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Suggested solutions of coursework 9

Part A

1. (a) Evaluate $\int \frac{1}{t^2 + 4t - 5} dt$.
(b) Using t -substitution and the result in part (a), evaluate

$$\int \frac{1}{2 \sin x - 3 \cos x - 2} dx$$

Solution:

- (a) By partial fractions decomposition,

$$\frac{1}{t^2 + 4t - 5} = \frac{1}{(t + 5)(t - 1)} = \frac{A}{t + 5} + \frac{B}{t - 1}$$

for some $A, B \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$1 = A(t - 1) + B(t + 5).$$

$$t \rightarrow 1 : \quad 1 = 6B \implies B = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$t \rightarrow -5 : \quad 1 = -6A \implies A = -\frac{1}{6}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{t^2 + 4t - 5} dt &= -\frac{1}{6} \int \frac{1}{t + 5} dt + \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{1}{t - 1} dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{6} \ln |t + 5| + \frac{1}{6} \ln |t - 1| + C. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Let $t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{2 \sin x - 3 \cos x - 2} dx &= \int \frac{1}{2 \cdot \frac{2t}{1+t^2} - 3 \cdot \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2} - 2} \cdot \frac{2}{1+t^2} dt \\ &= \int \frac{2}{4t - 3 + 3t^2 - 2 - 2t^2} dt \\ &= 2 \int \frac{1}{t^2 + 4t - 5} dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \ln |t + 5| + \frac{1}{3} \ln |t - 1| + 2C \quad (\text{by part (a)}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \ln \left| \tan \frac{x}{2} + 5 \right| + \frac{1}{3} \ln \left| \tan \frac{x}{2} - 1 \right| + 2C. \end{aligned}$$

2. Evaluate the following indefinite integrals.

(a) $\int x \sin(2x + 1) dx$

(b) $\int x \arccos x dx$

(c) $\int \cos(\ln x) dx$

Solution:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \sin(2x + 1) dx &= -\frac{1}{2} \int x d \cos(2x + 1) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} x \cos(2x + 1) + \frac{1}{2} \int \cos(2x + 1) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} x \cos(2x + 1) + \frac{1}{4} \sin(2x + 1) + C. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} I = \int x \arccos x dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int \arccos x d(x^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \arccos x - \frac{1}{2} \int x^2 \cdot \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \arccos x + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Let $x = \sin \theta \implies dx = \cos \theta d\theta$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx &= \int \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 \theta}} \cdot \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \int \sin^2 \theta d\theta \quad \left(x \in (-1, 1) \implies \theta \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \implies \cos \theta > 0 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int (1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\theta + C. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$I = \frac{1}{2} x^2 \arccos x + \frac{1}{4} \arcsin x - \frac{1}{8} \sin(2 \arcsin x) + \frac{1}{2} C.$$

(c) Let $x = e^u \implies dx = e^u du$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int \cos(\ln x) dx \\ &= \int (\cos u) e^u du \\ &= \int \cos u d(e^u) \\ &= e^u \cos u + \int e^u \sin u du \\ &= e^u \cos u + \int \sin u d(e^u) \\ &= e^u \cos u + e^u \sin u - \int e^u \cos u du. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{1}{2} (e^u \cos u + e^u \sin u) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (x \cos(\ln x) + x \sin(\ln x)) + C. \end{aligned}$$

Part B

3. Define $I_n = \int \frac{x^n}{\sqrt{2x+1}} dx$ for all non-negative integers n .

(a) Evaluate I_0 .

(b) Considering that

$$\int x^{n-1} \sqrt{2x+1} dx = \int x^{n-1} \frac{2x+1}{\sqrt{2x+1}} dx = 2 \int \frac{x^n}{\sqrt{2x+1}} dx + \int \frac{x^{n-1}}{\sqrt{2x+1}} dx,$$

show that

$$I_n = \frac{x^n \sqrt{2x+1}}{2n+1} - \frac{n}{2n+1} I_{n-1}$$

for all integers $n \geq 1$.

(c) Using parts (a), (b), evaluate I_3 .

Solution:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} I_0 &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+1}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int (2x+1)^{-1/2} d(2x+1) \\ &= (2x+1)^{1/2} + C. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Note that

$$\begin{aligned} 2I_n + I_{n-1} &= \int x^{n-1} \sqrt{2x+1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \int \sqrt{2x+1} d(x^n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \left[x^n \sqrt{2x+1} - \int x^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+1}} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{x^n \sqrt{2x+1}}{n} - \frac{1}{n} I_n, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$(2n+1)I_n + nI_{n-1} = x^n \sqrt{2x+1}.$$

Hence,

$$I_n = \frac{x^n \sqrt{2x+1}}{2n+1} - \frac{n}{2n+1} I_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

(c) By part (b),

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= \frac{1}{7} x^3 \sqrt{2x+1} - \frac{3}{7} I_2, \\ I_2 &= \frac{1}{5} x^2 \sqrt{2x+1} - \frac{2}{5} I_1, \\ I_1 &= \frac{1}{3} x \sqrt{2x+1} - \frac{1}{3} I_0. \end{aligned}$$

By part (a), $I_0 = (2x+1)^{1/2} + C$. Hence,

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{7} x^3 \sqrt{2x+1} - \frac{3}{35} x^2 \sqrt{2x+1} + \frac{2}{35} x \sqrt{2x+1} - \frac{2}{35} \sqrt{2x+1} + C'.$$

4. Define $I_n = \int \sec^n x \, dx$ for all non-negative integers n .

(a) By applying integration by parts to

$$\int \sec^n x \, dx = \int \sec^{n-2} x \sec^2 x \, dx,$$

show that

$$I_n = \frac{\sec^{n-2} x \tan x}{n-1} + \frac{n-2}{n-1} I_{n-2}$$

for all integers $n \geq 2$.

(b) Using (a), find I_4 and I_5 .

Solution:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \int \sec^{n-2} x \sec^2 x \, dx \\ &= \int \sec^{n-2} x \, d(\tan x) \\ &= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - \int \tan x \, d(\sec^{n-2} x) \\ &= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) \int \tan x \sec^{n-3} x \sec x \tan x \, dx \\ &= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} x (\sec^2 x - 1) \, dx \\ &= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) \int \sec^n x \, dx + (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} x \, dx \\ &= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) I_n + (n-2) I_{n-2}. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$I_n = \frac{\sec^{n-2} x \tan x}{n-1} + \frac{n-2}{n-1} I_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2.$$

(b) By part (a),

$$\begin{aligned} I_4 &= \frac{\sec^2 x \tan x}{3} + \frac{2}{3} I_2, \\ I_2 &= \tan x + C. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$I_4 = \frac{\sec^2 x \tan x}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \tan x + C'.$$

By part (a),

$$\begin{aligned} I_5 &= \frac{\sec^3 x \tan x}{4} + \frac{3}{4} I_3, \\ I_3 &= \frac{\sec x \tan x}{2} + \frac{1}{2} I_1. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$I_1 = \int \sec x \, dx = \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C.$$

Hence,

$$I_5 = \frac{\sec^3 x \tan x}{4} + \frac{3 \sec x \tan x}{8} + \frac{3}{8} \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C''.$$