

Question 2. §7.4 #7 (5 marks)

Find the arc length of the graph of the function

$$y = \frac{x^5}{10} + \frac{1}{6x^3}$$

over the interval $[1, 2]$.

$$s = \int_1^2 \sqrt{1 + (y')^2} dx$$

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

$$= \int_1^2 \left(\frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{1}{2x^4}\right) dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^5}{10} - \frac{1}{6x^3} \right]_1^2$$

$$= \frac{2^5}{10} - \frac{1}{6 \cdot 2^3} - \left[\frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{32}{10} - \frac{1}{48} - \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{779}{240}$$

$$y' = \frac{5x^4}{10} - \frac{3}{6x^4}$$

$$= \frac{x^4}{2} - \frac{1}{2x^4}$$

$$\text{e.o. } 1 + \left(\frac{x^4}{2} - \frac{1}{2x^4}\right)^2$$

$$= 1 + \frac{x^8}{4} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4x^8}$$

$$= \frac{x^8}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4x^8}$$

$$= \left(\frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{1}{2x^4}\right)^2$$