

Math 101 – SOLUTIONS TO WORKSHEET 5
INDEFINITE INTEGRALS

Theorem (Net change). *Suppose f' is continuous. Then $\int_a^b f'(t) dt = f(b) - f(a)$.*

(1) (Net change theorem)

(a) A particle moves with velocity $v(t) = \pi \sin(\pi t)$. What is its displacement between the times $t = 0$ and $t = 2$?

Solution: Say the particle is at position $x(t)$. Then (“net change theorem”)

$$\begin{aligned} x(2) - x(0) &= \int_{t=0}^{t=2} \frac{dx}{dt} dt = \int_{t=0}^{t=2} v(t) dt = \int_{t=0}^{t=2} \pi \sin(\pi t) dt \\ &= [-\cos(\pi t)]_{t=0}^{t=2} = -\cos(2\pi) + \cos(0) = \boxed{0}. \end{aligned}$$

The particle is where it started.

(b) What is the total distance covered by the particle?

Solution: For $t \in [0, 1]$ the particle is moving to the right, while for $t \in [1, 2]$ it is moving to the left. The total distance covered is therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t=0}^{t=1} \frac{dx}{dt} dt + \int_{t=1}^{t=2} \left(-\frac{dx}{dt}\right) dt &= [-\cos(\pi t)]_{t=0}^{t=1} - [-\cos(\pi t)]_{t=1}^{t=2} \\ &= -(-1) - (-1) - [-1 - (1)] \\ &= 4. \end{aligned}$$

In the alternative we would start with $\int_{t=0}^{t=2} |v(t)| dt$ (distance travelled is the integral of the speed), but we’d immediately need to split into domains where $v(t) \geq 0$ and $v(t) \leq 0$, returning to the solution above.

(c) According to Newton’s law of universal gravitation, the gravitational acceleration at distance r from a star of mass M is $a(r) = -\frac{GM}{r^2}$. The *gravitational potential* $\phi(r)$ is defined by $\phi'(r) = -a(r)$. What is the change in the gravitational potential between the surface of the Earth ($R_1 \approx 6,400\text{km}$) and geostational orbit ($R_2 \approx 42,000\text{km}$)? You may use $M_{\text{earth}} \approx 6 \cdot 10^{24}\text{kg}$ and $G \approx 6.7 \cdot 10^{-11}\text{m}^3/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^2)$.

Solution: $\phi(R_2) - \phi(R_1) = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \phi'(r) dr = -\int_{R_1}^{R_2} a(r) dr = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \frac{GM}{r^2} dr = GM \left[-\frac{1}{r}\right]_{R_1}^{R_2} = \frac{GM}{R_1} - \frac{GM}{R_2}$. Plugging in the numerical values gives

$$\phi(R_2) - \phi(R_1) \approx 5.3 \cdot 10^7 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{sec}^2}.$$

(2) Find the indefinite integrals

(a) For $n \neq -1$, $\int x^n dx =$

Solution: We know $\frac{d}{dx} x^{n+1} = (n+1)x^n$ so $\int x^n dx = \boxed{\frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1} + C}$.

(b) $\int \left(\frac{1}{2}x^{3/2} - e^{-x/3} + 7\right) dx =$

Solution: We break the sum and then consider each piece separately. We note that $(x^{5/2})' = \frac{5}{2}x^{3/2}$, $(e^{-x/3})' = -\frac{1}{3}e^{-x/3}$ and get:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \left(\frac{1}{2}x^{3/2} - e^{-x/3} + 7\right) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int x^{3/2} dx - \int e^{-x/3} dx + \int 7 dx \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{5} x^{5/2} + 3e^{-x/3} + 7x + C}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) $\int_4^9 (x^{5/2} + e^{2x}) dx =$

Solution: $\int (x^{5/2} + e^{2x}) = \frac{2}{7}x^{7/2} + \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} + C$ so

$$\begin{aligned}\int_4^9 (x^{5/2} + e^{2x}) dx &= \left[\frac{2}{7}x^{7/2} + \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} \right]_{x=4}^{x=9} \\ &= \frac{2}{7} \cdot 3^7 + \frac{1}{2}e^{18} - \frac{2}{7}2^7 - \frac{1}{2}e^8 \\ &= \boxed{\frac{2 \cdot 3^7 - 2^8}{7} + \frac{e^{18} - e^8}{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

(d) $\int x (e^{x^2} + 1) dx =$

Solution: $\int x (e^{x^2} + 1) dx = \int x e^{x^2} dx + \int x dx$. For the first part we note that $(e^{x^2})' = 2xe^x$ to get

$$\int x (e^{x^2} + 1) dx = \boxed{\frac{e^{x^2} + x^2}{2} + C}.$$