

Calculus I
Practice Exam 3, Answers

1. Find the indefinite integral of the given function:

a) $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + x^{-2}$

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

b) $g(x) = \sin x + \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$

Answer. $\int g(x)dx = -\cos x + \tan x + C$ since $1/\cos^2 x = \sec^2 x$.

2. Find the function whose value at 0 is 0 and whose derivative is given.

Answer. Let $f(x)$ represent the answer.

a) $\frac{x}{(2x^2 + 1)^2}$

Make the substitution $u = 2x^2 + 1$, $du = 4xdx$. Then

$$f(x) = \int \frac{x}{(2x^2 + 1)^2} dx = \frac{1}{4} \int u^{-2} du = \frac{1}{4} \left(-\frac{1}{u}\right) = -\frac{1}{4(2x^2 + 1)} + C$$

for some constant C . Since $f(0) = 0$, we have $0 = -(1/4) + C$, so $C = 1/4$ and

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2x^2 + 1}\right).$$

b) $\frac{\sin x}{\cos^4 x}$

Let $u = \cos x$, $du = -\sin x dx$. Then

$$f(x) = -\int u^{-4} du = \frac{1}{3} u^{-3} + C = \frac{1}{3 \cos^3 x} + C.$$

From the initial condition we find $C = -1/3$. Thus $f(x) = (1/3)(\cos^3 x - 1)$.

c) $\frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^4 x}$ The integrand is $\tan^2 x \sec^2 x$, so the integral is

$$f(x) = \int \tan^2 x \sec^2 x dx = \frac{1}{3} \tan^3 x + C$$

and the initial condition gives $C = 0$.

3. Find y as a function of x , given that $y = 4$ when $x = 0$ and

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x + \sin x.$$

Answer. Take the indefinite integral:

$$y = \frac{x^2}{2} - \cos x + C$$

Evaluate at (0,4) to find $C = 5$. The answer is

$$y = \frac{x^2}{2} - \cos x + 5$$

4. Find the solution to the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y^2}$$

such that $y(1) = 2$.

Answer. Write this as an equation of differentials: $y^2 dy = x dx$, and integrate:

$$\frac{y^3}{3} = \frac{x^2}{2} + C.$$

Solve for C by putting in the values $x = 2$, $y = 1$, to obtain $C = 13/6$. Thus the solution is given by the relation

$$\frac{y^3}{3} = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{13}{6}$$

which leads to the answer

$$y = \left(\frac{3x^2 + 13}{2}\right)^{1/3}.$$

5. Calculate the definite integrals:

a) $\int_{-4}^4 (x^3 + 3x + \sin(2x)) dx$

Answer. The answer is 0 since the function is an odd function, and the domain of integration is symmetric about 0.

b) $\int_0^{\pi/2} (\sin x \cos x) dx$

Answer. Let $u = \sin x$, $du = \cos x dx$. For $x = 0$, $u = 0$, and for $x = \pi/2$, $u = 1$. The integral then becomes $\int_0^1 u du$ which is $1/2$.

6. Find the definite integrals:

a) $\int_1^3 x(x+1)^2 dx =$

Answer. $= \int_1^3 (x^3 + 2x^2 + x) dx = \left(\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{2}{3}x^3 + \frac{x^2}{2}\right)\Big|_1^3 = 41.67.$

b) $\int_0^{\pi} (\sin x + \cos x) dx =$

Answer. $= (-\cos x + \sin x)\Big|_0^{\pi} = 2.$

Be careful with all the negative signs!

7. Find the area of the region bounded by the curves $y = x^3 - x^2 + x$ and $y = x^3 + 2x^2 - 10$.

Answer. These are two cubic curves and we have to find their points of intersection to determine the region they enclose. Solve:

$$x^3 - x^2 + x = x^3 + 2x^2 - 10, \quad \text{or } 3x^2 - x - 10 = 0.$$

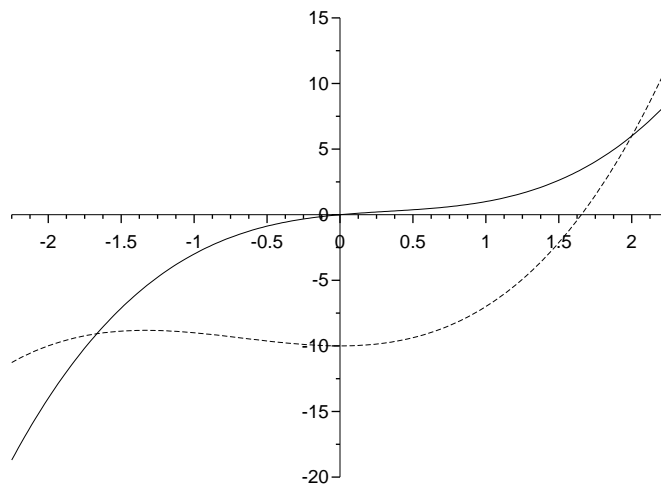
By the quadratic formula, we find

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(3)(-10)}}{2(3)} = 2, \quad -5/3.$$

Now, evaluate the functions at some intermediate point to determine which is the upper curve, Picking 0, we get 0, -10 as the respective values (see the figure). Thus the area is

$$\int_{-5/3}^2 (x^3 - x^2 + x - (x^3 + 2x^2 - 10)) dx = (10x - \frac{x^2}{2} - x^3) \Big|_{-5/3}^2 = \frac{1265}{64}.$$

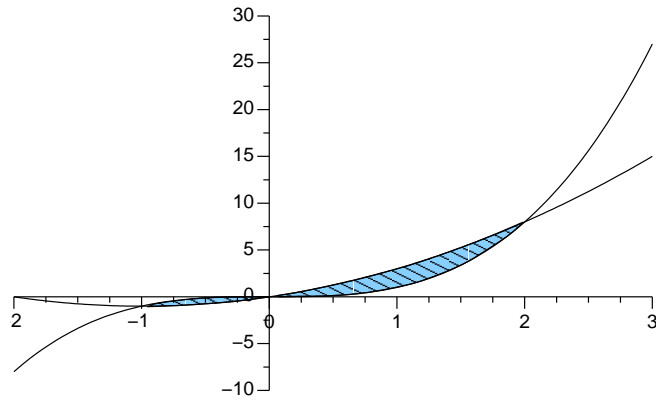
The calculation disguised by the last equals sign is a long tedious piece of arithmetic (which I had Maple do for me). Remember that you also need not do this arithmetic.



8. Find the area of the region bounded by the curves $y = x^3$ and $y = x^2 + 2x$.

Answer. As in problem 7, we first find the points of intersection of the two curves by solving $x^3 = x^2 + 2x$, or $x^3 - x^2 - 2x = 0$. This factors to $x(x - 2)(x + 1) = 0$, so the solutions are -1, 0, 2. Now the region comes in two pieces; one in the third quadrant, and the other in the first. Since, for large x , the cubic is above the quadratic, and they change positions at each point of intersection, we conclude that the cubic is below the quadratic in $(0, 2)$, and above it in $(-1, 0)$ (see the figure). Thus the area is

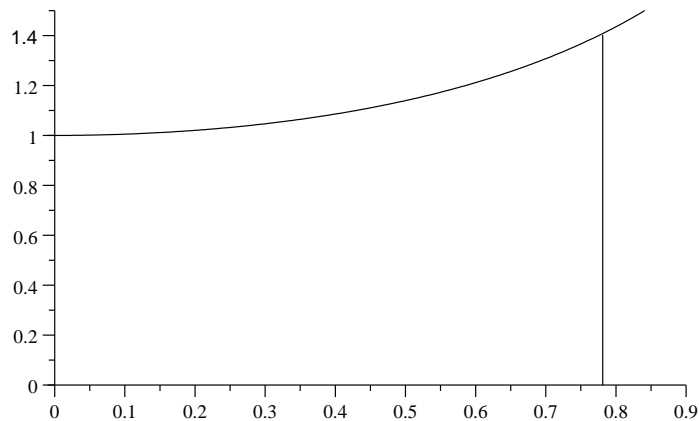
$$\int_{-1}^0 (x^3 - (x^2 + 2x)) dx + \int_0^2 (x^2 + 2x - x^3) dx = \frac{5}{12} + \frac{8}{3} = \frac{37}{12}.$$



9. A solid lies above the region in the first quadrant bounded by the curve $y = \sec x$ from $x = 0$ to $x = \pi/4$, so that a cross-section above each line $x = \text{constant}$ is a square. What is the volume of the region?

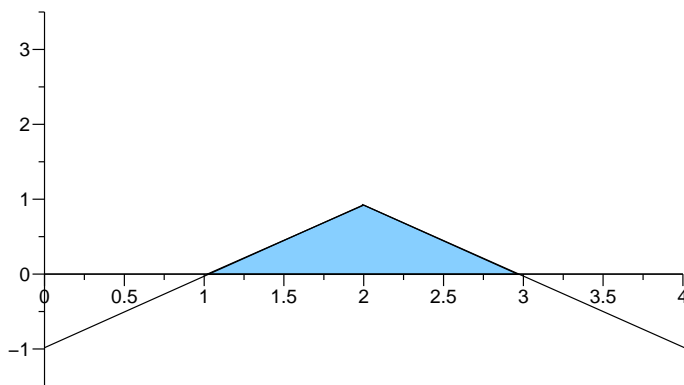
Answer. We calculate the volume by sweeping out the solid in the x direction. For a fixed x , the volume of a slab of thickness dx is $dV = A(x)dx$, where $A(x)$ is the area of the square of side length $\sec x$. Thus $dV = \sec^2 x dx$, and

$$V = \int_0^{\pi/4} \sec^2 x dx = \tan x \Big|_0^{\pi/4} = 1 .$$



10. The region in the first quadrant bounded by the curves $y = x - 1$ and $y = 3 - x$ is rotated about the x -axis. What is the volume of the resulting solid? What is the answer if the region is rotated about the y -axis?

Answer. Draw the picture: we get an isosceles triangle with base on the x -axis, height 1 and vertices at $x = 1, x = 3$. We can use either the disc method (sweeping in the x -direction) or the shell method (sweeping in the y direction).



First, the disc method: We have $dV = \pi r^2 dx$, where $r = x - 1$ from 1 to 2 and $r = 3 - x$ from 2 to 3. Thus

$$V = \int_1^2 \pi(x-1)^2 dx + \int_2^3 \pi(3-x)^2 dx .$$

Making the substitution $u = x - 1$ in the first integral, and $v = 3 - x$ in the second, we obtain

$$V = \pi \left(\int_0^1 u^2 du - \int_1^0 v^2 dv \right) = 2\pi \int_0^1 u^2 dx = \frac{2\pi}{3} .$$

Note that we could have concluded this at the beginning, by the symmetry around the line $x = 2$.

Now, the shell method. For a y between 0 and 1, $dV = 2\pi y L dy$, where L is the length of the line segment in the triangle at height y . This is the difference in the x values at the endpoints which is $3 - y - (y - 1) = 2 - 2y$.

Thus

$$V = \int_0^1 2\pi y(2-2y) dy = 2\pi \int_0^1 (y-y^2) dy = \frac{2\pi}{3} .$$