

1. Find the exact value of  $1 - \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{5!} - \dots$

**Answer: sin 1**

By Taylor Expansion,  $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$ . Let  $x=1$ , and the desired value equals  $\sin 1$ .

2. At RMT 2009 is a man named Bill who has an infinite amount of time. This year, he is walking continuously at a speed of  $\frac{1}{1+t^2}$ , starting at time  $t = 0$ . If he continues to walk for an infinite amount of time, how far will he walk?

**Answer:  $\frac{\pi}{2}$**

$$d = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt = \tan^{-1}(t)|_0^{\infty} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}(t) - \tan^{-1}(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

3. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{10x^2}{\sin^2(3x)}$ .

**Answer:  $\frac{10}{9}$**

By l'Hôpital's rule,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{10x^2}{\sin^2(3x)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{20x}{6 \sin(3x) \cos(3x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{20x}{3 \sin(6x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{20}{18 \cos(6x)} \\ &= \frac{10}{9}. \end{aligned}$$

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

**Answer:  $\frac{\pi - 2 \ln(2)}{4}$  or equivalent expression**

We integrate by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 1 \cdot \tan^{-1}(x) dx &= [x \tan^{-1}(x)]_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} dx \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} - 0 - \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\ln(2)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

5. Let  $a(t) = \cos^2(2t)$  be the acceleration at time  $t$  of a point particle traveling on a straight line. Suppose at time  $t = 0$ , the particle is at position  $x = 1$  with velocity  $v = -2$ . Find its position at time  $t = 2$ .

**Answer:  $-\frac{\cos(8)}{32} + \frac{33}{32}$**

$$v(t) = \int a(t) dt = \int \cos^2(2t) dt = \int \frac{1 + \cos(4t)}{2} dt = \frac{\sin(4t)}{8} + \frac{t}{2} + c_1,$$

where  $c_1$  is a constant. Plug in  $t = 0$  to find  $v(0) = c_1 = -2$ . So  $v(t) = \frac{\sin(4t)}{8} + \frac{t}{2} - 2$ .

$$x(t) = \int v(t) dt = \int \frac{\sin(4t)}{8} + \frac{t}{2} - 2 dt = -\frac{\cos(4t)}{32} + \frac{t^2}{4} - 2t + c_2.$$

Plug in  $t = 0$  to get  $x(0) = -\frac{1}{16} + c_2 = 1$ , so  $c_2 = \frac{33}{32}$ . Thus,

$$x(2) = -\frac{\cos(8)}{16} + \frac{33}{32}.$$

6. Find

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (e^{-ax})$$

for  $|a| < 1$ .

**Answer:**  $\frac{a^2}{1+a} e^{-ax}$

Since  $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} (e^{-ax}) = (-a)^n e^{-ax}$ ,

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (e^{-ax}) = e^{-ax} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-a)^n.$$

This forms a geometric series with common ratio  $-a$  and first element  $a^2$ , which converges since  $|a| < 1$ . Thus the answer is  $\frac{a^2}{1+a} e^{-ax}$ .

7. Compute

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n-k}{n^2} \cos\left(\frac{4k}{n}\right).$$

**Answer:**  $\frac{1-\cos(4)}{16}$

Define a partition on  $[0, 1]$  with  $n$  elements by setting  $x_i = \frac{i}{n}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . Then  $x_i - x_{i-1} = \frac{1}{n}$  for all  $i$ . If we let  $f(y) = (1-y) \cos(4y)$  and put  $y_k = \frac{k}{n}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , then we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n-k}{n^2} \cos\left(\frac{4k}{n}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n f(y_k)(x_i - x_{i-1}).$$

Thus, we may conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(y_k)(x_i - x_{i-1}) &= \int_0^1 f(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 (1-y) \cos(4y) dy \\ &= \left[ \left( \frac{1-y}{4} \right) \sin(4y) - \frac{\cos(4y)}{16} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{-\cos(4)}{16} + \frac{1}{16}. \end{aligned}$$

8. Evaluate  $\int_0^{\infty} 4[x+7]e^{-2x} dx$ . Remember to express your answer as a single fraction.

**Answer:**  $\frac{14e^2-12}{e^2-1}$ , or  $\frac{14-12e^{-2}}{1-e^{-2}}$

To evaluate the floor function, split the integral into unit intervals:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} 4[x+7]e^{-2x} dx &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_k^{k+1} 4(k+7)e^{-2x} dx \\ &= (14e^{-0} - 14e^{-2}) + (16e^{-2} - 16e^{-4}) + (18e^{-4} - 18e^{-6}) + \dots \\ &= 12 + 2(e^{-0} + e^{-2} + e^{-4} + \dots) \\ &= 12 + \frac{2}{1-e^{-2}} = \frac{14-12e^{-2}}{1-e^{-2}} = \frac{14e^2-12}{e^2-1}. \end{aligned}$$

9. Compute  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n$ .

**Answer:**  $\frac{5}{16}$

Let  $S = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{5^n}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{5}S &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{5^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+1-1}{5^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{5^{n+1}} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{5^n} - \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{5}} = S - \frac{1}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{S}{5} = S - \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{4S}{5} = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow S = \frac{5}{16}. \end{aligned}$$

10. Evaluate  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{50 + n^2/80000}$ , as a decimal to the nearest tenth.

**Answer:** 62.8

This sum is difficult to evaluate exactly. However, it can be closely approximated by the improper integral of the same function, which is easily evaluated using  $u$ -substitution.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{50 + x^2/80000} &= \frac{1}{50} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{1 + (x/20000)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{50} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{20000 du}{1 + u^2} \\ &= \frac{2000}{50} [\tan^{-1} u]_0^{\infty} \\ &= 40 \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (\tan^{-1}(b) - \tan^{-1}(0)) \\ &= 40 \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}(b) \\ &= 40 \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= 20\pi \\ &\approx 62.83. \end{aligned}$$

To see that this integral is correct to the nearest tenth, we observe that since the integrand is a monotonic function, we can bound it above and below by Riemann sums. More precisely:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{50 + n^2/80,000} \leq 20\pi \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{50 + n^2/80,000}.$$

By rearranging terms, this implies that:

$$20\pi - \frac{1}{50} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{50 + n^2/80,000} \leq 20\pi.$$

From this it follows that 62.8 is indeed correct to the nearest tenth.