

MIDTERM 1 PROBLEM 2.  
(graded out of 20 pts)

**Find the integral**

$$\int x^9 e^{x^5} dx.$$

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SOLUTION I

Choose the correct substitution

$$u = x^5, \quad du = 5x^4 dx \quad (8 \text{ pts})$$

The resulting integral equals

$$\frac{1}{5} \int u e^u du \quad (4 \text{ pts})$$

and can be integrated by parts:

$$\frac{1}{5} \int u e^u du = \frac{1}{5} u e^u - \frac{1}{5} \int e^u du = \frac{1}{5} u e^u - \frac{1}{5} e^u + C \quad (6 \text{ pts})$$

back to the original variable  $x$ :

$$= \frac{1}{5} e^{x^5} (x^5 - 1) + C \quad (2 \text{ pts})$$

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SOLUTION II

Rewrite the integral as

$$\frac{1}{5} \int x^5 [5x^4 e^{x^5}] dx$$

then integrate by parts with

$$u = x^5 \text{ and } dv = [5x^4 e^{x^5}] dx, \quad v = e^{x^5} \quad (12 \text{ pts})$$

to get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{5} x^5 e^{x^5} - \frac{1}{5} \int 5x^4 e^{x^5} dx = \\ \frac{1}{5} x^5 e^{x^5} - \frac{1}{5} e^{x^5} + C \end{aligned} \quad (8 \text{ pts})$$

REMARK ON GRADING: iterative integration by parts with  $u$ 's and  $v$ 's different from the above without mistakes earns you 12 points. Each computational mistake takes off -2 pts, each mistake in integration -4 pts.