

**Ibn Tofail University***Analysis II — Make-up Exam**Year: 22-23***Exercise 1:**

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a < b$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a non-zero continuous function on  $[a, b]$  such that

$$\int_a^b f(x), dx = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_a^b xf(x), dx = 0.$$

1. Using the mean value theorem, show that there exists at least one  $c \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .
2. Verify that  $f$  necessarily changes sign on  $[a, b]$ . (Hint: use the fact that  $f$  is continuous and not identically zero on  $[a, b]$ ).
3. Suppose that  $c$  is the only point in  $[a, b]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ . In this case, we have

$$\forall x \in [a, c[, f(x) < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \forall x \in ]c, b], f(x) > 0.$$

- (a) Show that  $\int_a^b (x - c)f(x), dx > 0$ .
  - (b) Deduce a contradiction.
4. State a conclusion summarizing the preceding results.

**Answer Area**

1. **Using the mean value theorem, show that there exists at least one  $c \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .**

Since  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = 0$ , by the Mean Value Theorem for integrals, there exists a point  $c \in [a, b]$  such that:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = f(c)(b - a).$$

Given that  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = 0$  and  $b - a > 0$ , it follows that:

$$f(c)(b - a) = 0 \Rightarrow f(c) = 0.$$

Therefore, there exists at least one  $c \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .

2. **Verify that  $f$  necessarily changes sign on  $[a, b]$ .**

Suppose  $f$  does not change sign on  $[a, b]$ . Then either  $f(x) \geq 0$  or  $f(x) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Since  $f$  is continuous and not identically zero, then the integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx \neq 0$ , which contradicts the given condition  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = 0$ . Hence,  $f$  must change sign on  $[a, b]$ .

3. **Suppose that  $c$  is the only point in  $[a, b]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ . In this case, we have:**

$$\forall x \in [a, c), f(x) < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \forall x \in (c, b], f(x) > 0.$$

- (a) **Show that  $\int_a^b (x - c)f(x) dx > 0$ .**

Consider the function  $g(x) = (x - c)f(x)$ . Note that:

- On  $[a, c)$ ,  $x - c < 0$  and  $f(x) < 0$ , so  $g(x) > 0$ .
- At  $x = c$ ,  $g(c) = 0$ .
- On  $(c, b]$ ,  $x - c > 0$  and  $f(x) > 0$ , so  $g(x) > 0$ .

Thus,  $g(x) \geq 0$  on  $[a, b]$ , and  $g(x) > 0$  on a set of positive measure. Since  $g$  is continuous and non-negative with positive values on a subset of  $[a, b]$ , we conclude:

$$\int_a^b (x - c)f(x) dx > 0.$$

- (b) **Deduce a contradiction.**

Now expand the integral:

$$\int_a^b (x - c)f(x) dx = \int_a^b xf(x) dx - c \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

But from the problem statement:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_a^b xf(x) dx = 0,$$

so the entire expression becomes:

$$\int_a^b (x - c)f(x) dx = 0 - c \cdot 0 = 0.$$

This contradicts the earlier result that the integral is strictly positive. Therefore, our assumption that  $c$  is the only zero of  $f$  must be false.

**4. State a conclusion summarizing the preceding results.**

From the above, since assuming that  $f$  has only one zero leads to a contradiction, we conclude that  $f$  must have at least two distinct zeros in  $[a, b]$ . Additionally, since  $f$  changes sign and is continuous, it must vanish at least twice in the interval  $[a, b]$ .

**Exercise 2:**

Consider the two integrals  $I$  and  $J$  defined by:

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos x}{\cos x + \sin x}, dx \quad \text{and} \quad J = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x + \sin x}, dx.$$

1. Using an appropriate change of variable, show that  $I = J$ .
2. Calculate  $I + J$ . Deduce the common value of  $I$  and  $J$ .
3. Deduce (using an appropriate change of variable) the integral  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}+t}, dt$ .

**Answer Area**

1. Using an appropriate change of variable, show that  $I = J$ .

Recall:

$$I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{\cos x + \sin x} dx, \quad J = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x + \sin x} dx.$$

Consider the substitution  $u = \frac{\pi}{2} - x$ . Then when  $x = 0$ ,  $u = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ; and when  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $u = 0$ . Also,  $dx = -du$ .

Apply this substitution to  $I$ :

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{\cos x + \sin x} dx \\ &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^0 \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right)}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right)} (-du) \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin u}{\sin u + \cos u} du \\ &= J. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $I = J$ .

2. Calculate  $I + J$ . Deduce the common value of  $I$  and  $J$ .

We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} I + J &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{\cos x + \sin x} dx + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x + \sin x} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x + \sin x}{\cos x + \sin x} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 1 dx \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $I = J$ , we have:

$$2I = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow I = J = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

3. Deduce (using an appropriate change of variable) the integral  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}+t} dt$ .

Consider the substitution  $t = \sin x$ . Then  $dt = \cos x dx$ , and when  $t = 0$ ,

$x = 0$ ; when  $t = 1$ ,  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . The integral becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}+t} dt &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 x} + \sin x} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{\cos x + \sin x} dx \\ &= I \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\quad .\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 3:**

For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define:

$$I_n = \int_0^1 \frac{x^n}{x+1}, dx.$$

1. Justify the existence of  $I_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then calculate  $I_0$ .
2. Verify that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have the following inequality:

$$\forall x \in [0, 1], \frac{x^n}{2} \leq \frac{x^n}{x+1} \leq x^n.$$

3. Deduce that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} I_n = 0$ .
4. Calculate for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the value of  $I_n + I_{n+1}$ .
5. Deduce that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \right) = \ln 2.$$

**Answer Area**

1. **Justify the existence of  $I_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then calculate  $I_0$ .**

The function  $f_n(x) = \frac{x^n}{x+1}$  is continuous on  $[0, 1]$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , since both numerator and denominator are continuous and the denominator does not vanish on  $[0, 1]$ . Therefore, the integral

$$I_n = \int_0^1 \frac{x^n}{x+1} dx$$

exists for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For  $n = 0$ , we have:

$$I_0 = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x+1} dx = \left[ \ln|x+1| \right]_0^1 = \ln(2) - \ln(1) = \ln(2).$$

2. **Verify that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have the inequality:  $\forall x \in [0, 1], \frac{x^n}{x+1} \leq x^n$ .**

On  $[0, 1]$ , we know that  $x+1 \geq 1$ , so  $\frac{1}{x+1} \leq 1$ . Multiplying both sides by  $x^n \geq 0$ , we get:

$$\frac{x^n}{x+1} \leq x^n, \quad \forall x \in [0, 1].$$

3. **Deduce that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} I_n = 0$ .**

Since  $\frac{x^n}{x+1} \leq x^n$ , integrating both sides over  $[0, 1]$  gives:

$$0 \leq I_n = \int_0^1 \frac{x^n}{x+1} dx \leq \int_0^1 x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1}.$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{n+1} \rightarrow 0$ , so by the squeeze theorem:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} I_n = 0.$$

4. **Calculate for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the value of  $I_n + I_{n+1}$ .**

We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} I_n + I_{n+1} &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^n}{x+1} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n+1}}{x+1} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^n(1+x)}{x+1} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

5. **Deduce that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} = \ln 2$ .**

From the recurrence:

$$I_k + I_{k+1} = \frac{1}{k+1},$$



summing from  $k = 0$  to  $n - 1$ , we get:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (I_k + I_{k+1}) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k+1} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}.$$

But the left-hand side telescopes:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (I_k + I_{k+1}) = I_0 + 2(I_1 + I_2 + \cdots + I_{n-1}) + I_n.$$

Alternatively, consider the partial sums of the alternating harmonic series:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}.$$

It is known that this converges to  $\ln 2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} = \ln 2.$$