

**Solutions to Midterm One**  
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[1] Evaluate the following integrals.

(a)

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x \sin^5 x \, dx$$

Substitute:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sin x \\ du &= \cos x \, dx \end{aligned}$$

Change limits:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} x & u \\ \hline 0 & \sin(0) = 0 \\ \pi/2 & \sin(\pi/2) = 1 \end{array}$$

The integral becomes

$$\int_0^1 u^5 \, du = \left[ \frac{u^6}{6} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{6}.$$

(b)

$$\int (\ln x)^2 \, dx$$

Use integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= (\ln x)^2 & dv &= dx \\ du &= 2 \ln x \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx & v &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int u \, dv &= uv - \int v \, du \\ &= x(\ln x)^2 - 2 \int \ln x \, dx \end{aligned}$$

Now use integration by parts again with

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln x & dv &= dx \\ du &= \frac{1}{x} dx & v &= x \end{aligned}$$

to get

$$\begin{aligned}\int (\ln x)^2 dx &= x(\ln x)^2 - 2 \left( x \ln x - \int dx \right) \\ &= x(\ln x)^2 - 2x \ln x + 2x + C.\end{aligned}$$

[2] How many subintervals are required so that the trapezoid rule approximation  $T_n$  to the integral

$$\int_1^3 \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

is accurate to within 0.01?

Use the error bound formula

$$Error(T_n) \leq \frac{K(b-a)^3}{12n^2}.$$

Here  $K$  is an upper bound for  $|f''(x)|$  on the interval  $[1, 3]$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{1}{x^2} = x^{-2} \\ f'(x) &= -2x^{-3} \\ f''(x) &= 6x^{-4} = \frac{6}{x^4}.\end{aligned}$$

Since  $f''(x)$  is positive and decreasing on the interval  $[1, 3]$ , we can take  $K = f''(1) = 6$ .

We need to find  $n$  so that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{K(b-a)^3}{12n^2} &\leq \frac{1}{100} \\ \iff \frac{6(3-1)^3}{12n^2} &\leq \frac{1}{100} \\ \iff \frac{4}{n^2} &\leq \frac{1}{100} \\ \iff n^2 &\geq 400 \\ \iff n &\geq 20.\end{aligned}$$

So it will suffice to take  $n = 20$ .

[3] Evaluate the integral.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \cos^4 y \, dy &= \int (\cos^2 y)(\cos^2 y) \, dy \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int (1 + \cos(2y))(1 + \cos(2y)) \, dy \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int (1 + 2\cos(2y) + \cos^2(2y)) \, dy \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int (1 + 2\cos(2y) + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(4y))) \, dy \\ &= \int \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\cos(2y) + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}\cos(4y) \, dy \\ &= \frac{y}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\sin(2y) + \frac{y}{8} + \frac{1}{32}\sin(4y) + C.\end{aligned}$$

[4] Find the partial fraction decomposition of

$$\frac{x^2}{(x+1)(x^2+1)}.$$

$$\frac{x^2}{(x+1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1}$$

Clear denominators:  $x^2 = A(x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(x+1)$

$$x = -1: \quad 1 = 2A \implies A = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Plug in: } x^2 &= \frac{1}{2}(x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(x+1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2} + Bx^2 + (B+C)x + C\end{aligned}$$

$$x^2 \text{ coeff: } 1 = \frac{1}{2} + B \implies B = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{constant coeff: } 0 = \frac{1}{2} + C \implies C = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

So

$$\frac{x^2}{(x+1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{x-1}{x^2+1} \right).$$

[5] Evaluate the integral.

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2\sqrt{x^2-25}}.$$

Use the trig substitution:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 5 \sec \theta \\ dx &= 5 \sec \theta \tan \theta \, d\theta \\ \sqrt{x^2-25} &= 5 \tan \theta\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{dx}{x^2\sqrt{x^2-25}} &= \int \frac{5 \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta}{25 \sec^2 \theta 5 \tan \theta} \\ &= \int \frac{d\theta}{5 \sec \theta} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \int \cos \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{5} \sin \theta + C = \frac{1}{5} \frac{\sqrt{x^2-25}}{x} + C,\end{aligned}$$

where the expression for  $\sin \theta$  in terms of  $x$  is obtained from a right triangle with adjacent side 5 and hypotenuse  $x$  (since  $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta} = \frac{5}{x}$ .)