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Duration: 90 minutes

Total marks: 25

Justify all your answers

1. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (e^x - 2 \arctan x)^{1/x}$. [3 marks]

2. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sinh 2x - e^x \cosh x)$. [3 marks]

3. What is the form of the partial fraction decomposition of $\frac{2x^3 + 8x - 1}{x^3 + x^2 - x - 1}$? [1 mark]

4. Evaluate the following. [3 marks each]

(a) $\int x (\sec^{-1} \sqrt{x}) dx$

(b) $\int (\tan^3 x \sec^5 x - \tan^2 x \sin x + 4 \sin^2 x) dx$

(c) $\int \frac{2x - 1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 5}} dx$

(d) $\int \frac{x^2 + 14}{(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 10)} dx$

(e) $\int \frac{1}{x(\sqrt[6]{x} - 1)} dx$

(f) $\int \frac{1 + 2 \tan(x/2)}{2 + \sin x} dx$

ANSWERS

1. The limit is of indeterminate type 1^∞ . So consider the limit of the natural logarithm of the function, i.e.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln[(e^x - 2 \arctan x)^{1/x}] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(e^x - 2 \arctan x)}{x}.$$

This is of indeterminate type $0/0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{d[\ln(e^x - 2 \arctan x)]/dx}{dx/dx} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{e^x - 2 \arctan x} \left(e^x - \frac{2}{1+x^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{e^0 - 2(0)} \left(e^0 - \frac{2}{1+0^2} \right) = -1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by l'Hospital's rule,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(e^x - 2 \arctan x)}{x} = -1.$$

Answer:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (e^x - 2 \arctan x)^{1/x} = e^{-1}.$$

- 2.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sinh 2x - e^x \cosh x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{e^{2x} - e^{-2x}}{2} - e^x \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-e^{-2x} - 1}{2} = \frac{-0 - 1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

- 3.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2x^3 + 8x - 1}{x^3 + x^2 - x - 1} &= 2 - \frac{2x^2 - 10x - 1}{x^3 + x^2 - x - 1} = 2 - \frac{2x^2 - 10x - 1}{(x-1)(x+1)^2} \\ &= 2 + \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{(x+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

for some numbers A , B and C .

4. (a) Integrate by parts with

$$u = \sec^{-1} \sqrt{x} \quad \text{and} \quad dv = x \, dx.$$

So

$$du = \frac{1}{2x\sqrt{x-1}} dx \quad \text{and} \quad v = \frac{x^2}{2}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \sec^{-1} \sqrt{x} dx &= \sec^{-1} \sqrt{x} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} - \int \frac{x^2}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2x\sqrt{x-1}} dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} \sec^{-1} \sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x-1}} dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} \sec^{-1} \sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{4} \int \left(\sqrt{x-1} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} \sec^{-1} \sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{2}{3} (x-1)^{3/2} + 2(x-1)^{1/2} \right] + C \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} \sec^{-1} \sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{6} (x-1)^{1/2} (x+2) + C. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Split the integral into three parts.

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^3 x \sec^5 x dx &= \int [(\sec^2 x - 1) \sec^4 x] \sec x \tan x dx = \int (u^2 - 1) u^4 du \\ &= \int (u^6 - u^4) du = \frac{1}{7} u^7 - \frac{1}{5} u^5 + C \quad \text{where } u = \sec x. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\int 4 \sin^2 x dx = \int 2(1 - \cos 2x) dx = 2x - \sin 2x + C.$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} &\int (\tan^3 x \sec^5 x - \tan^2 x \sin x + 4 \sin^2 x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{7} \sec^7 x - \frac{1}{5} \sec^5 x - \sec x - \cos x + 2x - \sin 2x + C. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Completing the square, $x^2 - 6x + 5 = (x - 3)^2 - 4$. Substitute $x - 3 = 2 \sec \theta$. So $\sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 5} = 2 \tan \theta$, $x = 3 + 2 \sec \theta$, and $dx = 2 \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$. The integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{2x - 1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 5}} dx &= \int \frac{2(3 + 2 \sec \theta) - 1}{2 \tan \theta} \cdot 2 \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta \\ &= \int (5 \sec \theta + 4 \sec^2 \theta) d\theta \\ &= 5 \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + 4 \tan \theta + C. \end{aligned}$$

Redefining the constant of integration gives

$$\int \frac{2x - 1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 5}} dx = 5 \ln \left| x - 3 + \sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 5} \right| + 2\sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 5} + C.$$

(d) The partial fraction decomposition of the integrand is

$$\frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+2x+10}$$

for some numbers A , B and C . Necessarily,

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 14 &= A(x^2 + 2x + 10) + (Bx + C)(x - 2) \\ &= (A + B)x^2 + (2A - 2B + C)x + 10A - 2C. \end{aligned}$$

Equating coefficients gives

$$\begin{cases} A + B = 1 \\ 2A - 2B + C = 0 \\ 10A - 2C = 14 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} A = 1 \\ B = 0 \\ C = -2. \end{cases}$$

So the integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int \left(\frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{2}{x^2+2x+10} \right) dx &= \ln|x-2| - \int \frac{2}{(x+1)^2+9} dx \\ &= \ln|x-2| - \frac{2}{3} \arctan\left(\frac{x+1}{3}\right) + K. \end{aligned}$$

(e) Substitute $x = u^{-12}$. So $dx = -12u^{-13} du$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{x\sqrt[6]{x}-1} dx &= \int \frac{-12u^{-13}}{u^{-12}\sqrt{u^{-2}-1}} du = 12 \int \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du \\ &= 12 \arccos u + C = 12 \arccos(x^{-1/12}) + C. \end{aligned}$$

An alternative answer is $-12 \arcsin u + C = -12 \arcsin(x^{-1/12}) + C$. Alternative substitutions are $x = u^{12}$ leading to $12 \sec^{-1} u + C$ or $-12 \csc^{-1} u + C$ with $u = \sqrt[12]{x}$, or, $x = (u^2 + 1)^6$ leading to $12 \arctan u + C$ or $-12 \cot^{-1} u + C$ with $u = \sqrt[6]{x} - 1$.

(f) Use the Weierstrass substitution $t = \tan(x/2)$. So $\sin x = 2t/(1+t^2)$ and $dx = [2/(1+t^2)] dt$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1+2\tan(x/2)}{\sin x + 2} dx &= \int \frac{1+2t}{2t/(1+t^2)+2} \cdot \frac{2}{1+t^2} dt = \int \frac{2t+1}{t^2+t+1} dt \\ &= \ln(t^2+t+1) + C \\ &= \ln[\tan^2(x/2) + \tan(x/2) + 1] + C. \end{aligned}$$