

MA 1201 Semester B 2019/20
Midterm Exam (A/B/C/D, 100 mins)

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1. (25 points) Let $A(-1, 2, 1)$, $B(2, 3, -1)$, and $C(0, -1, 3)$ be three points in \mathbb{R}^3 . Using vector method:

(a) (8 points) Find the area of the triangle $\triangle ABC$.

Solution. The area of the triangle is given by

$$A = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}|,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AB} &= B - A = \langle 2 - (-1), 3 - 2, -1 - 1 \rangle = \langle 3, 1, -2 \rangle, \\ \vec{AC} &= C - A = \langle 0 - (-1), -1 - 2, 3 - 1 \rangle = \langle 1, -3, 2 \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Since (see page 13 of the supplementary notes for the determinant formula for computing vector products)

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= [1 \cdot 2 - (-3) \cdot (-2)]\vec{i} - [3 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot (-2)]\vec{j} + [3 \cdot (-3) - 1 \cdot 1]\vec{k} = \langle -4, -8, -10 \rangle,\end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-8)^2 + (-10)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{180} = \sqrt{45}.$$

(b) (8 points) Find the equation of the plane that contains A , B , and C .

Solution. The equation of the plane is given by

$$n_1(x - x_0) + n_2(y - y_0) + n_3(z - z_0) = 0,$$

where $\vec{n} = \langle n_1, n_2, n_3 \rangle$ is a normal vector of the plane and $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is a point on the plane. Since

$$\vec{n} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \langle -4, -8, -10 \rangle = -2\langle 2, 4, 5 \rangle,$$

and $P(x_0, y_0, z_0) = A(-1, 2, 1)$ is a point on the plane, the equation takes the form

$$2[x - (-1)] + 4(y - 2) + 5(z - 1) = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad 2x + 4y + 5z = 11.$$

- (c) (9 points) Find the distance from C to the line passing through A and B .

Solution. The distance between C and the line is given by

$$d = \sqrt{|\vec{AC}|^2 - |\text{proj}_{\vec{AB}} \vec{AC}|^2}$$

where $|\text{proj}_{\vec{AB}} \vec{AC}|$ is the magnitude of the (orthogonal) projection of the vector $\vec{AC} = \langle 1, -3, 2 \rangle$ onto the vector $\vec{AB} = \langle 3, 1, -2 \rangle$:

$$|\text{proj}_{\vec{AB}} \vec{AC}| = \left| \frac{\vec{AC} \cdot \vec{AB}}{|\vec{AB}|} \right| = \left| \frac{\langle 1, -3, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 1, -2 \rangle}{|\langle 3, 1, -2 \rangle|} \right| = \left| \frac{1 \cdot 3 + (-3) \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot (-2)}{\sqrt{3^2 + 1^2 + (-2)^2}} \right| = \left| \frac{-4}{\sqrt{14}} \right| = \frac{4}{\sqrt{14}},$$

and

$$|\vec{AC}| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-3)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{14}.$$

Thus

$$d = \sqrt{|\vec{AC}|^2 - |\text{proj}_{\vec{AB}} \vec{AC}|^2} = \sqrt{14 - \frac{16}{14}} = \sqrt{\frac{180}{14}} = \sqrt{\frac{90}{7}}.$$

2. (50 points) Evaluate the following integrals.

(a) (7 points) $\int \frac{1}{1+16x^2} dx$.

Solution. Let

$$u = 4x,$$

$$du = (4x)' dx = 4 dx, \quad \text{or} \quad dx = \frac{1}{4} du.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{1+16x^2} dx &= \int \frac{1}{1+(4x)^2} dx = \int \frac{1}{1+u^2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4} du\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{1}{1+u^2} du = \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1} u + C = \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1}(4x) + C. \end{aligned}$$

(b) (8 points) $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin x| dx$.

Motivation. Since, by definition,

$$|\sin x| = \begin{cases} \sin x, & \text{if } \sin x \geq 0 \\ -\sin x, & \text{if } \sin x < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \sin x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ -\sin x, & \text{if } -\pi < x < 0 \end{cases},$$

it's necessary to partition the interval of integration $[-\pi, \pi]$ at $x = 0$ into two parts, $[-\pi, 0]$ and $[0, \pi]$.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin x| dx &= \int_{-\pi}^0 |\sin x| dx + \int_0^{\pi} |\sin x| dx = \int_{-\pi}^0 (-\sin x) dx + \int_0^{\pi} \sin x dx \\ &= -(-\cos x) \Big|_{-\pi}^0 + (-\cos x) \Big|_0^{\pi} = [\cos 0 - \cos(-\pi)] - [\cos \pi - \cos 0] = 4. \end{aligned}$$

(c) (10 points) $\int \sin(2x) \ln(\sin x) dx$.

Motivation. Observe that

$$\sin(2x) dx = 2 \sin x \cdot \cos x dx = 2 \sin x d(\sin x).$$

This suggests that the integral can be simplified by the substitution $w = \sin x$.

Solution. Let

$$w = \sin x, \quad dw = (\sin x)' dx = \cos x dx.$$

Then

$$\int \sin(2x) \ln(\sin x) dx = \int \ln(\sin x) \cdot \sin(2x) dx = \int \ln(\sin x) \cdot 2 \sin x \cdot \cos x dx = \int \ln w \cdot 2w dw.$$

To proceed, apply integration by parts with

$$u = \ln w, \quad dv = 2w dw.$$

Direct integration yields

$$v = \int dv = \int 2w dw = w^2,$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \int \ln w \cdot 2w dw &= \int \ln w d(w^2) = \ln w \cdot w^2 - \int w^2 d(\ln w) = \ln w \cdot w^2 - \int w^2 \cdot \frac{1}{w} dw \\ &= \ln w \cdot w^2 - \int w dw = \ln w \cdot w^2 - \frac{1}{2} w^2 + C = \ln(\sin x) \cdot \sin^2 x - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 x + C. \end{aligned}$$

(d) (10 points) $\int \frac{x^2}{(4-x^2)^{3/2}} dx$.

Motivation. Since the integrand contains a square root function $(4-x^2)^{3/2}$, but no extra factor of x (= a constant multiple of $(4-x^2)'$), the simple substitution $u = 4-x^2$ does not work. Thus it is a good idea to try a trig substitution instead.

Solution. The Pythagorean identity $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$, or equivalently $4 - 4\sin^2 \theta = 4\cos^2 \theta$, motivates the (trig) substitution

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 &= 4\sin^2 \theta, \quad \text{or} \quad x = 2\sin \theta, \quad \text{so that} \quad (4-x^2)^{3/2} = (4\cos^2 \theta)^{3/2} = 8\cos^3 \theta, \\ dx &= (2\sin \theta)' d\theta = 2\cos \theta d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

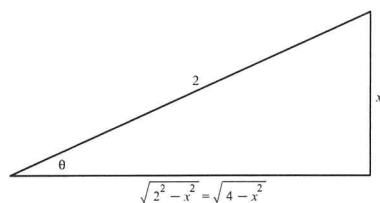
It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^2}{(4-x^2)^{3/2}} dx &= \int \frac{4\sin^2 \theta}{8\cos^3 \theta} \cdot (2\cos \theta d\theta) = \int \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} d\theta = \int \tan^2 \theta d\theta \\ &= \int (\sec^2 \theta - 1) d\theta = \int \sec^2 \theta d\theta - \int 1 d\theta = \tan \theta - \theta + C = \frac{x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} - \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{2} + C, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last step the following right triangle has been used to find $\tan \theta$. This triangle is constructed based on the observation that

$$x = 2\sin \theta, \quad \text{or} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{x}{2} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}},$$

and its adjacent is determined using the Pythagorean theorem.



(e) (15 points) $\int \frac{7x+22}{(x+2)(x^2+4x+8)} dx.$

Solution. The idea is to decompose the integrand, a rational function, into partial fractions. To begin with, note that

$$\deg(\text{numerator}) = 1 < \deg(\text{denominator}) = 1 + 2 = 3. \quad (1)$$

This shows that the rational function is proper, and thus a long division is not needed. Next, note that the denominator is already in a factored form, and the quadratic polynomial (x^2+4x+8) is irreducible ($\Delta = 4^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 8 < 0$). Thus $(x+2)$ and (x^2+4x+8) are the only factors of the denominator, and the partial fraction decomposition of the rational function is given by

$$\frac{7x+22}{(x+2)(x^2+4x+8)} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+4x+8}. \quad (2)$$

To find the constants A , B , and C , multiply both sides of the equation by the denominator $(x+2)(x^2+4x+8)$ and rearrange. This yields

$$7x+22 = A(x^2+4x+8) + (Bx+C)(x+2). \quad (3)$$

Setting $x = -2$, the zero of the linear factor $(x+2)$, on both sides of the equation yields

$$7 \cdot (-2) + 22 = A[(-2)^2 + 4 \cdot (-2) + 8],$$

which implies

$$8 = 4A, \quad \text{or} \quad A = 2. \quad (4)$$

To find B and C , one could substitute other convenient values of x (e.g. $x = 0$ and $x = 1$) into the equation, but it's better here to expand the right side of the equation, combine like powers of x , and then compare coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} 7x+22 &= A(x^2+4x+8) + (Bx+C)(x+2) \\ &= (Ax^2+4Ax+8A) + (Bx^2+2Bx+Cx+2C) \\ &= (A+B)x^2 + (4A+2B+C)x + (8A+2C). \end{aligned}$$

This yields the linear system

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= 0 \\ 4A + 2B + C &= 7, \\ 8A + 2C &= 22 \end{aligned}$$

where the first and third equation immediately implies (recall $A = 2$)

$$B = -A = -2, \quad C = 11 - 4A = 3. \quad (5)$$

It follows that

$$\frac{7x+22}{(x+2)(x^2+4x+8)} = \frac{2}{x+2} + \frac{-2x+3}{x^2+4x+8},$$

and thus

$$\int \frac{7x+22}{(x+2)(x^2+4x+8)} dx = \int \frac{2}{x+2} dx + \int \frac{-2x+3}{x^2+4x+8} dx = 2\ln|x+2| + \int \frac{-2x+3}{x^2+4x+8} dx. \quad (2)$$

To evaluate the last integral on the right side, observe that the substitution

$$u = x^2 + 4x + 8, \\ du = (x^2 + 4x + 8)' dx = (2x + 4) dx = 2(x + 2) dx,$$

indicates that an extra factor of $(x+2)$ (= a constant multiple of u') is needed to simplify the integral. This suggests the decomposition of the numerator:

$$-2x+3 = -2(x+2-2)+3 = -2(x+2)+7,$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{-2x+3}{x^2+4x+8} dx &= \int \left(\frac{-2(x+2)}{x^2+4x+8} + \frac{7}{x^2+4x+8} \right) dx \\ &= -2 \int \frac{x+2}{x^2+4x+8} dx + \int \frac{7}{x^2+4x+8} dx. \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

The first integral on the right side can be directly solved using the substitution

$$u = x^2 + 4x + 8, \\ du = 2(x+2) dx, \quad \text{or} \quad (x+2) dx = \frac{1}{2} du,$$

which gives

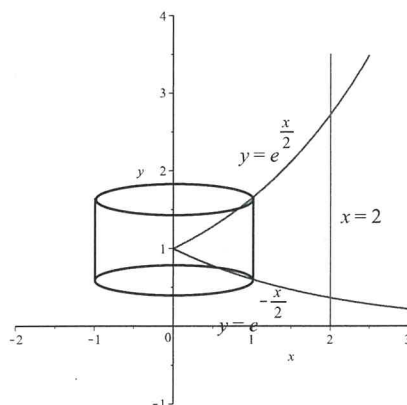
$$\begin{aligned} -2 \int \frac{x+2}{x^2+4x+8} dx &= -2 \int \frac{1}{x^2+4x+8} \cdot (x+2) dx \\ &= -2 \int \frac{1}{u} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} du \right) = - \int \frac{1}{u} du = -\ln|u| + C = -\ln|x^2+4x+8| + C. \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

As for the second integral, the fact that the quadratic polynomial (x^2+4x+8) is irreducible implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{7}{x^2+4x+8} dx &= \int \frac{7}{(x^2+2 \cdot x \cdot 2)+8} dx = \int \frac{7}{(x^2+2 \cdot x \cdot 2+2^2-2^2)+8} dx \\ &= \int \frac{7}{(x+2)^2+4} dx = \frac{7}{4} \int \frac{1}{(1/4)(x+2)^2+1} dx = \frac{7}{4} \cdot \frac{\tan^{-1}[(1/2)(x+2)]}{(1/2)} + C. \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion,

$$\int \frac{7x+22}{(x+2)(x^2+4x+8)} dx = 2\ln|x+2| - \ln|x^2+4x+8| + \frac{7}{2} \tan^{-1}[(1/2)(x+2)] + C.$$



3. (25 points)

- (a) (15 points) Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region in the first quadrant bounded from above by $y = e^{x/2}$, from below by $y = e^{-x/2}$, and on the right by $x = 2$ about the y -axis.

Solution. As shown in the following figure, the slice is chosen to be vertical (and hence the integration has to be carried out in x), since this avoids partitioning the interval of integration into multiple subintervals. Since the slice is parallel to the axis of rotation, the revolution of the slice generates a cylindrical shell, which then suggests that the shell method has to be used. Now the radius $r(x)$ and height $h(x)$ of the shell, expressed as functions of x , are given by

$$r(x) = x - 0 = x, \quad h(x) = e^{x/2} - e^{-x/2}.$$

The bounds of integration, on the other hand, are obviously given by $x = 0$ (which is the intersection of $y = e^{x/2}$ with $y = e^{-x/2}$) and $x = 2$. The volume of the solid is then given by

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_0^2 2\pi r(x)h(x) dx = \int_0^2 2\pi x \cdot (e^{x/2} - e^{-x/2}) dx = 2\pi \int_0^2 x d[2(e^{x/2} + e^{-x/2})] \\ &= 2\pi \left\{ x \cdot 2(e^{x/2} + e^{-x/2}) \Big|_0^2 - \int_0^2 2(e^{x/2} + e^{-x/2}) dx \right\} = 2\pi \left\{ 4(e + e^{-1}) - 4(e^{x/2} - e^{-x/2}) \Big|_0^2 \right\} \\ &= 2\pi \left\{ 4(e + e^{-1}) - 4[(e - 1) - (e^{-1} - 1)] \right\} = 2\pi \left\{ 4(e + e^{-1}) - 4(e - e^{-1}) \right\} = 16\pi e^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (10 points) Find the length of the curve $y = \ln(\sec x)$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi/4$.

Solution. Since the curve is described by a function of x , the curve length should be expressed as an integral of x :

$$L = \int ds = \int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{1 + [y'(x)]^2} dx,$$

where

$$1 + [y'(x)]^2 = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{\sec x} \cdot (\sec x \tan x) \right)^2 = 1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x.$$

It then follows that (note $\sec x > 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq \pi/4$)

$$L = \int_0^{\pi/4} |\sec x| dx = \int_0^{\pi/4} \sec x dx = \ln|\sec x + \tan x| \Big|_0^{\pi/4} = \ln|\sqrt{2} + 1| - \ln|1 + 0| = \ln(\sqrt{2} + 1).$$

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