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1. Use symmetry to evaluate these integrals

(a) $\int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \cos x dx$

SOLUTION: Since the cosine function is an even function, and the interval is symmetric to the y -axis, it suffices to double the integral on $[0, \pi/4]$.

$$\int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \cos x dx = 2 \int_0^{\pi/4} \cos x dx = 2 \sin x \Big|_0^{\pi/4} = 2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 0 = \sqrt{2}$$

(b) $\int_{-10}^{10} \frac{x}{\sqrt{200-x^2}} dx$ **SOLUTION:** Since the numerator is an odd function and the denominator is an even function, this function is odd. Since the interval is symmetric to the y -axis, the definite integral will be zero.

(c) $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin x dx$

SOLUTION: The function is an odd function, and since it is periodic, we may argue that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin x dx = \int_0^{\pi} \sin x dx + \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \sin x dx = \int_0^{\pi} \sin x dx + \int_{-\pi}^0 \sin x dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x dx$$

If we write it like this, the interval is symmetric to the y -axis, and we can justify that the definite integral will evaluate to zero.

2. Find the average value of the following functions on the interval given

(a) $f(x) = 1/x; [1, e]$

SOLUTION: The average value of the function is found by evaluating

$$\frac{1}{e-1} \int_1^e \frac{1}{x} dx = \frac{1}{e-1} [\ln x]_1^e = \frac{\ln e - \ln 1}{e-1} = \frac{1}{e-1}$$

(b) $f(x) = x(1-x); [0, 1]$

SOLUTION:

$$\frac{1}{1-0} \int_0^1 (x-x^2) dx = \frac{1}{1} \left[\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

3. Find the appropriate point in the interval where the function equals its average value.

(a) $f(x) = e^x; [0, 2]$

SOLUTION: The average value is

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 e^x dx = \frac{1}{2} [e^x]_0^2 = \frac{e^2 - 1}{2}$$

To find the point where the function equals this, just set the function equal and solve for x .

$$e^x = \frac{e^2 - 1}{2}$$

$$x = \ln \left(\frac{e^2 - 1}{2} \right)$$

(b) $f(x) = 1 - |x|; [-1, 1]$

SOLUTION: The average value is found using symmetry

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

. Setting the function equal we get:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - |x| &= \frac{1}{2} \\ |x| &= \frac{1}{2} \\ x &= \pm \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

4. Show that the area of a segment of a parabola is $\frac{4}{3}$ that of the inscribed triangle of greatest area. Specifically, show that the area bounded by $y = a^2 - x^2$ and the x -axis is $\frac{4}{3}$ the area of the triangle with vertices at $(\pm a, 0)$ and $(0, a^2)$. Let $a > 0$ be an arbitrary constant.

SOLUTION: The parabola will intersect the x -axis when $0 = a^2 - x^2$ or $x = \pm a$. The area under the parabola is

$$\int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2) dx = 2 \int_0^a (a^2 - x^2) dx = 2 \left[a^2 x - \frac{1}{3} x^3 \right]_0^a = 2 \left(a^3 - \frac{1}{3} a^3 \right) = \frac{4a^3}{3}$$

The area under a triangle as described (with base $2a$ and height a^2) is

$$\frac{1}{2} 2a a^2 = a^3$$

We can see that the ratio of their areas is $\frac{4}{3}$.

5. Use a change of variables (substitution) to find the following integrals

(a) $\int 2x(x^2 - 1)^{99} dx$

SOLUTION: Let $u = x^2 - 1$, $du = 2x dx$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int 2x(x^2 - 1)^{99} dx &= \int u^{99} du \\ &= \frac{1}{100} u^{100} + C \\ &= \frac{1}{100} (x^2 - 1)^{100} + C \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\int x^3(x^4 + 16)^6 dx$

SOLUTION: Let $u = x^4 + 16$, $du = 4x^3 dx$, so $x^3 dx = \frac{1}{4} du$. The substitution can be made

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^3(x^4 + 16)^6 dx &= \int \frac{1}{4} u^6 du \\ &= \frac{7}{4} u^7 + C \\ &= \frac{7}{4} (x^4 + 16)^7 + C \end{aligned}$$

(c) $\int 2x \sin(x^2) dx$

Let $u = x^2$, $du = 2x dx$, we have

(d) $\int \frac{x^2}{(x+1)^4} dx$

SOLUTION: Letting $u = x + 1$, $du = dx$. This may not seem to make a big difference, but it will help. We need to use the substitution $x = u - 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^2}{(x+1)^4} dx &= \int \frac{(u-1)^2}{u^4} du \\ &= \int \frac{u^2 - 2u + 1}{u^4} du \\ &= \int \left(\frac{u^2}{u^4} - 2\frac{u}{u^4} + \frac{1}{u^4} \right) du \\ &= \int (u^{-2} - 2u^{-3} + u^{-4}) du \\ &= -u^{-1} - \frac{2}{-2}u^{-2} + \frac{1}{-3}u^{-3} + C \end{aligned}$$

(e) $\int (x+1)\sqrt{3x+2} dx$

SOLUTION: Let $u = 3x + 2$, so $du = 3dx$ or $dx = \frac{1}{3}du$. We may re-write the u substitution $u + 1 = 3x + 3$ or $x + 1 = \frac{1}{3}(u + 1)$. Then we have all we need to make some substitutions.

$$\begin{aligned} \int (x+1)\sqrt{3x+2} dx &= \int \frac{1}{3}(u+1)\sqrt{u} \frac{1}{3} du \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \int (u^{3/2} + u^{1/2}) du \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{2}{5}u^{5/2} + \frac{2}{3}u^{3/2} \right) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{2}{5}(3x+2)^{5/2} + \frac{2}{3}(3x+2)^{3/2} \right) + C \end{aligned}$$

(f) $\int_0^1 2x(4-x^2) dx$

SOLUTION: First, let $u = 4 - x^2$, so $du = -2x dx$, then $2x dx = -du$. Since this is a definite integral, we should convert the bounds from x values to u values using the u substitution rule. The lower bound becomes $4 - 0^2 = 4$, the upper bound becomes $4 - 1^2 = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 2x(4-x^2) dx &= \int_4^3 -du \\ &= - \left[\frac{1}{2}u^2 \right]_4^3 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(9-16) \\ &= \frac{7}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(g) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta d\theta$

SOLUTION: Here we let $u = \sin \theta$ so $du = \cos \theta d\theta$. The lower bound maps to $\sin 0 = 0$, the

upper bound maps to $\sin(\pi/2) = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta d\theta &= \int_0^1 u^2 du \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{3} u^3 \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{3}\end{aligned}$$

(h) $\int_0^4 \frac{p}{\sqrt{9+p^2}} dp$

SOLUTION: Here if we let $u = 9 + p^2$, $du = 2pdp$ so $pdp = \frac{1}{2}du$. The lower bound is $9 + 0^2 = 9$, the upper bound is $9 + 4^2 = 25$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^4 \frac{p}{\sqrt{9+p^2}} dp &= \int_9^{25} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_9^{25} u^{-1/2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[2u^{1/2} \right]_9^{25} \\ &= 5 - 3 \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$