

Definite Integrals as limits of sums:

Question 1: (JEE Main 2019)

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n^2+1^2} + \frac{n}{n^2+2^2} + \frac{n}{n^2+3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{5n} \right)$ is equal to :

- (1) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (2) $\tan^{-1}(2)$ (3) $\tan^{-1}(3)$ (4) $\frac{\pi}{2}$

Sol:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^{2n} \frac{n}{n^2+r^2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^{2n} \frac{1}{n \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{n^2} \right)} = \int_0^2 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \tan^{-1} 2$$

Question 2: (JEE Main 2019)

Sol:

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(n+1)^{1/3}}{n^{4/3}} + \frac{(n+2)^{1/3}}{n^{4/3}} + \dots + \frac{(2n)^{1/3}}{n^{4/3}} \right)$ is

equal to :

(1) $\frac{4}{3}(2)^{4/3}$ (2) $\frac{3}{4}(2)^{4/3} - \frac{4}{3}$

(3) $\frac{3}{4}(2)^{4/3} - \frac{3}{4}$ (4) $\frac{4}{3}(2)^{3/4}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{n+r}{n} \right)^{1/3} \\ = \int_0^1 (1+x)^{1/3} dx = \frac{3}{4} (2^{4/3} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Question 3: (JEE Advanced 2013)

For $a \in \mathbb{R}$ (the set of all real numbers), $a \neq -1$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1^a + 2^a + \dots + n^a)}{(n+1)^{a-1} [(na+1) + (na+2) + \dots + (na+n)]} = \frac{1}{60}$.

Then $a =$

(A) 5

(B) 7

(C) $\frac{-15}{2}$

(D) $\frac{-17}{2}$

Sol:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1^n + 2^n + \dots + n^n}{(n+1)^{a-1} \left[\frac{na + na + na + \dots + na}{n \text{ times}} + 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n \right]} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^n r^n \right)}{\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{a-1} \left[\frac{n^2 a + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}}{n^2} \right]} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{r=1}^n r^n}{(n+1)^{a-1} \left[n^2 a + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^n r^n \right) n^{a+1}}{(n+1)^{a-1} \left[n^2 a + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]} \end{aligned}$$

$= \int_0^1 x^a dx = \frac{1}{\left(a + \frac{1}{2}\right) 60}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{2}{(a+1)(2a+1)} = \frac{1}{60}$
 $\Rightarrow 2a^2 + 3a - 119 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a = 7 \text{ \& } -\frac{17}{2}$$

$a = -\frac{17}{2}$ will be rejected as $\int_0^1 x^{-\frac{17}{2}} dx$ is not defined.