

**MATH1103 FALL 2022**  
**PROBLEM SET 2**

This problem set is due on Wednesday, September 14 at 11:59 pm. Each problem part is worth 3 points. Collaboration is encouraged. In all cases, you must write your own solutions, and you must cite collaborators and resources used.

**Problem 1.** Some exercises.

(a) Find  $\int_a^b 1 \, dx$  (in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ ).

(b) Find  $\int_a^b x^{100} \, dx$ .

(c) (Strang 5.7.7) Find

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_x^{x+1} v(t) \, dt.$$

(The integral here is sometimes called a *running average* of  $v$ .)

(d) (Strang 5.7.8) Find

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x v(t) \, dt \right).$$

(The integral here represents the average value of  $v$  from 0 to  $x$ . A hint is to use the product rule for derivatives.)

(e) Let  $a, b$  be real numbers. Explain why

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \int_0^x \int_a^b \sin(u^3) \, du \, dt = 0.$$

*Hint:* This is actually not a deep problem. The lesson here is to not be scared of the “double” integral; it’s just an integral of an expression which happens to itself be an integral.

**Problem 2** (Strang 5.4.43). If  $f(t)$  is an antiderivative of  $v(t)$ , find an antiderivative of

(a)  $v(t+3)$ .

(b)  $v(t)+3$ .

**Problem 3.** Find

$$\int_0^{76.5} \lfloor x \rfloor \, dx.$$

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Recall that for any real number  $x$ , the notation  $\lfloor x \rfloor$ , read *floor* of  $x$ , means the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . For example,  $\lfloor \pi \rfloor = 3$ ,  $\lfloor -\pi \rfloor = -4$ , and  $\lfloor 15 \rfloor = 15$ .

**Problem 4.** Define

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \text{ is rational,} \\ 0 & x \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

It turns out that the definite integral

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx$$

does not exist! In this problem you will find out why.

You may take for granted the following fact about the real number line:

*Between any two distinct real numbers, no matter how close they are to each other, one can find both rational numbers and irrational numbers.*

Using this fact, show that no matter how large  $n$  is, a Riemann sum for the integral  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$  with  $n$  equal partitions can be made equal to 1 or 0 depending on how you pick the sample points.

*Remark:* Since the Riemann sums do not approach a limit, the aforementioned definite integral therefore does not exist, and such a function is said to be *non-integrable*.

*Remark 2:* Of course, the same reasoning applies to any bounds on the integral, not just from 0 to 1.

**Problem 5.** Let  $f$  be an odd function, meaning that  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Give two different proofs that

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0$$

for any real number  $a$ :

- (a) Graphically using the definition of definite integral as a signed area.
- (b) Algebraically using  $u$ -substitution.