

# Full Solutions

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### Question 1 (a)

Easiness: 3.0/5

**SOLUTION.** Let the line  $L$  be written in vector form as

$$[a_0, b_0, c_0] + [a_1, b_1, b_2]t.$$

If  $L$  is parallel to the plane  $2x + y - z = 5$ , then  $L$  must be perpendicular to the normal vector of said plane,  $\mathbf{n} = [2, 1, -1]$ . i.e. The dot product between  $\mathbf{n}$  and the direction of  $L$  must be equal to zero:

$$[2, 1, -1] \cdot [a_1, b_1, c_1] = 0.$$

Evaluating the dot product gives:

$$(1) \quad [2, 1, -1] \cdot [a_1, b_1, c_1] = 2a_1 + b_1 - c_1 = 0$$

Remember that we also need the vector is perpendicular to the line,  $[3 - t, 1 - 2t, 3t] = [3, 1, 0] + [-1, -2, 3]t$ . Hence, the following equation must also be satisfied:

$$(2) \quad [-1, -2, 3] \cdot [a_1, b_1, c_1] = -a_1 - 2b_1 + 3c_1 = 0$$

So we have two equations and three unknowns. This means there are infinitely many vectors that will satisfy the given conditions. We only need to find one. (Note: Clearly  $a_1 = b_1 = c_1 = 0$  is a solution to the above equations (1), (2), but it is the trivial solution and is perpendicular to every vector, including the direction of the line  $L$ .)

Solving (1) for  $c_1$  gives  $c_1 = 2a_1 + b_1$ . Subbing this into (2) gives

$$-a_1 - 2b_1 + 3(2a_1 + b_1) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad b_1 = -5a_1.$$

From this we get that  $c_1 = 2a_1 - 5a_1 = -3a_1$ .

Thus, any vector of the form  $k[1, -5, -3]$  where  $k$  is a constant (not equal to zero) will be parallel to  $L$ . For example, the vectors  $[1, -5, -3]$  and  $[-2, 10, 6]$  are acceptable solutions.

### Question 1 (b)

Easiness: 3.0/5

**SOLUTION.** To find the line to the line  $L$ , we must find  $a, b, c$  such that the point  $Q = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  has distance 2

to the  $xy$ -plane.

This means  $|c| = 2$ . Since  $c > 0$ , we have  $c = 2$ .

The distance from  $Q$  to the  $xz$ -plane is 3, hence  $|b| = 3$ . With  $b > 0$ , we have  $b = 3$ .

The distance from  $Q$  to the  $yz$ -plane is 4, hence  $|a| = 4$ . With  $a < 0$ , we have  $a = -4$ .

$$\text{Hence } Q = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } L = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### Question 2 (a)

Easiness: 4.2/5

**SOLUTION.** The linear approximation to a multivariable function  $f(x, y)$  at a point  $(x, y) = (a, b)$  is given by  $L(x, y)$  where

$$L(x, y) = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$$

where the subscripts denote partial differentiation with respect to the given variable. In this case the partial derivatives of  $f(x, y) = \ln(4x^2 + y^2)$  are

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{8x}{4x^2 + y^2}, \quad f_y(x, y) = \frac{2y}{4x^2 + y^2}.$$

and we wish to approximate  $f$  near  $(x, y) = (0, 1)$ . Hence the linear approximation we seek is:

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, y) &= \ln(1) + 0 \cdot (x - 0) + 2(y - 1) \\ &= 2y - 2 \end{aligned}$$

Using the linear approximation, we can estimate the value of  $f(0.1, 1.2)$  as

$$f(0.1, 1.2) \approx L(0.1, 1.2) = 0.4.$$

## Question 2 (b)

Easiness: 3.0/5

**SOLUTION.** Two planes are parallel if their normal vectors are parallel. Hence, we will evaluate the normal vectors for the given plane and the function  $f$  to determine the points where they are parallel.

By inspection of the equation of the plane  $2x + 2y - z = 3$ , we can see that its normal vector is  $\mathbf{n}_1 = [2, 2, -1]^T$ . The normal vector to the function  $f$  at the point  $(x, y)$  is given by computing the gradient to  $F(x, y, z) = f(x, y) - z$ :

$$\nabla F(x, y, z) = [F_x(x, y, z), F_y(x, y, z), F_z(x, y, z)]^T = \left[ \frac{8x}{4x^2 + y^2}, \frac{2y}{4x^2 + y^2}, -1 \right]^T.$$

Hence, to determine points where the normal vectors are parallel, we need to solve the following two equations for  $(x, y)$ :

$$\frac{8x}{4x^2 + y^2} = 2, \quad \frac{2y}{4x^2 + y^2} = 2$$

Taking the difference of the two equations gives us the condition  $y = 4x$ . Taking this result and plugging it into the first equation above gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{8x}{4x^2 + y^2} = 2 &\rightarrow 8x = 8x^2 + 2y^2 \\ 8x &= 8x^2 + 32x^2 \\ x &= 5x^2 \end{aligned}$$

This equation has two solutions:  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1/5$ . Notice that the  $x = 0$  is invalid since the corresponding value of  $y$  is  $y = 4x = 0$  and  $f$  is undefined at  $(0, 0)$ . Therefore, the only valid solution is  $x = 1/5$  which corresponds to  $y = 4x = 4/5$ . The corresponding value of  $z$  is  $z = f(1/5, 4/5) = \ln(4/5)$ .

Therefore, the tangent plane to  $f$  is parallel to  $2x + 2y - z = 3$  at the point  $P(a, b, c) = (1/5, 4/5, \ln(4/5))$ .

## Question 3

Easiness: 3.3/5

**SOLUTION.** First we evaluate the first derivative of  $z$  with respect to  $t$  using the multivariable chain rule.

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = f_x \frac{dx}{dt} + f_y \frac{dy}{dt} = f_x \cdot 4t + f_y \cdot 3t^2$$

We then take the next derivative of  $z$  by taking the derivative with respect to  $t$  of the above result, using the multivariable chain rule again as well as the product rule.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} &= \frac{d}{dt} (f_x \cdot 4t + f_y \cdot 3t^2) \\ &= 4t(f_{xx} \cdot 4t + f_{xy} \cdot 3t^2) + 4f_x + 3t^2(f_{yx} \cdot 4t + f_{yy} \cdot 3t^2) + 6t \cdot f_y \end{aligned}$$

Next, we recognize that if  $t = 1$ , then  $(x, y) = (2, 1)$ . Thus, we can use the information given in the question about the partial derivatives of  $f$  to evaluate  $d^2z/dt^2$  at  $t = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} &= 4t(f_{xx} \cdot 4t + f_{xy} \cdot 3t^2) + 4f_x + 3t^2(f_{yx} \cdot 4t + f_{yy} \cdot 3t^2) + 6t \cdot f_y \\ \left. \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} \right|_{t=1} &= 4(2(4) + 3) + 4(5) + 3(4 - 4(3)) + 6(-2) \\ &= 4(11) + 20 + 3(-8) - 12 = 28 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\left. \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} \right|_{t=1} = 28$ .

#### Question 4 (a)

Easiness: 3.0/5

**SOLUTION.** For  $T(x, y, z) = 5e^{-2x^2 - y^2 - 3z^2}$ , the gradient is

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla T(x, y, z) &= 5e^{-2x^2 - y^2 - 3z^2} \langle -4x, -2y, -6z \rangle \\ &= 10e^{-2x^2 - y^2 - 3z^2} \langle -2x, -y, -3z \rangle \end{aligned}$$

At the point  $P(1, 2, -1)$ , we have  $\nabla T(1, 2, -1) = 10e^{-9} \langle -2, -2, 3 \rangle$ . Each component has units of C/m. The vector from  $P(1, 2, -1)$  to  $Q(1, 1, 0)$  is  $\langle 0, -1, 1 \rangle$ . A unit vector in this direction is

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{\langle 0, -1, 1 \rangle}{|\langle 0, -1, 1 \rangle|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 0, -1, 1 \rangle$$

Each component is dimensionless because the units of the vector  $\mathbf{u}$  and its magnitude are the same. The rate of change of  $T$  at  $P$  in direction  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  is

$$D_{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}T(1, 2, -1) = \nabla T(1, 2, -1) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} = 10e^{-9} \left( \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = 25\sqrt{2}e^{-9}.$$

Its units are C/m.

#### Question 4 (b)

Easiness: 3.5/5

**SOLUTION.** For any given unit vector  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ , the rate of change of temperature at  $P$  in direction  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  is the scalar

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}T(1, 2, -1) &= \nabla T(1, 2, -1) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} \\ &= |\nabla T(1, 2, -1)| |\hat{\mathbf{u}}| \cos(\theta) \\ &= |\nabla T(1, 2, -1)| \cos(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between the given vectors. (Recall that  $|\hat{\mathbf{u}}| = 1$ .) For optimum *decrease*, we should make the directional derivative as small as possible. Since our only degree of freedom is the angle above and we know that

$$-1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$$

we should arrange  $\cos \theta = -1$  by choosing  $\theta = \pi$ , i.e., by making  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  parallel to  $-\nabla T(1, 2, -1)$ :

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{-\nabla T(1, 2, -1)}{|-\nabla T(1, 2, -1)|} = \frac{\langle 2, 2, -3 \rangle}{\sqrt{17}}$$

This is the direction of most rapid temperature decrease.

#### Question 4 (c)

Easiness: 4.7/5

**SOLUTION.** When  $T$  is decreasing most rapidly from its value at  $P$ , the actual rate of change (a scalar) is based on the direction chosen in part (b):

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}T(1, 2, -1) &= \nabla T(1, 2, -1) \cdot \frac{-\nabla T(1, 2, -1)}{|-\nabla T(1, 2, -1)|} \\ &= \frac{-|\nabla T(1, 2, -1)|^2}{|\nabla T(1, 2, -1)|} \\ &= -|\nabla T(1, 2, -1)| \\ &= -10e^{-9}\sqrt{17}. \end{aligned}$$

This has units of C/m.

In plain English, the words can absorb the minus sign: "The maximum rate of decrease of temperature at point  $P$  is

$$10e^{-9}\sqrt{17}\text{C/m}$$

obtained in the direction  $\langle 2, 2, -3 \rangle / \sqrt{17}$ ."

#### Question 5 (a)

Easiness: 2.0/5

**SOLUTION.** We wish to maximize the value of  $f(x, y, z) = z$  subject to the constraints

$$x + y + z = 2, \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2.$$

So we use Lagrange multipliers. The objective function,  $\Lambda$ , is

$$\Lambda(x, y, z, \mu, \nu) = f(x, y, z) + \mu(x + y + z - 2) + \nu(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2)$$

Computing the partial derivatives of  $\Lambda$  with respect to all the variables  $x, y, z$  and the Lagrange multipliers  $\mu, \nu$  and setting them equal to zero gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1) \quad & \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial x} = \mu + 2\nu x = 0 \\
(2) \quad & \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial y} = \mu + 2\nu y = 0 \\
(3) \quad & \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial z} = 1 + \mu + 2\nu z = 0 \\
(4) \quad & \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \mu} = x + y + z - 2 = 0 \\
(5) \quad & \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \nu} = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2 = 0
\end{aligned}$$

To begin with, we observe that  $\nu$  can not be zero, because if it was, then equations (1) and (2) would force  $\mu = 0$ , while equation (3) would force  $\mu = -1$ ; a contradiction. Hence, we combine equations (1) and (2) to see that the maximum of  $f$  occurs on the plane  $y = x$ :

$$\begin{cases} \mu + 2\nu x = 0 \\ \mu + 2\nu y = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow y = x$$

Taking this result and using (4), we find

$$2x + z - 2 = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{2 - z}{2}$$

Taking these two results and using (5) we have an equation for  $z$ :

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2 = \left(\frac{2 - z}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2 - z}{2}\right)^2 + z^2 - 2 = 0$$

Multiplying this equation by 4 and expanding all the quadratic terms we get:

$$8 - 8z + 6z^2 - 8 = 6z^2 - 8z = 0$$

Solving this equation for  $z$  we get

$$z = 0, \frac{4}{3}.$$

Taking the larger of the two results we obtain the maximum of  $f(x, y, z) = z$  subject to the given constraints which is  $z = 4/3$ .

### Question 5 (b)

**Easiness: 3.3/5**

**SOLUTION.** From our answer in part (a), we found that there were two critical points of the objective function,

$$\Lambda(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z) + \mu(x + y + z - 2) + \nu(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2),$$

on  $C$ . Those critical points corresponded to the critical points of the function  $f(x, y, z) = z$  restricted to the curve  $C$ . The values of  $z$  corresponding to those critical points were  $z = 0$  and  $z = 4/3$ . In contrast to part (a) where we looked for the larger of the two, we are now interested in the smaller value  $z = 0$ .

To find the corresponding  $x$  and  $y$  value, recall the condition  $x = y$  from part (a). Plugging this into the equation for the line, we obtain

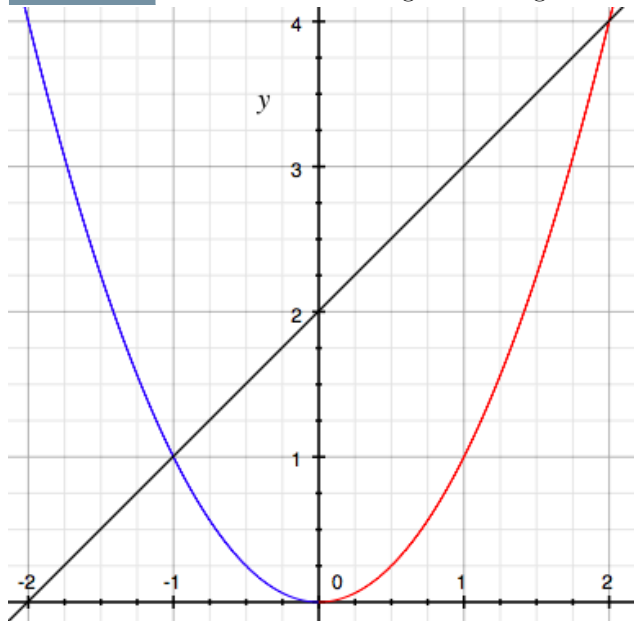
$$x + x + 0 = 2 \rightarrow x = y = 1$$

Therefore, the lowest point on  $C$  is  $(1,1,0)$ .

### Question 6 (a)

Easiness: 3.8/5

**SOLUTION.** If we examine the region of integration by drawing a picture...



... we see that if we integrate with respect to  $y$  first, that we can specify the lower bound of integration as  $y = x^2$  and the upper bound as  $y = x + 2$ . Looking at where the lines meet, we can see that the bounds of integration for  $x$  is  $x = -1$  to  $x = 2$ . (To find these intersection points solve the equation  $x^2 = x + 2$ .)

From these observations, we can write  $I$  as follows

$$I = \int_{-1}^2 \int_{x^2}^{x+2} f(x, y) \, dy \, dx$$

### Question 6 (b)

Easiness: 4.5/5

**SOLUTION.** Using our answer from part (a), we can write  $I$  with the given  $f$  as

$$I = \int_{-1}^2 \int_{x^2}^{x+2} \frac{\exp(x)}{2-x} \, dy \, dx.$$

We can evaluate the integral as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \int_{-1}^2 \int_{x^2}^{x+2} \frac{\exp(x)}{2-x} dy dx \\
&= \int_{-1}^2 \frac{\exp(x)}{2-x} (x+2-x^2) dx \\
&= \int_{-1}^2 \frac{\exp(x)}{2-x} (-x+2)(x+1) dx \\
&= \int_{-1}^2 \exp(x)(x+1) dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Using integration by parts, with  $u=x+1$  and  $dv = \exp(x)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \int_{-1}^2 \exp(x)(x+1) dx \\
&= \exp(x)(x+1) \Big|_{-1}^2 - \int_{-1}^2 \exp(x) dx \\
&= 3\exp(2) - \left( \exp(x) \Big|_{-1}^2 \right) = 2\exp(2) + \exp(-1)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\int_{-1}^2 \int_{x^2}^{x+2} \frac{\exp(x)}{2-x} dy dx = 2e^2 + e^{-1}$$

## Question 7

Easiness: 4.0/5

**SOLUTION.** Since  $D$  is the unit disc, we know that it is a circle of radius 1 and so it has area  $\pi$ , i.e.

$$A(D) = \pi$$

The centre of  $D$  is the origin and so  $(a,b) = (0,0)$ . To evaluate the integral,

$$\iint_D \sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2} dx dy = \iint_D \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} dx dy$$

we use polar coordinates:

$$\iint_D \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} dx dy = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r^2 dr d\theta$$

where we have used the fact that  $dx dy = r dr d\theta$  (i.e. the Jacobian of the transformation from Cartesian to Polar coordinates) and  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = r$ . Evaluating the integral gives:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r^2 dr d\theta = 2\pi \int_0^1 r^2 dr = \frac{2\pi}{3}.$$

Hence, the average distance from any point within  $D$  and the centre of  $D$  (the origin) is  $\frac{1}{A(D)} \iint_D \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} dx dy = \frac{2}{3}$ .



### Question 8

Easiness: 4.5/5

**SOLUTION.** We find that the integration boundaries are  $z \in [0, y^2]$ ,  $y \in [0, 1-x]$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Hence, the integral to calculate is

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} \int_0^{y^2} z \, dz \, dy \, dx &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} \left[ \frac{z^2}{2} \right]_0^{y^2} dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} \frac{y^4}{2} dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{y^5}{10} \right]_0^{1-x} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{(1-x)^5}{10} dx \\ &= \left[ -\frac{(1-x)^6}{60} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{60}\end{aligned}$$

### Question 9

Easiness: 1.0/5

**SOLUTION.** The region of integration is bounded from above by  $z = x^2 + y^2$  and from below by  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 6$ .

The intersection of the paraboloid and the sphere is found by substituting the first equation into the second, and solving for  $z$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = z + z^2 = 6,$$

hence  $z_{1,2} = 2, -3$ . Since we see on the sketch from Hint 1, that the two surfaces intersect at a positive  $z$  value, the intersection is at  $z = 2$ .

We switch to cylindrical coordinates and express the  $z$ -variable in dependence of the radius  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .

- The largest value of  $r$  in the region of integration is where the sphere and the paraboloid intersect, namely at  $r = \sqrt{z} = \sqrt{2}$ . The integration limits for the radius are  $0 \leq r \leq \sqrt{2}$ .
- The variable  $z$  is bounded from below by  $z = r^2$  and from above by  $r^2 + z^2 = 6$ , that is,  $z = \sqrt{6 - r^2}$ . So the integration boundaries are  $r^2 \leq z \leq \sqrt{6 - r^2}$ .
- The angle  $\phi$  does not depend on  $z$  or  $r$  and completes the whole circle  $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$ .
- The integrand function in cylindrical coordinates is  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

Hence, the integral to calculate is

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\sqrt{2}} \int_{r^2}^{\sqrt{6-r^2}} \int_0^{2\pi} r^2 r \, d\phi \, dz \, dr &= \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} \int_{r^2}^{\sqrt{6-r^2}} 2\pi r^3 \, dz \, dr \\ &= \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} 2\pi r^3 (\sqrt{6-r^2} - r^2) \, dr \\ &= \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} 2\pi r^3 (6-r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, dr - \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} 2\pi r^5 \, dr\end{aligned}$$

Now we perform integration by parts in the first integral, where we consider  $u = 2\pi r^2$  and  $dv = r(6 - r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Then  $du = 4\pi r$  and  $v = -\frac{1}{3}(6 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ . Overall we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[ -2\pi r^2 \frac{1}{3}(6 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_0^{\sqrt{2}} + \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} 4\pi r \frac{1}{3}(6 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} dr - \left[ 2\pi \frac{r^6}{6} \right]_0^{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= -2\pi 2 \frac{1}{3}(6 - 2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 0 - \left[ 4\pi \frac{1}{15}(6 - r^2)^{\frac{5}{2}} \right]_0^{\sqrt{2}} - 2\pi \sqrt{2}^6 \frac{1}{6} + 0 \\ &= -\frac{32}{3}\pi - \frac{4}{15}\pi 32 + \frac{4}{15}\pi 36\sqrt{6} - \frac{8}{3}\pi \\ &= \frac{\pi}{15}(144\sqrt{6} - 328) \approx 5.18 \end{aligned}$$

## Question 10

Easiness: 1.0/5

**SOLUTION.** The combination  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  suggests a change to spherical coordinates. The domain is compatible with this: in spherical coordinates, the whole space is covered when:

- $\theta$  runs from 0 to  $2\pi$ ,
- $\phi$  runs from 0 to  $\pi$ , and
- $\rho$  runs from 0 to  $+\infty$ .

In spherical coordinates, the differential volume element is:

$$dV = \rho^2 \sin(\phi) d\rho d\theta d\phi.$$

And the function to integrate becomes:

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

Thus the integral of interest becomes:

$$I = \int_{\rho=0}^{\infty} \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \frac{\rho^2 \sin(\phi)}{1 + \rho^6} d\theta d\phi d\rho = \int_{\rho=0}^{\infty} \frac{\rho^2}{1 + \rho^6} d\rho \underbrace{\int_{\phi=0}^{\pi} \sin(\phi) d\phi}_{=2} \underbrace{\int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} d\theta}_{=2\pi}$$

Hence

$$I = 4\pi \int_{\rho=0}^{\infty} \frac{\rho^2}{1 + \rho^6} d\rho$$

Substitute:

- $u = \rho^3$
- $du = 3\rho^2 d\rho$

And you obtain:

$$I = \frac{4\pi}{3} \int_{u=0}^{\infty} \frac{du}{1 + u^2} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \tan^{-1}(u) \Big|_{u=0}^{\infty} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}.$$

**Good Luck for your exams!**