

Definite Integrals

One marks questions :

Evaluate the following integrals :-

(1). $\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin^5 x \, dx$

Soln: $\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin^5 x \, dx = 0 \quad \because \sin^5 x \text{ is an odd function.}$

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

Soln: $\int_0^1 \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \, dx = [\log(1+x^2)]_0^1 = \log 2$

(3). $\int_0^{1/\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \, dx.$

Soln: $\int_0^{1/\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \, dx = (\sin^{-1} x)_0^{1/\sqrt{2}} = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \sin^{-1} 0 = \frac{\pi}{4}.$

(4). $\int_0^{\pi/3} (3 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x) \, dx.$

Soln: $\int_0^{\pi/3} (3 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x) \, dx = \int_0^{\pi/3} \sin 3x \, dx = -\frac{(\cos 3x)_0^{\pi/3}}{3} = \frac{-1}{3} [-1 - 1] = \frac{2}{3}$

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

Soln: $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{x^3}{1+x^2} \, dx = 0$ because $\frac{x^3}{1+x^2}$ is an odd function.

Two marks questions :

(1) Evaluate $\int_{-5}^5 |x+2| \, dx$

Soln: Let $x+2 = t \Rightarrow dx = dt$ when $x = 5 \Rightarrow t = 7$; when $x = -5 \Rightarrow t = -3$

$$\int_{-5}^5 |x+2| \, dx \Rightarrow \int_{-3}^7 |t| \, dt \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (t|t|)_{-3}^7 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (7|7| - (-3)|-3|) \Rightarrow 29$$

(2) Evaluate $\int_2^3 \frac{x}{x^2+1} \, dx$

Soln: Let $x^2 + 1 = t \Rightarrow 2x \, dx = dt \Rightarrow x \, dx = \frac{dt}{2}$ when $x = 2 \Rightarrow t = 5$; when $x = 3 \Rightarrow t = 10$

$$\int_2^3 \frac{x}{x^2+1} \, dx = \int_5^{10} \frac{1}{t} \frac{dt}{2} = \frac{1}{2} (\log t)_{5}^{10} = \frac{1}{2} (\log 10 - \log 5) = \frac{1}{2} \log 2.$$

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

Soln : $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos 2x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} (\sin 2x)_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{1}{2} (0 - 0) = 0$

(4) Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin x}{1+\cos^2 x} \, dx$

Soln: Let $\cos x = t \Rightarrow \sin x \, dx = -dt$; when $x = 0 \Rightarrow t = 1$; when $x = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow t = 0$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin x}{1+\cos^2 x} \, dx = -\int_1^0 \frac{dt}{1+t^2} = -(\tan^{-1} t)_1^0 = -\left(0 - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

(5) $\int_0^{\pi} x \sin x \cos^2 x \, dx.$

Soln: Let $I = \int_0^{\pi} x \sin x \cos^2 x \, dx = \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - x) \sin x \cos^2 x \, dx.$

$$\therefore 2I = \int_0^{\pi} (x + \pi - x) \sin x \cos^2 x \, dx = \pi \int_0^{\pi} \cos^2 x \cdot \sin x \, dx$$

$$= \pi \int_1^{-1} t^2 (-dt) \quad \text{here } \cos x = t \Rightarrow -\sin x \, dx = dt \text{ when } x = 0 \Rightarrow t = 1; x = \pi \Rightarrow t = -1$$

$$2I = \pi \int_{-1}^1 t^2 dt = \pi \cdot \frac{(t^3)_{-1}^1}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3} (1 + 1) = \frac{2\pi}{3} \Rightarrow I = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

Six marks questions :

(1) Prove that $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(a + b - x) dx$ and evaluate $\int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{dx}{1 + \sqrt{\tan x}}$.

Soln: Consider $\int_a^b f(a + b - x) dx$

put $a + b - x = t$

$\Rightarrow -dx = dt$. At $x = a$, $t = a + b - a = b$ and at $x = b$, $t = a + b - b = a$

$$\therefore \text{RHS} = \int_a^b f(a + b - x) dx = \int_b^a f(t) (-dt) \quad \left[\because \int_a^b f(x) dx = - \int_b^a f(x) dx \right]$$

$$= \int_a^b f(t) dt = \int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{LHS.} \quad [\text{Definite integrals are independent of variable}]$$

$$\text{Consider } \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{dx}{1 + \sqrt{\tan x}} = \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/3} \frac{\sqrt{\cos x}}{\sqrt{\cos x} + \sqrt{\sin x}} dx$$

$$\text{Let } I = \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/3} \frac{\sqrt{\cos x}}{\sqrt{\cos x} + \sqrt{\sin x}} dx = \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/3} \frac{\sqrt{\cos(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{3} - x)}}{\sqrt{\cos(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{3} - x)} + \sqrt{\sin(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{3} - x)}} dx \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/3} \frac{\sqrt{\sin x}}{\sqrt{\sin x} + \sqrt{\cos x}} dx \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Adding (1) and (2)

$$2I = I + I = \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/3} \frac{\sqrt{\cos x}}{\sqrt{\cos x} + \sqrt{\sin x}} dx + \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/3} \frac{\sqrt{\sin x}}{\sqrt{\sin x} + \sqrt{\cos x}} dx = \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/3} \frac{\sqrt{\cos x} + \sqrt{\sin x}}{\sqrt{\cos x} + \sqrt{\sin x}} dx$$

$$2I = (x)_{\pi/6}^{\pi/3} = \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \therefore I = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

(2) Prove that $\int_0^a f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(a - x) dx$ and hence evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/4} \log(1 + \tan x) dx$.

Soln : Consider $\int_0^a f(a - x) dx$

Let $a - x = t \Rightarrow dx = -dt$; when $x = 0 \Rightarrow t = a$; when $x = a \Rightarrow t = 0$

$$\int_0^a f(a - x) dx = \int_a^0 f(t) (-dt) \quad \left[\because \int_a^b f(x) dx = - \int_b^a f(x) dx \right]$$

$$= \int_0^a f(t) dt = \int_0^a f(x) dx \quad [\text{Definite integrals are independent of variable}]$$

$$\text{Let } I = \int_0^{\pi/4} \log(1 + \tan x) dx = \int_0^{\pi/4} \log\left(1 + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - x\right)\right) dx = \int_0^{\pi/4} \log\left(1 + \frac{1 - \tan x}{1 + \tan x}\right) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/4} \log\left(\frac{2}{1 + \tan x}\right) dx$$

$$\therefore 2I = I + I = \int_0^{\pi/4} \log(1 + \tan x) dx + \int_0^{\pi/4} \log\left(\frac{2}{1 + \tan x}\right) dx = \int_0^{\pi/4} \log 2 dx = \log 2 (x)_0^{\pi/4} = \frac{\pi}{4} \log 2$$

$$\therefore I = \frac{\pi}{8} \log 2.$$

(3) Prove that $\int_0^{2a} f(x) dx = \begin{cases} 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx, & \text{if } f(2a - x) = f(x), \\ 0 & \text{if } f(2a - x) = -f(x) \end{cases}$ and hence evaluate

$$\int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{a^2 \cos^2 x + b^2 \sin^2 x} dx.$$

Soln : $\int_0^{2a} f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(x) dx + \int_a^{2a} f(x) dx \dots\dots(1)$

Put $2a - x = t \Rightarrow dx = -dt$

Consider $\int_a^{2a} f(x) dx$. At $x = a$, $t = a$, and at $x = 2a$, $t = 0$

$$= \int_a^0 f(2a - t) (-dt)$$

$$= \int_0^a f(2a - t) dt = \int_0^a f(2a - x) dx \dots\dots(2)$$

Substituting (2) in (1), we get : $\int_0^{2a} f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(x) dx + \int_0^a f(2a - x) dx$

If $f(2a - x) = f(x)$ the above result $\int_0^{2a} f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx.$,

And if $f(2a - x) = -f(x).$, it reduces to: $\int_0^{2a} f(x) dx = 0.$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } I &= \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{a^2 \cos^2 x + b^2 \sin^2 x} dx = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{a^2 \cos^2 x + b^2 \sin^2 x} dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sec^2 x}{a^2 + b^2 \tan^2 x} dx \end{aligned}$$

Put $b \tan x = t, \Rightarrow b \sec^2 x dx = dt, \therefore \sec^2 x dx = \frac{dt}{b},$ At $x = 0., t = 0,$ At $x = \frac{\pi}{2}, t \rightarrow \infty.$

$$I = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{b(a^2 + t^2)} = 2 \frac{1}{b} \frac{1}{a} \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{t}{a} \right)_0^\infty = \frac{2}{ab} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right) = \frac{\pi}{ab}$$

(4) Prove that $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$ and hence evaluate $\int_{-1}^2 |x^3 - x| dx$

Soln: let $F(x)$ be the antiderivative of $f(x).$

$$\text{Then., RHS} = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx = F(c) - F(a) + F(b) - F(c)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) = \int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{LHS.}$$

Clearly, $x^3 - x$ will be positive between -1 & 0 , negative between 0 & 1 and again positive between 1 & $2.$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_{-1}^2 (x^3 - x) dx &= \int_{-1}^0 (x^3 - x) dx + \int_0^1 (x - x^3) dx + \int_1^2 (x^3 - x) dx. \\ &= \left(\frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)_{-1}^0 + \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right)_0^1 + \left(\frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)_1^2 \\ &= 0 - \left[\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right] + \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right] + \left\{ (4 - 2) - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\} \\ &= + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + 2 + \frac{1}{4} = 2 \frac{3}{4} = \frac{11}{4} \end{aligned}$$

(5) Prove that $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \begin{cases} 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx, & \text{if } f \text{ is an even function} \\ 0 & , \text{if } f \text{ is an odd function} \end{cases}$ and hence evaluate

$$\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^7 x dx.$$

Soln: consider $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \int_{-a}^0 f(x) dx + \int_0^a f(x) dx \dots (1)$

$$\text{Put } x = -t \Rightarrow dx = -dt$$

Consider $\int_{-a}^0 f(x) dx$ At $x = -a., t = a$ And, at $x = 0., t = 0.$

$$= \int_a^0 f(-t)(-dt) = \int_0^a f(-t) dt = \int_0^a f(-x) dx = \begin{cases} \int_0^a f(x) dx & \text{if } f \text{ is an even function, and,} \\ -\int_0^a f(x) dx & \text{if } f \text{ is an odd function.} \end{cases} \dots (2)$$

Substituting eq. (2) in eq. (1), we get :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-a}^a f(x) dx &= \left(\int_0^a f(x) dx, \text{ if } f \text{ is even} \right) + \int_0^a f(x) dx \\ &= \begin{cases} 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx, & \text{if } f \text{ is an even function, and,} \\ 0 & , \text{if } f \text{ is an odd function.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the value of $\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^7 x dx = 0$ [$\because \sin^7(-x) = -\sin^7 x \Rightarrow$ it is an odd function]

(6) Prove that $\int_0^a f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(a-x) dx$ and hence evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \log \sin x dx$.

Soln : Consider $\int_0^a f(a-x) dx$

Let $a-x = t \Rightarrow dx = -dt$; when $x = 0 \Rightarrow t = a$; when $x = a \Rightarrow t = 0$

$$\int_0^a f(a-x) dx = \int_a^0 f(t)(-dt) \quad \left[\because \int_a^b f(x) dx = -\int_b^a f(x) dx \right]$$

$$= \int_0^a f(t) dt = \int_0^a f(x) dx \quad [\text{Definite integrals are independent of variable}]$$

$$\text{Let } I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \sin x dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x \right) dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \cos x dx$$

$$2I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \sin x dx + \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \cos x dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log(\sin x \cos x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \left(\frac{\sin 2x}{2} \right) dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \sin 2x dx - \int_0^{\pi/2} \log 2 dx \dots (1)$$

Consider $\int_0^{\pi/2} \log \sin 2x dx$

Put $2x = t \Rightarrow dx = \frac{dt}{2}$

At $x = 0, t = 0$. And,

At $x = \pi/2, t = \pi$.

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \log \sin t \frac{dt}{2}$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \sin t dt \quad \left[\because \int_0^{2a} f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx, \quad \text{if } f(2a-x) = f(x) \right]$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \sin 2x dx = I \dots (2)$$

Substituting eq (2) in eq. (1), we get : $2I = I - \int_0^{\pi/2} \log 2 dx \therefore I = -\log 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} dx = -\frac{\pi}{2} \log 2$

(7) Prove that $\int_0^{2a} f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx$ when $f(2a-x) = f(x)$ and hence evaluate $\int_0^{\pi} |\cos x| dx$.

Soln : $\int_0^{2a} f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(x) dx + \int_a^{2a} f(x) dx \dots (1)$

Put $2a-x = t \Rightarrow dx = -dt$

Consider $\int_a^{2a} f(x) dx$.

At $x = a, t = a$, and at $x = 2a, t = 0$

$$= \int_a^0 f(2a-t)(-dt)$$

$$= \int_0^a f(2a-t) dt = \int_0^a f(2a-x) dx \dots (2)$$

Substituting (2) in (1), we get : $\int_0^{2a} f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(x) dx + \int_0^a f(2a-x) dx$

If $f(2a-x) = f(x)$ the above result becomes $\int_0^{2a} f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx$

Consider $I = \int_0^{\pi} |\cos x| dx = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} |\cos x| dx$ because $|\cos(\pi-x)| = |-\cos x| = |\cos x|$

$\therefore I = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x dx$ because $\cos x$ is positive in 1st quadrant.

$$I = 2 (\sin x)_0^{\pi/2} = 2(1-0) = 2.$$

(8) Prove that $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \begin{cases} 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx, & \text{if } f \text{ is an even function} \\ 0 & , \text{if } f \text{ is an odd function} \end{cases}$ and hence evaluate

$$\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (x^3 + x \cos x + \tan^5 x + 1) dx$$

Soln: consider $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \int_{-a}^0 f(x) dx + \int_0^a f(x) dx \dots (1)$

Put $x = -t \Rightarrow dx = -dt$

Consider $\int_{-a}^0 f(x) dx$ At $x = -a, t = a$ And, at $x = 0, t = 0$.

$$= \int_a^0 f(-t)(-dt) = \int_0^a f(-t) dt = \int_0^a f(-x) dx = \begin{cases} \int_0^a f(x) dx & \text{if } f \text{ is an even function, and,} \\ -\int_0^a f(x) dx & \text{if } f \text{ is an odd function.} \end{cases} \dots (2)$$

Substituting eq. (2) in eq. (1), we get :

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^a f(x) dx, & \text{if } f \text{ is even} \\ -\int_0^a f(x) dx, & \text{if } f \text{ is odd} \end{pmatrix} + \int_0^a f(x) dx$$

$$= \begin{cases} 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx, & \text{if } f \text{ is an even function, and,} \\ 0 & \text{if } f \text{ is an odd function.} \end{cases}$$

Consider $I = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (x^3 + x \cos x + \tan^5 x + 1) dx$ since $x^3, x \cos x, \tan^5 x$ odd functions

$$I = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 1 dx = (x)_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \pi.$$

(9) Prove that $\int_0^a f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(a-x) dx$ and hence evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin^3 x}{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x} dx$.

Soln: Consider $\int_0^a f(a-x) dx$

Let $a-x = t \Rightarrow dx = -dt$; when $x = 0 \Rightarrow t = a$; when $x = a \Rightarrow t = 0$

$$\int_0^a f(a-x) dx = \int_a^0 f(t)(-dt) \quad \left[\because \int_a^b f(x) dx = -\int_b^a f(x) dx \right]$$

$$= \int_0^a f(t) dt = \int_0^a f(x) dx \quad \text{[Definite integrals are independent of variable]}$$

Consider $I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin^3 x}{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x} dx \dots\dots\dots(1)$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin^3(\frac{\pi}{2}-x)}{\sin^2(\frac{\pi}{2}-x) + \cos^2(\frac{\pi}{2}-x)} dx$$

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos^3 x}{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x} dx \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Adding (1) and (2)

$$2I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin^3 x}{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x} + \frac{\cos^3 x}{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x} dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin^3 x + \cos^3 x}{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x} dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} dx = (x)_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Hence $I = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

(10) Prove that $\int_0^a f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(a-x) dx$ and hence evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} (2 \log \sin x - \log \sin 2x) dx$.

Soln: Consider $\int_0^a f(a-x) dx$

Let $a-x = t \Rightarrow dx = -dt$; when $x = 0 \Rightarrow t = a$; when $x = a \Rightarrow t = 0$

$$\int_0^a f(a-x) dx = \int_a^0 f(t)(-dt) \quad \left[\because \int_a^b f(x) dx = -\int_b^a f(x) dx \right]$$

$$= \int_0^a f(t) dt = \int_0^a f(x) dx \quad \text{[Definite integrals are independent of variable]}$$

Consider $I = \int_0^{\pi/2} (2 \log \sin x - \log \sin 2x) dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} (\log \sin^2 x - \log \sin 2x) dx$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \left(\frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin 2x} \right) dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \left(\frac{\sin^2 x}{2 \sin x \cos x} \right) dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \left(\frac{1}{2} \tan x \right) dx \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\tan \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x \right) \right) \right) dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \left(\frac{1}{2} \cot x \right) dx \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Adding (1) and (2)

$$2I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \left(\frac{1}{2} \tan x \right) + \log \left(\frac{1}{2} \cot x \right) dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \left(\frac{1}{2} \tan x \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cot x \right) dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) dx = \log \frac{1}{4} (x)_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$2I = \frac{\pi}{2} \log \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow I = \frac{\pi}{4} \log \frac{1}{4}.$$