ECON/AMS 11B

**1.** (5 pts) 
$$\int_{1}^{5} \frac{3}{x(5+2x)} dx = \frac{3}{5} \ln \left| \frac{x}{5+2x} \right| \Big|_{1}^{5} = \frac{3}{5} \left( \ln \frac{5}{15} - \ln \frac{1}{7} \right) = \frac{3}{5} \ln \frac{7}{3} \quad (\approx 0.508)$$

Comment: Use the formula  $\int \frac{du}{u(a+bu)} = \frac{1}{a} \ln \left| \frac{u}{a+bu} \right| + C$ 

**2.** (5 pts) Find the present value of a continuous income stream that pays at the annual rate f(t) = 500t for T = 20 years, assuming that the interest rate is r = 4.5%.

Present Value = 
$$\int_0^T f(t)e^{-rt} dt$$
  
=  $\int_0^{20} 500te^{-0.045t} dt$   
=  $500 \frac{e^{-0.045t}}{(-0.045)^2} (-0.045t - 1) \Big|_0^{20} = \frac{500}{(0.045)^2} (e^{-0.9}(-1.9) + 1) \approx 56177.2$ 

**3.** (5 pts) The price-elasticity of demand for a certain good is assumed to be proportional to the squareroot of its price. When the price is  $p_0 = 9$ , the demand is  $q_0 = 540$  and when the price is  $p_1 = 16$ , the demand is  $q_1 = 405$ . What will the demand be if the price increases to p = 25?

Differential equation:  $\eta_{q/p} = \frac{dq}{dp} \cdot \frac{p}{q} = kp^{1/2}$ .

Comment: k is the (unknown) constant of proprtionality.

Separate: 
$$\frac{1}{q} dq = kp^{-1/2} dp$$
  
Integrate:  $\int \frac{1}{q} dq = \int kp^{-1/2} dp \implies \ln|q| = 2kp^{1/2} + C \implies \ln q = kp^{1/2} + C$ 

Comments: The (unknown) constant k can absorb the factor of 2 (if you choose). Also, we are assuming that q > 0 because it represents demand, so  $\ln |q| = \ln q$ .

**Solve for** q (exponentiate):  $q = e^{kp^{1/2} + C} = e^C \cdot e^{kp^{1/2}} = Ae^{kp^{1/2}}$   $(A = e^C)$ 

**Use data** to solve for A and k: First...

$$\begin{cases} 540 &= q(9) &= Ae^{k\sqrt{9}} \\ 405 &= q(16) &= Ae^{k\sqrt{16}} \end{cases} \end{cases} \implies \frac{Ae^{3k}}{Ae^{4k}} = \frac{540}{405} \implies e^{-k} = \frac{4}{3} \implies -k = \ln(4/3) \implies k = -\ln(4/3)$$

Next...

$$540 = A \cdot e^{-3\ln(4/3)} = \frac{1}{(4/3)^3} = A \cdot (3/4)^3 = \frac{27A}{64} \implies A = \frac{64 \cdot 540}{27} = 1280$$

Finally

$$q(25) = 1280e^{-\ln(4/3)\cdot\sqrt{25}} = 1280\cdot(3/4)^5 = 303.75$$

**Bonus** (2 pts) Find the indicated partial derivatives of the function  $f(x, y) = 3x^2 \ln(2x + 5y)$ . Clean up your answer.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 6x\ln(2x+5y) + 3x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2x+5y} \cdot 2 = 6x\ln(2x+5y) + \frac{6x^2}{2x+5y} \quad \text{(product rule and chain rule)}$$

 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2x + 5y} \cdot 5 = \frac{15x^2}{2x + 5y}$  (no product rule for this one, because the factor  $3x^2$  acts as a constant)