

Quiz 2 Solutions

1. Compute

$$\int_0^{\pi} (x+1) \sin(2x) \, dx.$$

Solution: Integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi} (x+1) \sin(2x) \, dx &= (x+1) \frac{-\cos(2x)}{2} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} 1 \cdot \frac{-\cos(2x)}{2} \, dx \\ &= (\pi+1) \frac{-1}{2} - (0+1) \frac{-1}{2} + \frac{\sin(2x)}{4} \Big|_0^{\pi} \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

2. Compute

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

Solution: Trig sub $x = \tan \theta$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{(x^2+1)^2} \, dx &= \int \frac{1}{(\tan^2 \theta + 1)^2} \sec^2 \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\sec^2 \theta} \, d\theta \\ &= \int \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\cos(2\theta)}{2} \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \theta + \frac{\sin(2\theta)}{4} + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \arctan x + \frac{1}{4} \sin(2 \arctan x) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \arctan x + \frac{x}{2(1+x^2)} + C \end{aligned}$$

(You don't have to simplify $\sin(2 \arctan x)$ as in the last step)

3. Compute

$$\int \frac{2}{x^3 - x} \, dx.$$

Solution: Partial fractions: $x^3 - x = x(x - 1)(x + 1)$, so $\frac{2}{x^3 - x} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x - 1} + \frac{C}{x + 1}$. We can find $A = -2, B = 1, C = 1$ using the “cover-up” method. Then

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