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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF SCIENCE

SCE 118: CALCULUS FOR ENGINEERS

DATE: Monday 23rd June, 2008

TIME: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Do any THREE (3) questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Use clear illustrations where necessary.

Q1. (a) Determine and show clearly the domain and range of the following functions:

(i) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$

(ii) $f(x) = x^{3/2}$

(iii) $F(t) = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{t}}$

(iv) $g(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 - z^2}}$

(b) Prove the following:

(i) $\tanh^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \log_e \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right); |x| < 1$

(ii) $\text{Coth}^{-1}x = \frac{1}{2} \log_e \left(\frac{x+1}{x-1} \right); |x| > 1$

(c) Sketch or plot the graph of $y = 3x^3 + 4x^2 - 13x + 3$ for $-4 \leq x \leq +2$ and hence solve the equations:-

(i) $3x^3 + 4x^2 - 13x + 6 = 0$

(ii) $3x^3 + 4x^2 - 13x + 17 = 0$

- Q2. (a) Draw the graph of $y = x^2 - 4$ between $x = 4$ and $x = -4$. Draw on the same graph $y = 2x + 1$ and hence solve the simultaneous equations

$$y = x^2 - 4$$

$$y = 2x + 1$$

- (b) Evaluate the limits that exist for

(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 2x}{\sin 3x}$

(ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x(1 - \cos x)}$

(iii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3+x} - \sqrt{3}}{x}$

(iv) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^{1/3} - 1}{x^{1/2} - 1}$

- (c) (i) Find the value of b for which the following function is continuous at $x = 2$:-

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & -\infty < x < 0 \\ 1, & 0 \leq x < 2 \\ 3 - x, & 2 \leq x \end{cases}$$

- Q3. (a) Differentiate the following from first principles:-

(i) $y = \sin x$

(ii) $y = \cos x$

- (b) Given $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$, find

(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{5x}$

(ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2x}{5x}$

(iii) $\lim_{t \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{\sin(t - \pi/2)}{t - \pi/2}$

(iv) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sec x - 1}$

- (c) (i) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ given $y = \frac{(1+x^2)^{1/3}}{x(1-x^2)^3}$

- (ii) A certain damped oscillatory motion is given by

$$S = Ke^{-pt} \sin(wt + \phi); \text{ where } K, p, w \text{ are constants. Show that}$$

$$\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} + 2p \frac{ds}{dt} + (w^2 + p^2)S = 0$$

- (iii) The cost of producing x units of a machine parts in a factory is given by $C = (2x^3 + 280x + 200)$ shillings. If each part is sold for $(400 - 4x)$ shillings, calculate the number of units produced daily for the profit to be maximum and find the maximum daily profit.

Q4. (a) Evaluate the following integrals

(i) $\int (x^3 + 2)^2 3x^2 dx$

(ii) $\int \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^4 \theta} d\theta$

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

(iv) $\int \cos^2 2x dx$

(v) $\int \frac{1}{x^2 + 6x + 4} dx$

- (b) Sketch the graph $y = 10x - 5x^2$ above the x -axis. Then find the area between the curve and the x -axis, and the y -co-ordinate of the centroid of this area.
- (c) Find the volume generated by rotating this area about the x -axis.

Q5. (a) Evaluate

(i) $\int_{-1}^1 3x^2 \sqrt{x^3 + 1} dx$

(ii) $\int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot \theta \operatorname{Cosec}^2 \theta d\theta$

- (b) Use the trapezoidal rule with $n = 4$ to estimate

$$\int_1^2 x^2 dx$$

and compare it with the exact value.

- (c) (i) Find the area of the region in the first quadrant that is bounded above by $y = \sqrt{x}$ and below by the x -axis and the line $y = x - 2$.

- (ii) Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region bounded by $y = \sqrt{x}$ and the lines $y = 1$, $x = 4$ about the line $y = 1$.

Q6. (a) Using the formula for a smooth curve

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx$$

find the length of the curve $y = \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2/3}$

from $x = 0$ to $x = 2$.

- (b) Use the formula $S = \int_a^b 2\pi y \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx$ to find the area of the surface generated by revolving the curve $y = 2\sqrt{x}$, $1 \leq x \leq 2$, about the x -axis.

- (c) Find the volume of the solid of revolution described by the curve

$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$ to generate the surface from $x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ to $x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$.

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