
Math 242
Answers for Midterm #1 review problems

1. Evaluate the following integrals:

$$(a) \int (2 - 3x + x^4) dx \qquad (b) \int \left(3e^x + \frac{2}{x} - \sqrt{x} \right) dx \qquad (c) \int \frac{3x}{(x^2 + 1)^3} dx.$$

Answers:

$$(a) 2x - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 + C.$$
$$(b) 3e^x + 2 \ln |x| - \frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} + C$$
$$(c) -\frac{3}{4}(x^2 + 1)^{-2} + C.$$

2. Evaluate the following integrals:

$$(a) \int_0^2 4e^{3x} dx \qquad (b) \int_{-1}^1 \left(t^2 - \frac{2}{t^3} \right) dt \qquad (c) \int_1^2 (z^2 + 5z^2 e^{z^3}) dz$$

Answers:

$$(a) \frac{4}{3}(e^6 - 1).$$
$$(b) \frac{2}{3}$$
$$(c) \frac{7}{3} + \frac{5}{3}e^8 - \frac{5}{3}e^1.$$

3. The marginal cost of producing the x th box of widgets is $50 + 3x + \frac{1}{x}$. The total cost of producing one box is \$100. Find the cost of producing the first x boxes.

Answer: $C(x) = 50x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \ln |x| + \frac{97}{2}$.

4. In a certain colony of insects, the rate at which the colony is growing after t years of our study is given by $90t^2 - 50t + 10$ (measured in insects per year). If the insect population was 30 after the first year of our study, find the population after year t . What was the population after year 3?

Answer: $P(t) = 30t^3 - 25t^2 + 10t + 15$. And $P(3) = 630$.

Solution: Let $P(t)$ denote the population after year t . We are told $P'(t) = 90t^2 - 50t + 10$, and also that $P(1) = 30$. Then

$$P(t) = \int P'(t) dt = \int (90t^2 - 50t + 10) dt = 30t^3 - 25t^2 + 10t + C.$$

Plugging in $t = 1$ gives

$$30 = P(1) = 30 \cdot 1^3 - 25 \cdot 1^2 + 10 \cdot 1 + C = 15 + C.$$

Then by algebra, $C = 15$.

So $P(t) = 30t^3 - 25t^2 + 10t + 15$. To find the population after year 3, plug in $t = 3$.

5. Compute the area of the region that is contained beneath the graph of $y = \frac{3x}{x^2+2}$, above the x -axis, to the right of the line $x = 3$, and to the left of the line $x = 6$

Answer: $\frac{3}{2}(\ln(38) - \ln(11))$.

6. Evaluate the following integrals:

$$(a) \int_0^2 (6x+3)(x^2+x)^4 dx \qquad (b) \int \frac{2x+1}{x^2+x} dx \qquad (c) \int_1^2 \frac{2x+1}{x+2} dx$$

Answer:

(a) $\frac{3}{5} \cdot 6^5$.

(b) $\ln|x^2+x| + C$.

(c) $2 + 3(\ln 3 - \ln 4)$.

7. The marginal cost for producing the x th box of frisbees is $x^2(10+x)$. The fixed cost is \$500 (the fixed cost is the cost of producing 0 boxes). Using this information, determine the cost of producing the first x boxes.

Answer: $C(x) = \frac{10}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{4}x^4 + 500$.

8. Compute $\int (6x+1)e^{3x^2+x} dx$.

Answer: $e^{3x^2+x} + C$.

9. If I tell you that $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4+x^2}} \right) = \ln(x + \sqrt{4+x^2})$, use this information to evaluate

$$\int_0^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+x^2}} dx.$$

Answer: $\ln(2 + \sqrt{8}) - \ln 2$.

Solution: Remember that if $F'(x) = f(x)$, then $\int_a^b f(x) = F(b) - F(a)$. In our case $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+x^2}}$ and $F(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{4+x^2})$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+x^2}} &= \ln(x + \sqrt{4+x^2}) \Big|_0^2 \\ &= \ln(2 + \sqrt{4+4}) - \ln(0 + \sqrt{4+0}) \\ &= \ln(2 + \sqrt{8}) - \ln(2). \end{aligned}$$