
M1M1: Problem Sheet 7: Integration

1. Integrate the following functions of x :

$$(a) \frac{x+1}{x}; \quad (b) \frac{x}{x+1}; \quad (c) \frac{x+1}{x-1}.$$

2. Using partial fractions (or otherwise) find the integrals of

$$(a) \frac{1}{x(2-3x)}; \quad (b) \frac{x}{x^2-1}; \quad (c) \frac{x^2}{x^3-1}; \quad (d) \frac{1}{x(x^2+1)}.$$

3. Use an appropriate substitution to integrate:

$$(a) \frac{e^x}{e^x+1}; \quad (b) \sin^2 x \cos x; \quad (c) \frac{\sin x}{1+\cos x}; \quad (d) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}};$$
$$(e) \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}; \quad (f) \cos x e^{\sin x}.$$

4. Use 'integration by parts' to integrate:

$$(a) e^x \cos x; \quad (b) \log x; \quad (c) x^2 \cos x; \quad (d) \cos^{-1} x.$$

5. Integrate the following functions (using any appropriate method):

$$(a) \sqrt{x^2-1}; \quad (b) \frac{\sqrt{x}}{1+x}; \quad (c) \operatorname{cosec} x; \quad (d) \frac{\tan^{-1}(x)}{1+x^2}.$$

Evaluate the following definite integrals:

$$(e) \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{5+4\cos x}; \quad (f) \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2};$$
$$(g) \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)^{3/2}}; \quad (h) \int_1^2 \frac{dx}{x^2+3x+1}.$$

6. Show that [NB **MAPLE** can't do this!]

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{x dx}{1+\cos^2 x} = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\pi \frac{dy}{1+\cos^2 y} = \frac{\pi^2}{2^{3/2}}.$$

7. Show that

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{dx}{\alpha - \cos x} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 - 1}}, \quad \alpha > 1.$$

8. The integrals $I(t_0)$ and $J(t_0)$ are defined as

$$I(t_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{\cosh t + \cosh t_0}, \quad t_0 > 0,$$
$$J(t_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{\cosh t + \cos t_0}, \quad 0 < t_0 < \pi/2.$$

Using the substitution $p = e^t$, or otherwise, show that

$$I(t_0) = \frac{2t_0}{\sinh t_0}, \quad J(t_0) = \frac{2t_0}{\sin t_0}.$$

9. Determine whether or not the integral

$$\int_0^\infty f(x) dx \quad \text{exists in the following cases:}$$

(a) $f(x) = x^\alpha \sqrt{2 + \cos x}$ where α is a real constant.

(b) $f(x) = (x^2 - 1)^{-1/3}$.

(c) $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)\log x}$.

(d) $f(x) = \frac{(x+1)\sin x}{x^{3/2}(x-\pi)}$.

10. If

$$F_n = \int_0^1 x^n e^x dx$$

show that

$$F_n = e - nF_{n-1}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Hence, evaluate F_4 .

11. If

$$I_n = \int_0^\infty x^n e^{-x^2} dx$$

where n is a positive integer, show that

$$I_n = \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) I_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n > 1.$$

Hence, evaluate I_5 .

12. Given that

$$u_n(x) = \int x^n \cos x \, dx, \quad v_n(x) = \int x^n \sin x \, dx,$$

by performing a single (complex) integration, show that

$$\begin{aligned} u_n(x) &= x^n \sin x - n v_{n-1}(x) \\ v_n(x) &= -x^n \cos x + n u_{n-1}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, evaluate

$$\int x^4 \sin x \, dx.$$

13. If

$$I_n = \int_0^{\pi/4} \tan^n x \, dx,$$

show that for $n > 1$

$$I_n = \frac{1}{n-1} - I_{n-2}.$$

Hence, evaluate I_5 .

14. If

$$I_n = \int_0^1 x^n \sqrt{1+x} \, dx, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

show, by first bounding the integrand, that

$$\frac{1}{n+1} < I_n < \frac{\sqrt{2}}{n+1}.$$

Derive the recurrence relation for $n > 0$

$$(3+2n)I_n = 2^{5/2} - 2nI_{n-1}.$$

From the two previous results, deduce that

$$I_n > \frac{\sqrt{2}}{n+3/2},$$

and using the various inequalities you have found, prove that as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$nI_n \rightarrow \sqrt{2}.$$

Line, Area and Volume integrals

15. Find the length of the curve $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$ between $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.
16. The *cycloid* curve we considered in lectures was given parametrically by $x = t - \sin t$, $y = 1 - \cos t$. Find the length of this curve between the points $(0, 0)$ and $(2\pi, 0)$.
17. The portion of the parabola $y = 1 - x^2$ in $y > 0$ is rotated about the x -axis. What is the volume of the shape so formed?
18. The curve $y = 1/x$ for $x > 1$ is rotated about the x -axis. Calculate, if possible, the volume and the surface area so produced. Do you find the result strange?
19. Consider the integral of $\exp(-x^2 - y^2)$ over the whole (x, y) -plane,

$$I = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{-x^2 - y^2} dA.$$

- (a) Using polar coordinates, and performing the r and θ integrals separately, show that $I = \pi$.
- (b) using Cartesian coordinates, show that, $I = J^2$ where

$$J = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t^2} dt, \quad \text{and deduce that } J = \sqrt{\pi}.$$

20. Show that the area of the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \quad \text{is } \pi ab.$$

Choosing a suitable parameterisation, show that its circumference, L , is

$$L = \int_0^{2\pi} (a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{1/2} d\theta = C \int_0^\pi (1 - k \cos \phi)^{1/2} d\phi,$$

for some constants C and k . (N.B. This integral cannot be evaluated in terms of elementary functions. It is known as an *elliptic integral*.)

This is quite a long sheet. If you don't manage to do it all, try at least a representative mixture from questions 1-8, 9, 10-14 and 15-20.