

Sample Problems from previous Andalafte Competitions

Problem 1. Evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{1+x^2} dx$ (let $u = 1/x$)

Problem 2. Evaluate $\int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{(1+x)/(1-x)} dx$

Problem 3. The Fibonacci sequence (f_n) is defined by $f_1 = 1, f_2 = 1$ and for $n \geq 2$,

$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$. Find the radius of convergence of the power series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n x^n$

Problem 4. Evaluate $\int_0^1 \sqrt[5]{1-x^3} + \sqrt[3]{x^5-1} dx$

Problem 5. Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^3(x)/(\cos^3(x) + \sin^3(x)) dx$

Problem 6. Let p and q be distinct primes. Show that $\log_p q$ is always an irrational number.

Problem 7. Let a and b be positive numbers. Show that $a(1-b)$ and $b(1-a)$ cannot both be larger than $1/4$.

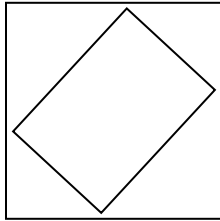
Problem 8. Let $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of real numbers. Let $\mathbb{N} = \{1,2,3,\dots\}$ be the set of positive integers and let $h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be a one-to-one and onto function. Define a new sequence

$\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ by setting $b_n = a_{h(n)}$. We call the sequence $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ a “rearrangement” of the original sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$. For example suppose we take for h , the function $h(1)=2, h(2)=1, h(3)=4, h(4)=3$, and so on. Then the corresponding rearrangement of $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is $\{a_2, a_1, a_4, a_3, a_6, a_5, \dots\}$

Show that if the sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges to a limit L then any rearrangement of $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ also must converge to L .

Problem 9. Suppose that f and g are continuous real-valued functions on $[a, b]$ and are differentiable on (a, b) . Prove that if $f(a) = g(a)$ and $f'(x) < g'(x)$ for all x in (a, b) then $f(b) < g(b)$

Problem 10. Let R be a rectangle having length L and width W . Find the maximum area of a rectangle that can be circumscribed about R . (“circumscribed” means that the vertices of R must lie on the sides of the larger, circumscribed, rectangle – as in the figure below)



Problem 11. A tank contains 20 kg of salt dissolved in 5000L of water. Brine that contains .03 kg of salt per liter of water enters the tank at a rate of 25L/min. The solution is kept thoroughly mixed and drains from the tank at the same rate. How much salt remains in the tank after $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour ?

Problem 12. Show that the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{5^{\frac{n}{2}} + 1}$ converges and find its sum

Problem 13. Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos^{2008}(x)}{\sin^{2008}(x) + \cos^{2008}(x)} dx$