

Calculus and Probability Theory

Assignment 5

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After completing these exercises successfully you should be confident with the following topics:

- familiar with definite and indefinite integrals
- able to apply the most important integration methods, more specifically, substitution and integration
- confident about switching between different representations of a function
- able to compute area of a finite or infinite region
- able to apply the formula for the arc length of a function over a finite interval

1. **(20 points)** Compute the following indefinite integrals. You can use *substitution* or *integration by parts*. In each problem *verify* your result, and don't forget about the constant term. You may need some of the following, well-known trigonometric identities:

$$\sin(2x) = 2 \sin(x) \cos(x), \quad \cos(2x) = \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x), \quad \sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1$$

Also, it is highly recommended to consult with the lecture slides and solve the problems there before you start with these ones.

(a) $\int \sin(x) \cos(x) dx$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sin(x) \\ du &= \cos(x) dx \\ dx &= \frac{du}{\cos(x)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \sin(x) \cos(x) \, dx &= \int u \cos(x) \frac{du}{\cos(x)} \\
&= \int u \, du \\
&= \frac{1}{2} u^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + C
\end{aligned}$$

(b) $\int \ln(ax) \, dx$ where $a > 0$

Solution:

Using integration by parts $= \int f' \cdot g = f \cdot g - \int f \cdot g'$

$$\begin{aligned}
g &= \ln(ax) \\
g' &= \frac{1}{x} \\
f &= x \\
f' &= 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \ln(ax) \, dx &= x \cdot \ln(ax) - \int x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \\
&= x \cdot \ln(ax) - \int 1 \\
&= x \cdot \ln(ax) - x + C
\end{aligned}$$

(c) $\int \cos^2(x) \, dx$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \cos^2(x) \, dx &= \sin(x) \cos(x) - \int \sin(x) \cdot (-\sin(x)) \, dx \\
&= \sin(x) \cos(x) + \int \sin^2(x) \, dx \\
&= \sin(x) \cos(x) + \int 1 - \cos^2(x) \, dx \\
\int \cos^2(x) \, dx &= \sin(x) \cos(x) + x + K - \int \cos^2(x) \, dx \\
2 \int \cos^2(x) \, dx &= \sin(x) \cos(x) + x + K \\
\int \cos^2(x) \, dx &= \frac{1}{2} (x + \sin(x) \cos(x)) + c
\end{aligned}$$

(d) $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} dx$
Solution:

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \arcsin(2x) + c$$

(e) $\int e^{3x} \sin(x) dx$
Solution:

Using integration by parts $= \int f' \cdot g = f \cdot g - \int f \cdot g'$

$$\begin{aligned} g &= e^{3x} \\ g' &= 3e^{3x} \\ f &= -\cos(x) \\ f' &= \sin(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{3x} \sin(x) dx &= -\cos(x) \cdot e^{3x} - \int -\cos(x) \cdot 3e^{3x} \\ &= -\cos(x) \cdot e^{3x} + \int \cos(x) \cdot 3e^{3x} \end{aligned}$$

Using integration by parts again:

$$\begin{aligned} g &= 3e^{3x} \\ g' &= 9e^{3x} \\ f &= \sin(x) \\ f' &= \cos(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{3x} \sin(x) dx &= -\cos(x)e^{3x} + \sin(x)3e^{3x} - \int \sin(x)9e^{3x} \\ &= e^{3x}(3\sin(x) - \cos(x)) - 9 \int \sin(x)e^{3x} \\ 10 \int e^{3x} \sin(x) &= e^{3x}(3\sin(x) - \cos(x)) \\ &= \frac{1}{10}(e^{3x}(3\sin(x) - \cos(x))) \end{aligned}$$

2. **(20 points)** Compute the length of the curve $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$ where $x \in [-1, 1]$

- (a) using calculus, and

Solution:

Arc length of this interval

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (-2x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \cdot (-2x) \\ &= -\frac{2x}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \\ &= -x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \\ &= -\frac{x}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(-\frac{x}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}\right)^2 = \frac{x^2}{1 - x^2}$$

- (b) using geometric argument. [Hint: what is the shape of $\sqrt{1 - x^2}$]?

Solution:

3. (20 points) Compute the definite integral $\int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1 - x^2} \, dx$

- (a) using calculus [hint: instead of substituting a function of x by u , now substitute $x = \sin(u)$.]

Solution:

- (b) using geometric argument?

Solution:

4. (15 points) Compute the following improper integrals.

- (a) $\int_0^\infty r e^{-r^2} \, dr$;

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty r e^{-r^2} \, dr &= -\frac{e^{-r^2}}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\int_0^{2\pi} (\int_0^\infty r e^{-r^2} dr) dt$;

Solution:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (\int_0^\infty r e^{-r^2} dr) dt = \pi$$

(c) (bonus, +3 points) Prove that $\int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-z^2} dz = \sqrt{\pi}$.

You may use the fact that $\int_{-\infty}^\infty (\int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx) dy = \int_0^{2\pi} (\int_0^\infty r e^{-r^2} dr) dt$

Solution:

(d) $\int_0^\infty e^{-z^2} dz$

Solution:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-z^2} dz = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

5. (15 points) Compute the following improper integrals.

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

Solution:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx = 1$$

(b) $\int_0^\infty x e^{-x} dx$ using integration by parts;

Solution:

$$\int_0^\infty x e^{-x} dx = 1$$

(c) (bonus, +2 points) $\int_0^\infty x^n e^{-x} dx$ for all $n \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$

[Hint: Try first for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$]

Solution:

(d) $\int_0^\infty x^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-x} dx$

[Hint: Substitute $u = \sqrt{x}$ and, at the end, some information from a previous exercise turns out to be useful.]

Solution:

$$\int_0^\infty x^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-x} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$$

6. (10 points) .

- (a) Given three lines, $y = x + 2$, $y = -x + 6$ and $y = 2x - 3$ enclosing a triangle. Determine the *coordinates* of the three vertices and the *area* of the triangle.

Solution:

- (b) Compute the area of the region bounded by $y = (x - 1)^3$ and $y = (x - 1)^2$

Solution:

7. (**bonus, 5 points**) The figure shows a horizontal line $y = c$ intersecting the curve $y = -(x - 2)^2 + 4$. Find the number c such that the areas of the shaded regions are equal.

