Math 141 Tutorial 3 Solutions

Main problems

1. Suppose that $f, g : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ are continuous functions and let $c \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that a < c < b. Given that

$$\int_{a}^{c} f(x) dx = 4, \quad \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = -2, \quad \int_{a}^{c} g(x) dx = -1, \quad \int_{c}^{b} g(x) dx = 3$$

determine the value of each of the following integrals.

(a)
$$\int_{a}^{c} (f(x) + 2g(x)) dx$$

(b)
$$\int_{c}^{b} f(x) dx$$

(c)
$$\int_{a}^{b} (2f(x) - 5g(x)) dx$$

Solution:

Note that f and g are continuous on [a, b] and thus continuous on [a, c] and [c, b]. This ensures that f and g are Riemann integrable on these intervals and guarantees the existence of their respective integrals on [a, c] and [c, b].

(a) Using the properties shown in the last problem, we have

$$\int_{a}^{c} (f(x) + 2g(x)) dx = \int_{a}^{c} f(x) dx + \int_{a}^{c} 2g(x) dx$$
$$= \int_{a}^{c} f(x) dx + 2 \int_{a}^{c} g(x) dx$$
$$= 4 + 2 \cdot (-1)$$
$$= 2$$

(b) By additivity, we have

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx.$$

Or, equivalently,

$$\int_{c}^{b} f(x) dx = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx - \int_{a}^{c} f(x) dx = -2 - 4 = -6.$$

(c) First, we note that

$$\int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx = \int_{a}^{c} g(x) dx + \int_{c}^{b} g(x) dx = -1 + 3 = 2.$$

Hence, by the properties shown in the last question,

$$\int_{a}^{b} (2f(x) - 5g(x)) dx = \int_{a}^{b} 2f(x) dx + \int_{a}^{b} (-5g(x)) dx$$
$$= 2 \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx - 5 \int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx$$
$$= 2(-2) - 5(2)$$
$$= -14.$$

2. Given that

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) dx = 2$$
 and $\int_0^{\pi} \sin^2(x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$,

and

$$\int_{-\pi}^{0} \sin(x) \, dx = -2 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-\pi}^{0} \sin^{2}(x) \, dx = \frac{\pi}{2},$$

determine the value of each of the following integrals.

(a)
$$\int_0^{\pi} (2\sin^2(x) - \pi \sin(x)) dx$$

(b)
$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos^2(x) \, \mathrm{d}x$$

(c)
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(x) \left(\sin(x) + 1 \right) dx$$

Solution:

Note that all functions here are continuous on \mathbb{R} and therefore Riemann integrable on any interval of the form $[a,b]\subset\mathbb{R}$.

(a) We have

$$\int_0^\pi \left(2\sin^2(x) - \pi\sin(x)\right) dx = 2\int_0^\pi \sin^2(x) dx - \pi\int_0^\pi \sin(x) dx$$
$$= 2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \pi(2)$$
$$= -\pi$$

(b) Recall that $\cos^2(x) = 1 - \sin^2(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus,

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos^2(x) dx = \int_0^{\pi} (1 - \sin^2(x)) dx = \int_0^{\pi} dx - \int_0^{\pi} \sin^2(x) dx$$
$$= \pi - \frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

(c) Linearity of the integral tells us that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(x) \left(\sin(x) + 1 \right) dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(\sin^2(x) + \sin(x) \right) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2(x) dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{0} \sin^2(x) dx + \int_{0}^{\pi} \sin^2(x) dx + \int_{-\pi}^{0} \sin(x) dx + \int_{0}^{\pi} \sin(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} - 2 + 2$$

$$= \pi.$$

3. Using the comparison principle, for each function f below find constants m and M such that

$$m \leq \int_a^b f(x)dx \leq M.$$

- (a) $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ with a = 0 and b = 2.
- (b) $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + 4x + 14)$ with a = -4 and b = 2.

Solution:

For each question, we'll find constants A and B such that $A \le f(x) \le B$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, then using the comparison principle combined with the linearity properties of the integral to get m = A(b-a) and M = B(b-a):

$$A(b-a) = A \int_a^b 1 \ dx \le \int_a^b f(x) \le B \int_a^b 1 \ dx = B(b-a).$$

(a) We start by trying to find the local minimum and maximum of $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ on [0, 2]. Differentiating f(x), we get

$$f'(x) = 3x^2.$$

and solving for x such that f'(x) = 0 gives $f'(x) = 3x^2 = 0$ at x = 0. We can't conclude whether x = 0 is a local min/max just yet because

$$f''(0) = 6(0) = 0,$$

i.e., x = 0 is an inflection point. Next, we'll check f(x) at the endpoints of [0, 2]:

$$f(0) = 0^3 + 1 = 1$$

$$f(2) = 2^3 + 1 = 9.$$

Since we know f(x) is an increasing function on [0,2] $(f'(x) \ge 0$ for all $x \in [0,2]$), we can conclude that

$$1 \le f(x) \le 9$$
,

for all $x \in [0,2]$. Hence by the work above, we get

$$2 = 1 \cdot 2 \le \int_0^2 3x^2 + 1 \ dx \le 9 \cdot 2 = 18.$$

That is, m=2 and M=18.

(b) We approach this problem similarly to the previous one. Differentiating f(x), we get

$$f'(x) = \frac{2x+4}{x^2+4x+14}.$$

Solving for f'(x) = 0, we get x = -2. Next, we compute f(-4), f(-2), and f(2) to find the min/max of f(x) on [-4, 2]. In doing so, we see that

$$f(-4) \approx 2.6391$$
 $f(-2) \approx 2.3026$ $f(2) \approx 3.2581$.

Hence by rounding down/up, we have $2.3 \le f(x) \le 3.3$ and so

$$13.8 = \le 2.3 \int_{-4}^{2} 1 \ dx \le \int_{-4}^{2} \ln(x^2 + 4x + 14) \ dx \le 3.3 \int_{-4}^{2} 1 \ dx = 19.8,$$

i.e., we could have m = 13.8 and M = 19.8.

4. Consider the function F given by

$$F(x) = \int_0^x \cos(t)e^{t^2} dt.$$

Find where the local maxima and minima of F(x) on $(0, 2\pi)$ occur. (Do not try and evaluate F at these points!)

Solution:

By the fundamental theorem of calculus, F is differentiable with derivative

$$F'(x) = \cos(x)e^{x^2}.$$

Recalling techniques from Calculus 1, we begin by searching for $x \in (0, 2\pi)$ such that F'(x) = 0. Since we know what F'(x) is, this is the same as looking for $x \in (0, 2\pi)$ such that

$$\cos(x)e^{x^2} = 0.$$

Since $e^{x^2} > 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, the above can only occur when $\cos(x) = 0$. Since we are restricting ourselves to $x \in (0, 2\pi)$, this leaves only the following possibilities:

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$
 or $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$.

Using the second derivative test with $F''(x) = 2xe^{x^2}\cos(x) - \sin(x)e^{x^2}$, we have

$$F''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) < 0$$
 and $F''\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) > 0$.

The relative min is thus at $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ and the relative max is at $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Challenge Problems

5. Compute the following limits

(a)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{n}} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} + \dots + \sqrt{\frac{n}{n}} \right)$$

(b)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{2\pi}{n} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi i}{n}\right)$$

Hint: how do these limits relate to Riemann sums?

6. Let

$$g(x) = \int_0^{h(x)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+t^4}} dt, \qquad h(x) = \int_0^{\cos(x)} (1+\sin(s^2)) ds.$$

What's the value of $g'(\frac{\pi}{2})$?