

MAT 21B, Fall 2016
Solutions to Homework Assignment 2

Section 5.4: Compute the following integrals:

4.(10 points) $\int_{-1}^1 x^{299} dx$.

Answer: 0.

Solution:

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^{299} dx = \frac{x^{300}}{300} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{300} - \frac{1}{300} = 0.$$

20.(10 points) $\int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{\sqrt{3}} (t+1)(t^2+4) dt$

Answer: $10\sqrt{3}$.

Solution:

$$\int (t+1)(t^2+4) dt = \int (t^3 + t^2 + 4t + 4) dt = \frac{t^4}{4} + \frac{t^3}{3} + 2t^2 + 4t + C,$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{\sqrt{3}} (t+1)(t^2+4) dt &= \left(\frac{9}{4} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{3} + 6 + 4\sqrt{3} \right) - \left(\frac{9}{4} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{3} + 6 - 4\sqrt{3} \right) = \\ &= \left(8\frac{1}{4} + 5\sqrt{3} \right) - \left(8\frac{1}{4} - 5\sqrt{3} \right) = 10\sqrt{3}. \end{aligned}$$

24.(10 points) $\int_1^8 \frac{(x^{1/3}+1)(2-x^{2/3})}{x^{1/3}} dx$

Answer: $-137/20$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{(x^{1/3}+1)(2-x^{2/3})}{x^{1/3}} dx &= \int \frac{2x^{1/3} + 2 - x - x^{2/3}}{x^{1/3}} dx = \\ \int (2 + 2x^{-1/3} - x^{2/3} - x^{1/3}) dx &= 2x + \frac{2x^{2/3}}{2/3} - \frac{x^{5/3}}{5/3} - \frac{x^{4/3}}{4/3} + C = \\ 2x + 3x^{2/3} - \frac{3x^{5/3}}{5} - \frac{3x^{4/3}}{4} + C, \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^8 \frac{(x^{1/3}+1)(2-x^{2/3})}{x^{1/3}} dx &= \left(2 \cdot 8 + 3 \cdot 4 - \frac{3 \cdot 32}{5} - \frac{3 \cdot 16}{4} \right) - \left(2 + 3 - \frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{4} \right) = \\ (16 + 12 - 96/5 - 12) - (5 - 3/5 - 3/4) &= 11 - 93/5 + 3/4 = -137/20. \end{aligned}$$

30.(10 points) $\int_1^2 \left(\frac{1}{x} - e^{-x} \right) dx$.

Answer: $\ln 2 + e^{-2} - e^{-1}$.

Solution:

$$\int \left(\frac{1}{x} - e^{-x} \right) dx = \ln|x| + e^{-x} + C,$$

therefore

$$\int_1^2 \left(\frac{1}{x} - e^{-x} \right) dx = (\ln 2 + e^{-2}) - (0 + e^{-1}) = \ln 2 + e^{-2} - e^{-1}.$$