University of Washington Midterm Exam #2 - Solutions

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1. (10 points) Evaluate the following indefinite integrals.

(a) (5 points) We start with substitution $u = \pi \sqrt{t}$ so that $du = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{t}} dx$. The integral becomes

$$\int \frac{\sin(\pi\sqrt{t})}{\sqrt{t}} dt = \frac{2}{\pi} \int \sin(u) du = -\frac{2}{\pi} \cos(u) + C = \boxed{-\frac{2}{\pi} \cos(\pi\sqrt{t}) + C}.$$

(**b**) (5 points) The substitution $x = u^6$ works well since then $\sqrt{x} = u^3$, $\sqrt[3]{x} = u^2$ and $dx = 6u^5 du$. Thus

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt[3]{x}} = \int \frac{6u^5}{u^3 - u^2} \, du = 6 \int \frac{u^3}{u - 1} \, du.$$

After doing long division we find that this is equal to

$$6\int \left(u^2 + u + 1 + \frac{1}{u - 1}\right) \, du = 6\left[\frac{u^3}{3} + \frac{u^2}{2} + u + \ln|u - 1|\right] + C.$$

After substituting back $u = \sqrt[6]{x}$ we get

$$2\sqrt{x} + 3\sqrt[3]{x} + 6\sqrt[6]{x} + 6\ln|\sqrt[6]{x} - 1| + C$$

2. (a) (5 points) (Note: This is Stewart 7.4 #33. This can also be done by partial fractions.) Let $u = x^4 + 4x^2 + 3$ so that $du = (4x^3 + 8x) dx = 4(x^3 + 2x) dx$. In changing the limits of integration we note that $x = 0 \implies u = 3$ and $x = 1 \implies u = 8$. Thus

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^3 + 2x}{x^4 + 4x^2 + 3} \, dx = \frac{1}{4} \int_3^8 \frac{1}{u} \, du = \frac{1}{4} \ln|u| \Big|_3^8 = \boxed{\frac{1}{4} (\ln 8 - \ln 3)} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{8}{3}}$$

(b) (5 points) (Note: this can also be done by first integrating by parts.)

$$\int_0^{1/2} \sin^{-1}(x) \, dx$$

We approach this as a trigonometric substitutution using $x = \sin \theta$ so that $dx = \cos \theta d\theta$ and $\theta = \sin^{-1}(x)$. Thus

$$\int \sin^{-1}(x) \, dx = \int \theta \cos \theta \, d\theta = \theta \sin \theta - \int \sin \theta \, d\theta = \theta \sin \theta + \cos \theta + C = \sin^{-1}(x) \cdot x + \sqrt{1 - x^2} + C$$

where we have used integration by parts to evaluate the θ integral. Therefore

$$\int_0^{1/2} \sin^{-1}(x) \, dx = x \sin^{-1}(x) + \sqrt{1 - x^2} \Big|_0^{1/2} = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - 1}.$$

3. (10 points) Let *R* be the region that is between the curve $y = \sqrt{x}e^{-x^2}$ and the *x*-axis, is bounded on the left by the line x = 1, and extends infinitely far out to the right. Let *S* be the solid obtained by rotating *R* around the *x*-axis.

Does *S* have finite volume? If so, find it, and give your answer in exact form. (Note: This is Problem #3 the Winter 2014 Final.)

Using the method of disks we see that the volume is given by the improper integral

$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \pi (\sqrt{x}e^{-x^{2}})^{2} dx = \int_{1}^{\infty} \pi x e^{-2x^{2}} dx$$

We first evaluate the indefinite integral using a substitution $u = -2x^2$ and du = -4x dx so that

$$\int \pi (\sqrt{x}e^{-x^2})^2 dx = -\frac{\pi}{4} \int e^u du = -\frac{\pi}{4}e^u + C = -\frac{\pi}{4}e^{-2x^2} + C.$$

Therefore

$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \pi (\sqrt{x}e^{-x^{2}})^{2} dx = \lim_{t \to \infty} \int_{1}^{t} \pi (\sqrt{x}e^{-x^{2}})^{2} dx = \lim_{t \to \infty} \left[-\frac{\pi}{4}e^{-2x^{2}} \right] \Big|_{1}^{t} = \lim_{t \to \infty} \left[-\frac{\pi}{4}e^{-2t^{2}} + \frac{\pi}{4}e^{-2} \right] = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{4}e^{-2}}.$$

4. (10 points) A 1600-lb elevator is suspended by a 200-ft cable that weighs 10 lb/ft. How much work is required to raise the elevator from the basement to the third floor, a distance of 30 ft?

(Note: There are many correct ways to do this problem. As mentioned many times in class *weight* is a measurement of force so you do not need to multiply by the acceleration due to gravity.)

The work needed to raise the elevator alone is 1600 lb × 30 ft = 48,000 ft-lb. The work needed to raise the bottom 170 ft of cable is 170 ft × 10 lb/ft × 30 ft = 51,000 ft-lb. The work need to raise the top 30 ft of cable is $\int_0^{30} 10x dx = 5x^2 \Big|_0^{30} = 5 \cdot 900 = 4500$ ft-lb. Adding these together, we see that the total work needed is 48,000 + 51,000 + 4,500 = 103,500 ft-lb.

5. (10 points) (Note: This is problem 8 in the Autumn 2009 Final).

(a) (4 points) Use Simpson's rule with n = 4 subintervals to approximate the integral. Give your answer in *EXACT* form (involving numbers like ln(3), etc.).

DO NOT GIVE A DECIMAL APPROXIMATION in this part. $\Delta x = \frac{3-1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$ so we get

$$\int_{1}^{3} \ln x \, dx \approx \boxed{\frac{1}{6} (0 + 4\ln(1.5) + 2\ln(2) + 4\ln(2.5) + \ln(3))}$$

(b) (4 points) Compute the integral exactly.

DO NOT GIVE A DECIMAL APPROXIMATION in this part.

$$\int_{1}^{3} \ln x \, dx = \left[x \ln x - x \right] \Big|_{1}^{3} = \left(3 \ln(3) - 3 \right) - \left(1 \ln(1) - 1 \right) = \boxed{3 \ln(3) - 2}$$

(c) (2 points) Use your calculator to evaluate your answers in part (a) and part (b) as decimals; round your answers to six decimal digits after the decimal point.

Simpson
$$= 1.295322$$
 Exact $= 1.295837$