

2.16 Integration application/area of surface

Surface area: the area of surface swept out by revolving the curve about the axis.

1. Rotation with x-axis $[S=2\pi \int_a^b y \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx]$

2. Rotation with y-axis $[S=2\pi \int_c^d x \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2} dy]$

3. If $x=f(t)$, $y =f(t)$ $[S=2\pi \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \rho \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt]$

Where:-

ρ is the distance from the axis of revolving to the element of arc length and expresses as function of t

Example: Find the area of surface obtained by revolving curve $y = \sqrt{x}$ with $x - axis$ and $0 \leq x \leq 2$

Solution//

$$S=2\pi \int_0^2 y \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(x^{-1/2}) \rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\left(x^{-1/2}\right)\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4x}$$

$$S=2\pi \int_0^2 \sqrt{x} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4x}} dx = 2\pi \int_0^2 \sqrt{x} \sqrt{\frac{4x+1}{4x}} dx$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6} (4x + 1)^{3/2} \Big|_0^2 = \frac{\pi}{6} [27 - 1] = \frac{13\pi}{3}$$

Example: Find the area of surface obtained by revolving curve $x = a \cos^3 t$ & $y = a \sin^3 t$ with x – axis and $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

Solution//

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -3a \cos^2 t \cdot \sin t \rightarrow \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 = 9a^2 \cos^4 t \cdot \sin^2 t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 3a \sin^2 t \cdot \cos t \rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 = 9a \sin^4 t \cdot \cos^2 t$$

$$\rho = y = a \sin^3 t$$

$$S = 2\pi \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \rho \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt =$$

$$2\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} a \sin^3 t \sqrt{9a^2 \cos^4 t \cdot \sin^2 t + 9a \sin^4 t \cdot \cos^2 t} dt =$$

$$2\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} a^2 \sin^4 t \cos t dt = \frac{6\pi}{5} a^2 \text{ unit}^2$$