

## Math 230: Applied Calculus II Matlab Assignment #2A

Due Wednesday Week #6 (4/15/2003)

**Title:** Computing Arc Lengths

**Objectives:** To learn how to use Matlab to approximate arc lengths in two ways,  
To become familiar with the trapezoid rule for numerical integration  
To learn how use Matlab's script m-files

**Instructions:**

- (1) All of your instructions should be listed in a script m-file. A completed assignment will consist of this m-file, the text output and any resulting figures.
- (2) The point of this assignment is to numerically compute the arc length of a curve. We noticed that it is difficult to compute the arc length of most curves analytically.
- (3) Construct an array of 11 equally spaced numbers beginning at 0 and ending at  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ . (*Hint:* Use **linspace**)
- (4) For each of these x-values determine y-values using the formula  $y = \sin(3x)$ .
- (5) Use the **diff** command and the distance formula to determine the distances between the points described by these (x,y) pairs.
- (6) Sum these distances to approximate the arc length of the curve  $y = \sin(3x)$  on  $[0, \frac{2\pi}{3}]$ .
- (7) Alternatively, analytically calculate an expression for **ds** at any given x-value using the formula  $ds = \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2}dx$ .
- (8) Use this formula to numerically approximate the arc length of the curve  $y = \sin(3x)$  using the **trapezoid rule** described in the **Matlab workshop**.
- (9) Now, repeat these calculations using arrays of 101 and 1001 equally spaced numbers respectively.
- (10) Finally, using the arrays that you have already created, plot three approximations to the curve  $y = \sin(3x)$  using 11, 101 and 1001 points each.

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% Approximates the Arc Length of the curve  $y = \sqrt{16 - 4x^2}$  on the interval [0,1].
clc
format compact
format long g
a=0, b=1, n=10, dx1=(b-a)/n
x1=linspace(a,b,n+1) % Break up the interval into n=10 parts
y1=2*sqrt(4-x1.^2) % Determines the height at each point x1
dist1 = sqrt(diff(x1).^2+diff(y1).^2) % Computes distances between points
arclength1 = sum(dist1) % sums the distances
% Alternate method using  $ds = \sqrt{1 + [dy/dx]^2}dx$ ,
% Where  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$ , and  $ds = \sqrt{\frac{4+3x^2}{4-x^2}}$ 
ds = sqrt((4+3*x1.^2)./(4-x1.^2))
otherarclength1 = dx1*(sum(ds)-(ds(1)+ds(end))/2)
abs(arclength1-otherarclength1)
exact = 1.1706509330085367745 % The exact answer (to 15+ decimals) using elliptic integrals.

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## Math 230: Applied Calculus II Matlab Assignment #2B

Due Wednesday Week #6 (4/15/2003)

**Title:** Computing Arc Lengths

**Objectives:** To learn how to use Matlab to approximate arc lengths in two ways,  
To become familiar with the trapezoid rule for numerical integration  
To learn how use Matlab's script m-files

**Instructions:**

- (1) All of your instructions should be listed in a script m-file. A completed assignment will consist of this m-file, the text output and any resulting figures.
- (2) The point of this assignment is to numerically compute the arc length of a curve. We noticed that it is difficult to compute the arc length of most curves analytically.
- (3) Construct an array of 11 equally spaced numbers beginning at 0 and ending at  $\frac{2\pi}{5}$ . (*Hint:* Use **linspace**)
- (4) For each of these x-values determine y-values using the formula  $y = \sin(5x)$ .
- (5) Use the **diff** command and the distance formula to determine the distances between the points described by these (x,y) pairs.
- (6) Sum these distances to approximate the arc length of the curve  $y = \sin(5x)$  on  $[0, \frac{2\pi}{5}]$ .
- (7) Alternatively, analytically calculate an expression for **ds** at any given x-value using the formula  $ds = \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2}dx$ .
- (8) Use this formula to numerically approximate the arc length of the curve  $y = \sin(5x)$  using the **trapezoid rule** described in the **Matlab workshop**.
- (9) Now, repeat these calculations using arrays of 101 and 1001 equally spaced numbers respectively.
- (10) Finally, using the arrays that you have already created, plot three approximations to the curve  $y = \sin(5x)$  using 11, 101 and 1001 points each.

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% Approximates the Arc Length of the curve  $y = \sqrt{16 - 4x^2}$  on the interval [0,1].
clc
format compact
format long g
a=0, b=1, n=10, dx1=(b-a)/n
x1=linspace(a,b,n+1) % Break up the interval into n=10 parts
y1=2*sqrt(4-x1.^2) % Determines the height at each point x1
dist1 = sqrt(diff(x1).^2+diff(y1).^2) % Computes distances between points
arclength1 = sum(dist1) % sums the distances
% Alternate method using  $ds = \sqrt{1 + [dy/dx]^2}dx$ ,
% Where  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$ , and  $ds = \sqrt{\frac{4+3x^2}{4-x^2}}$ 
ds = sqrt((4+3*x1.^2)./(4-x1.^2))
otherarclength1 = dx1*(sum(ds)-(ds(1)+ds(end))/2)
abs(arclength1-otherarclength1)
exact = 1.1706509330085367745 % The exact answer (to 15+ decimals) using elliptic integrals.

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## Math 230: Applied Calculus II Matlab Assignment #2C

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**Objectives:** To learn how to use Matlab to approximate arc lengths in two ways,  
To become familiar with the trapezoid rule for numerical integration  
To learn how use Matlab's script m-files

**Instructions:**

- (1) All of your instructions should be listed in a script m-file. A completed assignment will consist of this m-file, the text output and any resulting figures.
- (2) The point of this assignment is to numerically compute the arc length of a curve. We noticed that it is difficult to compute the arc length of most curves analytically.
- (3) Construct an array of 11 equally spaced numbers beginning at 0 and ending at  $\frac{2\pi}{7}$ . (*Hint:* Use **linspace**)
- (4) For each of these x-values determine y-values using the formula  $y = \sin(7x)$ .
- (5) Use the **diff** command and the distance formula to determine the distances between the points described by these (x,y) pairs.
- (6) Sum these distances to approximate the arc length of the curve  $y = \sin(7x)$  on  $[0, \frac{2\pi}{7}]$ .
- (7) Alternatively, analytically calculate an expression for **ds** at any given x-value using the formula  $ds = \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2}dx$ .
- (8) Use this formula to numerically approximate the arc length of the curve  $y = \sin(7x)$  using the **trapezoid rule** described in the **Matlab workshop**.
- (9) Now, repeat these calculations using arrays of 101 and 1001 equally spaced numbers respectively.
- (10) Finally, using the arrays that you have already created, plot three approximations to the curve  $y = \sin(7x)$  using 11, 101 and 1001 points each.

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% Approximates the Arc Length of the curve  $y = \sqrt{16 - 4x^2}$  on the interval [0,1].
clc
format compact
format long g
a=0, b=1, n=10, dx1=(b-a)/n
x1=linspace(a,b,n+1) % Break up the interval into n=10 parts
y1=2*sqrt(4-x1.^2) % Determines the height at each point x1
dist1 = sqrt(diff(x1).^2+diff(y1).^2) % Computes distances between points
arclength1 = sum(dist1) % sums the distances
% Alternate method using  $ds = \sqrt{1 + [dy/dx]^2}dx$ ,
% Where  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$ , and  $ds = \sqrt{\frac{4+3x^2}{4-x^2}}$ 
ds = sqrt((4+3*x1.^2)./(4-x1.^2))
otherarclength1 = dx1*(sum(ds)-(ds(1)+ds(end))/2)
abs(arclength1-otherarclength1)
exact = 1.1706509330085367745 % The exact answer (to 15+ decimals) using elliptic integrals.

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## Math 230: Applied Calculus II Matlab Assignment #2D

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 To become familiar with the trapezoid rule for numerical integration  
 To learn how use Matlab's script m-files

**Instructions:**

- (1) All of your instructions should be listed in a script m-file. A completed assignment will consist of this m-file, the text output and any resulting figures.
- (2) The point of this assignment is to numerically compute the arc length of a curve. We noticed that it is difficult to compute the arc length of most curves analytically.
- (3) Construct an array of 11 equally spaced numbers beginning at 0 and ending at  $\frac{2\pi}{9}$ . (*Hint:* Use **linspace**)
- (4) For each of these x-values determine y-values using the formula  $y = \sin(9x)$ .
- (5) Use the **diff** command and the distance formula to determine the distances between the points described by these (x,y) pairs.
- (6) Sum these distances to approximate the arc length of the curve  $y = \sin(9x)$  on  $[0, \frac{2\pi}{9}]$ .
- (7) Alternatively, analytically calculate an expression for **ds** at any given x-value using the formula  $ds = \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2}dx$ .
- (8) Use this formula to numerically approximate the arc length of the curve  $y = \sin(9x)$  using the **trapezoid rule** described in the **Matlab workshop**.
- (9) Now, repeat these calculations using arrays of 101 and 1001 equally spaced numbers respectively.
- (10) Finally, using the arrays that you have already created, plot three approximations to the curve  $y = \sin(9x)$  using 11, 101 and 1001 points each.

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% Approximates the Arc Length of the curve  $y = \sqrt{16 - 4x^2}$  on the interval [0,1].
clc
format compact
format long g
a=0, b=1, n=10, dx1=(b-a)/n
x1=linspace(a,b,n+1) % Break up the interval into n=10 parts
y1=2*sqrt(4-x1.^2) % Determines the height at each point x1
dist1 = sqrt(diff(x1).^2+diff(y1).^2) % Computes distances between points
arclength1 = sum(dist1) % sums the distances
% Alternate method using  $ds = \sqrt{1 + [dy/dx]^2}dx$ ,
% Where  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$ , and  $ds = \sqrt{\frac{4+3x^2}{4-x^2}}$ 
ds = sqrt((4+3*x1.^2)./(4-x1.^2))
otherarclength1 = dx1*(sum(ds)-(ds(1)+ds(end))/2)
abs(arclength1-otherarclength1)
exact = 1.1706509330085367745 % The exact answer (to 15+ decimals) using elliptic integrals.
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- (2) The point of this assignment is to numerically compute the arc length of a curve. We noticed that it is difficult to compute the arc length of most curves analytically.
- (3) Construct an array of 11 equally spaced numbers beginning at 0 and ending at  $\frac{2\pi}{11}$ . (*Hint:* Use **linspace**)
- (4) For each of these x-values determine y-values using the formula  $y = \sin(11x)$ .
- (5) Use the **diff** command and the distance formula to determine the distances between the points described by these (x,y) pairs.
- (6) Sum these distances to approximate the arc length of the curve  $y = \sin(11x)$  on  $[0, \frac{2\pi}{11}]$ .
- (7) Alternatively, analytically calculate an expression for **ds** at any given x-value using the formula  $ds = \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2}dx$ .
- (8) Use this formula to numerically approximate the arc length of the curve  $y = \sin(11x)$  using the **trapezoid rule** described in the **Matlab workshop**.
- (9) Now, repeat these calculations using arrays of 101 and 1001 equally spaced numbers respectively.
- (10) Finally, using the arrays that you have already created, plot three approximations to the curve  $y = \sin(11x)$  using 11, 101 and 1001 points each.

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% Approximates the Arc Length of the curve  $y = \sqrt{16 - 4x^2}$  on the interval [0,1].
clc
format compact
format long g
a=0, b=1, n=10, dx1=(b-a)/n
x1=linspace(a,b,n+1) % Break up the interval into n=10 parts
y1=2*sqrt(4-x1.^2) % Determines the height at each point x1
dist1 = sqrt(diff(x1).^2+diff(y1).^2) % Computes distances between points
arclength1 = sum(dist1) % sums the distances
% Alternate method using  $ds = \sqrt{1 + [dy/dx]^2}dx$ ,
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ds = sqrt((4+3*x1.^2)./(4-x1.^2))
otherarclength1 = dx1*(sum(ds)-(ds(1)+ds(end))/2)
abs(arclength1-otherarclength1)
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