

**MATH1520 Autumn 2018**  
**Homework 5 Solution**

1. Compute

(a)  $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{5x}{(4+x^2)^2} dx$

(b)  $\int_0^1 x\sqrt{x+1} dx$

(c)  $\int_2^4 \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx$

(d)  $\int (2x+6)^{14} dx$

(e)  $\int \sqrt{4x-1} dx$

(f)  $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x}+1)} dx$

(g)  $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{4-3x}} dx$

(h)  $\int_{10}^{30} ve^{-v/5} dv$

(i)  $\int_2^1 t \ln 2t dt$

(j)  $\int_{-1}^3 (t-1)e^{1-t} dt$

**Answer.**

(a) Let  $u = x^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{5x}{(4+x^2)^2} dx &= \int_1^1 \frac{5}{2} \frac{1}{(4+u)^2} du \\ &= -\frac{5}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{4+u} \right]_1^1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let  $u = \sqrt{x+1}$ , then  $x = u^2 - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 x\sqrt{x+1} dx &= \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} 2(u^4 - u^2) du \\ &= 2 \left[ \frac{u^5}{5} - \frac{u^3}{3} \right]_1^{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4(\sqrt{2}+1)}{15} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Let  $u = \ln x$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_2^4 \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx &= \int_2^4 (\ln x)' \frac{1}{(\ln x)^2} dx \\ &= \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln 4} \frac{1}{u^2} du = \frac{1}{2 \ln 2}\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\int (2x + 6)^{14} dx = \frac{(2x + 6)^{15}}{30} + C$$

(e) Let  $u = \sqrt{4x - 1}$ , then  $x = \frac{u^2 + 1}{4}$

$$\int \sqrt{4x - 1} dx = \int \frac{u^2}{2} du = \frac{u^3}{6} = \frac{(4x - 1)^{3/2}}{6}$$

or, let  $u = 4x - 1$ , then

$$\int \sqrt{4x - 1} dx = \frac{1}{4} \int \sqrt{u} du = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} \right) + C = \frac{1}{6} (4x - 1)^{3/2} + C$$

(f) Let  $u = \sqrt{x}$ , then

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x} + 1)} dx = \int \frac{2}{1 + u} du = 2 \ln(1 + \sqrt{x}) + C$$

(g) Let  $u = \sqrt[3]{4 - 3x}$ , then  $x = \frac{4 - u^3}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{4 - 3x}} dx &= \int \frac{\frac{u^4 - 4u}{3}}{u} (-u^2) du = \int \frac{u^4 - 4u}{3} du \\ &= \frac{u^5}{15} - \frac{2u^2}{3} + C = \frac{(4 - 3x)^{5/3}}{15} - \frac{2(4 - 3x)^{2/3}}{3} + C\end{aligned}$$

Or, let  $u = 4 - 3x$ , then  $x = \frac{4 - u}{3}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{4 - 3x}} dx &= \int \frac{\frac{4 - u}{3}}{\sqrt[3]{u}} \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right) du = -\frac{1}{9} \int 4u^{-1/3} - u^{2/3} du \\ &= -\frac{1}{9} \left( 4 \cdot \frac{u^{2/3}}{2/3} - \frac{u^{5/3}}{5/3} \right) + C = -\frac{2(4 - 3x)^{2/3}}{3} + \frac{(4 - 3x)^{5/3}}{15} + C\end{aligned}$$

(h) Using integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{10}^{30} v e^{-v/5} dv &= \int_{10}^{30} -5v de^{-v/5} \\ &= \left[ v e^{-v/5} \right]_{10}^{30} - \int_{10}^{30} -5e^{-v/5} dv = 75e^{-2} - 175e^{-6}\end{aligned}$$

$$(i) \int_2^1 t \ln 2t \, dt = \int_2^1 \ln 2t \, d\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) = \left[\frac{t^2}{2} \ln 2t\right]_2^1 - \int_2^1 \frac{t}{2} \, dt = -\frac{7}{2} \ln 2 + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$(j) \text{ Let } u = t - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^3 (t-1)e^{1-t} \, dt &= \int_{-2}^2 ue^{-u} \, du \\ &= [ue^{-u}]_{-2}^2 + \int_{-2}^2 e^{-u} \, du = -3e^{-2} - e^2 \end{aligned}$$

2. Compute the following integral by partial fraction decomposition.

$$(a) \int \frac{x^3 - x + 1}{x^2 - 1} dx$$

$$(b) \int \frac{x^4}{(x-1)(x-2)} dx.$$

$$(c) \int \frac{(x+2)}{x^3 - x} dx.$$

$$(d) \int_3^9 \frac{4-3x}{(x-1)^2} dx$$

**Answer.**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{x}{x^2 - 1} \frac{x^3 - x + 1}{-x^3 + x} \\ &\frac{1}{x^2 - 1} \\ &\frac{x^3 - x + 1}{x^2 - 1} = x + \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} \\ &\frac{1}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$1 = A(x-1) + B(x+1)$$

Substitute  $x = 1$ ,

$$B = \frac{1}{2}$$

Substitute  $x = -1$ ,

$$A = \frac{-1}{2}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^3 - x + 1}{x^2 - 1} dx &= \int x + \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} dx = \frac{x^2}{2} + \int \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} (\ln |x-1| - \ln |x+1|) + C \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 3x + 7 \\ x^2 - 3x + 2 \overline{) \phantom{000000}} \\ \underline{-x^4 + 3x^3 - 2x^2} \phantom{0000} \\ 3x^3 - 2x^2 \\ \underline{-3x^3 + 9x^2 - 6x} \phantom{00} \\ 7x^2 - 6x \\ \underline{-7x^2 + 21x - 14} \\ 15x - 14 \end{array}$$
$$\frac{x^4}{(x-1)(x-2)} = x^2 + 3x + 7 + \frac{15x-14}{(x-1)(x-2)}$$
$$\frac{15x-14}{(x-1)(x-2)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x-2}$$

Hence

$$15x - 14 = A(x - 2) + B(x - 1).$$

Substitute  $x = 1$ ,

$$A = -1.$$

Substitute  $x = 2$ ,

$$B = 16.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x^4}{(x-1)(x-2)} &= \int x^2 + 3x + 7 + \frac{15x-14}{(x-1)(x-2)} \\ &= \int x^2 + 3x + 7 + \frac{-1}{(x-1)} + \frac{16}{(x-2)} dx \\ &= \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 7x - \ln|x-1| + 16\ln|x-2| + C\end{aligned}$$

(c)  $x^3 - x = x(x^2 - 1) = x(x - 1)(x + 1).$

$$\frac{x+2}{x^3-x} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{x-1}.$$

$$x + 2 = A(x - 1)(x + 1) + Bx(x - 1) + Cx(x + 1).$$

Substitute  $x = 0$

$$2 = -A$$

$$A = -2.$$

Substitute  $x = 1$

$$3 = 2C$$

$$C = 3/2.$$

Substitute  $x = -1$

$$2B = 1$$

$$B = 1/2.$$

**Alternate method of finding  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x+2}{x^3-x} &= \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{x-1} \\ &= \frac{A(x^2-1) + B(x^2-x) + C(x^2+x)}{x^3-x} \\ &= \frac{(A+B+C)x^2 + (C-B)x - A}{x^3-x}\end{aligned}$$

Then we have the following equations:

$$A + B + C = 0,$$

$$C - B = 1,$$

$$-A = 2.$$

Thus we have  $A = -2, B = 1/2, C = 3/2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{(x+2) dx}{x^3-x} &= \int \left( -\frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{2(x+1)} + \frac{3}{2(x-1)} \right) dx \\ &= -2 \ln |x| + \frac{1}{2} \ln |x+1| + \frac{3}{2} \ln |x-1| + C\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4-3x}{(x-1)^2} &= \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{(x-1)^2} \\ 4-3x &= A(x-1) + B\end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $x = 1$ ,

$$B = 1$$

Substitute  $x = 0$ ,

$$4 = -A + B = -A + 1 \Rightarrow A = -3$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_3^9 \frac{4-3x}{(x-1)^2} dx &= \int_3^9 \frac{-3}{x-1} + \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} dx \\ &= \left[ -3 \ln(x-1) - \frac{1}{x-1} \right]_3^9 = -6 \ln 2 + \frac{3}{8}\end{aligned}$$

3. Compute the following integrals.

$$(a) \int e^x \sqrt{e^x - 1} dx;$$

$$(b) \int \frac{x^3 + 2x + 1}{x + 1} dx$$

$$(c) \int (x^3 - x)e^x dx.$$

$$(d) \int_2^4 \frac{e^{2x}}{1 + e^x} dx$$

$$(e) \int_1^{10} (\ln x)^3 dx$$

**Answer.**

$$(a) u = e^x - 1, du = e^x dx.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^x \sqrt{e^x - 1} dx &= \int \sqrt{u} du \\ &= \frac{2}{3} u^{\frac{3}{2}} + C \\ &= \frac{2}{3} (e^x - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C \end{aligned}$$

(b) Using long division, one has

$$\frac{x^3 + 2x + 1}{x + 1} = x^2 - x + 3 - \frac{2}{x + 1}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^3 + 2x + 1}{x + 1} dx &= \int (x^2 - x + 3 - \frac{2}{x + 1}) dx \\ &= \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2}{2} + 3x - 2 \ln |x + 1| + C \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \int (x^3 - x)e^x dx &= \int (x^3 - x)d(e^x) \\ &= (x^3 - x)e^x - \int (3x^2 - 1)e^x dx \\ &= (x^3 - x)e^x - (3x^2 - 1)e^x + \int 6xe^x dx \\ &= (x^3 - x)e^x - (3x^2 - 1)e^x + 6xe^x - \int 6e^x dx \\ &= (x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 5)e^x + C \end{aligned}$$

(d) Let  $e^x + 1 = t$ , then  $x = \ln(t - 1)$

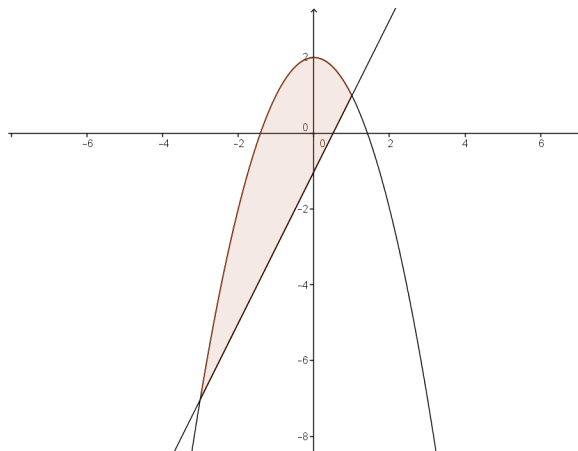
$$\begin{aligned}\int_2^4 \frac{e^{2x}}{1 + e^x} dx &= \int_{e^2+1}^{e^4+1} \frac{(t-1)}{t} dt \\ &= [t - \ln t]_{e^2+1}^{e^4+1} = e^4 - e^2 - \ln \frac{e^4+1}{e^2+1}\end{aligned}$$

(e) Let  $t = \ln x$ , then  $x = e^t$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_1^{10} (\ln x)^3 dx &= \int_0^{\ln 10} t^3 e^t dt = \int_0^{\ln 10} t^3 de^t \\ &= [t^3 e^t]_0^{\ln 10} - \int_0^{\ln 10} 3t^2 e^t dt \\ &= 10(\ln 10)^3 - [3t^2 e^t]_0^{\ln 10} + \int_0^{\ln 10} 6te^t dt \\ &= 10(\ln 10)^3 - 30(\ln 10)^2 + 60 \ln 10 - 54\end{aligned}$$

4. Find the area between the region enclosed by  $y = 2 - x^2$  and  $y = 2x - 1$ .

**Answer.**



Solve  $2 - x^2 = 2x - 1$ ,  $x = 1$  or  $x = -3$ . So we just need to compute the following.

$$\int_{-3}^1 (2 - x^2 - 2x + 1) dx = \int_{-3}^1 3 - 2x - x^2 dx = \left[ 3x - x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-3}^1 = \frac{83}{3}$$

5. Evaluate the given limit using appropriate definite integral.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[ \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(2n+2)^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2n+n)^2} \right]$$

**Answer.**

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[ \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(2n+2)^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2n+n)^2} \right] \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{1}{(2+1/n)^2} + \frac{1}{(2+2/n)^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2+n/n)^2} \right] \\
&= \int_2^3 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \left[ -\frac{1}{x} \right]_2^3 = \frac{1}{6}
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

(1) is the right Riemann sum.

6. Evaluate the following improper integrals.

- (a)  $\int_0^{+\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx$
- (b)  $\int_0^{+\infty} 2x e^{-3x} dx$
- (c)  $\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{(2x-1)^2} dx$
- (d)  $\int_0^{+\infty} x e^{1-x} dx$
- (e)  $\int_2^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x \sqrt{\ln x}} dx$

**Answer.**

- (a) First, we consider  $\int_0^b x e^{-x^2} dx$ . Using  $u = x^2$  and  $du = 2x dx$ , we have the following.

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^b x e^{-x^2} dx &= \int_0^{b^2} \frac{1}{2} e^{-u} du \\
&= \left[ -\frac{1}{2} e^{-u} \right]_0^{b^2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-b^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have the following.

$$\int_0^{+\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-b^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$



(b) First, we consider  $\int_0^b 2xe^{-3x} dx$ . Using integration by parts, we have the following.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^b 2xe^{-3x} dx &= \int_0^b -\frac{2x}{3} de^{-3x} \\ &= \left[ -\frac{2x}{3} e^{-3x} \right]_0^b + \int_0^b \frac{2}{3} e^{-3x} dx \\ &= -\frac{2b}{3} e^{-3b} + \left[ -\frac{2}{9} e^{-3x} \right]_0^b \\ &= -\frac{2b}{3} e^{-3b} - \frac{2}{9} e^{-3b} + \frac{2}{9}\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have the following.

$$\int_0^{+\infty} 2xe^{-3x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} \left( -\frac{2b}{3} e^{-3b} - \frac{2}{9} e^{-3b} + \frac{2}{9} \right) = \frac{2}{9}$$

(c) First, we consider  $\int_b^0 \frac{1}{(2x-1)^2} dx$ . Using  $u = 2x-1$  and  $du = 2 dx$ , we have the following.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_b^0 \frac{1}{(2x-1)^2} dx &= \int_{2b-1}^{-1} \frac{1}{2u^2} du \\ &= \left[ -\frac{1}{2u} \right]_{2b-1}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2(2b-1)}\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have the following.

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{(2x-1)^2} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2(2b-1)} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

(d) First we consider  $\int_0^b xe^{1-x} dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^b xe^{1-x} dx &= \int_0^b -x de^{1-x} = [-xe^{1-x}]_0^b + \int_0^b e^{1-x} dx \\ &= -be^{1-b} - e^{1-b} + e\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have the following.  $\int_0^{+\infty} xe^{1-x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} -be^{1-b} - e^{1-b} + e = e$

(e) First, we consider  $\int_2^b \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx$ . Using  $u = \ln x$  and  $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$

$$\int_2^b \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx = \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = [2u^{\frac{1}{2}}]_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} = 2(\sqrt{\ln b} - \sqrt{\ln 2})$$

Hence,

$$\int_2^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} 2(\sqrt{\ln b} - \sqrt{\ln 2}) = +\infty$$

7. Suppose that if  $f$  is continuous, find the value of the integral  $I = \int_0^a \frac{f(x)}{f(x) + f(a-x)} dx$  by making the substitution  $u = a - x$  and adding the resulting integral to I.

**Answer.**

$$\begin{aligned} I &= - \int_a^0 \frac{f(a-u)}{f(a-u) + f(u)} du = \int_0^a \frac{f(a-u)}{f(a-u) + f(u)} du = \int_0^a \frac{f(x)}{f(x) + f(a-x)} dx \\ 2I &= \int_0^a \frac{f(x) + f(a-x)}{f(x) + f(a-x)} dx = \int_0^a 1 dx = a \\ \therefore I &= \frac{a}{2} \end{aligned}$$

8. Compute

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - a^2} dx, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Solution:**

- (i) If  $a \neq 0$ ,

$$\frac{1}{x^2 - a^2} = \frac{A}{x+a} + \frac{B}{x-a} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A+B=0 \\ -aA+aB=1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A=-\frac{1}{2a} \\ B=\frac{1}{2a} \end{cases}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - a^2} dx = -\frac{1}{2a} \int \frac{1}{x+a} dx + \frac{1}{2a} \int \frac{1}{x-a} dx = -\frac{1}{2a} \ln|x+a| + \frac{1}{2a} \ln|x-a| + C$$

- (ii) If  $a = 0$ ,

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - a^2} dx = \int \frac{1}{x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{x} + C.$$

In conclusion,

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - a^2} dx = \begin{cases} \ln|x+a| + \frac{1}{2a} \ln|x-a| + C & , \text{if } a \neq 0 \\ -\frac{1}{x} + C & , \text{if } a = 0 \end{cases}$$