

Solution outlines for Palvannan midterm 1

1. Take the derivative:

$$y' = x^{3/2} - \frac{x^{-3/2}}{4}$$

and see that *it's one of those*. Therefore

$$L = \frac{2x^{5/2}}{5} - \frac{x^{-1/2}}{2} \Big|_1^4 = \frac{64}{5} - \frac{1}{4} - \left(\frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{253}{20}.$$

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2. (a) Since the region is revolved around the x -axis, to get disks we take vertical slices. The disks have radius $\arccos x$ and thickness dx , so the volume is

$$V = \int \pi r^2 t = \pi \int_0^1 (\arccos x)^2 dx.$$

- (b) To use shells, we need horizontal slices. The shells will have radius y , height $\cos y$ and thickness dy . So this way the volume is

$$V = \int 2\pi r h t = 2\pi \int_0^{\pi/2} y \cos y dy.$$

(Either way, the integral evaluates to $\pi^2 - 2\pi$.)

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3. Using horizontal sections — rotate a horizontal section around the line $y = 5$ and get a shell with radius $5 - y$, height $\frac{1}{y^3} - \frac{1}{8}$ and thickness dy . So the volume is

$$\begin{aligned} V &= 2\pi \int_1^2 (5 - y) \left(\frac{1}{y^3} - \frac{1}{8} \right) dy = 2\pi \int_1^2 \frac{5}{y^3} - \frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{y}{8} dy \\ &= 2\pi \left(-\frac{5}{2y^2} - \frac{5y}{8} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{y^2}{16} \right) \Big|_1^2 = \frac{15\pi}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

4. Since the density is constant, we can ignore it for the purposes of computing the center of mass. First we need the area of the region. Using horizontal slices,

$$A = \int_0^2 y - (y^2 - y) dy = \int_0^2 2y - y^2 dy = y^2 - \frac{y^3}{3} \Big|_0^2 = 4 - \frac{8}{3} = \frac{4}{3}.$$

Then

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{A} \int_0^2 2y^2 - y^3 dy = \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{2y^3}{3} - \frac{y^4}{4} \right) \Big|_0^2 - \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{16}{3} - 4 \right) = 4 - 3 = 1.$$

Next,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \frac{1}{A} \int_0^2 \frac{1}{2} (y^2 - (y^2 - y)^2) dy = \frac{1}{A} \int_0^2 \frac{1}{2} (y^2 - (y^4 - 2y^3 + y^2)) dy \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \int_0^2 2y^3 - y^4 dy = \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{y^4}{2} - \frac{y^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^2 = \frac{3}{8} \left(8 - \frac{32}{5} \right) \\ &= 3 - \frac{12}{5} = \frac{3}{5} \end{aligned}$$

So the center of mass is the point $\left(\frac{3}{5}, 1 \right)$.

5. (i) True, because x^5 is an odd function and $\cos x$ is even, so their product is odd and so the integral of the product over an interval symmetric around 0 is zero.

(ii) False. The integral is zero, because x^4 is even and $\sin x$ is odd, so the product is odd.

(iii) This is true.

(iv) Technically false, since it should say that the line does not cut through the *region's* interior (rather than the plane's interior), but otherwise true.

(v) False – this i.e. the y coordinate of the centroid. The x coordinate of the centroid is zero.