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SP.543 Let be $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 20]; f(x) = 2 \cdot 3^x + 4 \cdot 5^x - 6$. Find:

$$\Omega = \int_0^{20} f^{-1}(x) dx$$

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Solution 1 by proposer

$$f'(x) = 2 \cdot 3^x \log 3 + 4 \cdot 5^x \log 5 > 0$$

f strictly increasing

$$f(0) = 2 + 4 - 6 = 0; f(1) = 6 + 20 - 6 = 20$$

$$f \text{ continuous} \Rightarrow f([0, 1]) = [0, 20]$$

By Young's theorem:

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx + \int_0^{20} f^{-1}(x) dx = 1 \cdot 20$$

$$\int_0^1 (2 \cdot 3^x + 4 \cdot 5^x - 6) dx + \int_0^{20} f^{-1}(x) dx = 20$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \int_0^{20} f^{-1}(x) dx = 20 - 2 \int_0^1 3^x dx - 4 \int_0^1 5^x dx + 6(1 - 0) = \\ &= 20 - 2 \left(\frac{3^1}{\log 3} - \frac{3^0}{\log 3} \right) - 4 \left(\frac{5^1}{\log 5} - \frac{5^0}{\log 5} \right) + 6 = 26 - \frac{4}{\log 3} - \frac{16}{\log 5} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Using Young equality:

If $f: [0, a] \rightarrow [0, b]$ is a derivable function strictly increasing with $f(0) = 0$ and $f(a) = b$,

then the following equality holds $\int_0^a f(x) dx + \int_0^b f^{-1}(x) dx = ab$.

In our case $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 20], f(x) = 2 \cdot 3^x + 4 \cdot 5^x - 6$ is a derivable function, strictly increasing (exponentials with a superunit base) with $f(0) = 0$ and $f(1) = 20$.

Applying Young equality we obtain:

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx + \int_0^{20} f^{-1}(x) dx = 20$$

$$\text{We have } \int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 (2 \cdot 3^x + 4 \cdot 5^x - 6) dx = \left(2 \cdot \frac{3^x}{\ln 3} + 4 \cdot \frac{5^x}{\ln 5} - 6x \right) \Big|_0^1 =$$

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$$= \left(2 \cdot \frac{3}{\ln 3} + 4 \cdot \frac{5}{\ln 5} - 6 \right) - \left(2 \cdot \frac{1}{\ln 3} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{\ln 5} \right) = \frac{4}{\ln 3} + \frac{16}{\ln 5} - 6$$

We obtain:

$$\Omega = \int_0^{20} f^{-1}(x) dx = 20 - \left(\frac{4}{\ln 3} + \frac{16}{\ln 5} - 6 \right) = 26 - \frac{4}{\ln 3} - \frac{16}{\ln 5}$$

Remark: In the same way.

Let be $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 25]$, $f(x) = 3 \cdot 4^x + 4 \cdot 5^x - 7$. Find:

$$\Omega = \int_0^{25} f^{-1}(x) dx$$

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Solution: Using Young equality:

If $f: [0, a] \rightarrow [0, b]$ is a derivable function, strictly increasing with $f(0) = 0$ and $f(a) = b$,

then the following equality $\int_0^a f(x) dx + \int_0^b f^{-1}(x) dx = ab$.

In our case $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 25]$, $f(x) = 3 \cdot 4^x + 4 \cdot 5^x - 7$ is a derivable function, strictly increasing (exponentials with a superunit base), with $f(0) = 0$ and $f(1) = 25$.

Applying Young's equality we obtain:

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx + \int_0^{25} f^{-1}(x) dx = 25.$$

We have $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 (3 \cdot 4^x + 4 \cdot 5^x - 7) dx = \left(3 \cdot \frac{4^x}{\ln 4} + 4 \cdot \frac{5^x}{\ln 5} - 6x \right) \Big|_0^1 =$

$$= \left(3 \cdot \frac{4}{\ln 4} + 4 \cdot \frac{5}{\ln 5} - 7 \right) - \left(3 \cdot \frac{1}{\ln 4} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{\ln 5} \right) = \frac{9}{\ln 4} + \frac{16}{\ln 5} - 7.$$

We obtain:

$$\Omega = \int_0^{25} f^{-1}(x) dx = 25 - \left(\frac{9}{\ln 4} + \frac{16}{\ln 5} - 7 \right) = 32 - \frac{9}{\ln 4} - \frac{16}{\ln 5}.$$