

Here are some problems, some of them taken from actual Putnam exams, all of them really “just” calculus.

1. Evaluate  $\int_0^{12} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + (12 - x)^2} dx$

2. Assuming  $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$ , evaluate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{b-a} \frac{1^a + 2^a + \dots + n^a}{1^b + 2^b + \dots + n^b}$$

3. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{4 + x^4} + A$  where  $A$  is constant, and let  $F(x)$  be an antiderivative of  $f$ . Find a value of  $A$  for which  $F$  has exactly one critical point.

4. Let  $f(n) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^n \cdot k!}$ . Compute  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} f(n)$ .

5. Show that this improper integral converges:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \sin(x) \sin(x^2) dx$$

6. Let  $f(x) = x^3 - x^2$ . For a given value of  $c$ , the graph of  $f(x)$ , together with the graph of  $y = x + c$ , split the plane up into regions. Suppose that  $c$  is such that exactly two of these regions have finite area. Find the value of  $c$  that minimizes the sum of the areas of these two regions.

7. Compute

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{(\sqrt{\sin(x)} + \sqrt{\cos(x)})^4}.$$

8. Find the maximum of  $\int_0^1 f(x)^3 dx$  given the constraints that  $-1 \leq f(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x$  and  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 0$ .