

### Length of a Plane Curve

A <u>plane curve</u> is a curve that lies in a two-dimensional plane. We can define a plane curve using <u>parametric equations</u>. This means we define both x and y as functions of a parameter.

#### Parametric equations

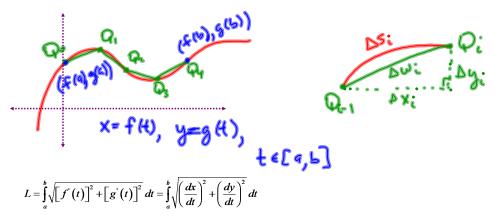
#### **Definition**

A plane curve is  $\underline{smooth}$  if it is given by a pair of parametric equations x = f(t), and y = g(t), t is on the interval [a,b] where f' and g' exist and are continuous on [a,b] and f'(t) and g'(t) are not simultaneously zero on (a,b).

EX 1 Sketch the graph of the curve given by these parametric equations.  $x = 3t^2 + 2$   $y = 2t^2 - 1$   $1 \le t \le 4$ 

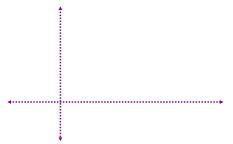
## Arc length

We can approximate the length of a plane curve by adding up lengths of linear segments between points on the curve.

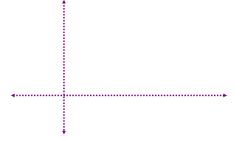


$$L = \int_{a}^{b} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx \qquad \qquad L = \int_{c}^{d} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2} dy$$

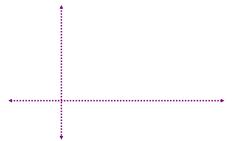
EX 2 Find the circumference of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ .



EX 3 Find the length of the line segment on 2y - 2x + 3 = 0 between y = 1 and y = 3. Check your answer using the distance formula.



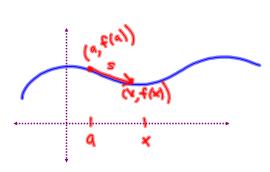
EX 4 Find the arc length of the curve  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  from x = 0 to x = 4.



## Surface Area

#### **Differential of Arc Length**

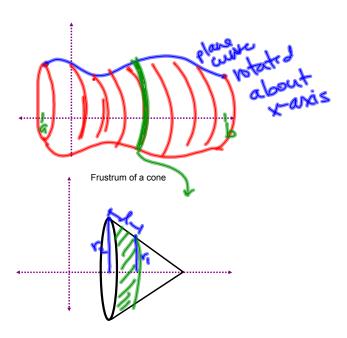
Let f(x) be continuously differentiable on [a,b]. Start measuring arc length from (a,f(a)) up to (x,f(x)), where a is a real number. Then, the arc length is a function of x.



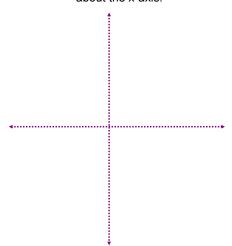
accumulate are length
$$s(x) = \int_{a}^{x} \sqrt{1 + (f'(t))^{2}} dt$$

Surface Area of a Surface of Revolution

Rotate a plane curve about an axis to create a hollow three-dimensional solid. Find the surface area of the solid.



Find the area of the surface generated by revolving  $y = \sqrt{25-x^2}$  on the interval [-2,3] EX 4 about the x-axis.



EX 5 Find the area of the surface generated by revolving  $x = 1-t^2$ , y = 2t, on the t-interval [0, 1] about the x-axis.

