

Worksheet Go Placidly Amid the Noise and Haste

With a lot of hard work, we filled the table to the right with the values of $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f dx(x)g(x) dx$, where f is the row and g is the column, and m and n are positive integers.

	1	$\sin(nx)$	$\cos(nx)$
1	2π	0	0
$\sin(mx)$	0	$\begin{cases} \pi & \text{if } m = n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	0
$\cos(mx)$	0	0	$\begin{cases} \pi & \text{if } m = n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

1. Let $h(x) = 5 + 2 \cos(x) + \sin(x) - 5 \cos(2x) + 3 \sin(2x)$.

(a) Use your calculator to compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) dx &= & \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) \cos(2x) dx &= \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) \cos(x) dx &= & \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) \sin(2x) dx &= \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) \sin(x) dx &= & & \end{aligned}$$

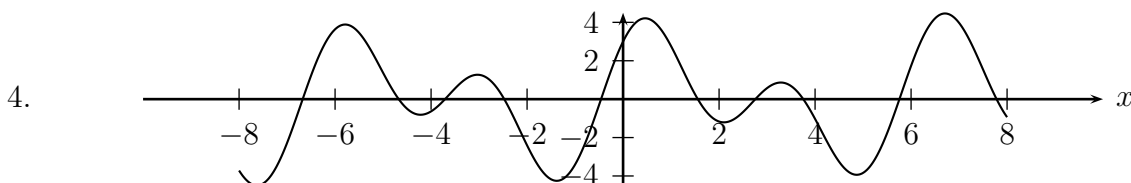
(b) Explain the results using the table above.

2. Predict what the integrals in (1a) above will be if we change $h(x)$ to

$$h(x) = 2 + 3 \cos(x) - 7 \sin(x) - 4 \cos(2x) + \sin(2x).$$

3. Generalize: What will those integrals be if

$$h(x) = a_0 + a_1 \cos(x) + b_1 \sin(x) + a_2 \cos(2x) + b_2 \sin(2x).$$

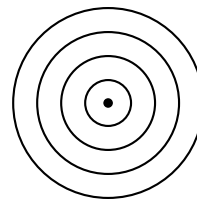


Suppose $h(x)$ is some function you measure in nature, and its graph looks like the one above. You do some numerical integration and discover that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) dx &= 0 & \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) \cos(2x) dx &= 6.28 \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) \cos(x) dx &= 3.14 & \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) \sin(2x) dx &= 4.71 \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) \sin(x) dx &= 6.28 & \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) \cos(nx) dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h(x) \sin(nx) dx = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 3. \end{aligned}$$

Can you guess a formula for $h(x)$? Use what you know, and check by graphing your formula on a calculator.

5. Consider a game of “continuous darts”. The board is circular, as you expect, with radius 1. The goal is to get as close to the middle as possible. If a dart lands a distance r from the bullseye, its score is $1 - r$. (So every number between 0 and 1 is a possible score.)



A novice player throws a dart which lands randomly somewhere on the board. That means that for any region R on the board,

$$\text{Prob}(\text{dart lands in } R) = \frac{\text{area of } R}{\text{area of board}}.$$

- (a) Fill in the table with the probabilities that the dart scores **below** the given value.

x	0	1/4	1/2	3/4	1
Prob(score < x)					

- (b) Let x be any number. Find the probability that the score is less than x .
- (c) Find the median score.
6. The function you found in (5b) above is called the **cumulative distribution function** or **CDF** of the score. Let's call it $P(x)$.
- (a) Use $P(x)$ to find the probability that the score is between $1/3$ and $2/3$.
- (b) How would you use $P(x)$ to find the probability that a score is between a and b ?
- (c) Hmmm, that answer reminds you of the First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, I bet. Can you write it as an integral?

The derivative of $P(x)$ is called the **probability density function** or **PDF** of the score. Let's call it $p(x)$.

7. Find the mean score of Continuous Darts by computing the integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xp(x) dx.$$

8. Find the probability of winning the pass bet in craps.

9. (6 pts) (This problem appeared on a Winter, 2003 Math 116 exam)
The chambered nautilus builds a spiral sequence of closed chambers. It constructs them from the inside out, with each chamber approximately 20% larger (by volume) than the last. (The large open section at the top is not a “chamber.”) The largest chamber is 9 cubic inches. Show your work on both parts.



- (a) How much volume is enclosed by the last 15 chambers constructed?
- (b) How much volume is enclosed by *all* the chambers? Assume for simplicity that there are infinitely many chambers.