

Math 1A - Spring 2017 - Homework 5.5 92

92. If f is continuous on $[0, \pi]$, use the substitution $u = \pi - x$ to show that $\int_0^\pi x f(\sin x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\pi f(\sin x) dx$.

SOLN: If $u = \pi - x$ then $x = \pi - u$, $du = -dx$ and $\sin(x) = \sin(\pi - u) = \sin u$ (where this last equality follows from the supplementary identity: $\sin(\pi - \theta) = \sin \theta$).

Now $0 \leq x \leq \pi \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq \pi - u < \pi \Leftrightarrow \pi \geq u \geq 0$ so $\int_0^\pi x f(\sin x) dx = \int_\pi^0 (\pi - u) f(\sin(\pi - u)) (-du)$.

Reversing bound negates the $-du$ so $\int_\pi^0 (\pi - u) f(\sin(\pi - u)) (-du) = \int_0^\pi (\pi - u) f(\sin(\pi - u)) (du)$ and applying

supplemental identity gives us $\int_0^\pi (\pi - u) f(\sin(\pi - u)) (du) = \int_0^\pi (\pi - u) f(\sin(u)) du$

Now the integral of a difference is the difference of integrals:

$$\int_0^\pi (\pi - u) f(\sin(u)) (du) = \pi \int_0^\pi f(\sin(u)) du - \int_0^\pi u f(\sin(u)) du$$

Now observe that the value of a definite integral is independent of the name of the variable of integration,

so we can rename $u = x$ and get $\int_0^\pi x f(\sin x) dx = \pi \int_0^\pi f(\sin(x)) dx - \int_0^\pi x f(\sin(x)) dx$

If we name the original integral I we see that this equation has the form

$$I = \pi \int_0^\pi f(\sin(x)) dx - I. \text{ Solving for } I \text{ gives the desired result.}$$