Sample final questions

These are sample questions from a final in a previous (non-honors) 231 class. This will give some indication of your preparation for the basic course material.

This is not a comprehensive list of problems.

This is not a study guide.

(1) (7 points) Evaluate the integral: \( \int x^3 \ln x \, dx \).

(2) (7 points) Evaluate the integral: \( \int \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{9 - x^2}} \, dx \).

(3) (8 points) You are given the series
\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot n}{n^2 + 1}.
\]
Justify your answer completely in each part.

a) Does the series converge?

b) Does the series converge absolutely?

c) Does the series converge conditionally?

(4) (8 points) Find the radius of convergence and interval of convergence of the power series
\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot n \cdot x^n}{10^{n+1}}.
\]

(5) (8 points) Consider the parametric curve
\[
x = 2 \cos t, \quad y = 3 \sin t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq \pi.
\]

a) Eliminate the parameter. Then sketch and identify this curve. Indicate the direction of motion as \( t \) increases.

b) Set up and simplify but do not evaluate an integral which represents the area under the graph.

c) Set up and simplify but do not evaluate an integral which represents the arclength of this curve.

(6) (10 points) a) Make a careful sketch of the curve whose polar equation is
\[
r = 2 \sin(3\theta).
\]
Be sure that all important features are illustrated.

b) Find the total area enclosed by this polar curve.

c) Set up and simplify but do not evaluate an integral which represents the total length of this curve.

The following questions were multiple choice.
(7) (4 pts) Evaluate: $\int \frac{1}{(x - 1)(x + 2)} \, dx$.

(8) (4 pts) The improper integral

$$\int_{2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} \, dx$$

(9) (4 points) TWO of the following integrals represent the area of the surface generated by rotating the graph of $y = \ln x$, $e \leq x \leq e^2$ about the $x$-axis. Circle exactly two answers.

(10) (4 points) The sequence $a_n = \frac{n^2 + n + 1}{10n^3 + n^2 - 1}$

(11) (4 points) The sequence $a_n = \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^{3/n}$

(12) (4 pts) Find the sum of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n+1}}{2^{2n}}$.

(13) (4 points) Consider the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7n^2 + n - 1}{n^3 - 2n + 1}$.

Two of the following statements are true. Circle exactly two statements.

a) The series diverges by the ratio test.

b) The series converges by the ratio test.

c) The ratio test is inconclusive.

d) The series diverges by the limit comparison test.

e) The series converges by the limit comparison test.

f) The series converges to zero.

g) The series diverges by the test for divergence.

h) The series converges by the alternating series test.

(14) Which of the following infinite series represents the value of the definite integral

$$\int_{0}^{1/2} e^{-x^2} \, dx.$$

(15) (4 pts) Express the given polar equation in Cartesian coordinates:

$$r^2 = \sin 2\theta.$$

(16) (4 points) The parametric equations for a cycloid are given by

$$x = t - \sin(t), \quad y = 1 - \cos(t).$$

Find the slope of the tangent line at the point where $t = \pi/4$.

(17) (8 points) You are given several polar equations and several descriptions of polar graphs. Find the best description for each polar graph and write the number on the blank next to the equation.

a) $r = \cos \theta$. ____

b) $r = 1 + 2 \cos \theta$. ____

c) $r = 2 + \cos \theta$. ____

d) $r = \sin(4\theta)$. ____

e) $r = \theta$. ____