

MA 101 (Mathematics - I)

Integration : Exercise set 2 : Hints and Solutions

Fundamental Theorems of Calculus

1. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. Assume that there exist distinct constants α and β such that for all $c \in [a, b]$, we have $\alpha \int_a^c f(x)dx + \beta \int_c^b f(x)dx = 0$. Show that $f = 0$.

Solution: Define $F(x) = \int_a^x f$. Then $\alpha F(c) + \beta(F(b) - F(c)) = 0$ for every $c \in [a, b]$, that is, $F(x) = \frac{\beta}{\beta - \alpha} F(b)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Hence, $f(x) = F'(x) = 0$.

2. Let $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable. Let $F(x) = \int_0^{g(x)} t^2 dt$. Prove that $F'(x) = g^2(x)g'(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. If $G(x) = \int_{h(x)}^{g(x)} t^2 dt$, then what is $G'(x)$?

Solution: By Leibniz Rule [1.41] $G'(x) = (g(x))^2 g'(x) - (h(x))^2 h'(x)$.

3. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous and $g : [c, d] \rightarrow [a, b]$ be differentiable. Define $\phi(x) = \int_a^{g(x)} f(t)dt$. Prove that ϕ is differentiable and compute its derivative.

Solution: As in [1.41], show that $\phi'(x) = f(g(x))g'(x)$.

4. If f'' is continuous on $[a, b]$, show that $\int_a^b x f''(x)dx = [b f'(b) - f(b)] - [a f'(a) - f(a)]$.

Solution: Use integration by parts, $\int_a^b x f''(x)dx = (x f'(x)) \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b f'(x)dx = \dots$.

5. Let $f > 0$ be continuous on $[1, \infty)$ and suppose that for $x > 0$, $\int_1^x f(t)dt \leq (f(x))^2$. Prove that $f(x) \geq \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$.

Solution: Let $g(x) := \int_1^x f(t)dt$. Then $0 \leq g(x) \leq (f(x))^2$ and, so $g'(x) = f(x) \geq (g(x))^{1/2}$, i.e., $(g(x))^{-1/2} g'(x) \geq 1$. Thus,

$$x - 1 = \int_1^x 1 \leq \int_1^x (g(t))^{-1/2} g'(t)dt = 2(g(t))^{1/2} \Big|_1^x = 2(g(x))^{1/2} \leq 2f(x).$$

6. If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuously differentiable, show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) \cos nx dx = 0$.

Solution: Since f' is continuous on $[a, b]$, f' is bounded. Let $M = \max\{|f'(x)| : x \in [a, b]\}$. Now, applying integration by parts, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x) \cos nx \, dx &= \frac{1}{n} \left(f(x) \sin nx \right) \Big|_a^b - \frac{1}{n} \int_a^b f'(x) \sin nx \, dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} (|f(a)| + |f(b)| + M(b-a)) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.\end{aligned}$$

Hence the result follows.

7. If $f : [0; 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, then show that $\int_0^x \left(\int_0^u f(t) dt \right) du = \int_0^x (x-u)f(u) du$.

Solution: Let $F(u) = \int_0^u f(t) dt$ for $u \in [0, 1]$. Then LHS $= \int_0^x F(u) \cdot 1 du$. Integration by parts gives the RHS. (Note that $F'(u) = f(u)$ for $u \in [0, 1]$.)
(Alternative: We differentiate both sides with respect to x .)

8. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous and let $g(x) = \int_0^x (x-t)f(t) dt$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove that $g''(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Solution: We have $g(x) = x \int_0^x f(t) dt - \int_0^x t f(t) dt$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Since f is continuous, by the first fundamental theorem of calculus, $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable and $g'(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt + x f(x) - x f(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Again, since f is continuous, by the first fundamental theorem of calculus, $g' : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable and $g''(x) = f(x)$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Improper Integrals

9. Compute the following improper integrals or prove their divergence.

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{(a)} \int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{x^4} & \text{(b)} \int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}} & \text{(c)} \int_0^\infty e^{-ax} dx, \, a > 0 & \text{(d)} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \text{(e)} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x \ln x} & \text{(f)} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x \ln |\ln x|} & \text{(g)} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x |\ln x|^{3/2}} & \text{(h)} \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{(1+x)^2} \end{array}$$

Solution: (a) $\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{x^4} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{dx}{x^4} = \frac{1}{3} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{t^3} \right) = 1/3$.

(b) Diverges.

(c) Converges. $\int_0^\infty e^{-ax} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t e^{-ax} dx = \frac{-1}{a} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-at} - e^0) = 1/a$

(d) Converges. $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^t \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$. Change variable: $y = \sin t$, integrate and take limit. Ans. $\pi/2$

(e) Diverges. Note that $x \ln x \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 1$. Also, $x \ln x \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0$ (Use L'Hôpital rule). So, we consider the two improper integrals $\int_0^{1/2} \frac{dx}{x \ln x}$ and $\int_{1/2}^1 \frac{dx}{x \ln x}$. The given integral converges if and only if these two integrals converge. Now,

$$\int_0^{1/2} \frac{dx}{x \ln x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^{1/2} \frac{dx}{x \ln x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\ln t}^{\ln(1/2)} \frac{dy}{y} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (\ln |\ln(1/2)| - \ln |\ln t|) = -\infty.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{dx}{x \ln x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \int_{1/2}^t \frac{dx}{x \ln x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (\ln |\ln t| - \ln |\ln t|) = -\infty.$$

(f) Diverges: Compare $\frac{1}{x |\ln |\ln x||} \geq \frac{1}{x |\ln x|}$ and use (e)

(g) Diverges: as in (f)

(h) This is in fact a Riemann integral: With the variable change $x = \tan^2 t$, the integral becomes $\int_0^{\pi/4} 2 \sin^2 t \, dt = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}$.

10. Test the following improper integrals for convergence.

(a) $\int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{1-x^4}} \, dx$ (b) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\ln \sin x}{\sqrt{x}} \, dx$

Solution: (a) Converges. We have $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{(1+x^2)(1+x)}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}}$.

Let $g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}}$. Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1/2$. Since $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}} \, dx$ is convergent, the result follows.

(b) Converges: Let $f(x) = \frac{\ln \sin x}{\sqrt{x}}$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{x^{3/4}}$. Show that $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0^+$. Since $\int_0^1 g(x) \, dx$ is convergent, the result follows.

11. Determine the values of k for which the following integrals converge.

(a) $\int_a^b \frac{dx}{(b-x)^k}$, ($b < a$) (b) $\int_0^\pi \frac{dx}{\sin^k x}$

Solution: (a) $k < 1$ (b) $k < 1$.

12. For what values of k and t the integral $\int_0^\infty \frac{x^k}{1+x^t} \, dx$ is convergent?

Solution: If both $k > -1$ and $t > k + 1$ hold. Note: $\int_0^1 \frac{x^k}{1+x^t} dx$ converges if and only if $k > -1$ (Compare with $1/x^{-k}$), and $\int_1^\infty \frac{x^k}{1+x^t} dx$ if and only if $t - k > 1$ (compare with $1/x^{t-k}$).

13. Examine whether the following integrals are convergent

(a) $\int_0^\infty \sin(x^2) dx$, (b) $\int_0^1 \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}} dx$.

Solution: (a) Converges. Use Dirichlet test: $\sin x^2 = (2x \sin x^2) \frac{1}{2x}$.
 (b) Converges. Take $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}}$ and $g(x) = 1/(x^{3/4})$. Then $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0+$. Since $\int_0^1 g$ is convergent, $\int_0^1 f$ converges.
 Note: Comparison test and limit comparison test are valid also in Improper integrals on bounded intervals.

14. The integral $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ is said converge **absolutely** if $\int_a^\infty |f(x)| dx$ is convergent. If the integral $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ converges, but not absolutely, then it is said to converge **conditionally**. Show that $\int_1^\infty \frac{\sin x}{x^p} dx$ converges absolutely if $p > 1$ and conditionally if $0 < p \leq 1$.

Solution: For $p > 1$, use comparison $|\frac{\sin x}{x^p}|$ with $\frac{1}{x^p}$. For $0 < p \leq 1$, use Dirichlet test with $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^p}$ and $g(x) = \sin x$ to show $\int_1^\infty \frac{\sin x}{x^p} dx$ converges.

Finally, For $0 < p \leq 1$, $\int_1^\infty \frac{|\sin x|}{x^p} dx$ diverges, because if $\int_1^\infty \frac{|\sin x|}{x^p} dx$ converges, then $\int_1^\infty \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^p} dx$ converges (as $\sin^2 x \leq |\sin x|$). By Dirichlet test $\int_1^\infty \frac{\cos 2x}{x^p} dx$ converges. Thus, $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \int_1^\infty \frac{2 \sin^2 x + \cos 2x}{x^p} dx$ converges, a contradiction.

Solution: More from Notes:

[2.21](c) Examine for convergence: $\int_1^\infty e^{-t} t^p dt$.

If $p \leq 0$, then $0 < e^{-t} t^p \leq e^{-t}$ and $\int_0^\infty e^{-t} dt = e$. By comparison, the integral converges.

If $p > 0$, let $m = [p]$. Then, $e^t > \frac{t^{m+3}}{(m+3)!}$, that is, $e^{-t} < \frac{(m+3)!}{t^{m+3}}$. Therefore,

$0 < e^{-t} t^p < e^{-t} t^{m+1} < \frac{(m+3)!}{t^2}$. Use comparison test again.

Solution: [2.26] Determine all real numbers p for which the integral $\int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-x} - 1}{x^p} dx$ is convergent.

Let $f(x) = -\frac{e^{-x} - 1}{x^p} dx$. Let $g(x) = \frac{1}{x^{p-1}}$ for $x \in (0, 1]$. Then $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \rightarrow 1$. Therefore, $\int_0^1 \frac{e^{-x} - 1}{x^p} dx$ is convergent if and only if $p - 1 < 1$, i.e., $p < 2$. Similarly, comparing with $1/x^p$, show that $\int_1^\infty \frac{e^{-x} - 1}{x^p} dx$ is convergent if and only if $p > 1$. Hence, convergent if and only if $1 < p < 2$.

Applications of integrals

15. Find the area of the region enclosed by the curve $y = \sqrt{|x+1|}$ and the line $5y = x + 7$.
16. Find the area enclosed by the curve $r = a \cos 3\theta$, $-\pi/6 \leq \theta \leq \pi/6$.

Solution: The curve will form a loop.

17. Sketch the curve $x = a \sin 2t$, $y = a \sin t$ and find the area of one of its loops.

Solution: $4a^2/3$

18. Find the length of the curve $y = \int_0^x \sqrt{\cos 2t} dt$, $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$.

Solution: 1

19. A curve is given by the equation

$$x = a(\cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta), y = a(\sin \theta - \theta \cos \theta).$$

Find the length of the arc from $\theta = 0$ to $\theta = \alpha$.

Solution: $\frac{1}{2}a\alpha^2$.

20. Consider the funnel formed by revolving the curve $y = \frac{1}{x}$ about the x -axis, between $x = 1$ and $x = a$, where $a > 1$. If V_a and S_a denote respectively the volume and the surface area of the funnel, then show that $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} V_a = \pi$ and $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} S_a = \infty$.

21. Find the volume and area of the curved surface of a paraboloid of revolution formed by revolving the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ about the x -axis, and bounded by the section $x = x_1$.
22. Show that the area of the surface obtained by revolving the cardioid $r = 1 + \cos \theta$ about the x -axis is $\frac{32}{5}\pi a^2$.
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