

Quiz number 4 Solutions

Show all work. How you get your answer is just as important, if not more important, than the answer itself.

Find the following antiderivatives:

5. $\int x^2 e^{2x} dx$

Using the u -substitution $u = 2x$, we get

$$\int e^{2x} dx = \int e^u \frac{1}{2} du \Big|_{u=2x} = \frac{1}{2} e^u + C \Big|_{u=2x} = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + C. \text{ Then:}$$

$u = x^2$ and $dv = e^{2x} dx$ gives $du = 2x dx$ and $v = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x}$, so

$$\int x^2 e^{2x} dx = \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \int x e^{2x} dx = \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{2x} - \int x e^{2x} dx$$

Then $u = x$ and $dv = e^{2x} dx$ gives $du = dx$ and $v = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x}$, so

$$\int x e^{2x} dx = \frac{1}{2} x e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} \int e^{2x} dx = \frac{1}{2} x e^{2x} - \frac{1}{4} e^{2x} + C.$$

Putting these together yields

$$\int x^2 e^{2x} dx = \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{2x} - \left(\frac{1}{2} x e^{2x} - \frac{1}{4} e^{2x} \right) + C = \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} x e^{2x} + \frac{1}{4} e^{2x} + C$$

6. $\int x^3 \ln x dx$

Since $\ln x$ is more troublesome to integrate than e^{2x} , we go the opposite route:

Setting $u = \ln x$ and $dv = x^3 dx$ gives $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$ and $v = \frac{1}{4} x^4$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^3 \ln x dx &= \frac{1}{4} x^4 \ln x - \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{1}{x} x^4 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} x^4 \ln x - \frac{1}{4} \int x^3 dx = \frac{1}{4} x^4 \ln x - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{4} x^4 \right) + C = \frac{1}{4} x^4 \ln x - \frac{1}{16} x^4 + C \end{aligned}$$

N.B.: We can always check our work by differentiating!

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} x e^{2x} + \frac{1}{4} e^{2x} + C \right) &= \frac{1}{2} (2x e^{2x} + x^2 (2e^{2x})) - \frac{1}{2} (e^{2x} + x(2e^{2x})) + \frac{1}{4} (2e^{2x}) + 0 \\ &= x e^{2x} + x^2 e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} - x e^{2x} + \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} = x^2 e^{2x} + x e^{2x} - x e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} \\ &= x^2 e^{2x} . \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{4} x^4 \ln x - \frac{1}{16} x^4 + C \right) &= \frac{1}{4} (4x^3 \ln x + x^4 \frac{1}{x}) - \frac{1}{16} (4x^3) + 0 \\ &= x^3 \ln x + \frac{1}{4} x^3 - \frac{1}{4} x^3 = x^3 \ln x . \end{aligned}$$