

9. [20 points] Otto would like to landscape his yard, so he contacts the company Granville's Calculate-Yourself Gardening. Granville's company provides each potential customer with a list of possible equations and improper integrals guiding the landscaping of the yard. Granville's company also offers a discount to customers that can correctly solve the integrals. Otto, strapped for cash, desperately wants to solve the equations Granville has sent him.

- a. [3 points] Granville has also informed Otto that he can plant a maple tree in the back of the yard that is initially 2 meters tall. Granville estimates that the maple tree will grow at an instantaneous rate of

$$M(t) = \frac{12t}{e^t}$$

meters per year  $t$  years after it is planted. Write an integral that gives the height of the tree  $t$  years after it is planted. Your answer should not involve the letter  $M$ .

*Solution:*

$$2 + \int_0^t \frac{12s}{e^s} ds.$$

- b. [7 points] Determine the maximum height that the maple tree will grow to.

*Solution:* Let us first calculate the integral in (a) using integration by parts ( $u = 12s, dv = e^{-s} ds$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \frac{12s}{e^s} ds &= -12se^{-s} \Big|_0^t + 12 \int_0^t e^{-s} ds \\ &= -12te^{-t} + 12 \left[ -e^{-s} \Big|_0^t \right] \\ &= -12te^{-t} - 12e^{-t} + 12 \end{aligned}$$

Since the tree is always growing, the maximum height is

$$\begin{aligned} 2 + \int_0^\infty \frac{12t}{e^t} dt &= 2 + \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{12s}{e^s} ds \\ &= 2 + \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 12 - 12e^{-t} - 12te^{-t} \\ &= 14 - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{12t}{e^t} \\ &\stackrel{\text{L'H}\infty}{=} 14 - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{12}{e^t} \\ &= 14. \end{aligned}$$

So, the maximum height of the tree is 12 meters.

**9. (continued)**

- c. [10 points] Granville tells Otto that he can get a truck to come and dispense dirt into the yard for 2 hours. The instantaneous rate that the truck will dispense dirt  $t$  hours after the truck arrives is

$$D(t) = \frac{(\sin(t))^2}{t^{5/2}\sqrt{2-t}}$$

pounds per minute. Show that  $\int_0^2 D(t)dt$  converges. Justify all of your work.

*Hint 1: Try splitting this into 2 integrals, one from 0 to 1, and the other from 1 to 2.*

*Hint 2: You may want to use the fact that  $\sin t \leq t$  for  $t \geq 0$ .*

*Solution:* Following the hint,

$$\int_0^2 D(t)dt = \int_0^1 D(t)dt + \int_1^2 D(t)dt.$$

Starting with the first integral, note that on  $[0, 1]$ ,

$$D(t) \leq \frac{t^2}{t^{5/2}} \leq t^{-1/2}$$

By the  $p$ -test ( $p = \frac{1}{2}$ ),  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}dt$  converges, so by the comparison test,  $\int_0^1 D(t)dt$  converges.

Next, we perform a change of variables on the second integral ( $w = 2 - t$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^2 D(t)dt &= \lim_{b \rightarrow 2} \int_1^b D(t)dt \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow 2} \int_1^{2-b} \frac{(\sin(2-w))^2}{(2-w)^{5/2}\sqrt{w}}dw \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{(\sin(2-w))^2}{(2-w)^{5/2}\sqrt{w}}dw \end{aligned}$$

On the interval  $[0, 1]$ ,

$$\frac{(\sin(2-w))^2}{(2-w)^{5/2}\sqrt{w}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{w}}$$

By the  $p$ -test ( $p = \frac{1}{2}$ ),  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{w}}dw$  converges. So, by the comparison test,  $\int_1^2 D(t)dt$  converges. As both parts converge, we have verified that the integral  $\int_0^2 D(t)dt$  converges.