Weekly Assignment 1

1. Average value

The average of a discrete number of values $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$ is $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$. The average of a continuous range of values, f(x), $a \le x \le b$, is $\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$. Use this second fact to work the following.

Find the average value of

$$f(x) = f(x) = e^{x/2}, 0 \le x \le 2$$

Graph the above function and use it to estimate the x-value for which f(x) = its average value.

2. Volume

Find the volume of the solid of revolution obtained by rotating the region bounded by $y = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$ and the x-axis for $-1 \le x \le 1$, rotated about the x-axis.

- Sketch the planar region before rotating.
- Set up the integral(s) you use for this volume.
- Evaluate the integral(s) and find the volume.

