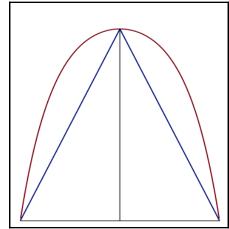


1. a)

50. The British physicist and architect Robert Hooke (1635–1703) was the first to observe that the ideal shape for a free standing arch is an inverted catenary. Hooke remarked, "As hangs the chain, so stands the arch." The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is based on the shape of a catenary; the central curve of the arch is modeled by the equation

$$y = 211.49 - 20.96 \cosh 0.03291765x$$

where x and y are measured in meters and $|x| \le 91.20$. Set up an integral for the length of the arch and evaluate the integral numerically to estimate the length correct to the nearest meter.



- b) For comparison, evaluate the length of the two sides of the inscribed triangle from the endpoints shown in the figure, to the nearest meter.
- c) How much bigger in percent is the arch length compared to the triangle approximation length? Round off to the nearest percent.
- d) What is the height of the arch in feet to the nearest foot according to this model? (The conversion factor is $1 \text{ m} = 3.28084 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{)}$
- e) Search for the height of the arch, how do you explain the small difference from the value you calculated?
- 2. a) The integral $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} \cdot (1+x)} dx$ is improper because of both endpoints, so separate it into the sum of the

integrals up to 1 and from 1 out to infinity. Then write out the limits which define these improper integrals. b) To evaluate these limits, you need the antiderivative of the integrand, which you can find by a change of

- variable $u = \sqrt{x}$ in the indefinite integral $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} \cdot (1+x)} dx$. What is the value of this indefinite integral?
- c) Now use this in each of the limits to separately evaluate them and then combine them to the final value of the original improper integral.
- d) Notice that the integrand looks like $x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ at the origin (where $1 + x \rightarrow 1$) which integrates to $2x^{\frac{1}{2}}$, while for very large x it looks like $x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$ which integrates to $-2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$. which means in both cases the antiderivative is leading to convergence at those endpoints, which explains why the integral converges, ignoring the details. Does this make sense to you?