

**Math 22** Midterm 2: Spring 2008 *Solutions*

1. (15 points) Write the correct form of the partial fraction decomposition of the rational function below. Find the numerator of the terms whose denominator is  $(x+1)^2$

$$\frac{x^2 + x + 3}{(x+1)^2(x^2 + 5)}$$

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**Solution:**

1. We need the form of the decomposition, in other words, the setup before finding the constants in any partial fractions situation.

$$\frac{x^2 + x + 3}{(x+1)^2(x^2 + 5)} = \boxed{\frac{A}{(x+1)} + \frac{B}{(x+1)^2} + \frac{Cx + D}{(x^2 + 5)}}$$

Afterwards, you are asked to find the numerator of the term whose denominator is  $(x+1)^2$ , in other words,  $B$ .

To do so, we need to set a common denominator of  $(x+1)^2(x^2 + 5)$ , which will be seen below in order to equate the numerators:

$$x^2 + x + 3 = A(x+1)(x^2 + 5) + B(x^2 + 5) + (Cx + D)(x+1)^2$$

Now, we let  $x = -1$ , so the terms with  $A$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$ , cancel out (in other words, or go to zero)

$$\rightarrow 3 = 6B \quad \boxed{B = \frac{1}{2}}$$

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2. (15 points) Determine which of the following expressions is correct if one uses

Simpson's Rule to approximate the integral  $\int_0^3 f(x) dx$  with  $n = 4$ .

- (a)  $\frac{1}{4} \left[ f\left(\frac{3}{8}\right) + 4f\left(\frac{9}{8}\right) + 2f\left(\frac{15}{8}\right) + 4f\left(\frac{21}{8}\right) \right]$
- (b)  $\frac{1}{4} \left[ f(0) + 4f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + 2f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + 4f\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) + f(3) \right]$
- (c)  $\frac{3}{8} \left[ f(0) + 2f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + 2f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + 2f\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) + f(3) \right]$
- (d)  $\frac{3}{4} \left[ f(0) + f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) \right]$
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**Solution:**

This multiple choice question can be done either by using process of elimination or knowledge of the formula for Simpson's Rule.

First, we know our bounds range from 0 to 3. So our  $(b-a) = 3$

So our  $\Delta x = \left(\frac{b-a}{n}\right) \rightarrow \frac{3}{4}$  but since Simpson's Rule requires our  $\Delta x$  to be divided by 3,

$\Delta x_{\text{Simpson's Rule}} = \frac{3/4}{3} = \frac{1}{4}$  This immediately eliminates choices C and D.

From there, the basic approximation start point starts from  $f(a) = f(0)$  for the Simpson's Rule, rather than  $f(3/8)$ , which eliminates choice A, so with all of the other choices eliminated,

$\therefore$  Choice B is correct

3. (15 points) Determine whether the following improper integral converges. If it does converge, compute the value of the integral.

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx$$

**Solution:**

3. We need to use integration by parts for the integral:  $\int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx$

$$u = x^2$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$v = -e^{-x}$$

$$dv = e^{-x} dx$$

$$u = 2x$$

$$du = 2 dx$$

$$v = -e^{-x}$$

$$dv = e^{-x} dx$$

$\rightarrow \frac{x^2}{e^x} + \int 2xe^{-x} dx$  Now we use integration by parts again.

$$\rightarrow \frac{x^2}{e^x} - 2xe^{-x} + \int 2e^{-x} dx \quad \therefore \left[ x^2 e^{-x} - 2xe^{-x} - 2e^{-x} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

Applying the first bound of infinity requires the use of L'Hospital's Rule on the first term twice and second term once, but the whole part yields 0 when infinity is applied.

When 0, is applied, both of the first two terms go to 0, but the last one goes to -2 in the following way:

$$\Rightarrow (0-0-0) - \left(0-0-\frac{2}{e^0}\right) = 2$$

$\therefore$  The integral is **convergent** with a limit of 2.

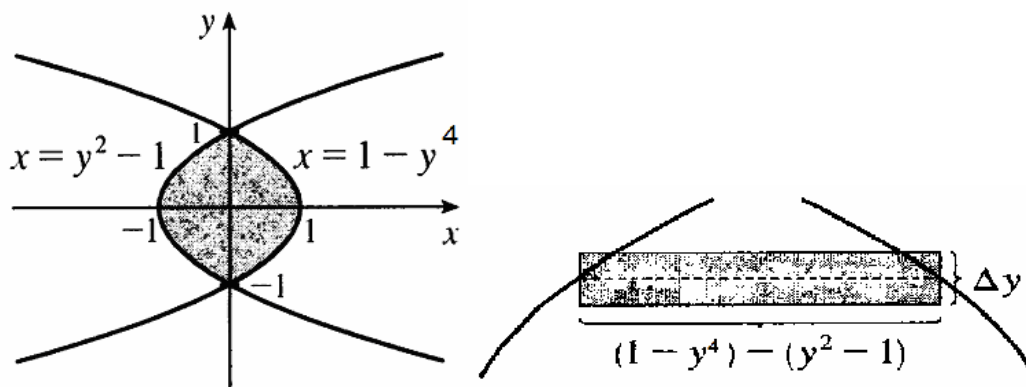
4. (15 points) Sketch the finite region bounded by the two curves below. Find the area of this region.

$$x = y^2 - 1, \quad x = 1 - y^4$$

**Solution:**

This is what the region looks like along with its viewing rectangle:

Now, we integrate with respect to  $y$  to find the area by subtracting the left side of the region from the right as shown in the rectangle.



$$A = \int_{-1}^1 [(1 - y^4) - (y^2 - 1)] dy$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \int_{-1}^1 [1 - y^4 - y^2 + 1] dy$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \int_{-1}^1 [2 - y^4 - y^2] dy \Rightarrow \left[ 2y - \frac{y^5}{5} - \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1 \Rightarrow \left( 2 - \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{3} \right) - \left( -2 + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{30}{15} - \frac{3}{15} - \frac{5}{15} \right) + \left( \frac{30}{15} - \frac{3}{15} - \frac{5}{15} \right) = \boxed{\frac{44}{15}}$$

5. (15 points) The integral  $\int_0^{\pi} \pi \sin^2 x \, dx$  can be interpreted as the volume of a solid of revolution. Using a geometric interpretation, find the integral in the list below which yields the same value. Note that it is possible to do this problem without computing any integral.

(a)  $2 \int_0^1 2\pi y \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} y \right) dy$

(b)  $\int_0^{\pi} 2\pi x \sin x \, dx$

(c)  $\int_0^{\pi} \sin x \, dx$

(d)  $\int_0^1 \pi \left[ (\pi - \sin^{-1} y)^2 - (\sin^{-1} y)^2 \right] dy$

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**Solution:**

We are given that  $\int_0^{\pi} \pi \sin^2 x \, dx$  is an expression of volume of revolution.

However, this is just a simple expression for the disc method of rotating the curve of  $f(x) = \sin x$  ( $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ ) about the  $x$ -axis.

We can use the method of cylindrical shells to do evaluation the same volume of revolution as we were given.

Choice C seems to just be the method of finding the area under the curve of  $f(x) = \sin x$  ( $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ ). We needed a volume expression so that is eliminated.

For the method of cylindrical shells, we use the corresponding  $y$ -values of the graph of  $f(x) = \sin x$ . Choice B is incorrect because of both the wrong bounds.

Choice A shows that the bounds for rotation for normal  $xy$  rotation about the  $x$ -axis are 0 to  $\pi/2$ . However, they have doubled the resulting rotation with the correct radius. With shells, rotation about the  $x$ -axis uses  $y$  bounds.

Therefore, Choice A is correct.

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6. (15 points) Suppose the curve  $C$  can be represented in two ways:  $y = f(x)$ ,  $a \leq x \leq b$ ; or  $x = g(y)$ ,  $c \leq y \leq d$ . Let  $S$  be the surface of revolution obtained by rotating  $C$  around the  $x$ -axis. Which *two* of the integrals below give the surface area of  $S$ ?

$$(a) \int_c^d 2\pi g(y) \sqrt{1 + g'(y)^2} dy$$

$$(b) \int_a^b 2\pi x \sqrt{1 + f'(x)^2} dx$$

$$(c) \int_a^b 2\pi f(x) \sqrt{1 + f'(x)^2} dx$$

$$(d) \int_c^d 2\pi y \sqrt{1 + g'(y)^2} dy$$

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**Solution:**

This can also be done by either process of elimination or knowledge of the manipulations of the surface area of revolution formulas. We can eliminate Choice B because the expression  $2\pi x$  is used for rotation about the  $y$ -axis. In addition, Choice A is incorrect because that is also rotation about the  $x$ -axis. Choice C is correct because of the correct bounds and notation for the specified axis of rotation. With the other choices either chosen or eliminated, Choice D is the remaining correct one because is also in the format of Choice C in simplified Leibniz notation.

$\therefore$  Choices C and D

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7. (10 points) Write out, but do not evaluate, the integral whose value is the length of the curve  $x = e^{-y^2}$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ .

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**Solution:**

For this problem, we can use the formula for arc length in terms of  $y$ , which is

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2} dy \quad \text{Since our bounds for } y \text{ in terms of } x \text{ are known (0 and 1), we need}$$

to just differentiate  $x = e^{-y^2}$  with respect to  $y$  by using the Chain Rule and then square our resulting derivative.

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{dx}{dy} = -2ye^{-y^2} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2 = 4y^2 e^{-2y^2}$$

From there, we just substitute with our solved information:

$$\Rightarrow L = \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + 4y^2 e^{-2y^2}} dy$$