

**MA 1201 Semester B 2019/20**  
**Midterm Exam (E/F/G/H, 100 mins)**

**Instructions:**

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1. (25 points) Let  $A(1, 2, 0)$ ,  $B(-1, 3, 0)$ ,  $C(-1, 2, -1)$ , and  $D(0, 1, 1)$  be four 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  $\triangle ABC$  is given by

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

where

$$\vec{AB} = B - A = \langle -1 - 1, 3 - 2, 0 - 0 \rangle = \langle -2, 1, 0 \rangle,$$

$$\vec{AC} = C - A = \langle -1 - 1, 2 - 2, -1 - 0 \rangle = \langle -2, 0, -1 \rangle.$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{n} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k} = \langle -1, -2, 2 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$Area = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + 4 + 4} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

(b) (9 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  $\vec{n} = \langle -1, -2, 2 \rangle$  and  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0) = A(1, 2, 0)$  is a point on the plane, the equation takes the form

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

- (c) (8 points) Find the volume of the parallelepiped with  $AB$ ,  $AC$ , and  $AD$  as its adjacent sides.

**Solution.** Note that

$$\vec{AD} = D - A = \langle 0 - 1, 1 - 2, 1 - 0 \rangle = \langle -1, -1, 1 \rangle.$$

Then the volume of the parallelepiped with  $AB$ ,  $AC$ , and  $AD$  as its adjacent sides is given by

$$V = |(\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}) \cdot \vec{AD}| = (1 + 2 + 2) = 5.$$

2. (50 points) Evaluate the following integrals.

- (a) (7 points)  $\int e^{3x+2} dx$ .

**Solution.** Let

$$u = 3x + 2,$$

$$du = (3x + 2)' dx = 3 dx, \quad \text{or} \quad dx = \frac{1}{3} du.$$

Then

$$\int e^{3x+2} dx = \int e^u \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3} du\right) = \frac{1}{3} \int e^u du = \frac{1}{3} e^u + C = \frac{1}{3} e^{3x+2} + C.$$

- (b) (8 points)  $\int_1^3 \frac{1}{1 + |x-2|} dx$ .

**Motivation.** Since, by definition,

$$|x-2| = \begin{cases} x-2, & \text{if } x-2 \geq 0 \\ -(x-2), & \text{if } x-2 < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} x-2, & \text{if } x \geq 2 \\ 2-x, & \text{if } x < 2 \end{cases}$$

it's necessary to partition the interval of integration  $[1, 3]$  at  $x = 2$  into two parts,  $[1, 2]$  and  $[2, 3]$ .

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^3 \frac{1}{1 + |x-2|} dx &= \int_1^2 \frac{1}{1 + |x-2|} dx + \int_2^3 \frac{1}{1 + |x-2|} dx = \int_1^2 \frac{1}{1 + (2-x)} dx + \int_2^3 \frac{1}{1 + (x-2)} dx \\ &= \int_1^2 \frac{1}{3-x} dx + \int_2^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx = -\ln|x-3| \Big|_1^2 + \ln|x-1| \Big|_2^3 = 2\ln 2. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) (10 points)  $\int e^{-x} \sin(5x) dx$ .

**Solution.** By the integration by part

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{-x} \sin(5x) dx &= \int \sin(5x) d(-e^{-x}) = -e^{-x} \sin(5x) - \int (-e^{-x}) d(\sin(5x)) = -e^{-x} \sin(5x) + 5 \int e^{-x} \cos(5x) dx \\ &= -e^{-x} \sin(5x) + 5 \int \cos(5x) d(-e^{-x}) = -e^{-x} \sin(5x) - 5e^{-x} \cos(5x) + 5 \int e^{-x} d(\cos(5x)) \\ &= -e^{-x} \sin(5x) - 5e^{-x} \cos(5x) - 25 \int e^{-x} \sin(5x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\int e^{-x} \sin(5x) dx = -\frac{1}{26} (e^{-x} \sin(5x) + 5e^{-x} \cos(5x)) + C.$$

(d) (10 points)  $\int \frac{dx}{\sin x \cos x}$ .

**Solution.** Note that  $\int \frac{dx}{\sin x \cos x} = \int \frac{\cos x dx}{\sin x \cos^2 x} = \int \frac{d(\sin x)}{\sin x (1 - \sin^2 x)}$ . Let  $u = \sin x$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{\sin x \cos x} &= \int \frac{1}{u(1-u^2)} du = \int \frac{1}{u(1-u)(1+u)} du \\ &= \int \frac{1}{u} du + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{1-u} du - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{1+u} du \\ &= \ln|u| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|u-1| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|u+1| + C, \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{\sin^2 x}{(\sin x - 1)(\sin x + 1)} \right| + C = \ln|\tan x| + C. \end{aligned}$$

(e) (15 points)  $\int \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 2}{(x-1)(x^2 - 2x + 2)} dx$ .

**Solution.** Because the rational function is improper, by the long division,

$$\frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 2}{(x-1)(x^2 - 2x + 2)} = 1 + \frac{2x}{(x-1)(x^2 - 2x + 2)}$$

Note that  $(x-1)$  and  $(x^2 - 2x + 2)$  are the only factors of the denominator, and the partial fraction decomposition of the rational function is given by

$$\frac{2x}{(x-1)(x^2 - 2x + 2)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2 - 2x + 2}.$$

To find the constants  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , multiply both sides of the equation by the denominator  $(x-1)(x^2 - 2x + 2)$  and rearrange. This yields

$$2x = A(x^2 - 2x + 2) + (Bx + C)(x-1).$$

So

$$A = 2, \quad B = -2, \quad C = 4.$$

It follows that

$$\frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 2}{(x-1)(x^2 - 2x + 2)} = 1 + \frac{2}{x-1} + \frac{-2x+4}{x^2 - 2x + 2},$$

and thus

$$\int \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 2}{(x-1)(x^2 - 2x + 2)} dx = \int dx + \int \frac{2}{x-1} dx + \int \frac{-2x+4}{x^2 - 2x + 2} dx = x + 2 \ln|x-1| + \int \frac{-2x+4}{x^2 - 2x + 2} dx.$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x^2 - 2x + 2, \\ du &= (x^2 - 2x + 2)' dx = (2x - 2) dx = 2(x-1) dx, \end{aligned}$$

indicates that an extra factor of  $(x-1)$  (= a constant multiple of  $u'$ ) is needed to simplify the integral. This suggests the decomposition of the numerator:

$$-2x+4 = -2(x-1) + 2,$$

and hence

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x^2 - 2x + 2, \\ du &= 2(x-1) dx, \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\int \frac{-2(x-1)}{x^2-2x+2} dx = - \int \frac{1}{u} du = -\ln|u| + C = -\ln|x^2-2x+2| + C.$$

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

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2-2x+2} dx = \int \frac{1}{(x-1)^2+1} dx = \tan^{-1}(x-1) + C.$$

In conclusion,

$$\int \frac{x^3-3x^2+6x-2}{(x-1)(x^2-2x+2)} dx = x + 2\ln|x-1| - \ln|x^2-2x+2| + 2\tan^{-1}(x-1) + C.$$

### 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  $y = a(1 - \cos x)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ , from below by the  $x$ -axis, about the  $y$ -axis.

**Solution.** By the shell method, the volume of the solid is then given by

$$V = \int_0^{2\pi} 2\pi xy(x) dx = 2a\pi \int_0^{2\pi} x(1 - \cos x) dx = 2a\pi \int_0^{2\pi} x dx - 2a\pi \int_0^{2\pi} x \cos x dx$$

$$= a\pi x^2 \Big|_0^{2\pi} - 2a\pi \int_0^{2\pi} x d(\sin x) = 4a\pi^3 - 2a\pi x \sin x \Big|_0^{2\pi} + 2a\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \sin x dx = 4a\pi^3.$$

- (b) (10 points) Find the length of the curve  $y = \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{\ln x}{2}$ ,  $1 \leq x \leq e$ .

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

$$L = \int ds = \int_1^e \sqrt{1 + [y'(x)]^2} dx,$$

where

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

This shows that

$$L = \int_1^e \left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2x}\right) dx = \frac{x^2}{4} \Big|_1^e + \frac{1}{2} \ln|x| \Big|_1^e = \frac{e^2}{4} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{e^2 + 1}{4}.$$

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