

EXAMINATION COVERSHEET
Winter 2024 Quiz 1



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Total Number of Questions:	5 written questions
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INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS FOR THE EXAM

1. Please note that subject lecturer/tutor will be unavailable during exams. If there is a doubt in any of the exam questions i.e. problem solving etc. students should proceed by assuming values etc. Students should mention their assumption on the question paper.
2. Answers must be written (and drawn) in black or blue ink
3. Any mistakes must be crossed out. Whitener and ink erasers must not be used.
4. Answer ALL/ 6 questions. The marks for each question are shown next to each question.
5. Total marks: 40.



(8pts) Problem 1

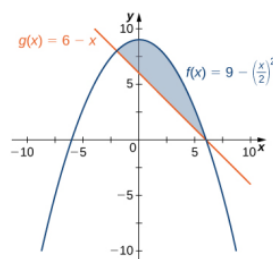
Find the area enclosed by the curves

$$f(x) = 9 - \frac{x^2}{4} \text{ and } g(x) = 6 - x.$$

Solution

[Method 1 by graphing](#)

$$A = \int_a^b (\text{Top function} - \text{Bottom function}) \, dx$$



[3 points]

To find a and b we need to compute where the graphs of the functions intersect. Setting $f(x) = g(x)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 9 - \frac{x^2}{4} &= 6 - x \Leftrightarrow \\ x^2 - 4x - 12 &= 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ (x - 6)(x + 2) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The graphs of the functions intersect when $x = 6$ or $x = -2$, so we want to integrate from -2 to 6 . [2 points]

Since $f(x) \geq g(x)$ for $-2 \leq x \leq 6$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_{-2}^6 \left[\left(9 - \frac{x^2}{4} \right) - (6 - x) \right] dx \\ &= \int_{-2}^6 \left(-\frac{1}{4}x^2 + x + 3 \right) dx \\ &= \left[\frac{-x^3}{12} + \frac{x^2}{2} + 3x \right]_{-2}^6 \\ &= \frac{64}{3} = 21.333. \end{aligned} \quad [3 \text{ points}]$$

[Method 2 without graphing](#)

$$A = \int_a^b |f(x) - g(x)| \, dx.$$

To find a and b we need to compute where the graphs of the functions intersect. Setting $f(x) = g(x)$, we get

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$$x^2 - 4x - 12 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x - 6)(x + 2) = 0.$$

The graphs of the functions intersect when $x = 6$ or $x = -2$, so we want to integrate from -2 to 6 . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_{-2}^6 \left| -\frac{1}{4}x^2 + x + 3 \right| dx \quad [4 \text{ points}] \\ &= \int_{-2}^6 \left| -\frac{1}{4}(x + 2)(x - 6) \right| dx \end{aligned}$$

Since we are integrating inside the root, the quadratic function will have the opposite sign of $a = -\frac{1}{4}$ which is positive inside roots -2 and 6 . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_{-2}^6 \left(-\frac{1}{4}x^2 + x + 3 \right) dx \\ &= \frac{64}{3} = 21.333. \quad [4 \text{ points}] \end{aligned}$$

(8pts) Problem 2

You are designing a roller coaster track, and you need to calculate the length of a specific curve on the track to ensure the safety and smoothness of the ride. The curve is described by the function $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}(x^2 + 1)^{3/2}$, $1 \leq x \leq 4$, where $f(x)$ represents the height of the track at each point along the x -axis. Find the arclength L of the curve $f(x)$.

Solution

$$L = \int_1^4 \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} (2x) (x^2 + 1)^{1/2} \quad [3 \text{ points}]$$

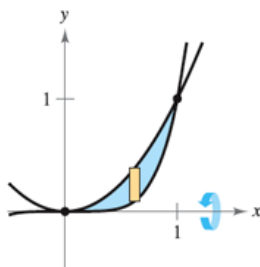
$$\begin{aligned} [f'(x)]^2 &= \left[(2x) (x^2 + 1)^{1/2} \right]^2 \\ &= 4x^2 (x^2 + 1) \\ &= 4x^4 + 4x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + [f'(x)]^2 &= 4x^4 + 4x^2 + 1 \\ &= (2x^2 + 1)^2 \quad [3 \text{ points}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_1^4 (2x^2 + 1) dx \\ &= \left[\frac{2x^3}{3} + x \right]_1^4 = 45. \quad [2 \text{ points}] \end{aligned}$$

(8pts) Problem 3

Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating about the x-axis the region bounded by the curves $y = x^2$ and $y = x^5$.



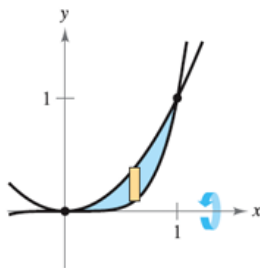
Solution

Method 1 (using the disc method).

$R = x^2$ (radius of big disc) and $r = x^5$ (radius of hole).

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_0^1 \text{Area of slice } dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[\pi (x^2)^2 - \pi (x^5)^2 \right] dx \quad [6 \text{ points}] \\ &= \pi \int_0^1 (x^4 - x^{10}) dx \\ &= \frac{6}{55} \pi = 0.34272. \quad [2 \text{ points}] \end{aligned}$$

Method 2 (using the shell method).



$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_0^1 (2\pi \cdot \text{average radius} \cdot \text{height}) dy \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^1 y (\sqrt[5]{y} - \sqrt{y}) dy \quad [5 \text{ points}] \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^1 (y^{6/5} - y^{3/2}) dy \\ &= \frac{6}{55} \pi = 0.34272. \quad [3 \text{ points}] \end{aligned}$$

(8pts)Problem 4.

Evaluate the integral

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

Solution

$$\frac{3x}{(2x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{A}{2x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1} \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

$$A = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad B = 1. \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{3x dx}{(2x+1)(x-1)} &= \int \left(\frac{1}{2x+1} + \frac{1}{x-1} \right) dx \\ &= \ln|x-1| + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| x + \frac{1}{2} \right| + C \quad [4 \text{ points}] \end{aligned}$$

(8pts) Problem 5.

Use trigonometric substitution to evaluate the integral

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

Solution

We have an integral involving an expression of the form $\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$, with $a = 1$. Put

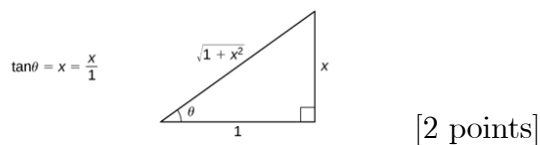
$$x = \tan \theta, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

$$dx = \sec^2 \theta d\theta. \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

The integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} &= \int \frac{\sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\sec \theta} \\ &= \int \sec \theta d\theta \\ &= \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C. \end{aligned} \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

Draw the reference triangle in the following figure.



$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \Rightarrow \sec \theta = \sqrt{1+x^2} \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{x}{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} = \ln \left| \sqrt{1+x^2} + x \right| + C \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$