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First Midterm Solutions, Fall 2007

1. A liquid leaked from a tank at a rate r(t), where r is in liters per hour, and t is in hours. The rate decreased as time passed. This rate was measured every 2 hours, and the result is given below. Find an upper estimate for the total amount of oil that has leaked out after 6 hours.

t	0	2	4	6
r(t)	9	7.5	7	6

Solution: We are being asked to calculate a Riemann sum. Since the rate of leakage was decreasing, the left sum will give us an upper estimate. There are 6 hours involved, measured every 2 hours, we will have a sum with 3 rectangles, each of width 2.

Our estimate is

$$2r(0) + 2r(2) + 2r(4) = 2 \cdot 9 + 2 \cdot 7.5 + 2 \cdot 7 = 47$$

There should be no more than 47 liters of oil that leaked out during the 6 hours. (Note that we do NOT want to use r(6) in our estimate, since that would tell us about what happened AFTER the 6th hour ended.

(Although it wasn't asked, we could do a right sum to get a lower bound on the amount of oil lost. In this case, we would get 2r(2) + 2r(4) + 2r(6) = 41, so the total amount of oil that leaked in the given period was between 41 and 47 liters.)

2.

$$\int_{2}^{3} f(x)dx = 1/3, \qquad \int_{3}^{5} f(x)dx = 6, \qquad \int_{2}^{5} g(x)dx = 4/5.$$

Find

$$\int_{2}^{5} (g(x) + 4f(x) + 5) dx.$$

Solution: We rewrite this in terms of what we are given. We have

$$\int_{2}^{5} (g(x) + 4f(x) + 5)dx = \int_{2}^{5} g(x) \, dx + 4 \int_{2}^{5} f(x) \, dx + \int_{2}^{5} 5 \, dx.$$

The first integral is given as 4/5, and the last is the area of a 5×3 rectangle, so it is 15. To do the middle integral, we use the fact that $\int_2^5 f(x) dx = \int_2^3 f(x) dx + \int_3^5 f(x) dx = 1/3 + 6$. This means we have

$$\int_{2}^{5} \left(g(x) + 4f(x) + 5\right) dx = \frac{4}{5} + 4\left(6 + \frac{1}{3}\right) + 15 = \frac{617}{15}$$

Sorry about the fractions...

3. Express the integral as the limit of Riemann sums. Do not evaluate the limit. Do not use Δx or x_i^* in your final answer; instead, plug in the formulas for these.

$$\int_{2}^{12} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} dx}{2+3x}$$

Solution: Let's write this as a right sum with n equal rectangles.

The width Δx of each rectangle will be $\frac{12-2}{n} = \frac{10}{n}$.

Since we are doing right sums, we divide the interval [2, 10] into n pieces, and choose our x_i^* on the right (larger) side of each piece. Thus, we have $x_1^* = 2 + \frac{10}{n}$, $x_2^* = 2 + \frac{20}{n}$, $x_3^* = 2 + \frac{30}{n}$, and so on. More compactly, we can write this as

$$x_i^* = 2 + \frac{10i}{n} \qquad i \le i \le n.$$

This means that the area of the i^{th} rectangle will be

$$(\Delta x)f(x_i^*) = \left(\frac{10}{n}\right)f\left(2 + \frac{10i}{n}\right) = \left(\frac{10}{n}\right)\frac{\sqrt[3]{2 + \frac{10i}{n}}}{2 + 3\left(2 + \frac{10i}{n}\right)} = \frac{10\sqrt[3]{2 + \frac{10i}{n}}}{8n + 30i}$$

and so we have the area with n rectangles as $R_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{10\sqrt[3]{2+\frac{10i}{n}}}{8n+30i}$.

Since the exact value of the integral is the limit as the number of rectangles goes to infinity, we have

$$\int_{2}^{12} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} dx}{2+3x} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{10\sqrt[3]{2} + \frac{10i}{n}}{8n+30i}$$

4. Let $f(w) = \frac{w^4 - 2w^2\sqrt{w}}{w}$.

(a) Find f'(w).

Solution: Observe that $f(w) = w^3 - 2w^{3/2}$. So $f'(w) = 3w^2 - 3w^{1/2}$. (b) Find $\int f(w)dw$.

Solution:

$$\int f(w)dw = \int w^3 - 2w^{3/2}dw = \frac{1}{4}w^4 - 2 \cdot \frac{2}{5}w^{5/2} + C = \frac{w^4}{4} - \frac{4w^{5/2}}{5} + C$$

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5. Simplify.

(a)
$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\int_{\pi}^{e^x} 3\cos t dt \right).$$

Solution: We use the fundamental theorem of calculus, and remember that we must use the chain rule (since the upper bound of integration is not x):

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\int_{\pi}^{e^x} 3\cos t dt\right) = 3\cos\left(e^x\right) \cdot \left(\frac{d}{dx}e^x\right) = 3e^x\cos(e^x)$$

(b)
$$\int (2x^{-1} + 7\sin x) dx$$

Solution:

$$\int (2x^{-1} + 7\sin x) \, dx = 2\ln|x| - 7\cos(x) + C$$

6. The velocity of a particle at time t is given by $v(t) = 3t^2 - 1$. The position of the particle at time t = 0 is 1. Find the position of the particle at time t = 3.

Solution: We remember that if s(t) is the position at time t, the velocity is v(t) = s'(t). We have to find an the antiderivative $s(t) = \int v(t) dt$ for which s(0) = 1.

$$s(t) = \int 3t^2 - 1 \, dx = t^3 - t + C$$

Since s(0) = 1, we must have C = 1. Thus

$$s(t) = t^3 - t + 1.$$

This means the position at t = 3 is s(3) = 27 - 3 + 1 = 25.

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7. Consider the following integral

$$\int_{1}^{2} 3 + 2x \, dx$$

(a) Express the integral as the limit of Riemann sums. Do not evaluate the limit. Do not use Δx or x_i^* in your final answer; instead, plug in the formulas for these.

Solution: First, we write the right approximation with n rectangles (right, left, midpoint, ... any will do). Since we have $\Delta x = (2-1)/n = 1/n$, we also have $x_i^* = 1+i/n$. Thus,

$$R_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \left(3 + 2\left(1 + \frac{i}{n}\right)\right) = \sum_{i=0}^n \left(\frac{5}{n} + \frac{2i}{n^2}\right)$$

Taking the limit as $n \to \infty$ gives us the integral:

$$\int_{1}^{2} 3 + 2x \, dx = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n} \left(\frac{5}{n} + \frac{2i}{n^2} \right)$$

(b) Use the formula $\sum_{i=1}^{n} i = \frac{n^2 + n}{2}$ to evaluate the limit in the previous part. DO NOT CALCULATE THE INTEGRAL DIRECTLY, or you will get no credit.

Solution: In order to compute the limit, it will probably help to rearrange the above answer a bit first.

Observe that $\sum_{1}^{n} 1 = 1 + 1 + \ldots + 1 = n$. We have

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} \left(\frac{5}{n} + \frac{2i}{n^2}\right) = \frac{5}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n} 1 + \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{i=0}^{n} i = \frac{5}{n} \cdot n + \frac{2}{n^2} \left(\frac{n^2 + n}{2}\right) = 5 + \frac{n^2 + n}{n^2}$$

Thus, we have

$$\int_{1}^{2} 3 + 2x \, dx = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(5 + \frac{n^2 + n}{n^2} \right) = 5 + 1 = 6.$$

Just to make sure we didn't do something stupid, we can check our answer by calculating the definite integral

$$\int_{1}^{2} 3 + 2x \, dx = 3x + x^{2} \Big|_{1}^{2} = (6+4) - (3+1) = 6.$$

But doing that is worth no credit, just peace of mind.