

Section 7.1 Notes

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7.1.12

Evaluate the integral

$$I = \int \frac{\ln(\ln(x))}{x \ln(x)} dx .$$

Let $u = \ln(x)$ so that $du = \frac{1}{x} dx \implies x du = dx$. By substitution,

$$I = \int \frac{\ln(u)}{xu} x du = \int \frac{\ln(u)}{u} du .$$

Making a second substitution $w = \ln(u)$, we get

$$I = \int \frac{\ln(u)}{u} du = \int w dw = \frac{w^2}{2} + C .$$

We need to express our answer in terms of x since this is the variable the problem actually began with. Therefore,

$$I = \frac{w^2}{2} + C = \frac{(\ln(u))^2}{2} + C = \frac{[\ln(\ln(x))]^2}{2} + C .$$

7.1.28

Evaluate the integral

$$I = \int_{-2}^0 5^{-\theta} d\theta .$$

We should consider the result given on page 431, which states that for $a > 0$,

$$\int a^u du = \frac{a^u}{\ln a} + C .$$

This tells us the indefinite integral, which can be used to find a similar definite integral. To fit this form, we can make the substitution $u = -\theta$ or use properties of exponents to rewrite I as

$$I = \int_{-2}^0 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{\theta} d\theta .$$

Since $\frac{1}{5} > 0$, the result from page 431 applies and so

$$I = \int_{-2}^0 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{\theta} d\theta = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{\theta}}{\ln \frac{1}{5}} \Big|_{-2}^0 = \frac{5^{-\theta}}{\ln \frac{1}{5}} \Big|_{-2}^0 = -\frac{5^{-\theta}}{\ln 5} \Big|_{-2}^0 = -\frac{1}{\ln 5} (5^0 - 5^2) = \frac{24}{\ln 5} .$$

7.1.46

Evaluate the integral

$$I = \int \frac{dx}{x(\log_8 x)^2} .$$

Using the logarithm definition, let $y = \log_8 x \implies 8^y = x \implies \ln 8^y = \ln x \implies y = \frac{1}{\ln 8} \ln x$. Rewrite I using this to get

$$I = \int \frac{dx}{x\left(\frac{1}{\ln 8} \ln x\right)^2} = \ln^2 8 \int \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^2} .$$

Let $u = \ln x$. Then,

$$I = \ln^2 8 \int u^{-2} du = -(\ln^2 8)u^{-1} + C = -\frac{\ln^2 8}{\ln x} + C .$$