

Additional Questions for Homework on Section 5.4 and Section 7.1.

A. Consider the sine integral function  $\text{Si}(x)$  defined by

$$\text{Si}(x) = \int_0^x \frac{\sin t}{t} dt.$$

Calculate the following derivatives.

(i)  $\frac{d}{dx} \text{Si}(3x)$       (ii)  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 \text{Si}(x))$       (iii)  $\frac{d}{dx}(\text{Si}(x))^3$       (iv)  $\frac{d}{dx} \text{Si}(1/x)$

B. Consider the error function  $\text{erf}(x)$  that is defined by

$$\text{erf}(x) = \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt.$$

Calculate the following derivatives.

(i)  $\frac{d}{dx} \text{erf}(x/2)$       (ii)  $\frac{d}{dx}(x \text{erf}(x))$       (iii)  $\frac{d}{dx}(4 \text{erf}(x) + 2)$

C. Consider the Fresnel  $S$  function  $S(x)$  that is defined by

$$S(x) = \int_0^x \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t^2\right) dt.$$

Calculate the following derivatives (also use the function definitions from the previous two problems).

(i)  $\frac{d}{dx} S(x)$       (ii)  $\frac{d}{dx}(S(x) \text{erf}(x))$       (iii)  $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{\text{Si}(x)}{S(x)}$

D. Based on the integral construction of the natural logarithm,

- (a) draw the region whose area corresponds to  $\ln 1.5$ .
- (b) Based on your answer to (a) explain why one can graphically conclude that  $1/3 \leq \ln 1.5 \leq 1/2$ .
- (c) In fact one can do even better. See if you can explain why  $1/3 \leq \ln 1.5 \leq 5/12$ . (Hint: Think trapezoids.)
- (d) Draw the region whose area corresponds to  $\ln 3$ .
- (e) Based on your answer to (a), explain graphically why  $\ln 3 \leq 2$ .
- (f) Determine a better upper bound for  $\ln 3$  using graphical means and support your answer.