

## MA 114 Worksheet # 18: Method of Partial Fractions and Numerical Integration

1. Write out the general form for the partial fraction decomposition but do not determine the numerical value of the coefficients.

(a)  $\frac{1}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$

(b)  $\frac{x + 1}{x^2 + 4x + 4}$

(c)  $\frac{x}{(x^2 + 1)(x + 1)(x + 2)}$

(d)  $\frac{2x + 5}{(x^2 + 1)^3(2x + 1)}$

2. Compute the following integrals.

(a)  $\int \frac{x - 9}{(x + 5)(x - 2)} dx$

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

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

(d)  $\int \frac{x^3 + 4}{x^2 + 4} dx$

(e)  $\int \frac{1}{x(x^2 + 1)} dx$

3. Compute

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt[3]{x}} dx$$

by first making the substitution  $u = \sqrt[6]{x}$ .

4. Conceptual Understanding:

- (a) Write down the Midpoint rule and illustrate how it works with a sketch.  
(b) Write down the Trapezoidal Rule and the error bound associated with it.

5. Use the Midpoint rule to approximate the value of  $\int_{-1}^1 e^{-x^2} dx$  with  $n = 4$ . Draw a sketch to determine if the approximation is an overestimate or an underestimate of the integral.

6. The velocity in meters per second for a particle traveling along the axis is given in the table below. Use the Midpoint rule to approximate the total distance the particle traveled from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 6$ .

$t$	$v(t)$
0	0.75
1	1.34
2	1.5
3	1.9
4	2.5
5	3.2
6	3.0