

Quiz #5

SOLUTION

1. { 12 points } Find the average value of the function

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{2x}}{1 + e^{4x}}$$

over the interval $\left[0, \frac{\ln 3}{4}\right]$.

$$f_{ave} = \frac{1}{\frac{\ln 3}{4} - 0} \int_0^{\frac{\ln 3}{4}} \frac{e^{2x}}{1 + e^{4x}} dx$$

Change of variables : $u = e^{2x}$

$$\begin{aligned} du &= 2e^{2x} dx & x = 0 &\rightarrow u = e^0 = 1 \\ & & t = \frac{\ln 3}{4} &\rightarrow u = e^{\frac{\ln 3}{2}} = e^{\ln \sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{ave} &= \frac{4}{\ln 3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\ln 3}{4}} \frac{2e^{2x}}{1 + e^{4x}} dx = \frac{2}{\ln 3} \int_1^{\sqrt{3}} \frac{du}{1 - u^2} \\ &= \frac{2}{\ln 3} \tan^{-1} u \Big|_1^{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2}{\ln 3} \left(\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} - \tan^{-1} 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\ln 3} \left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{\pi}{6 \ln 3} \end{aligned}$$