

Undergraduate Mathematics Committee hosts second annual Integration Bee

Undergraduate math students compete to solve integrals in tournament-style competition.

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The audience watches on as two contestants go head to head in the quarterfinal.

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The UC Irvine Undergraduate Mathematics Committee (UMC) hosted its second annual Integration Bee on Saturday, March 1 in the Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building. Modeled after the MIT Integration Bee, the event gives undergraduate students an opportunity to solve integration problems for a cash prize of up to \$75.

Sixteen contestants, chosen from a group of over 30 participants based on their performance on qualifying exams, competed in a tournament-style competition. Professors Christopher Davis, Paul Carter and Luke Smith judged the competition as contestants advanced through each round until one was left standing.

This year, Davin Huynh, a fourth-year undergraduate math student, claimed first place, successfully defending his title after also winning UMC's inaugural Integration Bee in 2024. Simin Kim, a second-year undergraduate math student, secured second place, while first-year undergraduate math student Xiangzhao Zhu finished third.

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