

Calculus – 15. Series, Solutions

1. Compute $\int_a^b f d\alpha$ for

$$(a) f(x) = x^7, \alpha(x) = x^5, a = 0, b = 1.$$

$$(b) f(x) = x, a = 0, b = 3,$$

$$\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 4, & \text{for } x = 1 \\ x^3, & \text{for } 1 < x < 2 \\ e^x, & \text{for } 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 30, & \text{for } x = 3. \end{cases}$$

Solution. (a) Since $\alpha(x)$ is differentiable with $\alpha'(x) = 5x^4 \in \mathcal{R}$, by Proposition 12 we have

$$\int_0^1 11x^7 dx^5 = \int_0^1 x^7 5x^4 dx = 5 \int_0^1 x^{11} dx.$$

By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus,

$$5 \int_0^1 x^{11} dx = \frac{5}{12} x^{12} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{5}{12}.$$

(b) Since f is continuous and α is piecewise differentiable, Proposition 13 applies with $(c_0, \dots, c_3) = (0, 1, 2, 3)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^3 x d\alpha &= \int_0^1 x d0 + \int_1^2 x dx^3 + \int_2^3 x de^x + \\ &\quad + f(0)(\alpha(0+0) - \alpha(0)) + f(1)(\alpha(1+0) - \alpha(1-0)) + \\ &\quad + f(2)(\alpha(2+0) - \alpha(2-0)) + f(3)(\alpha(3) - \alpha(3-0)) \\ &= \int_0^1 0 dx + \int_0^1 3x^3 dx + \int_0^1 xe^x dx + 0 + 1(1-0) + 2(e^2 - 2^3) + 3(30 - e^3) \\ &= \frac{3}{4}x^4 \Big|_1^2 + e^x(x-1) \Big|_2^3 + 1 + 2e^2 - 16 + 90 - 3e^3 \\ &= \frac{3}{4}(16-1) + 2e^3 - e^2 - 3e^3 + 2e^2 + 75 \\ &= \frac{345}{4} - e^3 + e^2 = 86\frac{1}{4} + e^2 - e^3 \approx 73.55 \end{aligned}$$

2. Using the table of antiderivatives compute

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & \int (3 - x^2)^3 dx \\ \text{(b)} \quad & \int \tan^2 x dx \\ \text{(c)} \quad & \int \frac{e^{3x} + 1}{e^x + 1} dx \\ \text{(d)} \quad & \int \left(\frac{1-x}{x} \right)^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

Solution. (a)

$$\int (3 - x^2)^3 dx = \int (27 - 27x^2 + 9x^4 - x^6) dx = -\frac{1}{7}x^7 + \frac{9}{5}x^5 - 9x^3 + 27x + C.$$

(b) Using

$$\tan^2 x = \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x - \cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} - 1,$$

we have

$$\int \tan^2 x dx = \int \left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 x} - 1 \right) dx = \tan x - x + C.$$

(c)

$$\int \frac{e^{3x} + 1}{e^x + 1} dx = \int \frac{(e^x + 1)(e^{2x} - e^x + 1)}{e^x + 1} dx = \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} - e^x + x + C.$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} \int \left(\frac{1-x}{x} \right)^2 dx &= \int \frac{1-2x+x^2}{x^2} dx = \int \left(\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{2}{x} + 1 \right) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{x} - 2 \log|x| + x + C. \end{aligned}$$

3. Using an appropriate change of variables compute the following Riemann integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \\ \text{(b)} \quad & \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^5 x \cos x dx \\ \text{(c)} \quad & \int_0^4 xe^{-x^2} dx \end{aligned}$$

Solution. (a) Let $u = 1 - x^2$, $du = -2x dx$. The interval changes into $u_0 = 1$, $u_1 = 3/4$. We have

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_1^{\frac{3}{4}} \frac{du}{\sqrt{u}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{3}{4}}^1 \frac{du}{\sqrt{u}} \sqrt{u} \Big|_{\frac{3}{4}}^1 = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

(b) The change of variables $u = \sin x$, $du = \cos x dx$ gives

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^5 x \cos x dx = \int_0^1 u^5 du = \frac{1}{6}$$

(c) Setting $u = x^2$, $du = 2x dx$ we obtain $u_0 = 0$, $u_1 = 16$ and

$$\int_0^4 xe^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{16} e^{-u} du = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-u} \Big|_0^{16} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - e^{-16}).$$

4. Using integration by parts compute the following Riemann integrals

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad & \int_0^x \arctan t dt, \quad x > 0, \\ (b) \quad & \int_0^1 x^3 e^{-x^2} dx, \\ (c) \quad & \int_0^4 e^{\sqrt{x}} dx \end{aligned}$$

Solution. (a) $u = \arctan t$, $v' = 1$ yields $u' = 1/(1+t^2)$ and $v = t$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^x \arctan t dt &= t \arctan t \Big|_0^x - \int_0^x t \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt \\ &= x \arctan x - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x \frac{dt^2}{1+t^2} \\ &= x \arctan x - \frac{1}{2} \log(1+x^2). \end{aligned}$$

(b) $u = x^2$ $v' = xe^{-x^2}$ yields $u' = 2x$, $v = -\frac{1}{2}e^{-x^2}$. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 x^3 e^{-x^2} dx &= -\frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-x^2} \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 -\frac{1}{2} e^{-x^2} 2x dx = -\frac{1}{2e} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2e} + \left(-\frac{1}{2} e^{-x^2} \right) \Big|_0^1 = -\frac{1}{2e} + \left(-\frac{1}{2e} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{e}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) $u = \sqrt{x}$ gives $x = u^2$, $dx = 2u du$ and

$$\int_0^4 e^{\sqrt{x}} dx = \int_0^2 e^u 2u du = 2e^u(u-1) \Big|_0^2 = 2e^2 - (-2) = 2(e^2 + 1).$$

5. Find a recurrence relation for the antiderivatives

$$I_n = \int x^{2n} \sin x dx, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

and compute I_1 and I_2 .

Solution. We apply integration by parts twice. Setting first $u = x^{2n}$, $v' = \sin x$ we have $u' = 2nx^{2n-1}$ and $v = -\cos x$ and then $r = x^{2n-1}$, $s' = \cos x$ we find $r' = (2n-1)x^{2n-2}$ and $s = \sin x$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= -x^{2n} \cos x + 2n \int x^{2n-1} \cos x \, dx \\ I_n &= -x^{2n} \cos x + 2n \left(x^{2n-1} \sin x + (2n-1) \int x^{2n-2} \sin x \, dx \right) \\ I_n &= -x^{2n} \cos x + 2nx^{2n-1} \sin x - 2n(2n-1)I_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $I_0 = \int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C_0$ we find

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x - 2I_0 = (2-x^2) \cos x + 2x \sin x + C_1 \\ I_2 &= -x^4 \cos x + 4x^3 \sin x - 12I_1 \\ &= -x^4 \cos x + 4x^3 \sin x - 24x \sin x - (24-12x^2) \cos x + C_2 \\ &= (4x^3 - 24x) \sin x + (-x^4 + 12x^2 - 24) \cos x + C_2, \end{aligned}$$

where C_i , $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$, are integration constants.