

Calculus MA1001-B Quiz 8

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Problem 1. (2pts) State the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

Solution. Theorem: Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous functions, and F be an anti-derivative of f on $[a, b]$. Then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a).$$

Moreover, if $G(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$, then G is an anti-derivative of f on $[a, b]$. \square

Problem 2. (3pts) Find the definite integral $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1 + \sqrt{x})^4}$.

Solution. Let $u = 1 + \sqrt{x}$. Then $x = (u - 1)^2$; thus $dx = 2(u - 1)du$. By the substitution of variable,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1 + \sqrt{x})^4} &= \int_1^2 \frac{2(u - 1)}{u^4} du = 2 \int_1^2 (u^{-3} - u^{-4}) du = 2 \left(\frac{1}{3}u^{-3} - \frac{1}{2}u^{-2} \right) \Big|_{u=1}^{u=2} \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \right) - 2 \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{6}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Problem 3. (3pts) Let $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Show that

$$\int_0^\pi x f(\sin x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\pi f(\sin x) dx.$$

Proof. Let $u = \pi - x$. Then $du = -dx$. By the substitution of variable,

$$\int_0^\pi x f(\sin x) dx = \int_\pi^0 (\pi - u) f(\sin u) (-du) = \int_0^\pi f(\sin u) du - \int_0^\pi u f(\sin u) du;$$

thus by the fact that $\int_0^\pi u f(\sin u) du = \int_0^\pi x f(\sin x) dx$, we conclude that

$$\int_0^\pi x f(\sin x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\pi f(\sin x) dx. \quad \square$$

Problem 4. (2pts) Find, explain, and correct the mistake on the following computation of integral.

$$\int_1^{-1} \frac{dx}{1 + x^2} \stackrel{(x=\tan u)}{=} \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} \frac{\sec^2 u du}{1 + \tan^2 u} = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} du = \frac{3\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Solution. In order to apply the substitution of variable formula

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

it is required that the function g is continuously differentiable on the interval $[a, b]$ or $[b, a]$; however, \tan is not differentiable at $\frac{\pi}{2} \in [\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}]$, so the application of the substitution of variable is wrong. Instead, with the same substitution of variable,

$$\int_1^{-1} \frac{dx}{1 + x^2} \stackrel{(x=\tan u)}{=} \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sec^2 u du}{1 + \tan^2 u} = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} du = \frac{-\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{4} = -\frac{\pi}{2}. \quad \square$$