

Instructions: You are required to attempt all questions. Each is worth 10 points.

1. Evaluate  $\int \frac{2x + 1}{4x^2 + 12x - 7} dx$

Solution:

$$\frac{2x+1}{4x^2+12x-7} = \frac{2x+1}{4x^2+12x+9-16} = \frac{2x+1}{(2x+3)^2-4^2} = \frac{2x+1}{(2x-1)(2x+7)}$$

$$\frac{2x+1}{(2x-1)(2x+7)} = \frac{A}{2x-1} + \frac{B}{2x+7}. \text{ This leads to:}$$

$$2 = 2A + 2B$$

$$1 = 7A - B$$

Solving the above set of simultaneous equations and we end up with:  $A = 1/4$  and  $B = 3/4$

$$\text{So, } \int \frac{2x + 1}{4x^2 + 12x - 7} dx = \frac{\ln(2x - 1)}{8} + \frac{3\ln(2x + 7)}{8}$$

2. Is  $\int_1^2 \frac{1}{2x-1} dx$  an improper integral? State why or why not.

Solution:

The asymptote for the integrand is at  $x = 1/2$ . For interval  $[1, 2]$ , the integrand has no infinite discontinuity. In addition, the interval is not infinite. Hence, it is not an improper integral.

3. Determine if  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{9 + x^6} dx$  is convergent or divergent. Evaluate the integral if it is convergent.

Solution:

$$\text{Let } u = x^3 \rightarrow du = 3x^2 dx$$

$$\int \frac{x^2}{9 + x^6} dx = \int \frac{du}{3(u^2 + 9)} = \left[ \frac{\tan^{-1}(x/3)}{9} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} = \frac{\pi}{9}$$

since the tangent function goes to  $\pm\infty$  at  $x = \pm\pi/2$  (hence convergent).