

1. Compute $\int_{2012}^{2014} [(x - 2013)^2 + (x - 2015)^2] dx$.

Answer: $\frac{28}{3}$

Solution:

$$\int_{2012}^{2014} (x - 2013)^2 dx = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3}. \quad \int_{2012}^{2014} (x - 2015)^2 dx = \int_1^3 x^2 dx = \frac{26}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} + \frac{26}{3} = \boxed{\frac{28}{3}}.$$

2. Let $f(x) = (x^2 + 8x + 20)e^x$. Find $f^{(100)}(x)$.

Answer: $(x^2 + 208x + 10720)e^x$

Consider any function of the form $g(x) = h(x)e^x$. We claim that

$$g^{(n)}(x) = e^x \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} h^{(k)}(x).$$

Given this formula, we can compute

$$f^{(100)}(x) = e^x \left((x^2 + 8x + 20) + 100(2x + 8) + \frac{100 \times 99}{2} \times 2 \right) = \boxed{(x^2 + 208x + 10720)e^x}.$$

To prove the formula, we induct on n . The base case $n = 0$ clearly holds. Now, assume

$$g^{(n)}(x) = e^x \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} h^{(k)}(x).$$

The derivative, by the product rule is

$$\begin{aligned} g^{(n+1)}(x) &= g^{(n)}(x) + e^x \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} h^{(k+1)}(x) \\ &= g^{(n)}(x) + e^x \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \binom{n}{k-1} h^{(k)}(x) \\ &= e^x \left(h(x) + h^{(n+1)}(x) + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1} \right) h^{(k)}(x) \right) \\ &= e^x \left(h(x) + h^{(n+1)}(x) + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n+1}{k} h^{(k)}(x) \right) \\ &= e^x \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{k} h^{(k)}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the proof is complete.

3. Calculate the infinite series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k^2 - k}.$$

Answer: $2 \ln 2$

Solution: We have the partial fraction decomposition

$$\frac{1}{2k^2 - k} = \frac{2}{2k - 1} - \frac{2}{2k}.$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k^2 - k} = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2k - 1} - \frac{1}{2k} \right) = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots \right) = \boxed{2 \ln 2}.$$