## Math 152 Calculus and Analytic Geometry II

## Sec. 8.1 Arc Length

How do you calculate the length of a curve. Divide it into many segments and approximate each one by a straight line. Use the distance formula on each straight line.



We can derive a nice integral formula for this as long as the function has a continuous derivative.

If a function does not have a continuous derivative, we can't use this formula



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Find the length of the curve 
$$y = \frac{2}{3}(x^2 - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$
 between x=1 and x=3  
Draw it and estimate the length before you start.  

$$\mathcal{L} = \int_{1}^{3} \sqrt{1 + (\frac{1}{3}(x))^2} \, dx$$

$$\begin{array}{c} f'(x) = 1(x^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (\partial x)$$

$$(f'(x))^2 = (x^2 - 1)(4x^2)$$

$$= \int_{1}^{3} (4x^4 - 4x^2 + 1) \, dx$$

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$$= \int_{1}^{3} (2x^3 - x)^3 = (\frac{54}{3} - 3) - (\frac{2}{3} - 1)$$

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Find the length of the curve 
$$y^2 = x^3$$
 from (1,1) to (4,8).  

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Rotate y=1/x around the x-axis from x=1 to infinity.





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