

Solutions

1. (a)[1pt] Find linear approximation to the function $f(x) = \arctan x$ at the point $a = 1$.

Recall that the linear approximation to a function f at a point a is given by $y = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$. Here $f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ so $f'(1) = \frac{1}{2}$ and $f(1) = \arctan 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$. The linear approximation is $y = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$.

- (b)[1pt] Estimate $\arctan(1.1)$. Leave your answer in exact form.

We use the linear approximation at the point $a = 1$ as above: we plug in $x = 1.1$ and the resulting value of y should be approximately equal to $\arctan 1.1$. This is $\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2}(1.1 - 1) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2}(0.1) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{20}$.

2. Evaluate the following integrals

(a)[2pt] $\int \frac{x dx}{1-x^2}$

First let's try the substitution $u = x^2$, $du = 2x dx$.

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

Now let's substitute $v = 1 - u$, $dv = -du$.

$\int \frac{du}{2(1-u)} = \frac{-1}{2} \int \frac{dv}{v} = \frac{-1}{2} \ln v + C = \frac{-1}{2} \ln(1-u) + C = \frac{-1}{2} \ln(1-x^2) + C$, where C is an arbitrary constant of integration. We could simplify this further if we wished.

(b)[2pt] $\int_0^{\frac{3\pi}{2}} \sin x \cos x dx$

We use the substitution $u = \sin x$, $du = \cos x dx$.

$$\int_0^{\frac{3\pi}{2}} \sin x \cos x dx = \int_0^{-1} u du = \frac{1}{2}(1 - 0) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

(c)[2pt] $\int x^2 e^x dx$

We use integration by parts. Recall that $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$. First we take $u = x^2$, $dv = e^x dx$ so, differentiating and integrating, $du = 2x dx$, $v = e^x$. Thus, $\int x^2 e^x dx = x^2 e^x - 2 \int x e^x dx$.

Now we use integration by parts again on this. Here we take $u = x$, $dv = e^x dx$ so $du = dx$ and $v = e^x$. $\int x e^x dx = x e^x - \int e^x dx = x e^x - e^x + C$, where C is an arbitrary constant of integration.

Putting this all together, $\int x^2 e^x dx = x^2 e^x - 2x e^x + 2e^x + C$.

(d)[2 Bonus points!] $\int_{-1}^0 \frac{dx}{x^2 + 2x + 2}$

We shall simplify our denominator by completing the square. Observe that $x^2+2x+2 = (x^2+2x+1)+1 = (x+1)^2+1$. Now substitute $u = x+1$.

$$\int_{-1}^0 \frac{dx}{x^2+2x+2} = \int_{-1}^0 \frac{dx}{(x+1)^2+1} = \int_0^1 \frac{du}{u^2+1} = \arctan 1 - \arctan 0 = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$