

Consider the ellipse given by $\frac{x^2}{36} + \frac{y^2}{100} = 1$. Set up an integral to find the length of the upper half of this ellipse (the portion above the x axis). The function to be integrated should be simplified as much as possible, with no negative exponents.

Length = $\int_a^b (1 + \text{_____})^{1/2} dx$

a = _____

b = _____