

SOLUTIONS TO MIDTERM II (MAT 132, SPRING 2010)

Each problem is worth 20 points.

(1) If 50 foot-pounds of work is needed to stretch a spring from its natural length of 10 feet to a length of 12 feet, then how much work is needed to stretch the spring from a length of 11 feet to a length of 15 feet. **Show work.**

Solution Let $x = 0$ correspond to the rest position. The force needed to overcome the force of the spring at position x is $F(x) = kx$. Thus the work needed to stretch the spring from 0 to 2 is given by $\int_0^2 kx dx = 2k = 50$; thus $k = 25$. The work needed to stretch the spring from 11 feet to 15 feet is equal to $\int_{11}^{15} 25x dx = \frac{25x^2}{2} \Big|_{11}^{15} = \frac{5^4}{2} - \frac{5^2}{2}$.

(2) Find the length of curve $y = \int_0^x (u^2 e^{u^2} - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} du$, $1 \leq x \leq 3$. **Show work.**

Solution: Length = $\int_1^3 (1 + (y')^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx = \int_1^3 (1 + ((x^2 e^{x^2} - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}})^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx = \int_1^3 (x^2 e^{x^2})^{\frac{1}{2}} dx = \int_1^3 x e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \Big|_1^3 = e^{\frac{9}{2}} - e^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

(3) Let \mathbb{R} denote the region in the plane bounded by the curves $x = 2$, $x = 9$, $y = \sin(x)$ and $y = 3^x$.

(a) Express the area of \mathbb{R} as a definite integral.

Solution: $\int_2^9 (3^x - \sin(x)) dx$

(b) Let S_1 denote the solid obtained by rotating the region \mathbb{R} about the line $y = -2$. Express the volume of S_1 as a definite integral.

Solution $\int_2^9 \pi((3^x + 2)^2 - (\sin(x) + 2)^2) dx$

(c) Let S_2 denote the solid obtained by rotating the region \mathbb{R} about the y -axis. Express the volume of S_2 as a definite integral.

Solution: $\int_2^9 2\pi x(3^x - \sin(x)) dx$

(4) A spherical tank of radius 3 meters is buried in the ground so that the top of the tank is 4 meters beneath ground level. The tank is filled with a liquid which has a density of 1500 kilograms/meter³. How much work does it take to pump all of the liquid to ground level? (Recall that gravitational acceleration is 9.8 meters/second².) **Show work.**

Solution: First we must place a coordinate system. I choose to let $x=0$ correspond to the bottom of the tank, $x=6$ correspond to the top of the tank

and $x=10$ correspond to ground level. (There are many ways to impose a coordinate system on the problem; they are all equally correct.)

The radius of a cross section of the spherical tank at level x_i is equal to $(6x_i - (x_i)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. So the volume of the liquid in the tank between level x_i and level $x_i + \Delta x$ is approximately equal to $\pi(6x_i - (x_i)^2)\Delta x$ cubic meters; thus the mass of this liquid is approximately equal to $1500\pi(6x_i - (x_i)^2)\Delta x$ kilograms. The force needed to lift this portion of the liquid to ground level is approximately $9.8(1500)\pi(6x_i - (x_i)^2) \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}/\text{sec}^2 = \text{newtons}$ for a distance of approximately $10 - x_i$ meters; thus the work required to lift this portion of the liquid to ground level is approximately $(10 - x_i)9.8(1500)\pi(6x_i - (x_i)^2)\Delta x$ newton-meters=joules. So the total work (in joules) is approximated by the sums of all these portions of work

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (10 - x_i)9.8(1500)\pi(6x_i - (x_i)^2)\Delta x.$$

Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ we get that the total work is equal to

$$\int_0^6 (10 - x)9.8(1500)\pi(6x - x^2)dx$$

joules.

(5) Consider the plate (also called a *lamina*) which occupies the region in the plane lying between the x-axis and the graph of $y = x \ln(x)$, $1 \leq x \leq e$. Suppose that this plate has constant density ρ .

(a) Compute the mass of the plate (in terms of ρ). **Show work.**

Solution: $\text{mass} = \rho \int_1^e x \ln(x) dx = \left(\frac{x^2 \ln(x)}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} \right) \Big|_1^e = \left(\frac{e^2}{4} \right) - \left(-\frac{1}{4} \right)$.

(b) Let m denote the mass of the plate and let (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) denote the center of mass of the plate. Express each of $m\bar{x}$ and $m\bar{y}$ as a definite integral.

Solution: $m\bar{x} = \rho \int_1^e x(x \ln(x)) dx$ and $m\bar{y} = \rho \int_1^e \frac{1}{2}(x \ln(x))^2 dx$.