

Math 1B Practice Midterm 2 Solution
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1. Solution:

$$\int \frac{x^2}{(x+1)^3} dx = \int \frac{(x+1)^2 - 2(x+1) + 1}{(x+1)^3} dx = \int \frac{1}{x+1} dx - 2 \int \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} dx + \int \frac{1}{(x+1)^3} dx = \ln |x+1| + \frac{2}{x+1} - \frac{1}{2(x+1)^2} + C.$$

2. Solution:

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

For the first integral, we make the substitution $u = x + 1$, then $\int x\sqrt{1+x} dx = \int (u - 1)\sqrt{u} du = \int (u^{\frac{3}{2}} - \sqrt{u}) du = \frac{2}{5}u^{\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{2}{3}u^{\frac{3}{2}} + C = \frac{2}{5}(x+1)^{\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{2}{3}(x+1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C.$

For the second, we have $\int x^{\frac{3}{2}} dx = \frac{2}{5}x^{\frac{5}{2}} + C.$

Combining these two results gives $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x}+\sqrt{x}} dx = \frac{2}{5}(x+1)^{\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{2}{3}(x+1)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{2}{5}x^{\frac{5}{2}} + C.$

3. Solution:

$$\text{a) } \int_0^1 \frac{x+1}{x^{\frac{4}{3}}} dx = \int_0^1 (x^{-\frac{1}{3}} + x^{-\frac{4}{3}}) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 (x^{-\frac{1}{3}} + x^{-\frac{4}{3}}) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{2}{3}} - 3x^{-\frac{1}{3}} \right) \Big|_t^1 = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{2}t^{\frac{2}{3}} - 3 + \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{t}} \right) = \frac{3}{2} - 0 - 3 + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{t}} = +\infty.$$

Hence the improper integral is **divergent**.

b) Given the fact $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{x}{x^2-1}}{\frac{1}{x}} = 1$, and $\int_2^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx$ is divergent, we can apply Limit Comparison Test to get that the original improper integral is **divergent**.

Remark: Another approach is to notice that $\frac{x}{x^2-1} < \frac{1}{x}$, and then use Comparison test to get the conclusion.

4. Solution:

The given integrand is $f(x) = \ln(\cos x)$, then the derivative is $f'(x) = -\tan x$, the second derivative should be $f^{(2)}(x) = -\sec^2(x)$. In this sense, we can take $K = \sec^2(\frac{3}{4})$. One can find the value of n by solving the inequality $\frac{\sec^2(\frac{3}{4})(\frac{3}{4})^3}{24n^2} < 4 \cdot 10^{-4}$.

5. Solution:

$$\text{The arc length is } \int_1^2 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx = \int_1^2 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2x^2}\right)^2} dx = \int_1^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4}\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2} dx = \int_1^2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2} dx = \int_1^2 \frac{1}{2}\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) dx = \left(\frac{1}{6}x^3 - \frac{1}{2x}\right) \Big|_1^2 = \frac{17}{12}.$$