

Round 1 Questions

16 students, 4 groups of 4, first 2 to one integral (2 minutes)

1.

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x}} dx$$

Mutliply by conjugate!

Solution: $\frac{2}{3}(-x^{3/2} + (1+x)^{3/2}) + C$

2.

$$\int_1^3 1 - \sqrt{1 - (x-2)^2} dx$$

answer: By converting to an area problem $2 - \frac{\pi}{2}$

3.

$$\int_3^4 x\sqrt{x-3} dx$$

answer = $\frac{12}{5}$

solution : (substitute $u = x - 3$ noting that $x = u + 3$)

4.

$$\int_0^2 \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx$$

Answer: $\frac{2}{3}(1 + \sqrt{5})$

Method: Substitute $u = x^2 + 1$ and rewrite $x^2 = u - 1$.

5.

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 + 4x + 8} dx.$$

Solution: $\frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{x+2}{2}\right) + C$

6.

$$\int_0^{\pi^2} \cos \sqrt{x} dx$$

Answer: -4

Method: Substitution and integration by parts.

7.

$$\int \frac{1}{x^3 + x} \mathbf{d} \mathbf{x}$$

(partial fractions) **answer:** $\ln |x| - \frac{1}{2} \ln |1 + x^2| + C$

8.

$$\int \sqrt{4 + (e^{2x} - e^{-2x})^2} dx$$

solution : $e^{2x}/2 - e^{-2x}/2$.

Round 2 Questions

8 students, 2 groups of 4, first 2 to one integral in each group (2 minutes for each integral)

1.

$$\int \frac{1 + 2x^{2023}}{x + x^{2024}} dx$$

Answer : $\ln|x| + \frac{1}{2023} \ln|1 + x^{2023}| + C$

Decompose and substitute!

2.

$$\int e^{\cos t} \sin(2t) dt$$

Answer: $-2e^{\cos t}(\cos t - 1) + C$

Double angle formula+substitution+ by parts

3.

$$\int_0^1 x^3 \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$$

$\frac{2}{15}$

(direct or trigonometric substitution(s) can be used)

4.

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{\cos^3 x}{1 + \sin^2 x} dx$$

Answer: 0

Method: Symmetry around $\pi/2$. Let $u = x - \pi/2$, then use odd function

5.

$$\int_0^1 \frac{xe^x}{(1+x)^2} dx$$

answer: $\frac{e-2}{2}$

solution : (integration by parts $u = xe^x, dv = \frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$)

6.

$$\int_{-5}^5 |2 - |1 - |x||| dx$$

answer : 11

absolute value breaking down

7. Evaluate

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

answer: $-\tan^{-1}(\cos^2 x) + C$

double angle+substitution

8. Evaluate

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx$$

answer: $\frac{1}{2} \tan(x) \sec(x) + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C$

Round 3 Semi- Finals Questions

4 students, 2 pairs, first one to two integrals in each pair (3 minutes for each integral)

1.

$$\int_1^2 \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt[4]{(1+x^4)^3}}.$$

Answer :

$$\sqrt[4]{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt[4]{17}$$

Solution : Observe that $(1+x^4)^3 = x^3(1+x^{-4})^3$, then

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt[4]{(1+x^4)^3}} = \int \frac{x^{-5}dx}{\sqrt[4]{(1+x^{-4})^3}}.$$

Next, use the substitution $u = 1 + x^{-4}$ to end up with

$$-\frac{1}{4} \int u^{-\frac{3}{4}} du = -\sqrt[4]{1+x^{-4}}$$

2.

$$\int \frac{x^8}{1+x^2} dx$$

answer:

$$\frac{x^7}{7} - \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{x^3}{3} - x + \arctan(x) + C$$

(long divide and then integrate term-by-term)

3.

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{\sin 3t}{\sin t} dt$$

Answer:

$$\pi$$

Method: Need trig identity $\sin 3t = \sin t(2 \cos 2t + 1)$

4.

$$\int e^x \sqrt{9 - e^{2x}} dx$$

answer :

$$\frac{9}{2} \arcsin\left(\frac{e^x}{3}\right) + \frac{e^x}{2} \sqrt{9 - e^{2x}} + C$$

Sub +Trig substitution : $e^x = 3 \sin \theta$

5.

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

answer:

$$\frac{1}{2} \arctan x + \frac{x}{2(1+x^2)} + C$$

(substitute $x = \tan \theta$ medium / hard)

6.

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos(x) \cos(2x) \cos(3x) dx$$

Answer =

$$\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{x}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \sin(2x) + \frac{1}{16} \sin(4x) + \frac{1}{24} \sin(6x)$$

7.

$$\int \frac{\ln(ex)}{\sqrt{x \ln(x)}} dx$$

Solution :

$$2\sqrt{x \ln(x)} + C$$

Use the following change of variable: $u = x \ln(x) \Rightarrow du = (\ln(x) + 1)dx$, thus

$$\int \frac{\ln(ex)}{\sqrt{x \ln(x)}} dx = 2 \int \frac{du}{2\sqrt{u}} = 2\sqrt{u} = 2\sqrt{x \ln(x)} + C.$$

8.

$$\int \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^{2024}-1}} dx$$

Solution :

$$\frac{1}{1012} \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x^{2024}-1}) + C$$

u-substitution then rationalization substitution

9.

$$\int \sqrt{4 + (e^{2x} - e^{-2x})^2} dx$$

solution :

$$e^{2x}/2 - e^{-2x}/2$$

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distribute the square simplify and write as a square again to get rid of square root.

2 students compete for third versus 4th place
2 students compete for first versus second place
First one to solve two integrals (4minutes each)

- $$\int_0^\pi \frac{x \sin x}{1 + \sin x} dx$$

Method: Can multiply by conjugate + integration by parts or : Using symmetry to write $\int_0^\pi x f(\sin x) dx = \pi \int_0^{\pi/2} f(\sin x) dx$ and half-angle substitution

- $$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt[3]{x+2}} dx$$

Solution : let $z = \sqrt[6]{x+2} \Rightarrow z^6 = x+2 \Rightarrow 6z^5 dz = dx$, $\sqrt{x+2} = z^3$, $\sqrt[3]{x+2} = z^2$, then long division.

- trig identities $\sin(100x + x) = \sin(100x) \cos x \sin^{99} x + \cos(100x) \sin x \sin^{99} x$, distribute, integration by parts for $\int \sin(100x) \cos x \sin^{99} x$ leads to a term cancellation.

- $$4. \int \sqrt{x \sqrt{x \sqrt{x \sqrt{x \sqrt{x \sqrt{x \sqrt{\dots}}}}}}} dx$$

solution : $\int x^{1/2+1/4+1/8+1/16+\dots} dx = \int x dx = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$