

WEEK 1: QUESTIONS TAKEN FROM PAST MIDTERMS

- (1) Find the function  $F(x)$  such that  $F'(x) = x\sqrt{3x+1}$  and  $F(0) = 0$ .

**Solution**

Recall that,

$$F(x) = \int x\sqrt{3x+1}dx.$$

Using u-substitution,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } u &= \sqrt{3x+1} \\ u^2 &= 3x+1 \\ 2udu &= 3dx \\ \frac{2u}{3}du &= dx\end{aligned}$$

Substituting back into  $F'(x)$

$$\int x\sqrt{3x+1}dx = \int x * u \frac{2u}{3} du.$$

But there is a problem, we still have an  $x$ . However,  $u^2 = 3x+1$  so  $x = \frac{u^2-1}{3}$ . Replacing this,

$$\begin{aligned}\int x\sqrt{3x+1}dx &= \int \frac{u^2-1}{3} * u * \frac{2u}{3} du \\ &= \int \frac{2u^4 - 2u^2}{9} du \\ &= \frac{2u^5}{45} - \frac{2u^3}{27} + C\end{aligned}$$

Replacing back  $u = \sqrt{3x+1}$  gives,

$$F(x) = \frac{2\sqrt[5]{3x+1}}{45} - \frac{2\sqrt[3]{3x+1}}{27} + C.$$

Using  $F(0) = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2\sqrt[5]{1}}{45} - \frac{2\sqrt[3]{1}}{27} + C &= 0 \\ C &= \frac{4}{135}\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$F(x) = \frac{2\sqrt[5]{3x+1}}{45} - \frac{2\sqrt[3]{3x+1}}{27} + \frac{4}{135}$$

- (2) Express the limit as a definite integral then evaluate:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\pi}{4n} \tan \frac{k\pi}{4n}$$

**Solution**

Recall that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f(a + i\Delta x) \Delta x.$$

We need to find  $[a, b]$  and  $f(x)$ .

We guess that  $f(x) = \tan(x)$  and  $\Delta x = \frac{\pi}{4n}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{k\pi}{4n} &= a + i\Delta x \\ &= a + \frac{k\pi}{4n} \\ 0 &= a\end{aligned}$$

Now that we know  $a$ , let's find  $b$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta x &= \frac{b-a}{n} \\ \frac{\pi}{4n} &= \frac{b-0}{n} \\ \frac{\pi}{4} &= b \text{ the } n \text{ cancels out}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\pi}{4n} \tan \frac{k\pi}{4n} = \int_0^1 \tan(x) dx$

- (3) An object is tossed into the air at time  $t = 0$ . At time  $t = 1$  seconds the object has reached height 14.7 m. Assuming that there is no air resistance, answer the following questions (recall that the gravitational constant  $9.8m/s^2$ ; give your answers in decimals.

(a) What is the maximal height that the object reaches?

(b) What is the **total distance** that the object flies from time 0 until time  $t = 3$ ?

**Solution** Find  $a(t)$ ,  $v(t)$ , and  $s(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}a(t) &= -9.8 \\ v(t) &= -9.8t + C \\ s(t) &= -4.9t^2 + Ct + D\end{aligned}$$

By the statement of the problem,  $s(1) = 14.7$ ,  $s(0) = 0$  (it starts at height 0). Therefore,

$$s(0) = D = 0.$$

To find  $C$ , we will use  $s(1) = 14.7$ .

$$\begin{aligned}s(1) &= -4.9(1^2) + C = 14.7 \\ C &= 19.6\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}a(t) &= -9.8 \\ v(t) &= -9.8t + 19.6 \\ s(t) &= -4.9t^2 + 19.6t\end{aligned}$$

(a) The maximum height.

The maximum height occurs when  $v(t) = 0$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}v(t) &= 0 = -9.8t + 19.6 \\ 2 &= t\end{aligned}$$

Thus when  $t = 2$ , it reaches the maximum height. Therefore the maximum height occurs,

$$\begin{aligned}s(2) &= -4.9(2^2) + 19.6(2) \\ &= 19.6\end{aligned}$$

The maximum height occurs at 19.6 meters.

(b) Total Distance

$$\text{Total Distance} = \int_1^3 |v(t)| dt.$$

We know that the height is increasing and positive between  $[0, 2]$  then decreases so

$$\text{Total Distance} = \int_0^2 -9.8t + 19.6dt + \int_2^3 -19.6 + 9.8tdt.$$

Hence,

$$-4.9t^2 + 19.6t \Big|_0^2 = 19.6$$

$$4.9t^2 - 19.6t \Big|_2^3 = 4.9$$

The total distance is  $19.6 + 4.9 = 24.5$  meters.

- (4) Use the midpoint rule with  $n = 3$  subdivisions to find the approximate value of  $\int_0^6 \frac{x^2+5}{x^3+1} dx$ . Give your answer to two decimal places.

**Solution**

Remember that

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \Delta x(f(x_1^*) + f(x_2^*) + f(x_3^*) + \dots).$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{6-0}{3} = 2$$

The midpoints occur at 1, 3, 5.

$$\begin{aligned} 2(f(1) + f(3) + f(5)) &= 2 \left( \frac{1^2+5}{1^3+1} + \frac{3^2+5}{3^3+1} + \frac{5^2+5}{5^3+1} \right) \\ &= 2 \left( 3 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{21} \right) \\ &= \frac{157}{21} \\ &\approx 7.47619 \end{aligned}$$