

CY404: Assignment - 2

Go through the following worked exercises and spot errors, if any:

1. Evaluate indefinite integrals:

(a) $x \sin x$

Ans: $\int x \sin x dx = -x \cos x - \int -\cos x dx = -x \cos x + \sin x$

(b) $x^3 e^{-x^2}$

Ans: Let $x^2 = t$. Then $2x dx = dt$

$$\int x^3 e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int t e^t dt = \frac{1}{2} [t e^t - \int e^t dt] = \frac{1}{2} (t e^t - e^t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-x^2} (x^2 - 1)$$

(c) $\frac{1}{4 - 4x^2 + 6x}$

Ans: $4 - 4x^2 + 6x = -\left(2x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{25}{4}$

Let $2x - \frac{3}{2} = t$. Then, $dx = dt/2$

$$\int \frac{dx}{4 - 4x^2 + 6x} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dt}{\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - t^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{5} \tanh^{-1} \frac{2}{5} t = \frac{1}{5} \tanh^{-1} \frac{2t}{5} = \frac{1}{5} \tanh^{-1} \frac{4x - 3}{5}$$

(We used one of the standard integrals, $\int \frac{dx}{a^2 - x^2} = \frac{\tanh^{-1} \frac{x}{a}}{a}$)

(d) $\frac{1}{4 \cos x + 3 \sin x}$

Ans: Let $\tan \frac{x}{2} = t$

$$\int \frac{dx}{4 \cos x + 3 \sin x} = \int \frac{2dt}{(1+t^2) \left(\frac{4(1-t^2)}{1+t^2} + \frac{6t}{1+t^2} \right)} = \int \frac{2dt}{4-4t^2+6t} = \frac{2}{5} \tanh^{-1} \frac{4t-3}{5}$$

(the last result from problem (c))

$$\text{The require integral} = \frac{2}{5} \tanh^{-1} \frac{4 \tan \frac{x}{2} - 3}{5}$$

2. Evaluate definite integrals:

$$(a) \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} \sin x dx$$

Use udv rule with $u = \sin x$ and $dv = e^{-x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{-x} \sin x dx &= -\sin x e^{-x} - \int -e^{-x} \cos x dx = -\sin x e^{-x} + -\cos x e^{-x} - \int -e^{-x} (-\sin x) dx \\ &= -\sin x e^{-x} - \cos x e^{-x} - \int e^{-x} \sin x dx \\ \therefore 2 \int e^{-x} \sin x dx &= -\sin x e^{-x} - \cos x e^{-x} \\ \therefore \int e^{-x} \sin x dx &= -\frac{1}{2} e^{-x} (\sin x + \cos x) \end{aligned}$$

Applying limits, the required definite integral is $\frac{1}{2}$. (becuase, at upper limit the integral is zero and at lower limit it is $\cos 0 = 1$.)

$$(b) \int_0^{\pi/2} x \cos^2 x dx$$

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}$$

$$\int x \cos^2 x dx = \frac{1}{2} \int x dx + \frac{1}{2} \int x \cos 2x dx$$

$$\int x dx = \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$\int x \cos 2x dx = x \frac{\sin 2x}{2} - \int \frac{\sin 2x}{2} dx = \frac{1}{2} x \sin 2x - \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\cos 2x}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} x \sin 2x + \frac{1}{4} \cos 2x$$

$$\therefore \int x \cos^2 x dx = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x \sin 2x}{4} + \frac{\cos 2x}{8}$$

Applying limits, the required definite integral is

$$\frac{\pi^2}{16} - 0 + \frac{\pi \sin \pi}{2 \cdot 4} - \frac{\pi \sin 0}{2 \cdot 4} + \frac{\cos \pi}{8} - \frac{\cos 0}{8} = \frac{\pi^2}{16} - 0 + 0 - 0 - \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{\pi^2}{16} - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(c) \int_0^x \sin^2 y dy$$

$$\text{Ans: } \int \sin^2 y dy = \frac{1}{2} \int (1 - \cos 2y) dy = \frac{1}{2} \left(y - \frac{\sin 2y}{2} \right) = \frac{y}{2} - \frac{\sin 2y}{4}$$

Applying limits, the required definite integral is the function, $\frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sin 2x}{4}$

3. Evaluate $\int_0^t e^x \cos x dx$ by using complex number to replace the trigonometric function

$$\text{Ans: } \int_0^t e^x \cos x dx + i \int_0^t e^x \sin x dx =$$

$$\int_0^t e^x (\cos x + i \sin x) dx = \int_0^t e^x e^{ix} dx = \int_0^t e^{x(1+i)} dx$$

$$= \frac{e^{t(1+i)} - 1}{1+i} = \frac{e^t (\cos t + i \sin t) - 1}{1+i} \frac{1-i}{1-i} = \frac{\{e^t (\cos t + i \sin t) - 1\}(1-i)}{2}$$

The required definite integral is the real part of the above complex quantity, which is

$$\frac{e^t (\cos t + \sin t) - 1}{2}$$

Note: Using complex number to replace sine or cosine sometimes simplifies the algebra.

4. What angle does the body diagonal of a cube make with one of its edges?

$$\text{Ans: Unit vector along body diagonal} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k})$$

Unit vector along an edge (let us call it the x -edge) = \vec{i}

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Angle} = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 54.73 \text{ degrees}$$

5. Find $\nabla^2\left(\frac{x \cos xy}{z}\right)$

Ans:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\cos xy}{z} - \frac{xy \sin xy}{z}; \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{-y \sin xy}{z} - \frac{xy^2 \cos xy}{z} - \frac{y \sin xy}{z}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{-x^2 \sin xy}{z}; \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{-x^3 \cos xy}{z}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{-x \cos xy}{z^2}; \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} = \frac{2x \cos xy}{z^3}$$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 f = -\frac{y \sin xy}{z} - \frac{xy^2 \cos xy}{z} - \frac{y \sin xy}{z} - \frac{x^3 \cos xy}{z} + \frac{2x \cos xy}{z^3}$$

6. Evaluate $\oint_C (2xydy - x^2 dx)$ where the cyclic path C is the triangle

A(0,0) -> B(1,0) -> C(1,1) -> A(0,0)

$$\text{A} \rightarrow \text{B } y = 0 \text{ } dy = 0 \int_0^1 -x^2 dx = -1/3$$

$$B \rightarrow C \quad x=1 \quad dx=0 \quad \int_0^1 2y dy = 1$$

$$C \rightarrow A \quad x=y \quad \int_1^0 x^2 = -1/3$$

The net result is therefore, $-1/3 + 1 - 1/3 = 1/3$

Try the following problem:

A vector function is given as $\vec{f} = x^2 \vec{i} + xy \vec{j} + z \vec{k}$. Find the integral $\int_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r}$ along a straight line joining the origin to the point (1, 1, 0).

If the vector function in the above calculation represents a force which is derived from a potential, $V(x, y, z)$ such that $\vec{f} = \vec{\nabla}V(x, y, z)$, show that the above integral does not depend on the path. What will be the value of the integral if the displacement is from (x_1, y_1, z_1) to (x_2, y_2, z_2) ?