



KTH Teknikvetenskap

**SF1625 Calculus in one variable**  
**Solutions to the exam 2017-03-17**

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PART A

1. (a) Compute the integral  $\int_0^1 e^{2x} \cos e^x dx$ . (2 p)  
(b) Compute the limit (2 p)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x)(1 - x^2)}{x + x^2}.$$

*Solution.* (a) With the substitution  $u = e^x$  we have  $du = e^x dx$ , and the new interval of integration is from 1 to  $e$ . This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 e^{2x} \cos e^x dx &= \int_1^e u \cos u du \\ &= [u \sin u]_1^e - \int_1^e \sin u du \\ &= e \sin e - \sin 1 + \cos e - \cos 1. \end{aligned}$$

(b) We have that  $(1 - x^2) = (1 - x)(1 + x)$ , so

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

As  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 - x) = 1$ , we need only to determine

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x)}{x}.$$

The l'Hôpital rule gives

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos(2x)}{1} = 2.$$

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2. The power  $P$  (Watt) in a resistor of resistance  $R$  (Ohm) is a function of the voltage  $U$  (Volt). This function  $P = P(U)$  satisfies  $P'(220) = 440/R$ . Use the derivative to approximate the amount of change in power when the voltage is increased from 220 to 230 volt? **(4 p)**

*Solution.* Using linear approximation (or the definition of the derivative) we get

$$P(230) - P(220) \approx P'(220)(230 - 220) = \frac{440}{R} \cdot 10 = \frac{4400}{R}.$$

The power is changed by approximately  $4400/R$  Watt.

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3. (a) Write down an integral that gives the area between the  $t$ -axis and the curve  $y = (\arctan t)^2$  on the interval  $[0, x]$ . **(2 p)**  
(b) Determine the rate of change of the area in problem a) at the point  $x = 1$ . **(2 p)**

*Solution.* (a) The area is given by

$$\int_0^x (\arctan t)^2 dt$$

(b) The rate of change is given by the derivative that can be computed using the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. At the point  $x$  we get the rate of change

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x (\arctan t)^2 dt = (\arctan x)^2.$$

At  $x = 1$  the rate of change is therefore  $\pi^2/16$ .

□

## PART B

4. Newton's law of cooling says that an object cools at a rate proportional to the difference in temperature to the surrounding medium. Let  $y(t)$  denote the temperature in a water bowl at the time  $t$  minutes. When the water boils the bowl is put outside where the temperature is  $-20^\circ$ . The temperature  $y(t)$  satisfies the differential equation  $y'(t) = k(y(t) + 20)$ . We also know that the temperature is  $40^\circ$  after 10 minutes.

(a) Solve the differential equation (hint: Substitute  $u(t) = y(t) + 20$ ). (3 p)

(b) When is the temperature  $25^\circ$ ? (1 p)

*Solution.* Let  $u(t) = y(t) + 20$ . Then we have that

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt} = k \cdot u(t),$$

whose solutions are of the form  $u(t) = Ce^{kt}$ , some constant  $C$ . This implies that

$$y(t) = u(t) - 20 = Ce^{kt} - 20.$$

The initial condition  $y(0) = 100$  (since the water was boiling when it was put out in the cold air). This gives  $C = 120$ , and we have that  $y(t) = Ce^{kt} - 20$ . As we have that  $y(10) = 40$ , we get that

$$y(10) = 40 \iff 120e^{10k} - 20 = 40 \iff k = \frac{-\ln 2}{10}.$$

The temperature of the water, in centigrades C at time  $t$  minutes is hence given by

$$y(t) = 120e^{-(t \ln 2)/10} - 20.$$

(b) Now we seek the time when the temperature of the water is  $25^\circ$  C, that is

$$y(t) = 25 \iff 120e^{-(t \ln 2)/10} - 20 = 25 \iff t = -\frac{10 \ln \frac{45}{120}}{\ln 2} = 10 \frac{\ln 8 - \ln 3}{\ln 2}$$

which is about 14 minutes.

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5. Sketch the function graph of  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + x - 1}{x^2 - 3}$ . Your solution should show where the function is increasing, and decreasing, and which local extreme values, zeros, and asymptotics it has. **(4 p)**

*Solution.* The function  $f(x)$  is defined for all  $x \neq \pm\sqrt{3}$ . The zeros of the function are given as the solutions of  $x^2 + x - 1 = 0$ . These two solutions are  $x = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{5} - 1)$  and  $x = -\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{5} + 1)$ . The derivative of  $f(x)$  is

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

The polynomial  $x^2 + 4x + 3 = (x + 3)(x + 1)$ , and it follows that the function  $f$  has local extreme values at  $x = -3$  and  $x = -1$ . The value of  $f$  at these points is  $f(-3) = \frac{9-4}{9-3} = \frac{5}{6}$  and  $f(-1) = \frac{1-2}{1-3} = \frac{1}{2}$ . We have, furthermore, that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (f(x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (f(x)) = 1.$$

A study of the sign of the derivative of  $f$  now shows the following. If we move from  $-\infty$  and to the right. The value of the function is below one, strictly decreasing until the local extreme value at  $x = -3$ . Thereafter strictly increasing, and unbounded when approaching the vertical asymptotic at  $x = -\sqrt{3}$ . Then the function continues being strictly increasing, crosses the  $x$ -axis and has a local maximum at  $x = -1$ . Then it continues being strictly decreasing, crosses the  $x$ -axis, and becomes negatively unbounded when approaching the vertical asymptotic at  $x = \sqrt{3}$ . Follows being strictly decreasing, approaching the value  $y = 1$  from above.

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6. Linear approximation of the function  $f(x) = x^{1/3}$  around the point  $a = 8$  gives the error term  $E(x)$ . For each  $x$  there exists a number  $s = s(x)$  such that  $E(x) = \frac{f''(s)}{2}(x - 8)^2$ , where  $8 < s < x$ .

(a) Show that  $|E(x)| < \frac{1}{9 \cdot 32}$  on the interval  $8 \leq x \leq 9$ . (2 p)

(b) Show that  $|9^{1/3} - \frac{25}{12}| < \frac{1}{9 \cdot 32}$ . (2 p)

*Solution.* (a) As  $8 < s$  we have that

$$|f''(s)| = \frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{s^{5/3}} < \frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{32}.$$

Then we have that

$$|E(x)| < \frac{9 \cdot 32}{2} (x - 8)^2 \leq \frac{1}{9 \cdot 32} \cdot 1,$$

as  $8 \leq x \leq 9$ .

(b) We compute the degree one Taylor polynomial  $P_1(x)$  of  $f(x) = x^{1/3}$  around  $x = 8$ . We have that  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3}$ . Hence

$$P_1(x) = f(8) + f'(8)(x - 8) = 2 + \frac{1}{12}(x - 8),$$

and in particular we have that  $P_1(9) = \frac{25}{12}$ . The difference between  $f(9)$  and the approximation  $P_1(9)$  is measured by the error term  $E(9)$ . From a) above we have that

$$|9^{1/3} - \frac{25}{12}| = |E(9)| < \frac{1}{9 \cdot 32}.$$

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 PART C

7. We study the function  $f$  given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

(a) Show that  $f$  is differentiable at the origin, and determine  $f'(0)$ . (2 p)

(b) Is  $f$ 's derivative continuous at the origin? (2 p)

*Solution.* (a) We use the definition of the derivative and have that

$$f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2 \sin \frac{1}{h} - 0}{h}.$$

As  $|\sin(1/h)| \leq 1$  for any  $h$ , it follows that the limit  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin(1/h) = 0$ . This shows that  $f$  is differentiable at the origin and that the derivative is 0 at the origin.

(b) To understand continuity of  $f'$  around origin, we first note that for  $x \neq 0$  we have that

$$f'(x) = 2x \sin \frac{1}{x} - \cos \frac{1}{x}.$$

In order for the derivative to be continuous at the origin we must have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x) = f'(0).$$

But,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( 2x \sin \frac{1}{x} - \cos \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

does not exist (the first term has zero as the limit, the second term oscillates between  $-1$  and  $1$ ). The derivative is therefore not continuous at the origin.

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8. The reasoning “As  $-1/x$  is a primitive function of  $1/x^2$  we have that

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \left[ -\frac{1}{x} \right]_{-1}^1 = -2.”$$

is wrong. Explain what is wrong in the reasoning, and determine then the correct value of the integral above. **(4 p)**

*Solution.* The error in the claim is  $-1/x$  is an anti-derivative to  $1/x^2$  in any interval containing the origin, since  $-1/x$  is neither defined nor differentiable there. And our interval of integration contains the origin.

The integral is an improper integral since the integrand is unbounded when  $x \rightarrow 0$ . We need to write

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \int_{-1}^0 \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

and only if both integrals on the right hand side are convergent our integral is convergent. But

$$\int_{-1}^0 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0^-} \int_{-1}^c \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0^-} [-1/x]_{-1}^c = \infty$$

and in the same way it is shown that the other integral on the right hand side is divergent.

The conclusion is that the integral  $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx$  is divergent.

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9. The cardioid curve is parametrized by

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2} \cos t + \frac{1}{4} \cos 2t \quad y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sin t + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2t, \quad t \in [0, 2\pi].$$

(a) Compute the length of the curve.

**(2 p)**

(b) Determine the smallest distance to the origin from the curve.

**(2 p)**

*Solution.* (a) The length  $L$  of a parametric curve is given by

$$L = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt$$

In our case

$$x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} (\sin t \sin 2t + \cos t \cos 2t) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos t) = \cos^2 \frac{t}{2}$$

and so the length of the curve is

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{\cos^2 \frac{t}{2}} dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \cos \frac{t}{2} \right| dt = 2 \int_0^{\pi} \cos \frac{t}{2} dt = 4.$$

The length is 4 length units.

(b) In order to minimize the distance to the origin we need to minimize  $x^2 + y^2$  for points  $(x, y)$  on the curve. We seek the minimum value of

$$f(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2} \cos t + \frac{1}{4} \cos 2t \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} \sin t + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2t \right)^2, \quad t \in [0, 2\pi].$$

Using trigonometric identities we can write  $f$  as

$$f(t) = \frac{5}{16} + \frac{1}{4} \cos t,$$

and clearly this is minimized when  $t = \pi$ . The minimum distance is  $\sqrt{1/16} = 1/4$ .

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