

MATH 112-030 RECITATION 1

NAME:

Problem 1. What really is an integral doing?

In a nutshell:

Problem 2. What's the difference between an indefinite integral and an antiderivative of a function?

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Problem 3. Why is the following operation permissible? $\int \frac{f(x)}{ag(x)} dx = \frac{1}{a} \int \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} dx$ where a is a constant.

Reason:

Problem 4. Why must one add a constant for every indefinite integral he/she finds? Bonus: what further information would one need to actually determine the value of this constant?

Reason:

Problem 5. Think algorithmically. As if you are designing a computer program to solve a particular problem. Compute the following. Provide at least two approaches to each problem, whether exact or approximate.

(1) $\int \cos\left(\frac{x}{6}\right) dx$

Method(s) of solution:

Solution:

$$(2) \int \frac{1}{(3-x)^2} dx$$

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Solution:

$$(3) \int 5x(9+x^2)^4 dx$$

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