

Sample problems with solutions for Homework 5

1. If you need to see some examples of u/du substitution, see <http://tutorial.math.lamar.edu/Classes/CalcI/SubstitutionRuleIndefinitePtII.aspx>
2. Given $F'(x) = f(x)$, $G'(x) = F(x)$, and $\int_a^b e^x G(x) dx = 42$, evaluate $\int_a^b e^x f(x) dx$, using the information on the following table.

x	$f(x)$	$F(x)$	$G(x)$
a	2	4	-2
b	-1	5	8

3. The function $f(x) = c \ln(1 + x^2)$ defines a probability density function on the interval $[0, 1]$.
 - (a) Use technology to estimate the value of c .
 - (b) Using this value for c , find the expected value of this distribution. Evaluate the integral without using technology.

Solutions

2. To evaluate $\int_a^b e^x f(x) dx$, we use integration by parts.

- $u = e^x$
- $du = e^x dx$
- $dv = f(x) dx$
- $v = F(x)$

Now using the formula for integration by parts, we get:

$$\int_a^b e^x f(x) dx = e^x F(x) \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b e^x F(x) dx$$

The first term we can compute using the provided table, but the resulting integral will require another application of integration by parts:

- $w = e^x$
- $dw = e^x dx$
- $dp = F(x) dx$
- $p = G(x)$

Then we can compute the needed integral:

$$\int_a^b e^x F(x) dx = e^x G(x) \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b e^x G(x) dx$$

We can compute everything here with that was given, so we can finish:

$$\int_a^b e^x f(x) dx = e^x F(x) \Big|_a^b - \left(e^x G(x) \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b e^x G(x) dx \right) =$$

3. (a) Entering the following into Wolfram alpha: “integral from 0 to 1 of $\ln(1 + x^2)$ ” gives the result 0.2639. Thus $c \approx \frac{1}{0.2639} \approx 3.789$.

- (b) The expected value is given by the following integral: $\int_0^1 cx \ln(1+x^2) dx$. To evaluate this integral, we'll begin with a u/du substitution, with $u = 1+x^2$, $du = 2x dx$, giving

$$\int_0^1 cx \ln(1+x^2) dx = \frac{c}{2} \int_0^1 2x \ln(x^2+1) dx = \frac{c}{2} \int_1^2 \ln u du$$

We have previously used integration by parts to find that $\int \ln x dx = x \ln x - x + C$. So

$$\frac{c}{2} \int_1^2 \ln u du = \frac{c}{2} (u \ln u - u) \Big|_1^2 = \frac{c}{2} (2 \ln 2 - 2 - (0 - 1)) = c(\ln 2 - \frac{1}{2}) \approx 0.193c \approx 0.732$$