

### Solution to Problem Set 3

1. (a) First observe that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mx \cos nx \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(m+n)x \, dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(m-n)x \, dx,$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \sin nx \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(m-n)x \, dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(m+n)x \, dx,$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mx \sin nx \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(m+n)x \, dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(m-n)x \, dx.$$

⊙ If  $m = n = 0$ , then we have

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(m \pm n)x \, dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1 \, dx = 2\pi \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(m \pm n)x \, dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 0 \, dx = 0.$$

⊙ If  $m = n \neq 0$ , then we have

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(m-n)x \, dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1 \, dx = 2\pi, \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(m-n)x \, dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 0 \, dx = 0,$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(m+n)x \, dx = \left[ \frac{\sin 2nx}{2n} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(m+n)x \, dx = \left[ \frac{-\cos 2nx}{2n} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0.$$

⊙ If  $m \neq n$ , then we have

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(m \pm n)x \, dx = \left[ \frac{\sin(m \pm n)x}{m \pm n} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(m \pm n)x \, dx = \left[ \frac{-\cos(m \pm n)x}{m \pm n} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0.$$

Therefore in summary, we have

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mx \cos nx \, dx = \begin{cases} 2\pi & \text{if } m = n = 0 \\ \pi & \text{if } m = n \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \end{cases} \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \sin nx \, dx = \begin{cases} \pi & \text{if } m = n \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

and

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mx \sin nx \, dx = 0 \quad \text{for every non-negative integers } m, n.$$

(b) For each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin kx \, dx &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (a_1 \sin x + a_2 \sin 2x + \dots + a_n \sin nx) \sin kx \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \underbrace{\left( a_1 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x \sin kx \, dx + a_2 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin 2x \sin kx \, dx + \dots + a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \sin kx \, dx \right)}_{\text{only the } k\text{th term is nonzero by (a)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( a_k \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin kx \sin kx \, dx \right) = \frac{1}{\pi} (a_k \pi) = a_k. \end{aligned}$$

2. (a) Taking antiderivatives by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^2 \arctan x \, dx &= \int \arctan x \, d\left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 \arctan x - \int \frac{x^3}{3} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx \\&= \frac{1}{3}x^3 \arctan x - \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} dx^2 = \frac{1}{3}x^3 \arctan x - \frac{1}{6} \int \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+x^2}\right) dx^2 \\&= \frac{1}{3}x^3 \arctan x - \frac{1}{6}(x^2 - \ln(1+x^2)) + C = \frac{1}{3}x^3 \arctan x - \frac{1}{6}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}\ln(1+x^2) + C,\end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

(b) Taking antiderivatives by parts, we have

$$\int \sin(\ln x) \, dx = x \sin(\ln x) - \int \cos(\ln x) \, dx = x \sin(\ln x) - x \cos(\ln x) - \int \sin(\ln x) \, dx,$$

so rearranging the terms we get

$$\int \sin(\ln x) \, dx = \frac{1}{2}x(\sin(\ln x) - \cos(\ln x)) + C,$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

(c) First consider  $\int e^{2x} \sin 2x \, dx$ . Taking antiderivatives by parts, we have

$$\int e^{2x} \sin 2x \, dx = -\frac{e^{2x} \cos 2x}{2} + \int e^{2x} \cos 2x \, dx = -\frac{e^{2x} \cos 2x}{2} + \frac{e^{2x} \sin 2x}{2} - \int e^{2x} \sin 2x \, dx,$$

so rearranging the terms we get

$$\int e^{2x} \sin 2x \, dx = \frac{e^{2x}(\sin 2x - \cos 2x)}{4} + C.$$

Therefore the required antiderivative is

$$\begin{aligned}\int e^{2x}(\sin x + \cos x)^2 dx &= \int e^{2x}(1 + \sin 2x) dx = \int e^{2x} dx + \int e^{2x} \sin 2x \, dx \\&= \frac{e^{2x}}{2} + \frac{e^{2x}(\sin 2x - \cos 2x)}{4} + C,\end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

(d) First consider  $\int e^{x^2} dx$ . Taking antiderivatives by parts, we have

$$\int e^{x^2} dx = xe^{x^2} - \int x \cdot 2xe^{x^2} dx = xe^{x^2} - \int 2x^2 e^{x^2} dx,$$

so rearranging the terms we get

$$\int (2x^2 + 1)e^{x^2} dx = \int 2x^2 e^{x^2} dx + \int e^{x^2} dx = xe^{x^2} + C,$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

3. For each positive integer  $n$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n)!}{n!}} = \frac{1}{n} \sqrt[n]{(n+1)(n+2) \cdots (2n)} = \sqrt[n]{\frac{(n+1)(n+2) \cdots (2n)}{n^n}} = \sqrt[n]{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{n}{n}\right)},$$

so

$$\ln \left( \frac{1}{n} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n)!}{n!}} \right) = \frac{1}{n} \ln \left[ \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{n}{n}\right) \right] = \frac{1}{n} \left[ \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) + \ln \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right) + \cdots + \ln \left(1 + \frac{n}{n}\right) \right],$$

which is the right Riemann sum of the function  $f(x) = \ln x$  with respect to the regular partition of  $[1, 2]$  into  $n$  subintervals. Since  $f$  is continuous on  $[1, 2]$ , it is integrable on  $[1, 2]$ ; thus taking limits as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \ln \left( \frac{1}{n} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n)!}{n!}} \right) = \int_1^2 \ln x \, dx = [x \ln x - x]_1^2 = 2 \ln 2 - 1.$$

Finally, since the exponential function is continuous at  $2 \ln 2 - 1$ , the required limit is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n)!}{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} e^{\ln \left( \frac{1}{n} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n)!}{n!}} \right)} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \ln \left( \frac{1}{n} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n)!}{n!}} \right)} = e^{2 \ln 2 - 1} = \frac{4}{e}.$$

4. Since  $f$  is continuous, by the first version of Fundamental Theorem Calculus, its area function is differentiable and

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{-a}^x f(t) dt = f(x).$$

Therefore we apply integration by parts to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-a}^a \left( \int_{-a}^x f(t) dt \right) dx &= \left[ x \int_{-a}^x f(t) dt \right]_{x=-a}^{x=a} - \int_{-a}^a x \left( \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-a}^x f(t) dt \right) dx \\ &= \left[ \underbrace{a \int_{-a}^a f(t) dt}_{=0 \text{ since } f \text{ is odd}} - (-a) \underbrace{\int_{-a}^{-a} f(t) dt}_{=0} \right] - \int_{-a}^a x f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-a}^a x f(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

5. (a) The (explicit) substitution  $u = \frac{1}{x}$  is non-differentiable (even worse, it is undefined) at the point  $0 \in (-1, 1)$ . So the substitution rule cannot be applied.

- (b) When handling the integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  by the substitution rule, we apply the equality (cf. Theorem 5.68)

$$\int_a^b f(g(u)) g'(u) du = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

“from the right-hand side to the left-hand side”. This requires that  $f(x)$  can be expressed as a differentiable function of  $u$ , i.e.  $f(x) = f(g(u))$ . But the substitution  $u = (x - a)(x - b)$  given in the “proof” does not have an inverse; so  $x$ , and consequently  $f(x)$ , is **not guaranteed to be expressible as a function of  $u$** . So the substitution rule cannot be applied in general.

*Remark:* In fact, the substitution  $u = (x - a)(x - b)$  is valid on **each** interval  $\left[a, \frac{a+b}{2}\right]$  and  $\left[\frac{a+b}{2}, b\right]$  separately: We have  $x = \frac{a+b}{2} - \sqrt{u + \frac{(b-a)^2}{4}}$  for  $x \in \left[a, \frac{a+b}{2}\right]$ ; and  $x = \frac{a+b}{2} + \sqrt{u + \frac{(b-a)^2}{4}}$  for  $x \in \left[\frac{a+b}{2}, b\right]$ . If we apply the substitution rule on these two intervals separately, then we can observe explicitly that  $\int_a^b f(x)dx$  does not necessarily equal to zero in general.

- (c) The antiderivatives  $\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx$  on the two sides of the equation may differ by a constant function. So when we subtract such an antiderivative from both sides, the left-hand side should be left with a constant function instead of just 0. Note that the 1 on the right hand side is indeed a constant function.

6. (a) Applying integration by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b (x-a)f'(x)dx &= \int_a^b (x-a)df(x) = [(x-a)f(x)]_a^b - \int_a^b f(x)dx \\ &= (b-a)f(b) - \int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_a^b f(b)dx - \int_a^b f(x)dx \\ &= \int_a^b (f(b) - f(x))dx. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) According to the result from (a), we have

$$\int_{\frac{k-1}{n}}^{\frac{k}{n}} \left[ f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - f(x) \right] dx = \int_{\frac{k-1}{n}}^{\frac{k}{n}} \left( x - \frac{k-1}{n} \right) f'(x) dx.$$

Now since  $f'$  and  $x - \frac{k-1}{n}$  are both continuous on  $\left[\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k}{n}\right]$  and since  $x - \frac{k-1}{n} \geq 0$  for every  $x \in \left[\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k}{n}\right]$ , by the generalized Mean Value Theorem for integrals, there exists  $\omega_k \in \left[\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k}{n}\right]$  such that

$$\int_{\frac{k-1}{n}}^{\frac{k}{n}} \left( x - \frac{k-1}{n} \right) f'(x) dx = f'(\omega_k) \int_{\frac{k-1}{n}}^{\frac{k}{n}} \left( x - \frac{k-1}{n} \right) dx.$$

Note that  $\int_{\frac{k-1}{n}}^{\frac{k}{n}} \left( x - \frac{k-1}{n} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2n^2}$  as it represents the area of a right triangle with base  $\frac{1}{n}$  and height  $\frac{1}{n}$ ; so

$$\int_{\frac{k-1}{n}}^{\frac{k}{n}} \left[ f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - f(x) \right] dx = \frac{f'(\omega_k)}{2n^2}.$$

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- (c) For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and each integer  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , we have  $\frac{1}{n} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) = \int_{\frac{k-1}{n}}^{\frac{k}{n}} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) dx$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} E_n &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - \int_0^1 f(x)dx = \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{\frac{k-1}{n}}^{\frac{k}{n}} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) dx - \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{\frac{k-1}{n}}^{\frac{k}{n}} f(x)dx \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{\frac{k-1}{n}}^{\frac{k}{n}} \left[ f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - f(x) \right] dx. \end{aligned}$$

Now applying the result from (b), we see that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exist  $n$  numbers  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n$  such that  $\omega_k \in \left[\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k}{n}\right]$  and

$$nE_n = n \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{\frac{k-1}{n}}^{\frac{k}{n}} \left[ f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - f(x) \right] dx = n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f'(\omega_k)}{2n^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n f'(\omega_k) \frac{1}{n}.$$

Now this is a Riemann sum of  $f'$  with respect to the regular partition of  $[0, 1]$  into  $n$  subintervals. Since  $f'$  is continuous on  $[0, 1]$ , it is integrable on  $[0, 1]$ . Thus taking limit as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} nE_n = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 f'(x) dx = \frac{f(1) - f(0)}{2}$$

by the second version of the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. ■

7. (a) For every  $x \in (0, +\infty)$ , we have

$$f'(x) = e^x + xe^x > 0,$$

so  $f$  is strictly increasing on its domain  $[0, +\infty)$ .

(b) (i) The domain of  $g$  is same as the range of  $f$ , which is  $[0, +\infty)$ . For every  $x \in (0, +\infty)$ , we have

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))} = \frac{1}{e^{g(x)} + g(x)e^{g(x)}} = \frac{1}{e^{g(x)} + x}$$

since  $g(x)e^{g(x)} = f(g(x)) = x$ .

(ii) Let  $u = g(x)$ . Then  $du = g'(x)dx$ , so taking antiderivatives by parts we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int g(x) dx &= xg(x) - \int xg'(x) dx = xg(x) - \int x \cdot \frac{1}{e^{g(x)} + x} dx \\ &= xg(x) - \int \left( 1 - \frac{e^{g(x)}}{e^{g(x)} + x} \right) dx = xg(x) - \int 1 dx + \int e^{g(x)} g'(x) dx \\ &= xg(x) - x + \int e^u du = xg(x) - x + e^u + C \\ &= xg(x) - x + e^{g(x)} + C, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

(iii) It is clear that  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(1) = e$ , so  $g(0) = 0$  and  $g(e) = 1$ . By (b)(ii) and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^e g(x) dx &= [xg(x) - x + e^{g(x)}]_0^e \\ &= (e \cdot 1 - e + e^1) - (0 \cdot 0 - 0 + e^0) \\ &= e - 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark:** The inverse of the function  $f(x) = xe^x$  studied in this problem is called **Lambert's  $W$ -function**, and is usually denoted by  $W_0$  or simply  $W$ , i.e.  $W(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ .

8. (a) (i) The derivative of  $f$  is  $f'(x) = n(x^2 - 1)^{n-1}(2x) = 2nx(x^2 - 1)^{n-1}$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , so
- $$(x^2 - 1)f'(x) - 2nxf(x) = (x^2 - 1)[2nx(x^2 - 1)^{n-1}] - 2nx(x^2 - 1)^n = 0$$
- for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . ■

- (ii) We differentiate both sides of the result from (a) for  $(n + 1)$  times. According to Leibniz's rule, we have

$$\left[ (x^2 - 1)f^{(n+2)}(x) + (n + 1)(2x)f^{(n+1)}(x) + \frac{(n + 1)(n)}{2}(2)f^{(n)}(x) \right] \\ - [(2nx)f^{(n+1)}(x) + (n + 1)(2n)f^{(n)}(x)] = 0$$

for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , so

$$(x^2 - 1)f^{(n+2)}(x) + [(n + 1)(2x) - (2nx)]f^{(n+1)}(x) + \left[ \frac{(n + 1)(n)}{2}(2) - (n + 1)(2n) \right] f^{(n)}(x) = 0,$$

i.e.  $(x^2 - 1)f^{(n+2)}(x) + 2xf^{(n+1)}(x) - n(n + 1)f^{(n)}(x) = 0$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . ■

- (b) (i) For every non-negative integer  $n$  and every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\frac{d}{dx}[(x^2 - 1)p_n'(x)] = 2xp_n'(x) + (x^2 - 1)p_n''(x) = 2x \cdot \frac{1}{2^{nn}!}f^{(n+1)}(x) + (x^2 - 1) \cdot \frac{1}{2^{nn}!}f^{(n+2)}(x) \\ = \frac{1}{2^{nn}!}n(n + 1)f^{(n)}(x) = n(n + 1)p_n(x)$$

according to the result from (a) (ii). ■

- (ii) Suppose that  $m$  and  $n$  are distinct non-negative integers. Then applying the result from (b) (i) and integration by parts, we have

$$\int_{-1}^1 [m(m + 1) - n(n + 1)]p_m(x)p_n(x)dx \\ = \int_{-1}^1 m(m + 1)p_m(x)p_n(x)dx - \int_{-1}^1 n(n + 1)p_n(x)p_m(x)dx \\ = \int_{-1}^1 p_n(x)d[(x^2 - 1)p_m'(x)] - \int_{-1}^1 p_m(x)d[(x^2 - 1)p_n'(x)] \\ = \underbrace{[(x^2 - 1)p_n(x)p_m'(x)]_{-1}^1}_{=0} - \int_{-1}^1 (x^2 - 1)p_m'(x)p_n'(x)dx - \underbrace{[(x^2 - 1)p_m(x)p_n'(x)]_{-1}^1}_{=0} \\ + \int_{-1}^1 (x^2 - 1)p_n'(x)p_m'(x)dx \\ = 0.$$

Since  $m(m + 1) - n(n + 1) \neq 0$ , we have  $\int_{-1}^1 p_m(x)p_n(x)dx = 0$ . ■

**Remark:** The functions  $p_n$  studied in this problem are called the **Legendre polynomials**. We can verify that each  $p_n$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$ . The sequence of polynomials  $(p_n)$  is said to be **orthogonal** because of the property we obtained in (b) (ii).

9. (a) For each positive integer  $n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \cos^n x \sin nx &= (-n \cos^{n-1} x \sin x)(\sin nx) + (\cos^n x)(n \cos nx) \\ &= n \cos^{n-1} x (\cos nx \cos x - \sin nx \sin x) = n \cos^{n-1} x \cos(n+1)x;\end{aligned}$$

so integration by parts gives

$$\begin{aligned}I_n &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^n x \cos nx \, dx = \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^n x \, d \sin nx = \frac{1}{n} \underbrace{[\cos^n x \sin nx]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}}_{=0} - \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin nx (-n \cos^{n-1} x \sin x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{n-1} x (\sin nx \sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{n-1} x \left( \frac{1}{2} [\cos(nx-x) - \cos(nx+x)] \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{n-1} x \cos(n-1)x \, dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{n-1} x \cos(n+1)x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{n-1} x \cos(n-1)x \, dx - \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{[\cos^n x \sin nx]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}}_{=0} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{n-1} x \cos(n-1)x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} I_{n-1}.\end{aligned}$$

(b) According to the result from (a), for each positive integer  $n$  we have

$$I_n = \frac{1}{2} I_{n-1} = \frac{1}{2^2} I_{n-2} = \frac{1}{2^3} I_{n-3} = \cdots = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} I_1 = \frac{1}{2^n} I_0 = \frac{1}{2^n} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 1 \, dx = \frac{\pi}{2^{n+1}}.$$

10. (a) For every non-negative integer  $n$  and every  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have  $t^n e^0 \leq t^n e^t \leq t^n e^1$ , so

$$\int_0^1 t^n \, dt \leq \int_0^1 t^n e^t \, dt \leq e \int_0^1 t^n \, dt,$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{1}{n+1} \leq I_n \leq \frac{e}{1+n}.$$

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(b) For each positive integer  $n$ , integration by parts gives

$$I_n = \int_0^1 t^n e^t \, dt = \int_0^1 t^n \, d e^t = [t^n e^t]_0^1 - \int_0^1 e^t (n t^{n-1}) \, dt = -n I_{n-1} + e.$$

Now we prove the last equality by induction. For  $n = 0$ , the two sides both equal  $e - 1$ . Assume that

$$I_m = (-1)^{m+1} m! + e \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^k \frac{m!}{(m-k)!}$$

for some non-negative integer  $m$ . Then for  $n = m + 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}I_{m+1} &= -(m+1) I_m + e = -(m+1) \left( (-1)^{m+1} m! + e \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^k \frac{m!}{(m-k)!} \right) + e \\ &= (-1)^{m+2} (m+1)! + e \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^{k+1} \frac{(m+1)!}{(m-k)!} + e \\ &= (-1)^{m+2} (m+1)! + e \left( \sum_{k=1}^{m+1} (-1)^k \frac{(m+1)!}{(m+1-k)!} + 1 \right) \\ &= (-1)^{m+2} (m+1)! + e \sum_{k=0}^{m+1} (-1)^k \frac{(m+1)!}{(m+1-k)!}.\end{aligned}$$

So the equality is true.

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- (c) Suppose that  $e$  is a (positive) rational number. Then  $e = \frac{p}{q}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are positive integers.

According to the result from (b), we have  $I_n = (-1)^{n+1}n! + \frac{p}{q} \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$ , so

$$qI_n = q(-1)^{n+1}n! + p \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

is an integer, for every non-negative integer  $n$ . Now the result from (a) implies that

$$\frac{q}{n+1} \leq qI_n \leq \frac{p}{n+1} \quad \text{for every non-negative integer } n.$$

But when  $n$  is sufficiently large, we have  $\frac{q}{n+1}, \frac{p}{n+1} \in (0, 1)$ , so in particular  $qI_n \in (0, 1)$  also. This is a contradiction because there is no integer in the open interval  $(0, 1)$ . ■

11. (a) For every integers  $m \geq 0$  and  $n \geq 1$ , integration by parts gives

$$\begin{aligned} B(m, n) &= \int_0^1 x^m (1-x)^n dx = \frac{1}{m+1} \int_0^1 (1-x)^n dx^{m+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} \left[ \underbrace{x^{m+1}(1-x)^n}_=0 \right]_0^1 - \frac{1}{m+1} \int_0^1 x^{m+1} (-n(1-x)^{n-1}) dx \\ &= 0 + \frac{n}{m+1} \int_0^1 x^{m+1} (1-x)^{n-1} dx = \frac{n}{m+1} B(m+1, n-1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} B(m, n) &= \frac{n}{m+1} B(m+1, n-1) = \frac{n}{m+1} \frac{n-1}{m+2} B(m+2, n-2) = \frac{n}{m+1} \frac{n-1}{m+2} \frac{n-2}{m+3} B(m+3, n-3) \\ &= \dots = \frac{n}{m+1} \frac{n-1}{m+2} \frac{n-2}{m+3} \dots \frac{1}{m+n} B(m+n, 0) = \frac{m! n!}{(m+n)!} \underbrace{\int_0^1 x^{m+n} dx}_{=\frac{1}{m+n+1}} = \frac{m! n!}{(m+n+1)!}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) First, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{x^4(x-1)^4}{x^2+1} dx &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^8 - 4x^7 + 6x^6 - 4x^5 + x^4}{x^2+1} dx = \int_0^1 \left( x^6 - 4x^5 + 5x^4 - 4x^2 + 4 - \frac{4}{x^2+1} \right) dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{7}x^7 - \frac{2}{3}x^6 + x^5 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 + 4x - 4 \arctan x \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{7} - \frac{2}{3} + 1 - \frac{4}{3} + 4 - 4 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{22}{7} - \pi. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we also have  $\frac{1}{2}x^4(x-1)^4 < \frac{x^4(x-1)^4}{x^2+1} < x^4(x-1)^4$  for every  $x \in (0, 1)$ . So

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 x^4(x-1)^4 dx < \int_0^1 \frac{x^4(x-1)^4}{x^2+1} dx < \int_0^1 x^4(x-1)^4 dx.$$

According to the result from (a), we have  $\int_0^1 x^4(x-1)^4 dx = \frac{4!4!}{9!} = \frac{1}{630}$ . So the above inequality implies that

$$\frac{1}{1260} < \frac{22}{7} - \pi < \frac{1}{630},$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{22}{7} - \frac{1}{630} < \pi < \frac{22}{7} - \frac{1}{1260}. \quad \blacksquare$$



12. (a) Let  $x = a \tan t$  where  $t \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . Then  $\sec t > 0$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} dx &= \int \frac{1}{a \sec t} a \sec^2 t dt = \int \sec t dt = \ln|\sec t + \tan t| + C_0 \\ &= \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}{a} + \frac{x}{a} \right| + C_0 = \ln(\sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + x) + C,\end{aligned}$$

where  $C = C_0 - \ln a$  is an arbitrary constant.

- (b) Let  $x = a \sec t$  where  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . Then  $\tan t > 0$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} dx &= \int \frac{1}{a \tan t} a \sec t \tan t dt = \int \sec t dt = \ln|\sec t + \tan t| + C_0 \\ &= \ln \left| \frac{x}{a} + \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{a} \right| + C_0 = \ln|x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}| + C,\end{aligned}$$

where  $C = C_0 - \ln a$  is an arbitrary constant.

- (c) Let  $x = a \sin t$  where  $t \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . Then  $\cos t > 0$ , so

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \int \frac{1}{a \cos t} a \cos t dt = \int 1 dt = t + C = \arcsin \frac{x}{a} + C,$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

- (d) Let  $x = a \tan t$  where  $t \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . Then  $\sec t > 0$ , so

$$\int \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} dx = \int (a \sec t) a \sec^2 t dt = a^2 \int \sec^3 t dt.$$

Now since

$$\int \sec^3 t dt = \int \sec t d \tan t = \sec t \tan t - \int \tan t (\sec t \tan t) dt = \sec t \tan t - \int \sec^3 t dt + \int \sec t dt,$$

we have

$$\int \sec^3 t dt = \frac{1}{2} \sec t \tan t + \frac{1}{2} \int \sec t dt = \frac{1}{2} \sec t \tan t + \frac{1}{2} \ln|\sec t + \tan t| + C_0.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} dx &= \frac{a^2}{2} \sec t \tan t + \frac{a^2}{2} \ln|\sec t + \tan t| + C_0 \\ &= \frac{a^2}{2} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}{a} \frac{x}{a} + \frac{a^2}{2} \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}{a} + \frac{x}{a} \right| + C_0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + \frac{a^2}{2} \ln(\sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + x) + C,\end{aligned}$$

where  $C = C_0 - \frac{a^2}{2} \ln a$  is an arbitrary constant.

- (e) Let  $x = a \sec t$  where  $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Then  $\tan t > 0$ , so

$$\int \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} dx = \int (a \tan t) a \sec t \tan t dt = a^2 \int \sec t \tan^2 t dt.$$

Now from the steps in (d) we have

$$\int \sec t \tan^2 t dt = \int \sec^3 t dt - \int \sec t dt = \frac{1}{2} \sec t \tan t - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\sec t + \tan t| + C_0.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} dx &= \frac{a^2}{2} \sec t \tan t - \frac{a^2}{2} \ln |\sec t + \tan t| + C_0 = \frac{a^2}{2} \frac{x \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{a} - \frac{a^2}{2} \ln \left| \frac{x}{a} + \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{a} \right| + C_0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - \frac{a^2}{2} \ln (x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}) + C, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C = C_0 + \frac{a^2}{2} \ln a$  is an arbitrary constant.

- (f) Let  $x = a \sin t$  where  $t \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Then  $\cos t > 0$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx &= \int (a \cos t) a \cos t dt = a^2 \int \cos^2 t dt = a^2 \int \frac{1 + \cos 2t}{2} dt \\ &= \frac{a^2}{2} t + \frac{a^2}{4} \sin 2t + C = \frac{a^2}{2} t + \frac{a^2}{2} \sin t \cos t + C = \frac{a^2}{2} \arcsin \frac{x}{a} + \frac{a^2}{2} \frac{x \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}{a} + C \\ &= \frac{a^2}{2} \arcsin \frac{x}{a} + \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + C, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

*Think:* If  $a$  is allowed to be negative, how will these antiderivatives be affected?

13. (a) First observe that the function has domain  $(-1, 1)$  and

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} + \sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1-x^4}} dx = \int \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} + \sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2}\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx + \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} dx.$$

Now we make the trigonometric substitution  $x = \tan t$ . Since  $x \in (-1, 1)$ , we may choose  $t \in (-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4})$  so that  $\sec t > 0$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} dx &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\tan^2 t}} \sec^2 t dt = \int \sec t dt = \ln |\sec t + \tan t| + C \\ &= \ln (\sqrt{1+x^2} + x) + C. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} + \sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1-x^4}} dx = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx + \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} dx = \arcsin x + \ln (\sqrt{1+x^2} + x) + C,$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

(b) Completing squares, we have  $x^2 + x + 1 = \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2$ , so we let  $x = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \tan t$ . Let's choose

$t \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  so that  $\sec t > 0$ . Then  $x^2 + x + 1 = \frac{3}{4} \sec^2 t$  and  $\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sec t$ , and also

$$\sin t = \frac{x + \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos t = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x+1}{(x^2+x+1)\sqrt{x^2+x+1}} dx &= \int \frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \tan t}{\left(\frac{3}{4} \sec^2 t\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sec t\right)} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sec^2 t\right) dt \\ &= \int \left(\frac{2}{3} \cos t + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sin t\right) dt = \frac{2}{3} \sin t - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cos t + C \\ &= \frac{2x+1}{3\sqrt{x^2+x+1}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+x+1}} + C, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

(c) First let  $x = \tan t$ . Then  $\sin t = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$  and  $\cos t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^2-1}{(x^2+1)\sqrt{1+x^4}} dx &= \int \frac{\tan^2 t - 1}{(\tan^2 t + 1)\sqrt{1+\tan^4 t}} (\sec^2 t) dt = \int \frac{\tan^2 t - 1}{\sqrt{1+\tan^4 t}} dt \\ &= \int \frac{\sin^2 t - \cos^2 t}{\sqrt{\cos^4 t + \sin^4 t}} dt = \int \frac{\sin^2 t - \cos^2 t}{\sqrt{\cos^4 t + \sin^4 t + 2 \sin^2 t \cos^2 t - 2 \sin^2 t \cos^2 t}} dt \\ &= \int \frac{\sin^2 t - \cos^2 t}{\sqrt{(\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t)^2 - 2 \sin^2 t \cos^2 t}} dt = \int \frac{\sin^2 t - \cos^2 t}{\sqrt{1 - 2 \sin^2 t \cos^2 t}} dt \\ &= \int \frac{-\cos 2t}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2t}} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Next let  $u = \sin 2t$ . Then  $du = \cos 2t dt$ , so

$$\int \frac{-\cos 2t}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2t}} dt = \int \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2} u^2}} du = -\sqrt{2} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 - u^2}} du = -\sqrt{2} \arcsin \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}} + C.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^2-1}{(x^2+1)\sqrt{1+x^4}} dx &= -\sqrt{2} \arcsin \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}} + C = -\sqrt{2} \arcsin(\sqrt{2} \sin t \cos t) + C \\ &= -\sqrt{2} \arcsin\left(\sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}\right) + C = -\sqrt{2} \arcsin \frac{\sqrt{2}x}{1+x^2} + C, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

14. (a) For each  $n \geq 2$ , taking antiderivatives by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_n(x) &= \int \frac{x^n}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx = \int x^{n-1} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx \right) = \int x^{n-1} d\sqrt{x^2+1} \\ &= x^{n-1}\sqrt{x^2+1} - \int \sqrt{x^2+1} (n-1)x^{n-2} dx \\ &= x^{n-1}\sqrt{x^2+1} - (n-1) \int \frac{x^{n-2}(x^2+1)}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx \\ &= x^{n-1}\sqrt{x^2+1} - (n-1) \int \frac{x^n}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx - (n-1) \int \frac{x^{n-2}}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx \\ &= x^{n-1}\sqrt{x^2+1} - (n-1)I_n(x) - (n-1)I_{n-2}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging, we obtain

$$I_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} x^{n-1} \sqrt{x^2+1} - \frac{n-1}{n} I_{n-2}(x).$$

(b) Using the result from (a), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{x^5}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx &= \frac{1}{5} [x^4 \sqrt{x^2+1}]_0^1 - \frac{4}{5} \int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{5} [x^4 \sqrt{x^2+1}]_0^1 - \frac{4}{5} \left( \frac{1}{3} [x^2 \sqrt{x^2+1}]_0^1 - \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} [x^4 \sqrt{x^2+1}]_0^1 - \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3} [x^2 \sqrt{x^2+1}]_0^1 + \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{3} [\sqrt{x^2+1}]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{7\sqrt{2}-8}{15}. \end{aligned}$$

15. (a) Let  $f: \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function  $f(x) = \frac{4x}{\pi} - \tan x$ . Then

$$f'(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} - \sec^2 x.$$

- ⊙ Since  $f'$  is continuous on  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$ ,  $f'(0) = \frac{4}{\pi} - 1 > 0$  and  $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{4}{\pi} - \sqrt{2} < 0$ , by Intermediate Value Theorem  $f'$  has at least one root in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ .
- ⊙ Since  $\sec^2 x$  is strictly increasing on  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$ , it follows that  $f'$  is strictly decreasing on  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$ . So  $f'$  has at most one root in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ .

Therefore  $f'$  has exactly one root in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ , which means that  $f$  has exactly one critical number  $c \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ .

Now we have  $f'(x) \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } x \in [0, c) \\ < 0 & \text{if } x \in \left(c, \frac{\pi}{4}\right] \end{cases}$ . Since  $f(0) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 0$ , it follows that the global minimum value of  $f$  is 0. Thus  $f(x) \geq f(0) = 0$  for every  $x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$ , i.e.  $\tan x \leq \frac{4x}{\pi}$  for every  $x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$ .

- (b) (i) For each non-negative integer  $n$ , since  $\tan x \leq \frac{4x}{\pi}$  for every  $x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$  according to (a), we have

$$\tan^n x \leq \left(\frac{4x}{\pi}\right)^n \quad \text{for every } x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right],$$

so

$$I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^n x \, dx \leq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left(\frac{4x}{\pi}\right)^n \, dx = \left(\frac{4}{\pi}\right)^n \left[\frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1}\right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{\pi}{4(n+1)}.$$

- (ii) For each  $n \geq 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^n x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} x \tan^2 x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} x (\sec^2 x - 1) \, dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} x \, d \tan x - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} x \, dx = \left[\frac{1}{n-1} \tan^{n-1} x\right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} - I_{n-2}, \end{aligned}$$

or equivalently  $I_{n-2} = \frac{1}{n-1} - I_n$ . Hence for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_0 &= 1 - I_2 = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + I_4 = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - I_6 = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + I_8 = \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{2k-1} + (-1)^k I_{2k}. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Using the result from (b)(ii), we have

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{2k-1} = I_0 - (-1)^k I_{2k} \quad \text{for every } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Now we have

- ⊙  $I_0 = \int_0^{\pi/4} 1 \, dx = \frac{\pi}{4}$ ; and
- ⊙ according to (b)(i) we have

$$-\frac{\pi}{4(2k+1)} \leq (-1)^k I_{2k} \leq \frac{\pi}{4(2k+1)} \quad \text{for every } k \in \mathbb{N},$$

from which we obtain  $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} (-1)^k I_{2k} = 0$  by Squeeze Theorem, as  $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} -\frac{\pi}{4(2k+1)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\pi}{4(2k+1)} = 0$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{2k-1}\right) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} (I_0 - (-1)^k I_{2k}) \\ &= I_0 - \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} (-1)^k I_{2k} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} - 0 = \frac{\pi}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

16. (a) For every  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$  and every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , taking antiderivative by parts we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{m,n}(x) &= \int x^m (\ln x)^n dx = \frac{1}{m+1} \int (\ln x)^n dx^{m+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} x^{m+1} (\ln x)^n - \frac{1}{m+1} \int x^{m+1} \left( n (\ln x)^{n-1} \frac{1}{x} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} x^{m+1} (\ln x)^n - \frac{n}{m+1} \int x^m (\ln x)^{n-1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} x^{m+1} (\ln x)^n - \frac{n}{m+1} I_{m,n-1}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Alternative solution: For every  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$  and every  $n \geq 0$ , taking antiderivative by parts we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{m,n}(x) &= \int x^m (\ln x)^n dx = \int x^{m+1} (\ln x)^n \frac{1}{x} dx = \frac{1}{n+1} \int x^{m+1} d(\ln x)^{n+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} x^{m+1} (\ln x)^{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+1} \int (\ln x)^{n+1} (m+1) x^m dx \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} x^{m+1} (\ln x)^{n+1} - \frac{m+1}{n+1} \int x^m (\ln x)^{n+1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} x^{m+1} (\ln x)^{n+1} - \frac{m+1}{n+1} I_{m,n+1}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging the above equation we have  $(n+1)I_{m,n}(x) = x^{m+1} (\ln x)^{n+1} - (m+1)I_{m,n+1}(x)$ , and so

$$I_{m,n+1}(x) = \frac{1}{m+1} x^{m+1} (\ln x)^{n+1} - \frac{n+1}{m+1} I_{m,n}(x).$$

Renaming the positive integer  $n+1$  as  $n$ , we have

$$I_{m,n}(x) = \frac{1}{m+1} x^{m+1} (\ln x)^n - \frac{n}{m+1} I_{m,n-1}(x)$$

for every  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$  and every positive integer  $n$ .

(b) Using the reduction formula obtained in (a), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{(\ln x)^3}{x^4} dx &= I_{-4,3}(x) = -\frac{(\ln x)^3}{3x^3} - \frac{3}{-3} I_{-4,2}(x) = -\frac{(\ln x)^3}{3x^3} + I_{-4,2}(x) \\ &= -\frac{(\ln x)^3}{3x^3} + \left( -\frac{(\ln x)^2}{3x^3} - \frac{2}{-3} I_{-4,1}(x) \right) = -\frac{(\ln x)^3}{3x^3} - \frac{(\ln x)^2}{3x^3} + \frac{2}{3} I_{-4,1}(x) \\ &= -\frac{(\ln x)^3}{3x^3} - \frac{(\ln x)^2}{3x^3} + \frac{2}{3} \left( -\frac{\ln x}{3x^3} - \frac{1}{-3} I_{-4,0}(x) \right) = -\frac{(\ln x)^3}{3x^3} - \frac{(\ln x)^2}{3x^3} - \frac{2 \ln x}{9x^3} + \frac{2}{9} \int \frac{1}{x^4} dx \\ &= -\frac{(\ln x)^3}{3x^3} - \frac{(\ln x)^2}{3x^3} - \frac{2 \ln x}{9x^3} - \frac{2}{27x^3} + C, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.