

Math 110

Fall 2014

Exam II

Solutions

1. Write the following indefinite integrals as limits. Do not attempt to evaluate them.

(a)

$$\int_0^1 \ln x \, dx .$$

Solution: The function $\ln x$ has a discontinuity at $x = 0$, diverging to $-\infty$ as $x \rightarrow 0^+$. Therefore

$$\int_0^1 \ln x \, dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 \ln x \, dx .$$

(b)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{1/(1+x^2)} \, dx$$

Solution: The integrand is continuous everywhere but the integral is type-I improper in both its lower and upper limit. The limits must be evaluated separately. We may break at any point, b . Choosing, for example, $b = 7$ gives

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{1/(1+x^2)} \, dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^7 e^{1/(1+x^2)} \, dx + \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \int_7^M e^{1/(1+x^2)} \, dx .$$

2. (a) For what value of C is Cx^{-5} a probability distribution on $[1, \infty)$?

Solution: $\int_1^{\infty} Cx^{-5} dx = -\frac{C}{4}x^{-4}\Big|_1^{\infty} = \frac{C}{4}$. Setting this equal to 1 we find that $C = 4$.

(b) What is the mean of this distribution?

Solution: The mean is $\int_1^{\infty} x4x^{-5} dx = -\frac{4}{3}x^{-3}\Big|_1^{\infty} = \frac{4}{3}$.

3. (a) Compute the quadratic Taylor polynomial $P_2(x)$ for the function $f(x) = x^{1/3}$ about the point $x = 1$.

Solution: Computing derivatives gives $f'(x) = (1/3)x^{-2/3}$ and $f''(x) = (-2/9)x^{-5/3}$. Therefore, at $a = 1$, the values of f and its first two derivatives are

$$\begin{aligned}f(a) &= 1 \\f'(a) &= \frac{1}{3} \\f''(a) &= -\frac{2}{9}.\end{aligned}$$

Remembering to divide by $2!$ in the last term, the quadratic Taylor polynomial is

$$P_2(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{3}(x - 1) - \frac{1}{9}(x - 1)^2.$$

- (b) Use this to estimate $\sqrt[3]{1.3}$ and write the answer in the box:

Plug in $x - a = 0.3$ to get $1 + \frac{0.3}{3} - \frac{0.09}{9}$, so

$$P_2(1.3) = \boxed{1.09}$$

- (c) State what Taylor's theorem with remainder says about the remainder $R_2 = 1.3^{1/3} - P_2(1.3)$. You do not need to compute anything or find bounds.

Solution: Taylor's theorem says that

$$R_2 = \frac{f'''(u)}{3!}(x - a)^3$$

for some u between a and x . Plugging in $a = 1$ and $x = 1.3$ and computing $f'''(x) = (10/27)x^{-8/3}$, this says that

$$R_2 = \frac{10}{27} \frac{1}{6u^{8/3}} (0.3)^3 = \frac{1}{600u^{8/3}}$$

for some u between 1 and 1.3. In particular the remainder is positive but less than $1/600$.

4. Compute the quadratic Taylor polynomial $P_2(x)$ for the function

$$f(x) = \int_3^x \ln(1 + t^2) dt$$

about the point $x = 3$. Do not evaluate fractions, radicals, logarithms and so forth as decimals: you should simplify if possible, leaving expressions such as $\sqrt{2}/2$, $\ln 5$, etc.

Solution: We need to compute f and its first two derivatives evaluated at 3. Clearly $f(3) = 0$ because the limits of the integral are both 3. By the Fundamental theorem of calculus, $f'(x) = \ln(1 + x^2)$, so $f'(3) = \ln 10$. Differentiating again, $f''(x) = 2x/(1 + x^2)$ so $f''(3) = 6/10$. The quadratic Taylor polynomial is therefore

$$(x - 3) \ln 10 + \frac{3}{10}(x - 3)^2.$$

5. For which values of x does the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3^{n/2} x^n$ converge?

Solution 1: The series is geometric with ratio $a_{n+1}/a_n = x\sqrt{3}$. A geometric series with ratio r converges precisely when $|r| < 1$, which in this case means $|x| < 1/\sqrt{3}$, so the values of x making the series convergent are $-1/\sqrt{3} < x < 1/\sqrt{3}$.

Solution 2: For a fixed value of x , the ratio a_{n+1}/a_n is equal to $x\sqrt{3}$, which is a constant independent of n , therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}/a_n$ is also equal to the constant $x\sqrt{3}$. The ratio test tells us this converges with $|x\sqrt{3}| < 1$ and diverges when $|x\sqrt{3}| > 1$. To see what happens at the border, when $x = \pm 1/\sqrt{3}$, plug in the value of x to see that the series is either $1 + 1 + 1 + \dots$ or $1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots$, neither of which converges. Therefore the series converges if and only if $|x| < 1/\sqrt{3}$, which is the same as saying $-1/\sqrt{3} < x < 1/\sqrt{3}$.

6. (a) Compute the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor polynomial for $e^{x^2/2}$ around $x = 0$. [Hint: substitution is easier than computing the derivatives directly.]

Solution: The Taylor series for e^x is $1 + x\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots$. Substituting $x^2/2$ for x gives

$$1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)^3 = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{2!2^2} + \frac{x^6}{3!2^3}.$$

We can multiply out the denominators to get $1 + x^2/2 + x^4/8 + x^6/48$.

- (b) Write the Taylor series as a sum in Sigma notation. Examples of such series are

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(x-1)^n}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$

Solution: One way to write it is $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)^n$. Multiplying out the power gives

a not too different form: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{n! 2^n}$.

7. Write a differential equation or initial value problem for this scenario. Be sure to give interpretations and units for every variable and constant.

When a nuclear reactor becomes hotter than its “critical temperature”, its temperature increases at a rate which remains proportional to the fourth power of the amount by which the critical temperature is exceeded.

Solution: We will need a variable for the temperature of the reactor, let’s say T . We also need a notation for the critical temperature, let’s say T_0 . Both T and T_0 can be in units of degrees Celsius (or Farenheit if you prefer). As usual, with rates of change, we need a variable for time, say t , in any reasonable time unit, say seconds in this case because meltdowns happen fast. The equation then says

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - T_0)^4.$$

The only thing left is to find the units of k . Units on the left are temperature per time and units on the right are temperature to the fourth power (because temperature minus temperature has units of temperature). Therefore, k must be in units of $t^{-1}T^{-3}$.

8. (a) Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = k \cdot (125 - y).$$

Solution: The general solution of $y' = k(L - y)$ should probably be on your cheatsheet! Here, $L = 125$ and the solution is

$$y = 125 + Ce^{-kt}.$$

(b) If $y(1) = 50$ and $y(3) = 122$ then what is $y(0)$?

Solution 1: Solve for e^{-k} .

$$\begin{aligned} 50 &= 125 + Ce^{-k} \\ 122 &= 125 + C(e^{-k})^3 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $Ce^{-k} = -75$ and $C(e^{-k})^3 = -3$. Dividing the second by the first yields $(e^{-k})^2 = 1/25$. Thus $e^{-k} = 1/5$ and $C = -5 \times 75 = -375$. This means $y(0) = 125 - 375 = -250$.

Solution 2: The difference between y and the final value of 125 is 75 at time 1 and 2 at time 3. In two time units it went down by a factor of 25. Therefore each time unit it goes down by a factor of 5. Going back one unit in time multiplies this difference by 5, yielding 375, meaning that $y(0) = 125 - 375 = -250$.

9.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y - x, \quad y(0) = 1.$$

Approximate $y(1)$ by using Euler iteration with step size $1/3$. Please leave everything in exact form (fractions or radicals rather than decimals).

Solution: Let $f(x, y) = y - x$ so that $dy/dx = f(x, y)$. Make a table of values until you reach the y -value corresponding to $x = 1$.

x	y	$f(x, y)$	Δy
0	1	1	$1/3$
$1/3$	$4/3$	1	$1/3$
$2/3$	$5/3$	1	$1/3$
1	2		

10. (a) Choose which differential equation is depicted in this slope field. You don't need to write anything, just circle one of the choices.

(i) $y' = y - (x - 2)^2$

(ii) $y' = 4 - y - x$

(iii) $y' = \frac{x}{1 + y}$

(iv) $y' = (x - 2)^2 - y$

(v) $y' = \frac{4}{1 + y}$

Solution: Only (iv) matches the figure. (i) would have negative slopes up the y -axis, (ii) would have the same slope along diagonal lines sloping down to the right, (iii) would not be zero at $(2, 0)$ and (v) would not depend on x .

(b) If, in addition, you are given that $y(0) = 3$ then which of the choices best approximates $y(3)$? Justify your answer by sketching the solution onto the given slopefield.

(i) 3.6

(ii) 3.0

(iii) 2.4

(iv) 1.8

(v) 1.2

(vi) 0.6

Solution: Clearly the solution dips below 1, closer to 0.6 than to any of the other values.

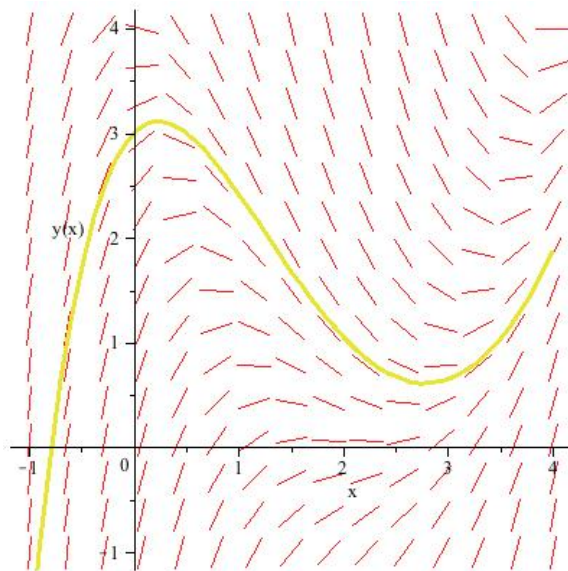


TABLE 8.1 Basic integration formulas

$$1. \int k \, dx = kx + C \quad (\text{any number } k)$$

$$2. \int x^n \, dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad (n \neq -1)$$

$$3. \int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln |x| + C$$

$$4. \int e^x \, dx = e^x + C$$

$$5. \int a^x \, dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C \quad (a > 0, a \neq 1)$$

$$6. \int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C$$

$$7. \int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + C$$

$$8. \int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x + C$$

$$9. \int \csc^2 x \, dx = -\cot x + C$$

$$10. \int \sec x \tan x \, dx = \sec x + C$$

$$11. \int \csc x \cot x \, dx = -\csc x + C$$

$$12. \int \tan x \, dx = \ln |\sec x| + C$$

$$13. \int \cot x \, dx = \ln |\sin x| + C$$

$$14. \int \sec x \, dx = \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C$$

$$15. \int \csc x \, dx = -\ln |\csc x + \cot x| + C$$

$$16. \int \sinh x \, dx = \cosh x + C$$

$$17. \int \cosh x \, dx = \sinh x + C$$

$$18. \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + C$$

$$19. \int \frac{dx}{a^2 + x^2} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + C$$

$$20. \int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} = \frac{1}{a} \sec^{-1} \left| \frac{x}{a} \right| + C$$

$$21. \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} = \sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + C \quad (a > 0)$$

$$22. \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} = \cosh^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + C \quad (x > a)$$