



Chapter 1: Non-Trivial Chapter

Recall that we have already explained in lecture that all rational function of a single variable can be integrated in finite terms. Starting from there, we introduce integrals of the form, known as the binomial integrals:

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$$J_{p,q} = \int (a+bz)^p z^q \, dz, a, b \in \mathbb{R}, p, q \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

This exercise aims at studying the rationalization of the binomial integral, as well as some of its applications.

Question 1

Assume that $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, rationalise the integrand.

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Since $q \in \mathbb{Q}$, this implies there exists $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $q = \frac{m}{n}$. Then, $J_{p,q}$ can be written as

$$J_{p,q} = \int (a+bz)^p z^{\frac{m}{n}} \, \mathrm{d}z.$$

Let $z = x^n$, then $dz = n \cdot x^{n-1} dx$. Replace z with x we have

$$J_{p,q} = \int (a+b\cdot x^n)^p \cdot (x^n)^{\frac{m}{n}} \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1} dx.$$

Simplify it and we get

$$J_{p,q} = n \int (a + b \cdot x^n)^p \cdot x^{m+n-1} dx.$$

Now, by binomial theorem we can see the integrand is rationalised, as needed.

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Lemma 1

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Corollary 1

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Exercise 2

Question 1

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Proof. Proof by alittlebear.cls code, left as an exercise to the reader:)

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