

# Solutions(and Hints) to some Practice Problems and some useful notes

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- Compound interest is not in the syllabus.
- Neither 7.2.5 nor 7.2.6 is definition of logarithm. The paragraph in between these two equation which says "the function that we have labelled..." is the relevant part.
- **Definition(logarithm function):** The logarithm function  $\ln(x)$  is defined as

$$\ln(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt$$

for all  $x \in [0, \infty)$ .

- Note that  $e$  is defined to be the number such that  $\ln(e) = 1$ . Thus you can NOT define  $\ln$  using  $e$  in turn!
- Definition 7.4.2 and 7.4.3 together define the Exponential function.
- **Definition(Exponential function):** For every real number  $x$ , the Exponential function  $Exp(x)$  is defined as  $Exp(x) = e^x$  where  $e^x$  is defined to be the *unique real* number such that

$$\ln(e^x) = x.$$

- **Definition(Injective function):** (Definition 7.1.1)  
A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is said to be injective if  $f(a) = f(b) \implies a = b$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .
- **Definition(Surjective function):** A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is called surjective if for every  $b \in B$ , there exists some  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = b$ .
- **Definition(Inverse function):** Read 7.1.3.
- **Solution to Problem 4, Practice set 2:**  $g$  is neither injective nor surjective onto  $\mathbb{R}$  in general. For example consider  $f(x) = x^2$ . Then  $g(x) = e^{x^2}$ . Then  $g(-1) = g(1)$ , so  $g$  is not injective. Also,  $e^{x^2} > 0 \forall x$ . Hence  $\nexists x$  such that  $g(x) = -1$ . So  $g$  is not surjective onto  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- Note that in problem 4,  $g$  is surjective onto  $[0, \infty)$ .
- **Solution to Problem 5, Practice set 2:** If  $f(x)$  is continuous and injective then  $f$  is monotone. Now

$$g'(x) = e^{f(x)} f'(x)$$

Since  $e^{f(x)}$  is *always positive*,  $g'(x)$  has the same sign as  $f'(x)$  for all  $x$ . Hence  $g(x)$  is monotone. Clearly  $g(x)$  is continuous. Hence  $g(x)$  is injective.

- **Solution to Problem 6, Practice set 2:** The function  $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is NOT surjective if there exists  $b \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $a \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $g(a) \neq b$ .

Note that this is the negation of the definition of Surjectivity.

Now, take  $b = 3$ . Clearly  $b \neq g(a) = a^2$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $g$  is NOT surjective onto  $\mathbb{N}$ .

- **Hints to Problem 7(c), Practice set 1:** Use double angle formula and separate into two integrals by separating the numerator. The integrand becomes  $\csc(2x) + \frac{1}{2} \csc(x)$ .
- **Hints to Problem 8, Practice set 1:** Write the denominator as a square and divide numerator and denominator by  $x^2$ . Take  $u = x - \frac{1}{x}$ .
- **Hints to Problem 9, Practice set 1:** Note that

$$\sin(x) + \sqrt{3} \cos(x) = 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \sin(x) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos(x) \right) = 2 \sin \left( x + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$

Hence the integral in part (a) becomes  $\frac{1}{2} \int \csc \left( x + \frac{\pi}{3} \right) dx$ . Similarly the integral in part (b) becomes  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int \csc \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$

- **Hints to Problem 11, Practice set 1:**

**Option 1:** Change the integral into an integral in terms of cos and sin.

**Option 2:** Use the fact that  $\csc^2(x) - \cot^2(x) = 1$ . Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \int \cot^3(x) \csc^4(x) dx &= \int \cot^3(x) \cdot (1 + \cot^2(x)) \cdot \csc^2(x) dx \\ &= - \int u^3 (1 + u^2) du \end{aligned}$$

where  $u = \cot(x) \implies du = -\csc^2(x) dx$ .

- **Hints to Problem 12, Practice set 1:** Note that if  $f(x) = [\sqrt{x}]$ , then

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in [0, 1) \text{ because } 0 \leq \sqrt{x} < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in [1, 4) \text{ because } 1 \leq \sqrt{x} < 2 \\ 2 & \text{if } x \in [4, 9) \text{ because } 2 \leq \sqrt{x} < 3 \\ 3 & \text{if } x \in [9, 16) \text{ because } 3 \leq \sqrt{x} < 4 \\ 4 & \text{if } x \in [16, 25) \text{ because } 4 \leq \sqrt{x} < 5 \end{cases}$$

Thus the required integral is equal to

$$\int_0^1 0 \cdot dx + \int_1^4 1 \cdot dx + \int_4^9 2 \cdot dx + \int_9^{16} 3 \cdot dx + \int_{16}^{25} 4 \cdot dx = \dots$$