

Recitation 01: Introduction & Integration Recap

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Example. True or False:

- a. If f is integrable on the domain $[a, b]$, then $\int_a^b f'(t) dt = f(b) - f(a)$
- b. If $A(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ and $f(t) = 2t - 3$, the A is a quadratic function.
- c. If the average value of f on $[a, b]$ is 0, then $f(x) = 0$.
- d. $\int_a^b [2f(t) - 3g(t)] dt = 2t \int_a^b f(t) dt - 3t \int_a^b g(t) dt$.

Solution.

- a. True. This is the fundamental theorem of calculus!
- b. True. By the fundamental theorem of calculus, $A(x) = t^2 - 3t \Big|_a^x = x^2 - 3x - a^2 + 3a$.
- c. False. Consider $f(x) = x$ on $[-1, 1]$. The function is nonzero, but the average value is $\frac{1}{1-(-1)} \int_{-1}^1 x dx = 0$.

d. True. Property of integrals.

Example. Evaluate the following integrals:

a. $\int (3x^4 - 2x + 1) dx$

b. $\int \cos(3x) dx$

c. $\int e^{4x+8} dx$

d. $\int_0^1 (8x^5 + x^2 + 1) dx$

e. $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi/2} \cos(x) dx$

f. $\int_0^{\ln(2)} 5e^{2x} dx$

Solution.

a. $\frac{3}{5}x^5 - x^2 + x + C$

b. $\frac{1}{3} \sin(3x) + C$

c. $\frac{1}{4} e^{4x+8} + C$

d. $\frac{8}{6} x^6 + \frac{1}{3} x^3 + x \Big|_0^1 = \frac{8}{3}$

e. $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi/2} \sin(x) dx = -\cos(x) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi/2} = -1$

f. $\frac{5}{2} e^{2x} \Big|_0^{\ln(2)} = \frac{15}{2}$

Theorem. (*Substitution Rule*) Let $u = g(x)$, where g' is continuous on an $[a, b]$, and let f be continuous on the range of g . Then

$$\int_a^b f(g(x))g'(x) dx = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(u) du$$

Example. Evaluate the following integrals using a u -substitution:

a. $\int \frac{x^2 + 2x - 2}{x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x} dx$

b. $\int_0^{\ln(2)} \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} dx$

c. $\int \frac{1}{x^2} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx$

Solution

a. Let $u = x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x$. Then $du = (3x^2 + 6x - 6) dx$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^2 + 2x - 2}{x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x} dx &= \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{du}{u} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \ln |u| + C \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \ln |x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x| + C. \end{aligned}$$

b. Let $u = e^x + e^{-x}$. Then $du = (e^x - e^{-x}) dx$, so

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\ln(2)} \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} dx &= \int_2^{5/2} \frac{du}{u} \\ &= \ln(u) \Big|_2^{5/2} \\ &= \ln(5/4)\end{aligned}$$

c. Let $u = \frac{1}{x}$. Then $du = -\frac{dx}{x^2}$, so

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

Assignment

Worksheet 01:

http://math.joedub.net/teaching/mat271_spring2014/mat271_spring2014_homework.pdf