

6.5 Logistic Growth Practice

1. Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - kx}$, where k is a nonzero constant. Let $k = 6$, find $\int f(x) dx$.

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - 6x} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{x(x-6)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-6}$$

$$= \int \left(\frac{-\frac{1}{6}}{x} + \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{x-6} \right) dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} \int \frac{1}{x} dx + \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{1}{x-6} dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} \ln|x| + \frac{1}{6} \ln|x-6| + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (-\ln|x| + \ln|x-6|) + C$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{6} \ln \left| \frac{x-6}{x} \right| + C} \quad \text{or} \quad \ln \sqrt[6]{\left| \frac{x-6}{x} \right|} + C$$

2. Find the area between the curve $f(x) = \frac{25}{x^2 + 3x - 4}$ and the x -axis from $x = 3$ to $x = 5$.

$$\int_3^5 \frac{25}{x^2 + 3x - 4} dx$$

$$= \int_3^5 \left(\frac{-5}{x+4} + \frac{5}{x-1} \right) dx$$

$$= (-5 \ln|x+4| + 5 \ln|x-1|) \Big|_3^5$$

$$= 5 \left(\ln \left| \frac{x-1}{x+4} \right| \right) \Big|_3^5$$

$$= 5 (\ln 4 - \ln 2)$$

$$= \boxed{5 \ln 2}$$

$$\frac{25}{(x+4)(x-1)} = \frac{A}{x+4} + \frac{B}{x-1}$$

$$25 = Ax - A + Bx + 4B$$

$$A + B = 0 \quad A = -5$$

$$-A + 4B = 25$$

$$5B = 25$$

$$B = 5$$

3. The velocity function of a particle is described by $v(t) = \frac{\cos t}{\sin^2 t - \sin t}$. Find the position function of the particle.

$$\int v(t) dt = \int \frac{\cos t}{\sin^2 t - \sin t} dt$$

$$x(t) = \int \frac{\cos t}{\sin t(\sin t - 1)} dt$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{u(u-1)} du$$

$$= \int \left(\frac{-1}{u} + \frac{1}{u-1} \right) du$$

$$= -\ln|u| + \ln|u-1| + C$$

$$= \ln \left| \frac{u-1}{u} \right| + C$$

$$u = \sin t$$

$$du = \cos t dt$$

$$\frac{1}{u(u-1)} = \frac{A}{u} + \frac{B}{u-1}$$

$$1 = Au - A + Bu$$

$$A + B = 0 \quad 1 = -A$$

$$B = 1 \quad -1 = A$$

$$\boxed{x(t) = \ln \left| \frac{\sin t - 1}{\sin t} \right| + C}$$