

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined by $f(x) = \begin{cases} [x], & x \leq 2 \\ 0, & x > 2 \end{cases}$,

where $[x]$ is the greatest integer less than or equal to x . If $I = \int_{-1}^2 \frac{xf(x^2)}{2+f(x+1)} dx$, then the value of $(4I-1)$ is

Solution

$$f(x^2) = \begin{cases} [x^2], & x^2 \leq 2 \\ 0, & x^2 > 2 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0, & x > \sqrt{2} \\ [x^2], & -\sqrt{2} \leq x \leq \sqrt{2} \\ 0, & x < -\sqrt{2} \end{cases}$$

$$I = \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 \frac{xf(x^2)}{2+f(x+1)} dx}_{I_1} + \underbrace{\int_1^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{xf(x^2)}{2+f(x+1)} dx}_{I_2} + \underbrace{\int_{\sqrt{2}}^2 \frac{xf(x^2)}{2+f(x+1)} dx}_{I_3}$$

When x lies between -1 & 1 , $f(x^2) = [x^2] = 0$. $\therefore I_1 = 0$

When x lies between $\sqrt{2}$ & 2 , $f(x^2) = 0$. $\therefore I_3 = 0$

$$\therefore I = \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{xf(x^2)}{2+f(x+1)} dx$$

$$f(x+1) = \begin{cases} [x+1], & x+1 \leq 2 \\ 0, & x+1 > 2 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1+[x], & x \leq 1 \\ 0, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

When x lies between 1 & $\sqrt{2}$, $f(x+1) = 0$ & $f(x^2) = [x^2] = 1$

$$\therefore I = \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{x \cdot 1}{2+0} dx = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_1^{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\therefore 4I - 1 = 0$$