Midterm 1 Problem 2.

Below are two possible ways of solving this problem. The first one is a "brute-force"-computational approach, the other one is based on noticing the relationship between x(t) and y(t) and changing the variable to simplify the problem.

Solution I

1 step (8 points)

Recall the formula for the area of a surface obtained by rotating a parametrically given curve $x = f(t), y = g(t), t \in [a, b]$ around a coordinate axis:

$$A = 2\pi \int_{a}^{b} y(t) \sqrt{x'(t)^{2} + y'(t)^{2}} dt$$

2 step (4 points) Find the derivatives:

$$x'(t) = y'(t) = ln(2)2^t$$

3 step (8 points) Substitute and integrate:

$$A = 2\pi \int_0^1 2^t \sqrt{2(\ln(2))^2 2^{2t}} dt = 2\pi \sqrt{2} \ln(2) \int_0^1 2^{2t} dt$$

let $u = 2^t$ then $du = 2^t ln(2)dt$, hence,

$$A = 2\pi\sqrt{2} \int_{1}^{2} u du = 2\pi\sqrt{2} \frac{u^{2}}{2}|_{1}^{2} = 3\pi\sqrt{2}$$

Solution II

1 step (8 points)

Notice that f(t) = g(t), hence, x = y for the entire range of values of 2^t when t changes from 0 to 1. Hence, the curve can be defined by

$$y = x, x = 2^t, t \in [0, 1], \text{ i.e. } y = x, x \in [1, 2]$$

2 step (6 points)

Recall the formula for the area of a surface obtained by rotating the graph of a function y = F(x), $x \in [\alpha, \beta]$

$$A = 2\pi \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} F(x)\sqrt{1 + (F'(x))^2} dx$$

3 step (6 points)

Substitute $y = x, x \in [1, 2]$ in the above expression and evaluate the integral:

$$A = 2\pi \int_0^1 x\sqrt{1+1^2} dx = 2\pi\sqrt{2}\frac{x^2}{2}\Big|_1^2 = 3\pi\sqrt{2}$$