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**Question 1.**

- (a) Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x^2 + 4}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Find the open intervals where the function is increasing or decreasing. [5 marks]
- (b) Consider a right circular cylinder whose volume is 1. Suppose that its bottom is a disk of radius  $r$ .
- (i) Let  $S$  be the surface area of this cylinder, including the areas of the top, the bottom, and the side. Formulate  $S$  as a function of  $r$ . [5 marks]
- (ii) Find the smallest possible surface area of this cylinder. [5 marks]

*My work :*

$$(a) f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{x^2 + 4}, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -\frac{x}{x^2 + 4}, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } x > 0, f'(x) = \frac{(x^2 + 4) - x(2x)}{(x^2 + 4)^2} = \frac{4 - x^2}{(x^2 + 4)^2}. \text{ For } x < 0, f'(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{(x^2 + 4)^2}.$$

$$f'_+(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{x}{x^2 + 4} - 0}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x^2 + 4} = \frac{1}{4}, f'_-(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{-x}{x^2 + 4} - 0}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-1}{x^2 + 4} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$\therefore f$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

$$f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow |f'(x)| = \frac{|4 - x^2|}{(x^2 + 4)^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm 2$$

| $x$     | $(-\infty, -2)$ | $(-2, 0)$ | $(0, 2)$ | $(2, +\infty)$ |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| $f'(x)$ | +               | -         | +        | -              |

The open intervals where  $f$  is increasing are:  $(-\infty, -2)$ ,  $(0, 2)$

The open intervals where  $f$  is decreasing are:  $(-2, 0)$ ,  $(2, +\infty)$

(b) (i) Volume of the cylinder  $= \pi r^2 h = 1 \Rightarrow h = \frac{1}{\pi r^2}$

$S(r) :=$  surface area of the cylinder  $= 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h = 2\pi r^2 + \frac{2}{r}$  on  $(0, +\infty)$

(ii)  $S'(r) = 4\pi r - \frac{2}{r^2} = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2\pi}}$

| $r$     | $[0, \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2\pi}})$ | $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2\pi}}$ | $(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2\pi}}, +\infty)$ |
|---------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $S(r)$  | $\searrow$                      | min                        | $\nearrow$                            |
| $S'(r)$ | $-$                             | 0                          | $+$                                   |

The smallest possible surface area  $= S(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2\pi}}) = 3\sqrt[3]{2\pi}$

## Question 2.

Evaluate the following limit and integrals.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\int_1^x e^{t^2} dt}{\ln x}$  [5 marks]

(b)  $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}} dx$  [5 marks]

(c)  $\int \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{1 + \sqrt{\sin 2x}} dx$  [5 marks]

(d)  $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}(x+1)}$  [5 marks]

(e)  $\int_0^{+\infty} (x+1)^2 e^{-x} dx$  [5 marks]

(f)  $\int \frac{x^2 - 2x - 1}{(x^2 - 2x + 1)(x^2 + 1)} dx$  [5 marks]

My work :

(a) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \int_1^x e^{t^2} dt = 0$  and  $\ln 1 = 0$ , by l'Hôpital's rule,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\int_1^x e^{t^2} dt}{\ln x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{e^{x^2}}{1/x} = -e$$

$$(b) \text{ Let } I = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}} dx = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x + \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}}} dx$$

$$\text{Let } x + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \tan \theta, \quad dx = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta, \quad \sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sec \theta$$

$$\therefore I = \int \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sec \theta} = \int \sec \theta d\theta = \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C = \ln \left| x + \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} \right| + C$$

$$(c) \sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x = 1 - (\sin x - \cos x)^2$$

$$\text{Let } u = \sin x - \cos x, \quad du = (\sin x + \cos x) dx, \quad \sqrt{\sin 2x} = \sqrt{1 - u^2}$$

$$\text{Let } I = \int \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{1 + \sqrt{\sin 2x}} dx = \int \frac{du}{1 + \sqrt{1 - u^2}}$$

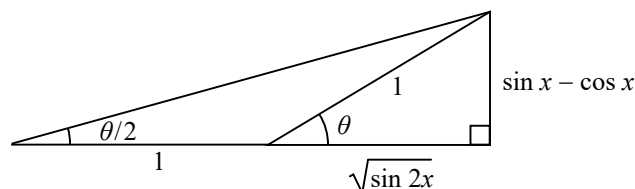
$$\text{Let } u = \sin \theta, \quad du = \cos \theta d\theta, \quad \sqrt{1 - u^2} = \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore I = \int \frac{\cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} d\theta = \int \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) d\theta = \theta - \tan \frac{\theta}{2} + C$$

$$= \sin^{-1}(\sin x - \cos x) - \tan \frac{\sin^{-1}(\sin x - \cos x)}{2} + C$$

#### Alternative Solution

$$I = \theta - \tan \frac{\theta}{2} + C = \theta - \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} + C = \sin^{-1}(\sin x - \cos x) - \frac{\sin x - \cos x}{1 + \sqrt{\sin 2x}} + C$$



$$(d) \text{ Let } I = \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}(x+1)}. \text{ Let } u = \sqrt{x}, \quad du = \frac{dx}{2\sqrt{x}}.$$

When  $x = 1$ ,  $u = 1$ ; when  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $u \rightarrow +\infty$ .

$$\therefore I = 2 \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{du}{u^2 + 1} = 2 \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \tan^{-1} u \right]_1^b = \pi - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$(e) \int_0^{+\infty} (x+1)^2 e^{-x} dx = \dots = \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ -(x+1)^2 e^{-x} - 2(x+1) e^{-x} - 2e^{-x} \right]_0^b = 5$$

$$(f) \int \frac{x^2 - 2x - 1}{(x^2 - 2x + 1)(x^2 + 1)} dx = \dots = \int \left( \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{-1}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{-x+1}{x^2+1} \right) dx$$

$$= \ln |x-1| + \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1) + \tan^{-1} x + C$$

**Question 3.**

Let  $F(x) = \int_x^{x^2} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt$ .

- (a) Find  $F'(0)$ . [5 marks]  
 (b) Find  $F''(0)$ . [5 marks]  
 (c) For  $F$ , find the Taylor polynomial of degree 2 at 0. [5 marks]

*My work :*

(a)  $F'(x) = 2x e^{-\frac{x^4}{2}} - e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \Rightarrow F'(0) = -1$

(b)  $F''(x) = 2e^{-\frac{x^4}{2}} + 2x e^{-\frac{x^4}{2}} (-2x^3) - e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} (-2x) \Rightarrow F''(0) = 2$

(c)  $F(0) = 0$

The Taylor polynomial of degree 2 for  $F$  at 0 is given by

$$T_2(x) = F(0) + F'(0)x + \frac{F''(0)}{2}x^2 = -x + x^2$$

**Question 4.**

- (a) Find the arc length of the curve  $y = \frac{x^4}{16} + \frac{1}{2x^2}$ , where  $1 \leq x \leq 2$ . [5 marks]  
 (b) Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by  $x = 1$ ,  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 0$  and the curve in (a), about the  $x$ -axis. [5 marks]

*My work :*

(a)  $y' = \frac{x^3}{4} - \frac{1}{x^3} \Rightarrow 1 + (y')^2 = 1 + \frac{x^6}{16} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{x^6} = \left(\frac{x^3}{4} + \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^2$

$$\text{Arc length of the curve} = \int_1^2 \sqrt{1 + (y')^2} dx = \int_1^2 \left(\frac{x^3}{4} + \frac{1}{x^3}\right) dx = \left[\frac{x^4}{16} - \frac{1}{2x^2}\right]_1^2 = \frac{21}{16}$$

(b) Volume of the solid  $= \int_1^2 \pi y^2 dx = \pi \int_1^2 \left(\frac{x^8}{256} + \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{1}{4x^4}\right) dx$   
 $= \pi \left[ \frac{x^9}{2304} + \frac{x^3}{48} - \frac{1}{12x^3} \right]_1^2 = \frac{1015}{2304} \pi$

**Question 5.**

(a) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & -3 \\ 1 & -5 & -3 \\ -1 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(i) Find  $B^T A$ . [5 marks]

(ii) Find  $(A + A^{-1})B$ . Show the details of your calculation. [5 marks]

(b) Consider the system of linear equations  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4a-1 \\ 3 & a & 21 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a$  is a scalar.

Determine the values of  $a$  such that the system is

- (i) inconsistent;
- (ii) consistent with infinitely many solutions;
- (iii) consistent with a unique solution.

Solve the system when it is consistent. [20 marks]

*My work :*

(a) (i)  $B^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & -3 \\ 1 & -5 & -3 \\ -1 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -12 & -9 \\ -1 & 9 & 5 \\ 3 & -11 & -8 \\ 3 & -13 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$

(ii)  $\det A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -4 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1$ ,  $\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj } A}{\det A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A + A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & -6 & -3 \\ -2 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (A + A^{-1})B = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 8 & 7 & 4 \\ -11 & 4 & -3 & -2 \\ 21 & -2 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4a-1 & 2 \\ 3 & a & 21 & 3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4a-2 & 1 \\ 0 & a+1 & 20 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4a-2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4a^2-2a+42 & 3-a \end{array} \right]$

(iii) The system is consistent with unique solution

$$\Leftrightarrow -4a^2 - 2a + 42 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow a \neq -\frac{7}{2}, 3$$

In this case, the system becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4a-2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4a+14} \end{array} \right] &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 0 & \frac{4a+13}{4a+14} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & \frac{8}{2a+7} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4a+14} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 0 & 0 & \frac{4a+21}{4a+14} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{4}{2a+7} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4a+14} \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{4a+21}{12a+42} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{4}{2a+7} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4a+14} \end{array} \right], \quad \therefore \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4a+21}{12a+42} \\ \frac{4}{2a+7} \\ \frac{1}{4a+14} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

When  $a = -\frac{7}{2}$ , the system becomes  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -16 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{13}{2} \end{array} \right]$

When  $a = 3$ , the system becomes

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 10 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 0 & 6 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

(i) The system is inconsistent  $\Leftrightarrow a = -\frac{7}{2}$ .

(ii) The system is consistent with infinitely many solutions  $\Leftrightarrow a = 3$ .

In this case,  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} - 2t \\ \frac{1}{2} - 5t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$  where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

### Alternative Solution

(iii) The system is consistent with a unique solution

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4a-1 \\ 3 & a & 21 \end{vmatrix} = -12a^2 - 6a + 126 = -6(2a+7)(a-3) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow a \neq -\frac{7}{2}, 3$$

In this case, by Cramer's rule,  $\mathbf{x} := (x_1, x_2, x_3)^T$ , where

$$x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 4a-1 \\ 3 & a & 21 \end{vmatrix}}{-6(2a+7)(a-3)} = \frac{-4a^2 - 9a + 63}{-6(2a+7)(a-3)} = \frac{4a+21}{6(2a+7)}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 4a-1 \\ 3 & 3 & 21 \end{vmatrix}}{-6(2a+7)(a-3)} = \frac{-24a+72}{-6(2a+7)(a-3)} = \frac{4}{2a+7}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & a & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{-6(2a+7)(a-3)} = \frac{-3a+9}{-6(2a+7)(a-3)} = \frac{1}{2(2a+7)}$$

If  $a = -\frac{7}{2}$ , the system becomes

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -15 & 2 \\ 3 & -\frac{7}{2} & 21 & 3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -16 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & 40 & 4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -16 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 13 \end{array} \right]$$

If  $a = 3$ , the system becomes

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 11 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 21 & 3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 10 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 20 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 10 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$
$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 0 & 6 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

(i) The system is inconsistent  $\Leftrightarrow a = -\frac{7}{2}$

(ii) The system is consistent with infinitely many solutions  $\Leftrightarrow a = 3$ . In this case,

$$\mathbf{x} := \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2t, \frac{1}{2} - 5t, t\right)^T, \text{ where } t \in \mathbb{R}$$