

SOLUTIONS TO EXAM 1, MATH 10560

1. The function $f(x) = \ln x - \frac{1}{x}$ is one-to-one. Compute $(f^{-1})'(-1)$.

Solution: We have

$$(f^{-1})'(-1) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(-1))} ,$$

$f^{-1}(-1) = 1$ and $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}$. Hence $f'(f^{-1}(-1)) = f'(1) = 2$, and $(f^{-1})'(-1) = \frac{1}{2}$.

2. Differentiate the function

$$f(x) = (2x)^x .$$

Solution: Use logarithmic differentiation:

$$\ln f = x \ln(2x),$$

$$\frac{f'}{f} = \ln(2x) + x \cdot \frac{2}{2x} = \ln(2x) + 1,$$

$$f'(x) = (2x)^x (\ln(2x) + 1) .$$

3. Compute the integral

$$\int_0^{\ln 2} \frac{e^x}{1+e^x} dx .$$

Solution: Make the substitution $u = e^x$ with $du = (e^x + 1)dx$; when $0 < x < \ln 2$, we have $2 < u < 3$. Thus

$$\int_0^{\ln 2} \frac{e^x}{1+e^x} dx = \int_2^3 \frac{3}{1+u} du = [\ln |u|]_2^3 = \ln 3 - \ln 2 = \ln \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) .$$

4. Simplify the expression

$$\log_2 \left(\frac{2^{x^2+1}}{4^x} \right) .$$

Solution:

$$\log_2 \left(\frac{2^{x^2+1}}{4^x} \right) = \log_2(2^{x^2+1}) - \log_2(4^x) = (x^2 + 1) - \log_2(2^{2x}) = x^2 + 1 - 2x = (x - 1)^2 .$$

5. A savings account has a yearly interest rate of r . Let $y(t)$ be the balance of the savings account after t years, and suppose the compounding of interest on the account is such that $y(t)$ satisfies the condition $y'(t) = ry(t)$. For which value of r will your initial investment triple in 15 years?

Solution: Any solution of the differential equation $y'(t) = ry(t)$ is of the form $y(t) = y_0 e^{rt}$, where y_0 is the initial investment. So $3y_0 = y_0 e^{15r}$, and $3 = e^{15r}$. Taking the logarithm we get $\ln 3 = 15r$, so $r = \frac{1}{15} \ln 3$.

6. Compute $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{7\pi}{5}\right)$.

Solution: Note that the range of \tan^{-1} is $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, so $\frac{7\pi}{5}$ is not the answer. Now for any α one has $\tan(\pi + \alpha) = \tan(\alpha)$. So $\tan\frac{7\pi}{5} = \tan\left(\pi + \frac{2\pi}{5}\right) = \tan\frac{2\pi}{5}$. And finally, $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{7\pi}{5}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{2\pi}{5}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{5}$, since $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \frac{2\pi}{5} < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

7. Simplify $\sec(\tan^{-1}x)$.

Solution: Let $y = \tan^{-1}x$. Then $\tan y = x$ and $-\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$. Note that $\sec^2 y = 1 + \tan^2 y$. Since $\sec y > 0$ for $-\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$, we have $\sec y = \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 y}$. Thus $\sec(\tan^{-1}x) = \sqrt{1 + \tan^2(\tan^{-1}x)} = \sqrt{1 + x^2}$.

8. Find the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh(x) - x}{x^3}.$$

Solution: We have an indeterminate form $\frac{0}{0}$, hence apply l'Hospital's Rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh(x) - x}{x^3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cosh(x) - 1}{3x^2} \quad (\text{l'Hospital's Rule}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh(x)}{6x} \quad (\text{l'Hospital's Rule}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cosh(x)}{6} = \frac{1}{6}. \end{aligned}$$

9. Evaluate the integral

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

Solution: Use the identity $1 - \cos^2(x) = \sin^2(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^3(x) \cos^3(x) dx &= \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - \cos^2(x)) \sin(x) \cos^3(x) dx \\ &= - \int_1^0 (u^3 - u^5) du \quad (u = \cos(x), du = -\sin(x) dx) \\ &= \int_0^1 (u^3 - u^5) du = \left[\frac{u^4}{4} - \frac{u^6}{6} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that you can also solve by doing a $u = \sin(x)$ substitution using the identity $1 - \sin^2(x) = \cos^2(x)$.

10. Evaluate the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cosh(x))^{1/x^2}.$$

Solution: The limit has indeterminate form 1^∞ . Let $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cosh(x))^{1/x^2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln \left((\cosh(x))^{1/x^2} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(\cosh(x))}{x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tanh(x)}{2x} \quad (\text{l'Hospital's rule}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\operatorname{sech}^2(x)}{2} \quad (\text{l'Hospital's rule}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $L = e^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

11. *Compute the integral*

$$\int_0^1 4 \tan^{-1}(x) dx .$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 4 \tan^{-1}(x) dx & \quad (\text{integration by parts with } u = \tan^{-1} x, dv = dx) \\ &= [4x \tan^{-1}(x)]_0^1 - 4 \int_0^1 \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx \\ & \quad (\text{substitution } u = 1+x^2, du = 2x dx) \\ &= \pi - 2 [\ln(1+x^2)]_0^1 = \pi - 2 \ln 2 = \pi - \ln 4. \end{aligned}$$

12. *Evaluate the integral*

$$\int 2x(\ln x)^2 dx .$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int 2x(\ln x)^2 dx & \quad (\text{integration by parts with } u = \ln^2 x, dv = 2x dx) \\ &= x^2 \ln^2 x - \int 2x \ln x dx \quad (\text{integration by parts with } u = \ln x, dv = 2x dx) \\ &= x^2 \ln^2 x - \left(x^2 \ln x - \int \frac{x^2}{x} dx \right) = x^2 \ln^2 x - x^2 \ln x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + C. \end{aligned}$$

13. *Calculate the integral*

$$\int \sqrt{4-x^2} dx .$$

Solution: Use trigonometric substitution $x = 2 \sin \theta$; then $\theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)$ and $dx = 2 \cos \theta d\theta$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sqrt{4-x^2} \, dx &= \int \sqrt{4-4\sin^2 \theta} \cdot 2 \cos \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \int 4 \cos \theta \cdot \cos \theta \, d\theta = 2 \int 2 \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta \quad (\text{use } 2 \cos^2 \theta = 1 + \cos 2\theta) \\ &= 2 \int (1 + \cos 2\theta) d\theta = 2 \left(\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right) \quad (\text{use } \sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) \\ &= 2 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) + 2 \sin \left(\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) \right) \cos \left(\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) \right) + C \\ &= 2 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) + \frac{x\sqrt{4-x^2}}{2} + C. \end{aligned}$$