

19. Integration and Summation

Integration is one of the highlights of computer algebra, as education is a “killer application” of symbolic computation. But of course, integrals occur everywhere in science and engineering.

19.1 Indefinite Integration

Just as diff/Diff, we have the int/Int commands.

```
[> integrand := (x^2 - 1)/(x^5+1);
[> exint := Int(integrand,x);
[> value(exint) = int(integrand,x);
[> printlevel := 30;           # see what goes on
[> valint1 := int(integrand,x);
```

We just discovered that int has a remember table.

```
[> printlevel := 0;           # reset value of printlevel
[> forget(int);              # clear remember table of int
[> printlevel := 30;
[> valint2 := int(integrand,x);
[> printlevel := 0;
```

Let us check the answer:

```
[> integrand1 := diff(valint1,x);
[> normint := normal(integrand1); integrand;
```

It is far from obvious that both expressions are equivalent. Let us do a numerical check...

```
[> fnormint := unapply(normint,x): fintegrand := unapply(integrand,x):
[> evalf(fnormint(.1212)); fintegrand(.1212);
```

19.2 Definite Integration

Basically we apply the fundamental theorem of calculus here.

Suppose we wish to integrate $1/x^2$, over $[1, 2]$.

```
[> ad := int(1/x^2,x);       # first compute antiderivative
[> funad := unapply(ad,x);   # ready for evaluation
[> valint := funad(2) - funad(1);
```

We can do this all in one shot:

```
[> int(1/x^2,x=1..2);
```

Assume we wish to compute the integral of $1/x^2$ over $[-1, +1]$:

```
[> funad(1) - funad(-1);
```

We could also have done it purely symbolically, leaving the end points as parameters.

```
[> int(1/x^2,x=a..b);
```

But watch the picture:

```
[> plot(1/x^2,x=-1..1,view=[-1..1,0..100]);
[> int(1/x^2,x=-1..1);
```

The experiment above shows that we have to be cautious when using formal results.

19.3 Numerical Integration

Not every function has a symbolic antiderivative.

```
[> integrand := exp(cos(x));
[> valint := int(integrand,x=0..Pi);
```

Maple returns the integral unevaluated. But we can find a numerical approximation:

```
[> evalf(valint,20);
```

For convenience, we may want to introduce a macro “numint” that calls the evalf after the Int:

```
[> macro(numint=evalf@Int):          # observe the Int, not the int...
[> numint(integrand,x=0..Pi,20);
```

Notice that `eval@Int` would first symbolically compute the integral before applying the numerical evaluation command. This is not what we want: we want Maple to integrate directly using numerical methods. The use of the “inert” version of a command merits some attention. Previously, we found the inert useful for pretty printing, but here we see it can be used to define a function.

19.4 Integral Transforms

Integral transforms turn differential equations into algebraic equations.

Suppose we wish to solve $y'' + y = \sin(2t)$, with initial conditions: $y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 1$.

```
[> diffeq := diff(y(t),t$2) + y(t) = sin(2*t);
[> inits := y(0) = 2, D(y)(0) = 1;
```

Here is how we do everything in one command:

```
[> dsolve({diffeq,inits},y(t),method=laplace);
```

If you had to do this “by hand”, you could work as follows:

```
[> with(inttrans):          # Laplace is just one of the transforms
[> alias(Y(s)=laplace(y(t),t,s));
[> lp := laplace(diffeq,t,s);
[> slp := subs(inits,lp);    # use initial conditions
[> slp_sol := Y(s)=solve(slp,Y(s));
[> sol := invlaplace(slp_sol,s,t);
```

Like the Fourier transforms, with Laplace transform goes from the time to the frequency domain.

19.5 Assisting Maple’s Integrator

Sometimes we have to make extra assumptions to arrive at a simpler value for the integral.

```
[> exint := int(sqrt(a^2-x^2),x);
[> assume(a>0):
[> exint := int(sqrt(a^2-x^2),x);
```

19.6 Summation

In some cases, Maple finds explicit formulas for the value of a sum.

```
[> s := sum('i', 'i'=1..n);
```

There is also the inert version, the Sum command:

```
[> sinf := Sum('1/i^2', 'i'=1..infinity);
[> value(sinf) = evalf(sinf,20);
```

19.7 Assignments

1. Compute $\int x^n e^x dx$ for a general integer n . Check the result for some randomly chosen values for n .
2. Let F be the function defined by $F(T) := \int_1^T \frac{\exp(-t^2 T)}{t} dt$.
 - (a) Define the corresponding Maple function F to return numerical approximations for $F(T)$.
Use it to compute $F(2)$. Compare the value for $F(2)$ to $\int_1^2 \frac{\exp(-2t^2)}{t} dt$.
 - (b) Compute the derivative function of F . What is $F'(2)$?
Compare the value $F'(2)$ to $\frac{F(2+h)-F(2)}{h}$ for sufficiently small values of h .
3. Compute $\int_0^\infty \frac{\ln(x)}{(x+a)(x-1)} dx$ for positive a .
4. Compute the sum $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2 + k - 1}{(k+2)!}$.
5. Consider $\frac{x-y}{(x+y)^3}$ for x and y each ranging between 0 and 1.
 - (a) Compute $\int_0^1 \left(\int_0^1 \frac{x-y}{(x+y)^3} dy \right) dx$.
 - (b) Compute $\int_0^1 \left(\int_0^1 \frac{x-y}{(x+y)^3} dx \right) dy$.

You should notice that Maple returns two different values.

Explain why this happened (make a plot). Is there a correct value for the integral?

Give the Maple commands with results to motivate and illustrate your explanations.