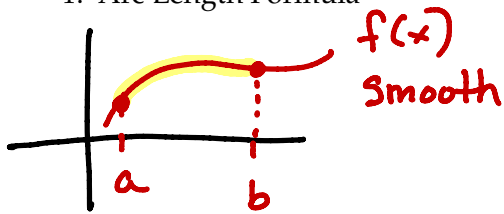


SECTION 2.4: ARC LENGTH OF A CURVE AND SURFACE AREA

1. Arc Length Formula

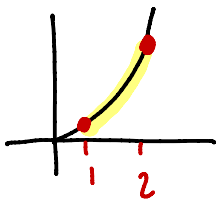


Arc Length =  $\int_a^b \sqrt{1+(f'(x))^2} dx$

if  $x=g(y)$  on  $c \leq y \leq d$  :  $AL = \int_c^d \sqrt{1+g'(y)^2} dy$

$\frac{4}{9} du = dx$

2. Use the formula above to find the arc length of  $y = x^{3/2}$  from  $(1, 1)$  to  $(2, 2\sqrt{2})$ .



$$AL = \int_1^2 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{3}{2}x^{1/2}\right)^2} dx = \int_1^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{4}x} dx$$

let  $u = 1 + \frac{9}{4}x$ ,  $du = \frac{9}{4} dx$

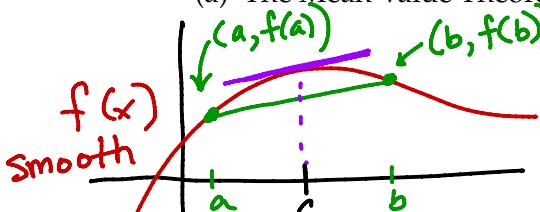
$x=1, u = 1 + \frac{9}{4} = \frac{13}{4}$

$x=2, u = 1 + \frac{18}{4} = \frac{22}{4}$

$$= \frac{4}{9} \left( \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \right) \Big|_{\frac{13}{4}}^{\frac{22}{4}} = \frac{8}{27} \left( \left(\frac{22}{4}\right)^{3/2} - \left(\frac{13}{4}\right)^{3/2} \right) \approx 2.09$$

3. Where does the arc length formula come from?

(a) The Mean Value Theorem



Slope of secant =  $m = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$

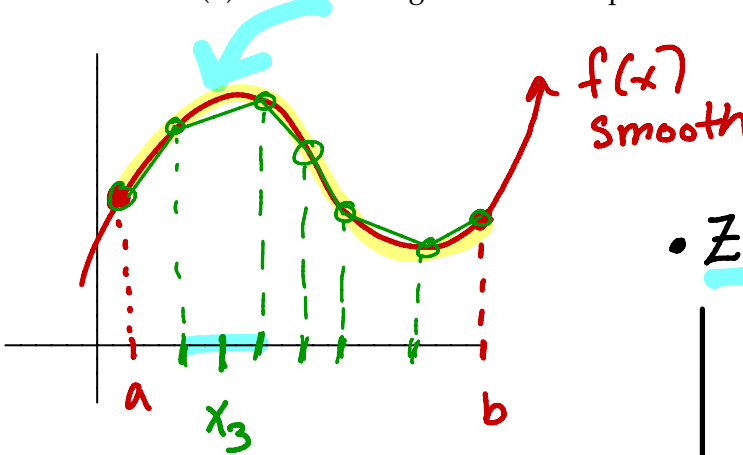
Then, there is a  $c$  between  $a$  and  $b$  so that

$f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$

same slope!

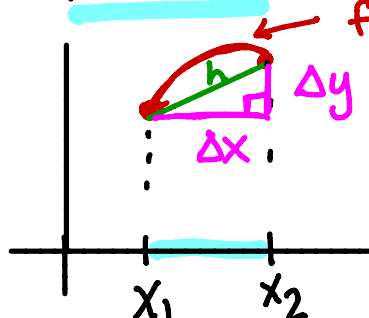
Alt. view  
if avg vel. from  $t=a$  to  $t=b$  is 60 mph, at some point you went exactly 60 mph.

(b) The Arc Length Formula Explained



• Approx curve with small straight line segments.

• Zoom in on a particular segment:



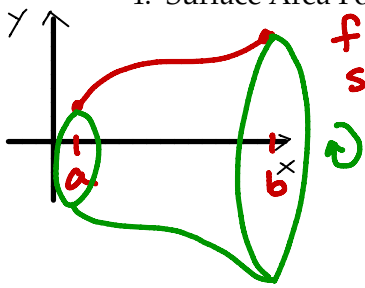
$h = \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}$

$= \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (f(x_2) - f(x_1))^2}$

$= \sqrt{\frac{(\Delta x)^2 + (f(x_2) - f(x_1))^2}{1}} \cdot \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta x} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{\Delta x}\right)^2} \Delta x$

$= \sqrt{1 + (f'(x_3))^2} \Delta x$

4. Surface Area Formula (for surfaces of revolution)



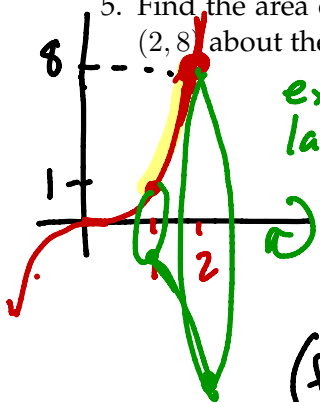
$$\text{Surface area} = \int_a^b 2\pi f(x) \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} dx$$

if  $x=g(y)$  smooth on  $c \leq y \leq d$ , rotated about y-axis

$$SA = \int_c^d 2\pi g(y) \sqrt{1 + (g'(y))^2} dy$$

rotate curve about x-axis to obtain a surface. ← 2-diml object.

5. Find the area of the surface obtained by revolving the portion of the curve  $y = x^3$  from (1, 1) to (2, 8) about the x-axis.



$$f(x) = x^3$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2$$

$$(f'(x))^2 = 9x^4$$

$$SA = 2\pi \int_1^2 x^3 (1 + 9x^4)^{1/2} dx = \frac{2\pi}{36} \int_{10}^{145} u^{1/2} du$$

$$u = 1 + 9x^4$$

$$du = 36x^3 dx$$

$$\frac{1}{36} = x^3 dx$$

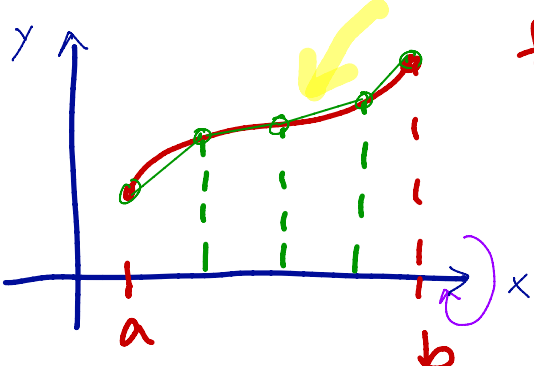
$$x=1, u=10; x=2, u=145$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{18} \cdot \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \Big|_{10}^{145}$$

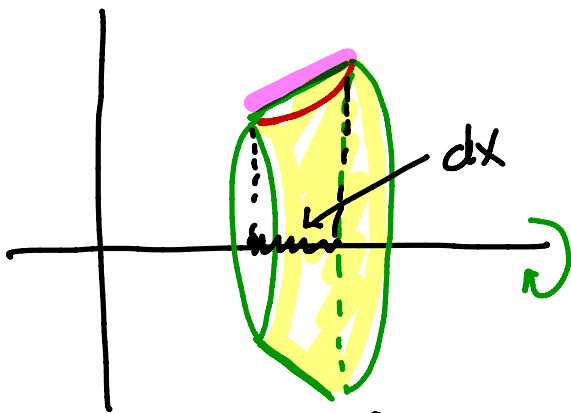
$$= \frac{\pi}{27} (145^{3/2} - 10^{3/2})$$

$$\approx 199.48$$

6. Where does the Surface Area Formula come from?



- Approx curve w/ polygonal shape
- Approx surface by rotating polygonal shape.
- Zoom in on a single segment



$$2\pi f(x) \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} dx$$

↳  $2\pi r = \text{circumference of radius } r = f(x)$

$$2\pi \left(\frac{R+r}{2}\right) = \pi(R+r)$$