

hw8 , due: Tuesday, October 31 at 4pm

1. The waiting time in a fast-food restaurant is exponentially distributed with mean 2.5 minutes.  
 a) Find the probability that a customer is served in the first 2 minutes. b) Find the probability that a customer waits 4 minutes or more. c) The manager wants to advertise that anyone waiting more than  $M$  minutes will receive a free meal. What should the value of  $M$  be to avoid giving free meals to more than 2% of the customers?

2. When the chemical reaction  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5 \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2$  takes place at  $45^\circ\text{C}$ , the concentration of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  (dinitrogen pentoxide) decays in time as described by the differential equation  $\frac{d}{dt}[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5] = -0.0005 \cdot [\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]$ , where the concentration  $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]$  is measured in units of mole/liter and time  $t$  is measured in seconds. a) Find an expression for  $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]$  after  $t$  seconds assuming the initial concentration is  $c_0$ . b) How long does it take for the  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  concentration to fall to 90% of  $c_0$ ?

3. a) How long does it take for an investment to double in value if the annual interest rate is 6% and the interest is compounded continuously? b) Find the equivalent annual interest rate assuming the interest is compounded annually.

4. A tank initially contains 1000 L of brine with 15 kg of dissolved salt, and pure water starts pouring into the tank at a rate of 10 L/min. The solution is well mixed and it drains from the tank at the same rate that the pure water enters. Find the amount of salt in the tank after (a)  $t$  minutes, (b) 20 minutes.

5. Glucose is introduced into a patient's bloodstream at a rate  $r$  [mg/s], and once there it is converted to other substances and is depleted at a rate proportional to the amount present with depletion constant  $k$  [1/s]. Assume  $r > 0, k > 0$ . Let  $g(t)$  [mg] be the amount of glucose in the bloodstream at time  $t$ . a) Find the differential equation for  $g(t)$ . b) Let  $g_0 \geq 0$  be the initial amount of glucose in the bloodstream; find  $g(t)$  in terms of  $g_0, r, k$ . c) Find  $G = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g(t)$ . d) Sketch  $g(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ ; consider two cases,  $g_0 < G, g_0 > G$ ; indicate  $G$  on the sketch.

6. a) Show that  $\sinh^{-1}x = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$ . (hint: set  $x = \sinh y$  and solve for  $y$ )

b) In class we showed that  $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$  using the trig substitution  $x = \tan \theta$  (page 20); now rederive this using the hyperbolic trig substitution  $x = \sinh y$ .

7. (a) Show that  $f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \int_a^x (x - t)f''(t) dt$ . (hint: start from the integral and apply integration by parts with  $u = x - t, dv = f''(t) dt$ .)

b) Given a function  $f(x)$  and a point  $a$ , define  $T_1(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$ ;  $T_1(x)$  is a linear function of  $x$  called the Taylor polynomial of degree 1. Show that  $T_1(a) = f(a)$ , compute  $T_1'(x)$  and show that  $T_1'(a) = f'(a)$ ; hence  $T_1(x)$  is tangent to  $f(x)$  at  $x = a$ , and we say that  $T_1(x)$  is a linear approximation to  $f(x)$  at  $x = a$ .

c) Using (a,b) derive the error bound,  $|f(x) - T_1(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2}M_2|x - a|^2$ , where  $M_2 = \max|f''(t)|$ . (hint: (a,b)  $\Rightarrow f(x) = T_1(x) + \int_a^x (x - t)f''(t) dt$ , then follow the steps from hw7, problem 8)

d) Let  $f(x) = e^x, a = 0$ . Find  $T_1(x)$ . Sketch  $f(x), T_1(x)$  on the same graph around  $x = a$ .

e) Make a table with the following format. column 1:  $|x - a|$ , column 2:  $|f(x) - T_1(x)|$ . Take  $f(x) = e^x, a = 0$  and fill it in for  $x = 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8$  using a calculator. When  $|x - a|$  is reduced by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , by approximately what factor is the error  $|f(x) - T_1(x)|$  reduced? Is this consistent with the error bound derived in part (c)?

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