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100 Points

"Show enough work to justify your answers."

1. Evaluate the following antiderivatives. Show all steps—don't just give answers.

a) $\int \sin \sqrt{x} \, dx$. Use the substitution $u^2 = x$. (13 points)

b) $\int \frac{e^x}{e^{2x} + 1} \, dx$ (12 points)

c) $\int \frac{x + 1}{(x - 1)(x^2 + 1)} \, dx$ (13 points)

d) $\int \sin^3 x \, dx$. (12 points)

$$|I - T_n| \leq \frac{K_2(b - a)^3}{12n^2}, \quad |I - M_n| \leq \frac{K_2(b - a)^3}{24n^2}, \quad |I - S_n| \leq \frac{K_4(b - a)^5}{180n^4}$$

2. Consider the formulas above. (5 points each)

- Why do these formulas say something about the error made by sums that approximate an integral? Why do they say that using a large number of subintervals is generally better? You may use any of the three formulas to illustrate your comments.
- Referring to the formulas, explain why we generally expect Simpson's rule to do a better job approximating an integral than the trapezoid or midpoint sums.

3. You may use *Mathematica* in this problem. You should indicate in some detail how you use it, enough so it is clear to me how you draw your conclusions. (Don't simply say that you used *Mathematica*.) If in doubt about how much to say or if you have trouble with *Mathematica*, please ask. You may **not** use *Mathematica*'s approximation for the integral, however you **may** use *Mathematica* to evaluate an approximating sum for the integral and to do arithmetic.

Suppose you want to approximate the integral $\int_0^{10} \frac{x}{x + \cos x} \, dx$ with an error less than .001.

- Determine how many subintervals are needed to do this for a midpoint sum, a trapezoid sum, or a Simpson's rule sum (choose one). Be clear which type of sum you are considering, and how you know the number of subintervals is adequate. (15 points)
- Based on part (a), what is your approximation for the integral? (5 points)

4. The following table of data gives some values of a function $g(x)$.

x	3.	3.5	4.	4.5	5.
$g(x)$	3.56	3.78	3.85	3.73	3.42

- a) Use these data to compute T_4 for $\int_3^5 g(x) dx$. You may use your calculator or *Mathematica* to do the arithmetic, but write enough so I can tell how you are using the data. (15 points)
- b) Would you expect T_4 to overestimate or underestimate the true value of the integral? Explain. (5 points)
5. **Extra Credit.** Do **one** of the following (use the back of this page). If you work on both, you will get credit for the best one. (10 points)
- a) Show that the error made by approximating $\int_0^2 x^2 dx$ with a trapezoid sum with one interval is the maximum possible allowed by the trapezoid error estimate.
- b) If f is a linear function (so its graph is a line), then any trapezoid sum for $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ will be exact. This is because the tops of the trapezoids will lie exactly on the graph of f and so the error will be zero. Similarly, since Simpson's Rule is based on approximating the graph of f with parabolas, if f is quadratic (so its graph is a parabola), then any Simpson's Rule sum for $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ will be exact. Surprisingly, Simpson's Rule does even better: if f is any *cubic* polynomial, then Simpson's Rule is exact! Prove this. More specifically, suppose that $f(x) = Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + D$, and prove that the error made by a Simpson's Rule sum is zero.

Answers and hints to selected questions.

1. See what *Mathematica* gets.
3. Numerical approximation of integral.
 - a) Trapezoid: $n \geq 409$. Midpoint: $n \geq 289$. Simpson's: $n \geq 72$.
 - b) $\int_0^{10} \frac{x}{x+\cos x} dx \approx 10.0699$
4. Trapezoid sum from data.
 - a) $T_4 = 7.425$
 - b) Make a judgement based on a plot the data.