

Solution to Quiz 3

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What is $\frac{d}{dx} \int_3^x (\sec(2u) - u^2 e^{u^2}) du$?

Solution: Recall that the fundamental theorem of calculus (Part I) implies that $\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(u) du = f(x)$.

Now $f(u) = \sec(2u) - u^2 e^{u^2}$. So $f(x) = \sec(2x) - x^2 e^{x^2}$ and $\frac{d}{dx} \int_3^x (\sec(2u) - u^2 e^{u^2}) du = f(x) = \sec(2x) - x^2 e^{x^2}$.

2 Evaluate the following definite integral if possible:

$$\int_1^4 \frac{-x^2 + 2}{\sqrt{x}} dx$$

Solution: First we simplify

$$\frac{-x^2+2}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{-x^2+2}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} = -\frac{x^2}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{2}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} = -x^{2-\frac{1}{2}} + 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = -x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$\text{So } \int \frac{-x^2+2}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \int (-x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}) dx = -\frac{x^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\frac{5}{2}} + 2\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}} + C = -\frac{2}{5}x^{\frac{5}{2}} + 4x^{\frac{1}{2}} + C.$$

This implies that

$$\int_1^4 \frac{-x^2+2}{\sqrt{x}} dx = -\frac{2}{5}x^{\frac{5}{2}} + 4x^{\frac{1}{2}} \Big|_1^4 = -\frac{2}{5} \cdot 4^{\frac{5}{2}} + 4 \cdot 4^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left(-\frac{2}{5} \cdot 1^{\frac{5}{2}} + 4 \cdot 1^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

Note that $4^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{4} = 2$, $4^{\frac{5}{2}} = (4^{\frac{1}{2}})^5 = 2^5 = 2 * 2 * 2 * 2 * 2 = 32$, $1^{\frac{5}{2}} = 1$ and $1^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1$.

$$\text{So } -\frac{2}{5} \cdot 4^{\frac{5}{2}} + 4 \cdot 4^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left(-\frac{2}{5} \cdot 1^{\frac{5}{2}} + 4 \cdot 1^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) = -\frac{2}{5} \cdot 32 + 4 \cdot 2 - \left(-\frac{2}{5} + 4 \right) = -\frac{64}{5} + 8 + \frac{2}{5} - 4 = -\frac{62}{5} + 4 = \frac{-62+20}{5} = -\frac{42}{5}.$$

$$\text{Thus } \int_1^4 \frac{-x^2+2}{\sqrt{x}} dx = -\frac{42}{5}.$$