

**Math 102 Calculus – Midterm Exam I
Solutions**

Q-1) Evaluate the integral $\int \frac{x^2 + 5}{(x - 1)^2(x^2 + 1)} dx$

Solution: Here you need to simplify the integrand using the technique of partial fractions:

$$\frac{x^2 + 5}{(x - 1)^2(x^2 + 1)} = \frac{A}{x - 1} + \frac{B}{(x - 1)^2} + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + 1}.$$

Bringing the RHS to common denominator and equating the numerators of LHS with that of the RHS gives

$$x^2 + 5 = (A + C)x^3 + (-A + B - 2C + D)x^2 + (A + C - 2D)x + (-A + B + D).$$

From here it follows that $A = -2$, $B = 3$, $C = 2$ and $D = 0$, so

$$\frac{x^2 + 5}{(x - 1)^2(x^2 + 1)} = -2\frac{1}{x - 1} + 3\frac{1}{(x - 1)^2} + \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1},$$

which can now be integrated easily to give

$$\int \frac{x^2 + 5}{(x - 1)^2(x^2 + 1)} dx = -2 \ln|x - 1| - \frac{3}{x - 1} + \ln(x^2 + 1) + C.$$

Q-2-A) Evaluate the integral $\int x (\ln x)^2 dx$

Solution: Let $u = (\ln x)^2$ and $dv = x dx$. Then $du = (2/x) \ln x dx$, $v = (1/2)x^2$. This gives

$$\int x (\ln x)^2 dx = \frac{1}{2}x^2 (\ln x)^2 - \int x \ln x dx.$$

For the second integral let $u = \ln x$, $dv = x dx$. Then $du = (1/x) dx$, $v = (1/2)x^2$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \ln x dx &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 \ln x - \frac{1}{2} \int x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 \ln x - \frac{1}{4}x^2 + C. \end{aligned}$$

Combining these we get

$$\int x (\ln x)^2 dx = \frac{1}{2}x^2 (\ln x)^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \ln x + \frac{1}{4}x^2 + C.$$

Q-2-B) Evaluate the integral $\int \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{x^2} dx$.

Solution: Put $x = \sec \theta$, $dx = \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$. Then $\sqrt{x^2 - 1} = \tan \theta$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{x^2} dx &= \int \frac{\tan^2 \theta}{\sec \theta} d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{\sec^2 \theta - 1}{\sec \theta} d\theta \\ &= \int \sec \theta d\theta - \int \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| - \sin \theta + C \\ &= \ln |x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}| - \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{x} + C. \end{aligned}$$

Q-3-A) Does the improper integral $\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{\sqrt{64x^7 + 2003}}$ exist? Show your reasoning in detail.

Solution: First observe that

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{\sqrt{64x^7 + 2003}} = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{64x^7 + 2003}} + \int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{\sqrt{64x^7 + 2003}}$$

and the integral from 0 to 1 is finite. So we have to examine only the integral from 1 to ∞ . For this we recall that $\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{x^{7/2}}$ converges since $7/2 > 1$. On the other hand

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1/x^{(7/2)})}{(1/\sqrt{64x^7 + 2003})} = 8$$

and by the Limit Comparison Test the original integral **converges**.

Q-3-B) Does the improper integral $\int_0^1 \frac{x}{\sin^3 x} dx$ exist? Show your reasoning in detail.

Solution: First recall that $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^2}$ diverges. Then observe that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(1/x^2)}{(x/\sin^3 x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^3 = 1$$

and by the Limit Comparison test the original integral **diverges**.

Q-4-A) Write the equation of the plane passing through the points

$$P = (1, 2, 3), Q = (2, 3, 2) \text{ and } R = (3, 5, 4).$$

Solution: First find two vectors parallel to the plane:

$$\vec{PQ} = Q - P = (1, 1, -1), \vec{PR} = R - P = (2, 3, 1).$$

Then find a direction \vec{n} orthogonal to both of these vectors: $\vec{n} = \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = (4, -3, 1)$.

Now observe that $\vec{n} \cdot P = \vec{n} \cdot Q = \vec{n} \cdot R = 1$. So the equation of this plane is

$$4x - 3y + z = 1.$$

Q-4-B) Find the point of intersection of the line

$$x = 1 + 2t, y = 3 + 4t, z = 5 + 6t, t \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ with the plane } 7x + 8y + 9z = 10.$$

Solution: Substitute the parametric equations of the line into the equation of the plane to obtain

$$7(1 + 2t) + 8(3 + 4t) + 9(5 + 6t) = 10$$

which gives $t = -\frac{33}{50}$. Putting this value of t into the parametric equation of the line gives the point of intersection as

$$x = -\frac{8}{25}, \quad y = \frac{9}{25}, \quad z = \frac{26}{25}.$$

I hope you had all the answers right.

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