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**Deng Yongzhe** Suppose  $f(x)$  is twice differentiable in  $[0, 1]$  and  $|f''(x)| \leq M$ , and  $f(x)$  get its maxima in  $(0, 1)$ . Try to show:  $|f'(0)| + |f'(1)| \leq M$ .

**Lam Chi Yeung** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function which satisfies

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq (x - y)^2$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $f$  is a constant.

**Ng Tsz Ching** Integrate  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$ .

**Chen Yu** What is  $1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots = ?$

**Chen Teng** prove the following properties of traces.

1.  $\text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$ ;
2.  $\text{tr}(kA) = k\text{tr}(A)$ ;
3.  $\text{tr}(A^T) = \text{tr}(A)$ ;
4.  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$ .

**Liu Beibei** Function  $f$  satisfies functional equation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  ( $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ), and  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 0$ , then there is only one solution  $f(x) = ax$  satisfying the equation ( $a$  is a constant).

**Li Hangfan** Here are two problems:

1. Integrate  $\int \frac{\ln}{x^5} dx$ .
2. Integrate  $\int \frac{2 + \sqrt{x}}{3 - \sqrt{x}} dx$ .

**Xu Ang** Show that:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$

**Choi Ki Kit** Answer the following questions:

1. Show that  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$  is not analytic at 0.
2. Evaluate  $\iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy$ .
3. Let  $A$  be a  $n \times n$  self-adjoint matrix. Suppose  $R(x) = \frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2}$ , then  $\max_{x \neq 0} R(x)$  is the largest eigenvalue of  $A$ .

**Chan Ho Yuan** Answer the following questions:

1. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 7 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & -6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find  $u_1, u_2 \in \mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $\text{span}\{u_1, u_2\} = N(A)$ , where  $N(A)$  is the null space of  $A$ .
  - (b) Find a  $u_3 \in \mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $Au_3 = b$ , where  $b = (3, -4, -9, 8)$ .
  - (c) Find a  $u_4 \in \mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $Au_4 = b$ , where  $b = (-2, 3, 7, -6)$ .
  - (d) Show that every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^4$  can be written uniquely as a linear combination of  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$ .
2. (A First Course in Linear Algebra by Robert A. Beezer, P.56, T40)  
Suppose  $Ax = b$  is a consistent system of linear equations in which two columns of  $A$  are equal. Prove that the system has infinitely many solutions.

**Zuo Cheng** Show that Let  $M$  be a subspace of the Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $v \in H$

$M$  and define  $\delta := \inf\{\|v - w\| : w \in M\}$ . (Note that  $\delta > 0$  since  $M$  is closed in  $H$ ) Then there exists  $w_0 \in M$  such that:

- (i)  $\|v - w_0\| = \delta$ , i.e., there exists a closest point  $w_0 \in M$  to  $v$ , and
- (ii)  $v - w_0 \in M^\perp$ .

**Cheng Siu Hong** This is to show  $\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$  by computing a double integral (using Fubini's Theorem) and elementary calculus techniques such as integration by parts.

Define the improper integral of an improperly integrable function  $f(x)$  by

$$\int_a^\infty f(x) dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

(a) Show that  $\int_0^\infty \exp(-xy) \sin(x) dy = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$ .

(b) Evaluate  $\int_0^a \exp(-xy) \sin(x) dx$ .

(c) By using Fubini's theorem and the result of (a) and (b), show that  $\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

**Wang Chuiji** Show that  $A, B$  are commutative matrices, and they both can be diagonalized, then they can be diagonalized simultaneously.

**Choi Chi Po** For  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , let

$$s_{m,n} = \frac{m}{m+n}.$$

Compute

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} s_{m,n}$$

and

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{m,n}.$$

Do they have the same value? Explain your answer.

**Wen Jia** Find the first five derivatives of the following functions:

1.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2-x}$
2.  $f(x) = \ln(3+x)$

**Yin Guojian** Answer the following questions:

1. Using L'Hospital's Rule to evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos x) \sin 4x}{x^3 \cos x}$ .
2. Find  $\int e^{2x} \sin x dx$ .

**Luo Tianwen** Compute the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x$$

**Liu Xin** Prove that: in an  $n$ -dimensional real Euclidean space, the operator  $\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}$  does not change under rotation.

**Du Yangge** Find the following limit by Riemann integral:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{k}{n^2} \sin\left(\frac{k}{n}\right).$$

**Kong Shilei** Let  $a, b, c, d$  be some real numbers such that the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 2x + a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3}{x^4}$$

exists. Find the values of  $a, b, c, d$  and the limit.

**Mei Yu** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{\sin x}$ .

**Lee Man Chun** Show that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ .

(Hint: consider  $\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1-xy} dx dy$ ).

**Min Jie** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $A * A = A * A^t$ . Show that  $A$  is symmetric. (Hint: use induction on the dimension of  $A$ ).

**Tao Ran** Show that if  $x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $x < y$ , then there exists a rational number  $p \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $x < p < y$ .

**Yuan Zhiri** As we can see, for continuous functions, the existence of  $\int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f$  are somehow related. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f$  does not equal to zero, then  $\int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx$  makes no sense. So, will  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f$  equal to zero if  $\int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx < \infty$ ?

**Yuan Yuan** Considering  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k!}$ , it is easy to prove  $s_n < 2$ . So we can define

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = e. \quad (1)$$

Prove

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e. \quad (2)$$

**Zhang Pengfei** Show that if  $A, B$  are two  $n \times n$  matrices, then

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & A \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det(A + B) \cdot \det(A - B).$$

**Xiao Yao** Calculate the integral of  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$

**Chen Guanheng** A certain ecological territory contains  $S$  thousands squirrels and  $R$  thousands rabbits. Currently, there are 4000 of each species, and the grow rates of the population with respect to time satisfies the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dR}{dt} = 63R - 3RS, \\ \frac{dS}{dt} = 26S - RS. \end{cases}$$

Find the relationship of  $R$  and  $S$ .

**Liu Haixia** Function  $f$  satisfies functional equation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  ( $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ), and  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 0$ , then there is only one solution  $f(x) = ax$  satisfying the equation ( $a$  is a constant).

**Liu Keji** 1. Determine the domain of the given function

$$f(t) = \frac{t + 2}{\sqrt{9 - t^2}}$$

2. Find the composite function  $f(g(x))$ .

$$(1) \quad f(u) = 3u^2 + 2u - 6, \quad g(x) = x + 2,$$

$$(2) \quad f(u) = (u - 1)^3 + 2u^2, \quad g(x) = x + 1.$$

3. Find functions  $h(x)$  and  $g(u)$  such that  $f(x) = g(h(x))$ .

$$(1) \quad f(x) = (x - 1)^2 + 2(x - 1) + 3,$$

$$(2) \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}.$$

4. Write an equation for the line with the given properties.

(1) Through (5,-2) with slope  $-\frac{1}{2}$ .

(2) Through (1,5) and (3,5).

(3) Through (3,5) and perpendicular to the line  $x + y = 4$ .

5. Find the indicated limit if it exists.

$$(1) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 3x - 10}{x - 5}.$$

$$(2) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x^2 + 3x + 2}.$$

$$(3) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2 - 2x + 3}{2x^2 + 5x + 1}.$$

**Ruan Pengfei** Prove

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[n]{1+x} - 1}{\frac{1}{n}x} = 1.$$

**Fangqiong JIAN** Compute  $\int \sec x dx$ .

**Dai Lipeng** Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0, y \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^3 + y^3}$  as  $x \rightarrow 0, y \rightarrow 0$ .

**Zhao Rui** A cyclic curve  $L$  is given by polar coordinate  $r = 1 + \cos \theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  and segment  $[0, 2]$  on  $x$  axis and segment  $[0, 1]$  on  $y$  axis. Find the volume of the solid by rotating  $L$  around the  $x$  axis.