

1. Compute

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\tan^{-1}(x)}{\tan^{-1}(x) + x} \right)^3.$$

Answer: $\frac{1}{8}$

Solution: So this function is nasty, let's kind of cheat a little bit.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\tan^{-1}(x) + x}{\tan^{-1}(x)} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{x}{\tan^{-1}(x)} \right) = 2 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\tan^{-1}(x) + x}{\tan^{-1}(x)} \right)^3 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^3 = \boxed{\frac{1}{8}} \end{aligned}$$

2. Compute

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{1 + \sqrt{1 - x^2}} dx.$$

Answer: $\frac{4-\pi}{4}$

Solution: We make the trig substitution $x = \sin \theta$.

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin^2 \theta \cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} d\theta &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} \right) \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \tan(\theta/2) \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} 2 \tan(\theta/2) \sin(\theta/2) \cos(\theta/2) \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2(\theta/2) \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2(\theta/2) (1 - 2 \sin^2(\theta/2)) d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2(\theta/2) d\theta - 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4(\theta/2) d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2(\theta/2) d\theta - 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2(\theta/2) (1 - \cos^2(\theta/2)) d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} 4 \sin^2(\theta/2) \cos^2(\theta/2) - 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2(\theta/2) d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2(\theta) d\theta - 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2(\theta/2) d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Then, we evaluate each integral as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2(\theta/2) d\theta &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2(\theta) d\theta &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2} d\theta \\
&= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos(2\theta) d\theta \\
&= \frac{\pi}{4}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the integral is

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{1 + \sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{\pi}{4} - 2 \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \boxed{\frac{4-\pi}{4}}.$$

3. Compute

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{n!}.$$

Answer: $5e$

Solution: The series is reminiscent of the power series definition for e^x . Our strategy will be to repeatedly take the derivative of the power series of e^x and multiply by x .

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

Take the derivative and multiply by x :

$$\begin{aligned}
e^x &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nx^{n-1}}{n!} \\
xe^x &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nx^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{nx^n}{n!}.
\end{aligned}$$

Repeat:

$$\begin{aligned}
e^x + xe^x &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 x^{n-1}}{n!} \\
xe^x + x^2 e^x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 x^n}{n!}.
\end{aligned}$$

Repeat one last time:

$$\begin{aligned}
e^x + 3xe^x + x^2 e^x &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3 x^{n-1}}{n!} \\
xe^x + 3x^2 e^x + x^3 e^x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^3 x^n}{n!}.
\end{aligned}$$

We plug in $x = 1$ to get:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^3 x^n}{n!} = \boxed{5e}.$$