

53. A manufacturer of lightbulbs wants to produce bulbs that last about 700 hours but, of course, some bulbs burn out faster than others. Let  $F(t)$  be the fraction of the company's bulbs that burn out before  $t$  hours, so  $F(t)$  always lies between 0 and 1.

- (a) Make a rough sketch of what you think the graph of  $F$  might look like.  
 (b) What is the meaning of the derivative  $r(t) = F'(t)$ ?  
 (c) What is the value of  $\int_0^\infty r(t) dt$ ? Why?

54. The average speed of molecules in an ideal gas is

$$\bar{v} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left( \frac{M}{2RT} \right)^{3/2} \int_0^\infty v^3 e^{-Mv^2/(2RT)} dv$$

where  $M$  is the molecular weight of the gas,  $R$  is the gas constant,  $T$  is the gas temperature, and  $v$  is the molecular speed. Show that

$$\bar{v} = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi M}}$$

55. As we will see in Section 7.4, a radioactive substance decays exponentially: The mass at time  $t$  is  $m(t) = m(0)e^{kt}$ , where  $m(0)$  is the initial mass and  $k$  is a negative constant. The mean life  $M$  of an atom in the substance is

$$M = -k \int_0^\infty te^{kt} dt$$

For the radioactive carbon isotope,  $^{14}\text{C}$ , used in radiocarbon dating, the value of  $k$  is  $-0.000121$ . Find the mean life of a  $^{14}\text{C}$  atom.

56. Astronomers use a technique called *stellar stereography* to determine the density of stars in a star cluster from the observed (two-dimensional) density that can be analyzed from a photograph. Suppose that in a spherical cluster of radius  $R$  the density of stars depends only on the distance  $r$  from the center of the cluster. If the perceived star density is given by  $y(s)$ , where  $s$  is the observed planar distance from the center of the cluster, and  $x(r)$  is the actual density, it can be shown that

$$y(s) = \int_s^R \frac{2r}{\sqrt{r^2 - s^2}} x(r) dr$$

If the actual density of stars in a cluster is  $x(r) = \frac{1}{2}(R - r)^2$ , find the perceived density  $y(s)$ .

57. Determine how large the number  $a$  has to be so that

$$\int_a^\infty \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} dx < 0.001$$

58. Estimate the numerical value of  $\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$  by writing it as the sum of  $\int_0^4 e^{-x^2} dx$  and  $\int_4^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$ . Approximate the first integral by using Simpson's Rule with  $n = 8$  and show that the second integral is smaller than  $\int_4^\infty e^{-4x} dx$ , which is less than 0.0000001.

59. Show that  $\int_0^\infty x^2 e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$ .

60. Show that  $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx = \int_0^1 \sqrt{-\ln y} dy$  by interpreting the integrals as areas.

61. Find the value of the constant  $C$  for which the integral

$$\int_0^\infty \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}} - \frac{C}{x + 2} \right) dx$$

converges. Evaluate the integral for this value of  $C$ .

62. Find the value of the constant  $C$  for which the integral

$$\int_0^\infty \left( \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{C}{3x + 1} \right) dx$$

converges. Evaluate the integral for this value of  $C$ .