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**Math 10550, Practice Exam III**  
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### Multiple Choice

1.(7 pts.) How many inflection points does the curve  $y = \frac{x^4}{12} - \frac{x^3}{3}$  have?

**Solution** Notice that

$$y' = \frac{4}{12}x^3 - \frac{3}{3}x^2 = \frac{x^2}{3}(x - 3)$$

and

$$y'' = \frac{3}{3}x^2 - 2x = x(x - 2).$$

Thus,  $y'' = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$  or  $x = 2$ . Observe that  $y'' > 0$  if  $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$  and  $y'' < 0$  if  $x \in (0, 2)$ . Given that there are change of sign in  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2$ , we have that both are inflection points. Hence,  $y$  has 2 inflection points.

- (a) 1                      (b) 3                      (c) 2                      (d) 4                      (e) 0

2.(7 pts.) Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x^3 - 2x + 1}{2x^2 + x + 1}$

**Solution**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x^3 - 2x + 1}{2x^2 + x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{3x^3}{x^3} - \frac{2x}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^3}}{\frac{2x^2}{x^3} + \frac{x}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^3}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3 - \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^3}}{\frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^3}} = -\infty.$$

- (a) 0                      (b)  $-\frac{3}{2}$                       (c)  $\frac{3}{2}$   
(d)  $-\infty$                       (e) Does not exist

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3.(7 pts.) The slant asymptote of  $y = \frac{2x^4 + x^3 + 5}{x^3 - 3x^2 + 2}$  is given by

**Solution:** Using long division, we find that

$$\frac{2x^4 + x^3 + 5}{x^3 - 3x^2 + 2} = (2x + 7) + \frac{21x^2 - 4x - 9}{x^3 - 3x^2 + 2}$$

- (a) There are no slant asymptotes.      (b)  $y = 2x + 7$   
(c)  $y = x + 4$       (d)  $y = 2x - 5$   
(e)  $y = 2x + 4$

4.(7 pts.) Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^6 + 5}}{x^3 + 1}$ .

**Solution:** We first divide through by  $x^3$ , in the numerator using the fact that  $\sqrt{x^6} = -x^3$  for  $x < 0$ :

$$\frac{\sqrt{4x^6 + 5}}{x^3 + 1} = -\frac{\sqrt{4 + 5/(x^6)}}{1 + 1/(x^3)}.$$

As  $x$  goes to  $-\infty$ , the numerator goes to  $\sqrt{4} = 2$ . As  $x$  goes to  $-\infty$ , the denominator goes to 1. Hence the answer is  $-2$ .

- (a)  $3/2$       (b) 6      (c)  $-2$       (d) 2      (e) 4

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5.(7 pts.) If we want to use Newton's method to find an approximate solution to

$$\cos(x) - x = 0$$

with initial approximation  $x_1 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , what is  $x_2$ ?

**Solution:** Take  $f(x) = \cos(x) - x$ . Using that  $f'(x) = -\sin(x) - 1$  and the formula  $x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{-\pi/2}{-2} \\ &= \pi/2 - \pi/4 \\ &= \pi/4\end{aligned}$$

- (a)  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$       (b) 0      (c)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$       (d)  $\pi$       (e)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

6.(7 pts.) A bug being chased by a kitten (both moving in a straight line) enters a kitchen with velocity 1 ft/sec, and accelerates at  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{t}}$  ft/sec<sup>2</sup>. How fast is the bug moving 9 seconds later.

**Solution:** Since acceleration is given by  $a(t) = 2t^{-1/2}$  and the derivative of velocity is acceleration, we know that after integrating acceleration, the velocity is given by  $v(t) = 4t^{1/2} + C$  for some constant  $C$ . We are also given that the initial velocity is 1 so that  $v(0) = C = 1$ . Thus,  $v(t) = 4t^{1/2} + 1$ . Thus,  $v(9) = 12 + 1 = 13$ .

- (a) 13 ft/sec      (b) 7 ft/sec      (c) 5 ft/sec  
(d) 4 ft/sec      (e) 37 ft/sec

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7.(7 pts.) Find the **left endpoint approximation** to the definite integral

$$\int_{-1}^3 \frac{6}{2+x} dx$$

using four approximating rectangles of equal base width.

**Solution:** The left endpoint approximation uses the left endpoint of a subinterval:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \Delta x (f(x_0) + f(x_2) + \cdots + f(x_{n-1})) \text{ where } \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}.$$

$$\text{We have that } f(x) = \frac{6}{2+x}, a = -1, b = 3, n = 4,$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \Delta x = \frac{3 - (-1)}{4} = 1.$$

Divide the interval into 4 subintervals of the length  $\Delta x = 1$  with the following endpoints:  $-1, 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

Now, just evaluate the function at the left endpoints of the subintervals.

$$f(-1) = 6, f(0) = 3, f(1) = 2, f(2) = \frac{3}{2}.$$

Finally, just sum up the above values and multiply  $\Delta x$  we obtain that

$$\int_{-1}^3 \frac{6}{2+x} dx \approx 1 * \left( 6 + 3 + 2 + \frac{3}{2} \right) = \frac{25}{2}.$$

- (a)  $\frac{71}{10}$       (b)  $\frac{131}{10}$       (c) 25      (d)  $\frac{71}{5}$       (e)  $\frac{25}{2}$

8.(7 pts.) If  $f(x)$  is a continuous function with

$$\int_{-2}^{-1} f(x) dx = 2, \quad \int_{-2}^2 f(x) dx = 1 \text{ and } \int_2^5 f(x) dx = 2$$

find  $\int_{-1}^5 f(x) dx$ .

$$\text{Soution: } \int_{-1}^5 f(x) dx = \int_{-2}^2 f(x) dx + \int_2^5 f(x) dx - \int_{-2}^{-1} f(x) dx = 1 + 2 - 2 = 1.$$

- (a) 2      (b) 3      (c) 0      (d) 1      (e) 6

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9.(7 pts.) Calculate the following definite integral

$$\int_1^3 \frac{\sqrt{x} + x^3}{x^{5/2}} dx.$$

**Solution**

$$\int_1^3 \frac{\sqrt{x} + x^3}{x^{5/2}} dx = \int_1^3 \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \int_1^3 x^{1/2} dx = -\left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{1}\right) + \frac{2}{3}(3^{3/2} - 1) = 2\sqrt{3}.$$

(a)  $\frac{3}{2}$

(b)  $2\sqrt{3}$

(c)  $\frac{5}{2}$

(d)  $2\sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{3}$

(e)  $2\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2}$

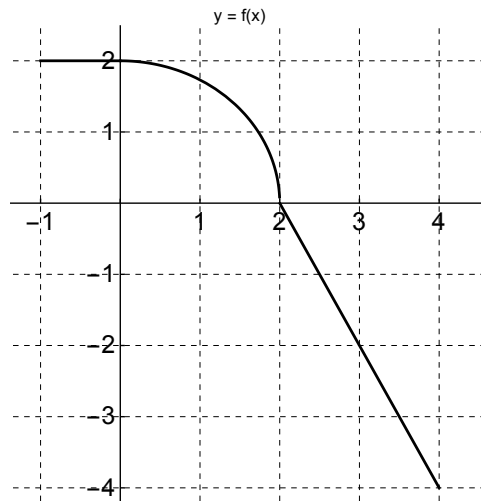
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10.(7 pts.) The graph shown below is that of  $f(x)$  for  $-1 \leq x \leq 4$  where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ \sqrt{4-x^2} & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 2 \\ 4-2x & \text{if } 2 \leq x \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

Which of the following equals  $\int_{-1}^4 f(x) dx$ ?



**Solution:** From  $-1$  to  $0$ , the function is constant with output  $2$ . So the area under the curve is given by the area of a rectangle with base  $1$  and height  $2$ . The area of such a rectangle is  $2$ . From  $0$  to  $2$ , we see that the function traces out the upper left portion of a circle with radius  $2$  centered at  $(0, 0)$  and hence, we have that the area is given by  $\frac{1}{4}\pi 2^2 = \pi$ . From  $2$  to  $4$ , we see that the curve traces the hypotenuse of a right triangle with base  $2$  and height  $4$ . The area of such a triangle is  $\frac{1}{2}(2)(4) = 4$ . However, since function is under the  $x$ -axis from  $2$  to  $4$ , we need to account for this by subtracting the area of the triangle. So the integral is evaluated to be  $2 + \pi - 4 = \pi - 2$ .

- (a)  $\pi - 2$                       (b)  $\pi$                       (c)  $6 + \pi$   
 (d)  $2\pi - 2$                       (e)  $0$

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11.(7 pts.) If  $f(x) = \int_{x^3}^1 \sqrt{1 + \sin(t)} dt$ , then  $f'(x) =$

**Solution:** Setting  $y = x^3$ , we rewrite as  $f(y^{1/3}) = \int_y^1 \sqrt{1 + \sin(t)} dt$ . Then we have

$$-f'(y^{1/3}) = \int_1^y \sqrt{1 + \sin(t)} dt.$$

Taking the derivative of both sides, we see via the chain rule and the Fund. Thm. of Calc. that

$$\begin{aligned} -f'(y^{1/3}) * 1/3y^{-2/3} &= \sqrt{1 + \sin(y)} \\ \Rightarrow f'(y^{1/3}) &= -3y^{2/3} \sqrt{1 + \sin(y)} \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) &= -3x^2 \sqrt{1 + \sin(x^3)} \end{aligned}$$

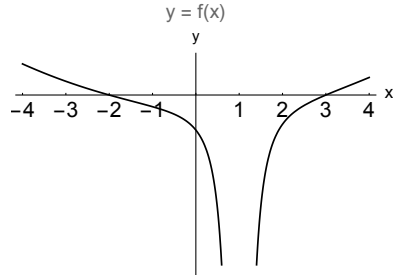
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(d)  $-3x^2 \sqrt{1 + \sin(x^3)}$       (e)  $3x^2 \sqrt{1 + \sin(x^3)}$



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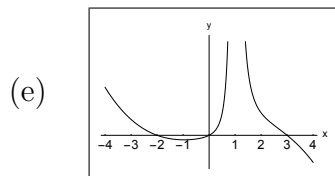
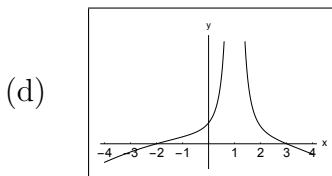
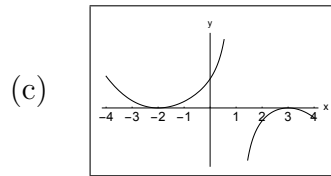
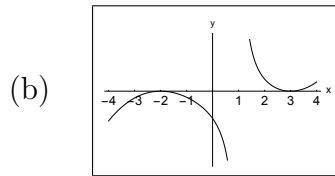
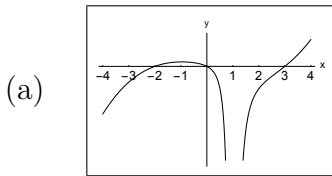
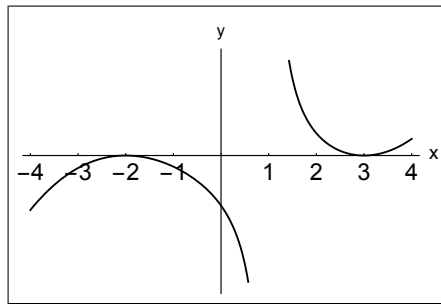
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12.(7 pts.) The graph of  $f(x)$  is shown below:



which of the following gives the graph of an antiderivative for the function  $f(x)$ ?

**Solution** Denote  $F(x)$  to be one antiderivative of  $f(x)$ . By definition,  $F'(x) = f(x)$ . So  $F(x)$  is increasing in  $[-4, -2]$  and  $[3, 4]$ ; decreasing in  $[-2, 1) \cup (1, 3]$ . The answer is



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### Partial Credit

You must show your work on the partial credit problems to receive credit!

**13.**(10 pts.) A page of a book is to have a total area of 150 square inches, with 1 inch margins at the top and sides, and a 2 inch margin at the bottom. Find the dimensions in inches of the page which will have the largest print area.

**Solution** Let  $x$  denote the total width and  $y$  denote the total height. So the width of the printed area is  $x - 2$  and the height of the printed area is  $y - 3$ . Then the total area of the page can be expressed as

$$A_{total} = xy.$$

We are given that  $A_{total} = 150$ , so  $y = 150/x$ . We wish to maximize

$$A_{print} = (x - 2)(y - 3) = (x - 2) \left( \frac{150}{x} - 3 \right) = 156 - 3x - \frac{300}{x}.$$

Differentiating with respect to  $x$  and finding critical points gives

$$A'_{print}(x) = -3 + \frac{300}{x^2} = 0$$

so we must have  $300 - 3x^2 = 0$ , i.e.  $x^2 = 100$ . So  $x = 10$  inches.

Using the first derivative test shows that 10 is indeed a maximum. For  $x < 10$ ,  $A'_{print} > 0$ , and for  $x > 10$ ,  $A'_{print} < 0$ .

$y = 150/x$ , so we have  $y = \frac{150}{10} = 15$ . Therefore the page which maximizes the printed area has the dimensions 10 inches by 15 inches.

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14.(10 pts.) A particle is moving in a straight line with acceleration

$$a(t) = 4 \left( t^2 - \frac{1}{3} \right) \text{ ft/s}^2,$$

where distance is measured in feet and time in seconds. The initial velocity of the particle is  $v(0) = 0$  ft/s and the initial position of the particle is  $s(0) = 0$ .

(a) Find the velocity of the particle at time  $t$  (i.e. find  $v(t)$ ).

**Solution:**  $v(t) = \int a(t) dt = \frac{4}{3}t^3 - \frac{4}{3}t + C$ . Moreover, since  $v(0) = 0$ , solving for  $C$  we get  $C = 0$ .

(b) Find the position of the particle at time  $t$  (i.e. find  $s(t)$ ).

**Solution:**  $s(t) = \int v(t) dt = \frac{1}{3}t^4 - \frac{2}{3}t^2 + C$ . Moreover, since  $s(0) = 0$ , solving for  $C$  we get  $C = 0$ .

(c) Find the values of  $t$  for which  $v(t) = 0$  on the interval  $[0, \infty)$ .

**Solution:**  $v(t) = \frac{4}{3}t(t^2 - 1) = 0$  implies  $t = \pm 1$  or  $t = 0$ . Hence,  $t = 0$  and  $t = 1$  are the only values for  $t$  in  $[0, \infty)$  where  $v(t) = 0$ .

(d) Find the distance travelled by the particle on the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 2$ .

**Solution:** Observe that  $v(t) < 0$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $v(t) > 0$  for  $1 \leq t \leq 2$ . Total distance traveled is then:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 |v(t)| dt &= \int_0^1 -v(t) dt + \int_1^2 v(t) dt \\ &= \left[ -\frac{1}{3}t^4 + \frac{2}{3}t^2 \right]_0^1 + \left[ \frac{1}{3}t^4 - \frac{2}{3}t^2 \right]_1^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{16}{3} - \frac{8}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{10}{3} \end{aligned}$$

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**15.**(10 pts.) Evaluate the definite integral shown below using right endpoint approximations and the limit definition of the definite integral

$$\int_0^2 \frac{x}{2} dx$$

$\left( \text{Note: } 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}. \right)$  Verify your answer using the fundamental theorem of calculus. **Solution:** We compute  $\Delta x = 2 - 0/n = 2/n$  and  $x_i = i\Delta x = 2i/n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 \frac{x}{2} dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n f(x_i) \Delta x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{2i}{2n} \left( \frac{2}{n} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{i=0}^n i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n^2} \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + n}{n^2} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Using the FTC we get

$$\int_0^2 \frac{x}{2} dx = \frac{x^2}{4} \Big|_0^2 = \frac{4}{4} - \frac{0}{4} = 1.$$

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