

We have $\cos 3x = \cos(2x+x)$ ← This is sometimes a useful idea for trigonometric identities.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \cos 2x \cos x - \sin 2x \sin x \\
 &= (2\cos^2 x - 1)\cos x - 2\sin x \cos x \cdot \sin x \\
 &= 2\cos^3 x - \cos x - 2(1 - \cos^2 x)\cos x \\
 &= 2\cos^3 x - \cos x - 2\cos x + 2\cos^3 x \\
 &= 4\cos^3 x - 3\cos x \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

Likewise, $\sin 3x = \sin(2x+x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sin 2x \cos x + \sin x \cos 2x \\
 &= 2\sin x \cos x \cdot \cos x + \sin x(1 - 2\sin^2 x) \\
 &= 2\sin x(1 - \sin^2 x) + \sin x - 2\sin^3 x \\
 &= 2\sin x - 2\sin^3 x + \sin x - 2\sin^3 x \\
 &= 3\sin x - 4\sin^3 x.
 \end{aligned}$$

i. $I(\alpha) = \int_0^\alpha 7\sin x - 8\sin^3 x \, dx.$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^\alpha \sin x + (6\sin x - 8\sin^3 x) \, dx \\
 &= \int_0^\alpha \sin x + 2\sin 3x \, dx. \\
 &= \left[-\cos x - \frac{2}{3}\cos 3x \right]_0^\alpha \\
 &= -\cos \alpha - \frac{2}{3}\cos 3\alpha + 1 + \frac{2}{3} \\
 &= -\frac{2}{3}(4\cos^3 \alpha - 3\cos \alpha) - \cos \alpha + \frac{5}{3} \\
 &= -\frac{8}{3}\cos^3 \alpha + \cos \alpha + \frac{5}{3}.
 \end{aligned}$$

When $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$, we have $I(\alpha) = -\frac{8}{3} + 1 + \frac{5}{3} = 0.$

ii. Write $J(x)$ for Eustace's calculated value of $I(x)$.

$$J(x) = \left[\frac{7 \sin^2 x}{2} - \frac{8 \sin^4 x}{4} \right]_0^x$$

$$= \frac{7}{2} \sin^2 x - 2 \sin^4 x$$

$$= \frac{7}{2} (1 - c^2) - 2(1 - c^2)^2$$

$$= \frac{7}{2} - \frac{7}{2} c^2 - 2(1 - 2c^2 + c^4)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} c^2 - 2c^4.$$

Careful! It's easy to forget just how useless Eustace is. He can't even integrate $\sin x \dots$

so $J(x) = I(x)$ when

$$\frac{-8c^3 + c}{3} + \frac{5}{3} = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} c^2 - 2c^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2c^4 - \frac{8}{3}c^3 - \frac{1}{2}c^2 + c + \frac{1}{6} = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow 12c^4 - 16c^3 - 3c^2 + 6c + 1 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow (6c+1)(2c^3 - 3c^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (6c+1)(c-1)(2c^2 - c - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (6c+1)(c-1)^2(2c+1) = 0.$$

$$\text{so } c = -1/6, c = 1, c = -1/2.$$

So Eustace obtains the correct value of $I(x)$ when:

$$\cos \alpha = -1/6 \quad \text{i.e. } \alpha = \cos^{-1}(-1/6) + 2n\pi \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\cos \alpha = 1 \quad \text{i.e. } \alpha = 2n\pi.$$

$$\cos \alpha = -1/2 \quad \text{i.e. } \alpha = 2n\pi \pm \frac{2\pi}{3}.$$

← The question wants all values of α for which this is true - don't forget the extra multiples of 2π !

← We could deal with the case $c = -1/6$ separately, to show that $J(x) = I(x)$, but it's quicker and equally valid not to.