

Math 112z, Fall 2019  
Practice Midterm 1  
Solution Key

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- There are 7 pages of questions. Make sure your exam contains all these questions.
- This is a closed book, closed note, no calculator exam. You must show your work on all problems. The correct answer with no supporting work may result in no credit.
- **Put a box around your FINAL ANSWER for each problem and cross out any work that you don't want to be graded.**
- If you need more room, use the backs of the pages and indicate clearly that you have done so.
- Raise your hand if you have a question.
- Remember the **Honor Code**. Avoid suspicion of cheating by keeping your eyes on your paper and clearly showing your work on each problem!
- The problems are not ordered according to their difficulties, so please take a look at all problems and do not waste too much time on one problem. Budget your time wisely.
- You have 75 minutes to complete the exam.

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GOOD LUCK!

1. (20 pts) Evaluate the following integrals

(a)  $\int x^2 \cos 5x dx$

*Solution key:* Integration by parts. First let  $u = x^2$ ,  $dv = \cos 5x dx$  so  $v = \frac{1}{5} \sin 5x$  and we get

$$\int x^2 \cos 5x dx = \frac{1}{5} x^2 \sin 5x - \int \left(\frac{1}{5} \sin 5x\right)(2x) dx = \frac{1}{5} x^2 \sin 5x - \frac{2}{5} \int x \sin 5x dx$$

Then apply integration by part again.

*Answer:*  $\frac{1}{5} x^2 \sin(5x) + \frac{2}{25} x \cos(5x) - \frac{2}{125} \sin(5x) + C$

(b)  $\int \tan^5 x dx$

*Solution key:* This is a trig integral of the type  $\int \tan^m x \sec^n x dx$  with  $m$  odd but there is no  $\sec x$  to borrow. We can use trig identity to transform the integral as

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

Then the first two are of the type  $\int \tan^m x \sec^n x dx$  with  $n$  even so we can apply substitution  $u = \tan x$ .

*Answer:*  $\frac{1}{4} \sec^4 x - \tan^2 x + \ln |\sec x| + C$

2. (15 pts) Evaluate the following integral

$$\int \frac{x^3 + 4x + 3}{x^4 + 5x^2 + 4} dx$$

*Solution key:* The integrand is a rational function. So apply partial fraction decomposition. The denominator can be factorized (it is quadratic in  $x^2$ ) as

$$x^4 + 5x^2 + 4 = (x^2)^2 + 5(x^2) + 4 = (x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 4)$$

The partial fraction decomposition should be of the form

$$\frac{x^3 + 4x + 3}{x^4 + 5x^2 + 4} = \frac{x^3 + 4x + 3}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 4)} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + 4}$$

Then we can find  $A = 1, B = 1, C = 0, D = -1$ . Then the integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^3 + 4x + 3}{x^4 + 5x^2 + 4} dx &= \int \frac{x + 1}{x^2 + 1} dx - \int \frac{1}{x^2 + 4} dx \\ &= \int \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} dx + \int \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} dx - \int \frac{1}{x^2 + 4} dx \end{aligned}$$

For the first integral, apply substitution  $u = x^2 + 1$ . For the last two integrals, we can apply the formula.

*Answer:*  $\frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) + \tan^{-1} x - \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C$

3. (15 pts) Evaluate the integral

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 9}}{x^3} dx$$

*Solution key:* We apply trig substitution. Let  $u = 3 \sec \theta$  so  $dx = 3 \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$  and  $\sqrt{x^2 - 9} = 3 \tan \theta$ . We transform the integral to

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 9}}{x^3} dx = \int \frac{3 \tan \theta}{27 \sec^3 \theta} 3 \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{\tan^2 \theta}{\sec^2 \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{3} \int \sin^2 \theta d\theta.$$

This is a trig integral. We can evaluate it using half angle formula.

*Answer:*  $\frac{1}{6} \cos^{-1}(3/x) - \frac{\sqrt{x^2-9}}{2x^2} + C$

4. (10 pts) Consider the curve

$$36y^2 = (x^2 - 4)^3, \quad y \geq 0$$

Find the length of the curve between  $P_0(2, 0)$  and  $P_1(3, \sqrt{125}/6)$

*Solution Key:* We first determine the parametrization of the curve. We can solve  $y$ :

$$y^2 = \frac{1}{36}(x^2 - 4)^3 \implies y = \pm \frac{1}{6}(x^2 - 4)^{3/2}$$

and we pick + because  $y \geq 0$ . So we get  $y = f(x) = \frac{1}{6}(x^2 - 4)^{3/2}$ . Then we can apply the arclength formula

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} dx = \int_2^3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4}(x^2 - 4)x^2} dx = \int_2^3 \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 - 1\right) dx$$

We can find this easily.

*Answer:*  $13/6$ .

5. (10 pts) Use the Comparison Theorem to determine whether

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^3 + 10} dx$$

is convergent or divergent.

*Solution key:* This is an improper integral of the first type. The integrand is continuous. For  $x > 0$ , we get

$$0 < \frac{x}{x^3 + 10} < \frac{x}{x^3} < \frac{1}{x^2}.$$

However,  $1/x^2$  is not continuous at  $x = 0$ . But we know that  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$  is convergent. Thus, we can split the original integral as

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^3 + 10} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x}{x^3 + 10} dx + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^3 + 10} dx$$

The first integral is a well-defined definite integral. The second integral is convergent by comparison theorem. So the integral is convergent.

Another way to think about is that we find a better upper bound of the integrand. For example, for  $x \geq 1$ , we can still use

$$0 < \frac{x}{x^3 + 10} < \frac{1}{x^2}.$$

For  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , we can take

$$0 < \frac{x}{x^3 + 10} < \frac{1}{10}.$$

Then we consider a piecewisely defined function  $g(x)$  where

$$g(x) = 1/x^2 \quad x \geq 1, \text{ and } g(x) = 1/10 \quad 0 \leq x < 1.$$

Then

$$0 < \frac{x}{x^3 + 10} < g(x)$$

and

$$\int_0^{\infty} g(x) dx = \int_0^1 g(x) dx + \int_1^{\infty} g(x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{10} dx + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

is convergent.

6. (15 pts) Determine whether the following improper integrals are convergent or divergent.

(a)  $\int_{-2}^3 \frac{1}{x^{10}} dx$

*Solution key:* The integrand is not continuous at  $x = 0$  so we split the integral as

$$\int_{-2}^3 \frac{1}{x^{10}} dx = \int_{-2}^0 \frac{1}{x^{10}} dx + \int_0^3 \frac{1}{x^{10}} dx$$

We can show by definition that the second improper integral is divergent.

(b)  $\int_0^{\infty} \sin^2 t dt$

*Solution key:* This is an improper integral of the first type. We use definition

$$\int_0^{\infty} \sin^2 t dt = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^a \sin^2 t dt$$

Evaluate the definite integral using half angle formula. Finally, we can see the limit does not exist.

7. (15 pts) Consider the integral

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \cos(nx) dx$$

where  $m, n$  are positive integers. Evaluate the integral without using product to sum formula.

(Hint: The  $m = n$  case is simple. For  $m \neq n$ , use integration by parts. )

*Solution key:* When  $m = n$ , the integral is just

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \cos(nx) dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \cos(mx) dx$$

We can evaluate using substitution  $u = \sin(mx)$ . The answer is 0.

When  $m \neq n$ , we apply integration by parts. First, let  $u = \sin mx, dv = \cos(nx)dx$  so  $v = \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx)$ . We get

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \cos(nx) dx = 0 - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx) m \cos(mx) dx$$

Then we let  $u = \cos(mx)$  and  $dv = \sin(nx)dx$  so that  $v = -\frac{1}{n} \cos(nx)$ . We apply integration by parts again to get

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx) m \cos(mx) dx = \frac{m}{n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx) \cos(mx) dx = 0 + \frac{m}{n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{m}{n} \sin(mx) \cos(nx) dx$$

Combine the above two equations, we get

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \cos(nx) dx = \frac{m^2}{n^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \cos(nx) dx$$

Because  $m \neq n$ , the integral must be 0.