

Midterm #1 Study Guide

Math 157 (Calculus II), Spring 2024

1. Geometric applications of integrals [§6.1, 6.2, 6.3]

- (a) Area between curves [§6.1]: area between $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ is $\int_a^b |f(x) - g(x)| dx$.
- (b) Volume of general solid [§6.2]: if $A(x)$ = area of cross-section, then volume is $\int_a^b A(x) dx$.
- (c) Volume of solid of revolution [§6.2, 6.3]: “disks/washers” & “cylindrical shells” methods.
For region below curve $y = f(x)$ from $x = a$ to $x = b$:
 - i. rotated around x -axis, “disks method” gives volume $= \int_a^b \pi f(x)^2 dx$;
 - ii. rotated around y -axis, “shells method” gives volume $= \int_a^b 2\pi f(x) x dx$.

2. Other applications of integrals [§6.4, 6.5]

- (a) Work [§6.4]: if $F(x)$ = force as function of distance, then work done is $W = \int_a^b F(x) dx$.
- (b) Average of function [§6.5]: the average of $f(x)$ from $x = a$ to $x = b$ is $\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$.

3. Techniques for computing integrals [§7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5]

- (a) Integration by parts [§7.1]: $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$; choose u using “LIATE” rule
- (b) Trigonometric integrals [§7.2]: for $\int \sin^n(x) \cos^m(x) dx$, use the Pythagorean identity $\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1$ to isolate single factor of $\cos(x) dx$ or $\sin(x) dx$, then do a u -sub.
- (c) Trigonometric substitution [§7.3]:
 - i. for $a^2 - x^2 \Rightarrow$ sub $x = a \sin(\theta)$, $dx = a \cos(\theta) d\theta$, and use $1 - \sin^2(\theta) = \cos^2(\theta)$;
 - ii. for $a^2 + x^2 \Rightarrow$ sub $x = a \tan(\theta)$, $dx = a \sec^2(\theta) d\theta$, and use $1 + \tan^2(\theta) = \sec^2(\theta)$.
- (d) Integrating rational functions by partial fractions [§7.4]: find roots of denominator $Q(x)$ and solve system of equations to write $P(x)/Q(x) = A/(x-a) + B/(x-b) + \dots + Z/(x-z)$ and use $\int A/(x-a) dx = A \ln(x-a)$; for repeated roots do $A_1/(x-a) + A_2/(x-a)^2 + \dots$.

4. Other concepts related to integration [§7.7]

- (a) Approximating definite integrals [§7.7]: two good approximations of $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ are
 - i. midpoint approximation $M_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\bar{x}_i) \Delta x$ where $\bar{x}_i = \frac{x_{i-1} + x_i}{2}$;
 - ii. trapezoid approximation $T_n = \frac{\Delta x}{2} (f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n))$.