

Supplementary problem sheet 3

Integral calculus

1. Compute $\int (3x - 1)^2 dx$ using two methods:

- (a) first compute the square, then integrate term by term;
- (b) use the u -substitution $u = 3x - 1$.

Compare the two results. What explains their difference?

2. Compute the following indefinite integrals:

(a) $\int \cos^2(x) dx;$

(d) $\int \frac{(x+1)^2}{x^2+4} dx;$

(b) $\int \cos^3(x) dx;$

(e) $\int \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx;$

(c) $\int \tan^4(x) dx;$

(f) $\int \frac{1}{x(x^2+1)} dx.$

3. Compute $\int_0^{\pi/2} (\sin^2(\sin x) + \cos^2(\cos x)) dx.$

4. Let n be a positive integer. Compute $\int_0^1 x(1-x)^n dx.$

5. Let n and m be positive integers. Show that

$$\int_0^1 x^m(1-x)^n dx = \int_0^1 x^n(1-x)^m dx.$$

You do not need to compute these integrals.

6. Given an odd function f integrable on $[-a, a]$, show that $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0.$

7. Find the following limits by evaluating appropriate definite integrals over $[0, 1]$:

(a) $\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{2} + \cdots + \sqrt{N}}{N^{\frac{3}{2}}};$

(b) $\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2N}\right).$

8. Evaluate the following integrals using geometric arguments:

(a) $\int_{-4}^4 \sqrt{16-x^2} dx;$

(b) $\int_0^1 x\sqrt{1-x^4} dx.$

9. Using differentiation, show that the following function is constant on $(0, +\infty)$:

$$h(x) = \int_0^x \frac{dt}{t^2+1} + \int_0^{\frac{1}{x}} \frac{dt}{t^2+1}.$$

10. Check if the Mean Value Theorem holds for the following function on $[0, 2]$:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 1, \\ 1, & x \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Explain why.