

SHOW ALL WORK!!! Unsupported answers might not receive full credit.

Problem 1 [2 pts] Give the general partial fraction decomposition for the following function. DO NOT SOLVE FOR THE CONSTANTS!

$$f(x) = \frac{4x^3 - 7}{x^6 - x^2}$$

Since $x^6 - x^2 = x^2(x^4 - 1) = x^2(x^2 - 1)(x^2 + 1) = x^2(x - 1)(x + 1)(x^2 + 1)$,

$$f(x) = \frac{A_1}{x} + \frac{A_2}{x^2} + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{x+1} + \frac{Dx+E}{x^2+1}$$

Problem 2 [4 pts]

Given that $\frac{2x+36}{(2x-1)(x^2+9)} = \frac{4}{2x-1} - \frac{2x}{x^2+9}$, evaluate:

$$\int_3^{\infty} \frac{2x+36}{(2x-1)(x^2+9)} dx$$

Note:
potential "bad" point
 $x = \frac{1}{2}$ is not in $[3, \infty)$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_3^b \frac{2x+36}{(2x-1)(x^2+9)} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_3^b \frac{4}{2x-1} - \frac{2x}{x^2+9} dx$$

$$\left[\int \frac{4}{2x-1} dx = \frac{4}{2} \ln|2x-1| + C = 2 \ln|2x-1| + C = \ln(2x-1)^2 + C \right.$$

$$\left. \int \frac{2x}{x^2+9} dx \stackrel{u=x^2+9}{=} \int \frac{du}{u} = \ln|u| + C = \ln(x^2+9) + C \right]$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln(2x-1)^2 - \ln(x^2+9) \right] \Big|_3^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln \frac{(2x-1)^2}{x^2+9} \Big|_3^b$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left(\ln \frac{(2b-1)^2}{b^2+9} - \ln \frac{25}{18} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(\frac{4b^2 - 4b + 1}{b^2 + 9} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{25}{18} \right)$$

$$= \ln 4 - \ln \left(\frac{25}{18} \right)$$

$$= \ln \frac{4}{\left(\frac{25}{18} \right)} = \ln \left(\frac{72}{25} \right)$$