Mathematics for natural sciences I

Exercise sheet 24

Warm-up-exercises

EXERCISE 24.1. Compute the definite integral

$$\int_{2}^{5} \frac{x^2 + 3x - 4}{x - 1} \, dx$$

EXERCISE 24.2. Determine the second derivative of the function

$$F(x) = \int_0^x \sqrt{t^5 - t^3 + 2t} \, dt \, .$$

EXERCISE 24.3. A body is released at time 0 and it falls freely without air resistance from a certain height down to the earth thanks to the (constant) gravity force. Determine the velocity v(t) and the distance s(t) as a function of time t. After which time the body has traveled 100 meters?

EXERCISE 24.4. Let $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function and let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Prove that the function

$$h(x) = \int_0^{g(x)} f(t) \, dt$$

is differentiable and determine its derivative.

EXERCISE 24.5. Let $f:[0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Consider the following sequence

$$a_n := \int_{\frac{1}{n+1}}^{\frac{1}{n}} f(t) \, dt \, .$$

Determine whether this sequence converges and, in case, determine its limit.

EXERCISE 24.6. Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ be a convergent series with $a_n \in [0, 1]$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $f : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$ be a Riemann-integrable function. Prove that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{a_{n}} f(x) dx$$

is absolutely convergent.

EXERCISE 24.7. Let f be a Riemann-integrable function on [a, b] with $f(x) \ge 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Show that if f is continuous at a point $c \in [a, b]$ with f(c) > 0, then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx > 0.$$

EXERCISE 24.8. Prove that the equation

$$\int_0^x e^{t^2} dt = 1$$

has exactly one solution $x \in [0, 1]$.

EXERCISE 24.9. Let

$$f,g:[a,b]\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

be two continuous functions such that

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = \int_{a}^{b} g(x)dx \,.$$

Prove that there exists $c \in [a, b]$ such that f(c) = g(c).

Hand-in-exercises

EXERCISE 24.10. (2 points)

Determine the area below¹ the graph of the sine function between 0 and π .

EXERCISE 24.11. (3 points)

Compute the definite integral

$$\int_{1}^{7} \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 5}{x + 1} \, dx \, .$$

EXERCISE 24.12. (3 points)

Determine an antiderivative for the function

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+1}} \, .$$

EXERCISE 24.13. (4 points)

Compute the area of the surface, which is enclosed by the graphs of two functions f and g such that

$$f(x) = x^2$$
 and $g(x) = -2x^2 + 3x + 4$.

¹Here we mean the area between the graph and the x-axis.

EXERCISE 24.14. (4 points)

We consider the function

$$f:\mathbb{R}\longrightarrow\mathbb{R},\ t\longmapsto f(t),$$

with

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 \text{ for } t = 0, \\ \sin \frac{1}{t} \text{ for } t \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Show, with reference to the function $g(x)=x^2\,\cos\,\frac{1}{x}\,,$ that f has an antiderivative.

EXERCISE 24.15. (3 points)

Let

$$f,g:[a,b]\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

be two continuous functions and let $g(t) \ge 0$ for all $t \in [a, b]$. Prove that there exists $s \in [a, b]$ such that

$$\int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt = f(s) \int_a^b g(t) dt.$$