

Calculus II, Section 8.2, #10  
 Area of a Surface of Revolution

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Find the exact area of the surface obtained by rotating the curve<sup>1</sup>

$$y = \sqrt{1 + e^x}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

about the  $x$ -axis.

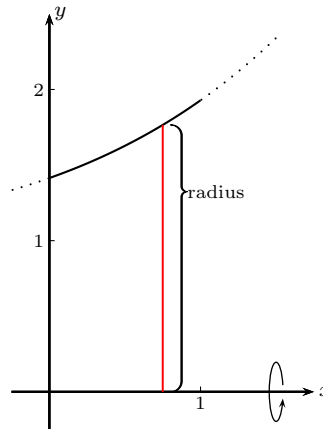
The diagram at right shows the curve being revolved about the  $x$ -axis, along with a radius.

Since

$$y = \sqrt{1 + e^x}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1 + e^x}} \cdot e^x \\ &= \frac{e^x}{2\sqrt{1 + e^x}} \end{aligned}$$



In terms of  $x$ , the radius is  $y = \sqrt{1 + e^x}$ , the arc length is  $\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{e^x}{2\sqrt{1 + e^x}}\right)^2} dx$ , and we integrate from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$ . We get

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \int_{x=0}^{x=1} 2\pi\sqrt{1 + e^x} \cdot \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{e^x}{2\sqrt{1 + e^x}}\right)^2} dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^{x=1} 2\pi\sqrt{1 + e^x} \cdot \sqrt{1 + \frac{e^{2x}}{4(1 + e^x)}} dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^{x=1} 2\pi\sqrt{1 + e^x} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{4(1 + e^x)}{4(1 + e^x)} + \frac{e^{2x}}{4(1 + e^x)}} dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^{x=1} 2\pi\sqrt{1 + e^x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{e^{2x} + 4e^x + 4}}{2\sqrt{1 + e^x}} dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^{x=1} \pi\sqrt{(e^x + 2)^2} dx \\ &= \pi \int_{x=0}^{x=1} e^x + 2 dx \\ &= \pi \left[ e^x + 2x \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} \\ &= \pi [(e^1 + 2) - (e^0 + 2 \cdot 0)] \\ &= \pi \cdot [e + 1] \\ &= \pi(e + 1) \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>1</sup>Stewart, *Calculus, Early Transcendentals*, p. 555, #10.