

Math 1301 Practice Midterm 2

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Please do not open the exam until instructed to do so.  
You are allowed a one-page (double-sided) formula sheet.  
Your instructor may ask to see your formula sheet.  
No calculators, phones, computers, smart watches, etc. are permitted.

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Part 1. (25 points) Showing work is not required but partial credit may be awarded if you do.

$$Q1 \int xe^x dx = \boxed{xe^x - e^x}$$

$$u = x \quad dv = e^x dx$$

$$du = dx \quad v = e^x$$

$$= xe^x - \int e^x dx = xe^x - e^x$$

$$Q2 \int \cos(x) \ln(\cos(x)) dx = \boxed{\quad}$$

$$u = \ln(\cos(x)) \quad dv = \cos(x) dx$$

$$du = -\frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \quad v = \sin(x)$$

$$= \sin(x) \ln(\cos(x)) + \int \frac{\sin^2(x)}{\cos(x)} dx$$

$$\int \frac{\sin^2(x)}{\cos(x)} dx = \int \sec(x) - \cos(x) dx$$

$$= \ln |\sec(x) + \tan(x)| - \sin(x)$$

$$\int \cos(x) \ln(\cos(x)) dx$$

$$= \sin(x) \ln(\cos(x)) + \ln |\sec(x) + \tan(x)| - \sin(x).$$

Q3  $\int x(x-1)^{2025} dx =$

$$u = x-1, \quad x = u+1$$

$$du = dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int (u+1) u^{2025} dx = \int u^{2026} + u^{2025} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2027} (x-1)^{2027} + \frac{1}{2026} (x-1)^{2026} \end{aligned}$$

Q4  $\int x^2 \tan^{-1}(x) dx =$

$$u = \tan^{-1}(x) \quad dv = x^2 dx$$

$$du = \frac{dx}{1+x^2} \quad v = \frac{x^3}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} x^3 \tan^{-1}(x) - \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{x^3}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$\int \frac{x^3}{1+x^2} dx ; \quad s = x^2, \quad ds = 2x dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{s}{1+s} ds = \frac{1}{2} \int 1 - \frac{1}{1+s} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} s - \frac{1}{2} \ln |1+s| = \frac{1}{2} x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \ln |1+x^2|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^2 \tan^{-1}(x) dx &= \frac{1}{3} x^3 \tan^{-1}(x) - \frac{1}{6} x^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{6} \ln |1+x^2| \end{aligned}$$

Part 2. (20 points) Showing work is not required but partial credit may be awarded if you do.

Q1 The implicit solution for the following ODE is given by

$$(1+x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = (y^2 - 6y + 8)x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{(y-2)(y-4)} = \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{y-4} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{y-2} \right) dy = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1+x^2} \right) dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln|y-4| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|y-2| = x - \tan^{-1}(x)$$

Q2 The explicit solution for the following IVP is given by

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (y-1) \ln(x) \quad y(1) = 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (y-1) \ln(x)$$

$$\int \ln(x) dx$$

$$u = \ln(x) \quad dv = dx$$

$$du = \frac{dx}{x} \quad v = x$$

$$= x \ln(x) - x$$

$$\ln|y-1| = x \ln(x) - x + C$$

$$y = e^{x \ln(x) - x + C + 1}$$

$$C = 1$$

$$\ln|y-1| = x \ln(x) - x + 1$$

Part 3. (15 points) Showing work is not required but partial credit may be awarded if you do.

Q1 The domain for the function  $f(p)$  is given by

$$(1, \infty)$$

where

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{\ln(x)}{x^p} dx$$

$$f(p) = \int_1^\infty \frac{\ln(x)}{x^p} dx$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^{p-1}}$$

$$u = \ln(x) \quad dv = x^{-p} dx$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^{p-1}}$$

$p > 1$

$$du = \frac{1}{x} dx \quad v = \frac{1}{1-p} x^{1-p}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-p} x^{1-p} \ln(x) \Big|_1^\infty - \underbrace{\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{1-p} x^{-p} dx}_{p > 1}$$

Q2 (True/False): The integral  $\int_1^\infty \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx$  diverges. Justify your answer.

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx$$

$$u = \frac{1}{x} \quad dv = \sin(x) dx$$

$$du = -\frac{1}{x^2} dx \quad v = -\cos(x)$$

$$= -\frac{\cos(x)}{x} \Big|_1^\infty - \int_1^\infty \frac{\cos(x)}{x^2} dx$$

$$\downarrow$$

$\text{Squeeze} \quad -\frac{1}{x^2} \leq \frac{\cos(x)}{x^2} \leq \frac{1}{x^2} ; \quad \pm \int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{x^2} \text{ conv.}$

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$$\Rightarrow \int_1^\infty \frac{\cos(x)}{x^2} dx \text{ converges, too.}$$

Part 4. (25 points) Showing work is not required but partial credit may be awarded if you do.

Q1 Construct a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  such that the following properties hold:

- $\{a_n\}$  is monotonically increasing for  $n = 1, 2, 3$
- $\{a_n\}$  converges to  $e$
- $\{a_n\}$  is greater than  $e$  for some  $n > 3$ . (for example,  $a_6 = 7$ )
- $\{a_n\}$  is less than  $e$  for some  $n > 3$ . (for example,  $a_{12} = 1$ )

$$a_n = \begin{cases} n^2 & ; n = 1, 2, 3 \\ c + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} & ; n > 3 \end{cases}$$

Q2 Find the limits of the following sequences or state the limit does not exist:

(a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} = \boxed{0}$

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{n^2} \leq a_n \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$$

as  $-\frac{1}{n^2}, \frac{1}{n^2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we

have  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^{1/2}} =$

consider  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^{\epsilon}} \xrightarrow{L'H} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\epsilon x^{\epsilon-1}} \rightarrow 0 \forall \epsilon > 0$

$\Rightarrow \ln(x) \leq x^{\epsilon} \forall \epsilon > 0$ . Set  $a_n = \frac{\ln(n)}{n^{1/2}}$ .

From  $\ln(x) \leq x^{\epsilon}$ ,  $a_n \leq \frac{n^{\epsilon}}{n^{1/2}}$ . Set  $\epsilon = 1/3$

$\Rightarrow a_n \leq \frac{n^{1/3}}{n^{1/2}} \rightarrow 0$ .

(c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2} =$

Let  $a_n = \sqrt[n]{2}$ . Then,  $\ln(a_n) = \frac{1}{n} \ln(2)$ . So,

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(a_n) = \ln(2) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$ . Therefore,

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = e^{\ln(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n)} = e^0 = 1$

(d)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n)!}{(2n+1)!} =$

$$a_n = \frac{(2n)!}{(2n+1)!} = \frac{(2n)!}{(2n+1) \cdot (2n)!} = \frac{1}{2n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0.$$

Part 5. (15 points) Showing work is not required but partial credit may be awarded if you do.

Q1 The partial fraction decomposition form for  $\frac{x^2 - 304x - 5052}{(x + \pi)^3(x^2 - 3)(x + 2)}$  is

Q2 The implicit solution for the following ODE is given by

$$2^{-x} \frac{dy}{dx} = yx + y$$

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$$\int x 2^x dx$$

$$2^{-x} \frac{dy}{dx} = y(x+1)$$

$$u = x \quad dv = 2^x dx$$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = (2^x x + 2^x) dx$$

$$du = dx \quad v = \frac{2^x}{\ln(2)}$$

$$= \frac{x 2^x}{\ln(2)} - \frac{1}{\ln(2)} \int 2^x dx$$

$$c + \ln|y| = \frac{x 2^x}{\ln(2)} - \frac{1}{\ln^2(2)} 2^x + \frac{2^x}{\ln(2)} = \frac{x 2^x}{\ln(2)} - \frac{1}{\ln^2(2)} 2^x$$