

1. (5 pts) Find the indefinite integrals:

(a) $\int (t - 1)t^{3/2} dt$ (**Hint:** expand the product first),

Solution: Expanding we have $\int (t^{5/2} - t^{3/2}) dt$. We integrate each term separately to get

$$\frac{2}{7}t^{7/2} - \frac{2}{5}t^{5/2} + C.$$

(b) (§6.1, #21) $\int \pi\sqrt{t} dt$,

Solution: We rewrite the integrand as $\pi t^{1/2}$, then see that the antiderivative is

$$\pi \frac{2}{3}t^{3/2} + C.$$

(c) (§6.2, #11) $\int \frac{x^4}{1 - x^5} dx$,

Solution: We rewrite as $\frac{1}{-5} \int \frac{(-5)x^4}{1-x^5} dx$, which is now in the form $\frac{u'}{u}$, so the answer is

$$\ln |1 - x^5| + C.$$

(d) (§6.2, #50) $\int x^3(x^2 + 1)^{3/2} dx$ (**Hint:** let $u = x^2 + 1$ and hence $du = 2x dx$).

Solution: Applying the indicated substitution, we rewrite as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^3(x^2 + 1)^{3/2} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int x^2(x^2 + 1)^{3/2} 2x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int (u - 1)u^{3/2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{7}(x^2 + 1)^{7/2} - \frac{2}{5}(x^2 + 1)^{5/2} \right) + C, \end{aligned}$$

the last line a result from (a) above.

2. (5 pts.) The ‘Middle C’ string on a piano, which is 60 inches long, is struck. Fixing my gaze on the 15th inch, I know (from my 3rd year physics course) that this point will move up and down with a velocity given by

$$p'(t) = -(2\pi 260) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{60}15 - 2\pi 260t\right),$$

where 260Hz is the frequency of Middle C. If I know that $p(0) = 0$, find for me an expression for the position $p(t)$ of the point on the string as a function of time.

(**Hint:** When you do indefinite integration, you will get an arbitrary constant C . You will have to use the extra fact I’ve given about $p(0)$ to solve for the value of C .)

Solution: Simplifying, we get $p'(t) = -(520\pi) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 520\pi t\right)$. Antidifferentiating, we get

$$p(t) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 520\pi t\right) + C,$$

but we know $p(0) = 0$, so this gives $0 = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + C$, or $0 = 1 + C$, so $C = -1$.

Rewriting the equation, we have

$$p(t) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 520\pi t\right) - 1,$$

expressing the position of the point of the string at any time t .