

7.2 Answers

Further A-Level Pure Mathematics, Core 2

Improper Integrals

Answer 1

Let $x = \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta$ in which case $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \theta$

$$\int \frac{1}{(1 + 4x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx = \int \frac{1}{(1 + \tan^2 \theta)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \times \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{(\sec^2 \theta)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \times \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sec^3 \theta} \times \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta + c$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sin(\arctan(2x)) + c$$

$$\int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{(1 + 4x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin(\arctan(2x)) \right]_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

[6 marks]

Answer 2

$$Volume = \pi \int_a^b x^2 dy$$

$$= \pi \int_0^\infty y e^{-2y} dy$$

$$= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t y e^{-2y} dy$$

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$$= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[y \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-2y} - \int 1 \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-2y} dy \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-y e^{-2y} + \int e^{-2y} dy \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-y e^{-2y} + \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-2y} \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-t e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} + 0 + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4}$$

[6 marks]

Answer 3

Partial fractions;

$$\frac{8x - 12}{\left[(2x^2 + 3)(x + 1) \right]} = \frac{Ax + B}{2x^2 + 3} + \frac{C}{x + 1}$$

Multiply through by the red bracket

$$\frac{(8x - 12) \left[\dots \dots \right]}{\left[(2x^2 + 3)(x + 1) \right]} = \frac{(Ax + B) \left[\dots \dots \right]}{2x^2 + 3} + \frac{C \left[\dots \dots \right]}{x + 1}$$

$$8x - 12 = (Ax + B)(x + 1) + C(2x^2 + 3)$$

$$\text{Let } x = -1 \Rightarrow C = -4$$

$$\text{Let } x = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$\text{Let } x = 1 \Rightarrow A = 8$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{8x - 12}{(2x^2 + 3)(x + 1)} dx &= \int \frac{8x}{2x^2 + 3} - \frac{4}{x + 1} dx \\ &= 2 \int 4x(2x^2 + 3)^{-1} - \frac{4}{x + 1} dx \\ &= 2 \ln(2x^2 + 3) - 4 \ln(x + 1) + c \\ &= 2 \left[\ln(2x^2 + 3) - \ln(x + 1)^2 \right] + c \\ &= 2 \ln \left(\frac{2x^2 + 3}{(x + 1)^2} \right) + c \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \frac{8x - 12}{(2x^2 + 3)(x + 1)} dx &= 2 \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln \left(\frac{2x^2 + 3}{(x + 1)^2} \right) \right]_0^t \\ &= 2 \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln \left(\frac{2t^2 + 3}{(t + 1)^2} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{3}{1} \right) \right] \\ &= 2 [\ln 2 - \ln 3] \\ &= 2 \ln \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) \\ &= \ln \left(\frac{4}{9} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{That is, } k = \frac{4}{9}$$

[7 marks]

Answer 4**(i)**

$$y = \arctan \sqrt{x}$$

$$\tan y = \sqrt{x}$$

$$(\tan y)^2 = x$$

Differentiate implicitly with respect to x

$$2 \tan y \sec^2 y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2 \tan y \sec^2 y}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2 \tan y (1 + \tan^2 y)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{x} (1 + x)}$$

[3 marks]**(ii)** From part (i),

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} (x + 1)} dx = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{x} (x + 1)} dx$$

$$= 2 \left[\arctan \sqrt{x} \right]_0^1$$

$$= 2 \left[\arctan \sqrt{1} - \arctan 0 \right]$$

$$= 2 \times \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2}$$

[3 marks]**Answer 5**Let $x^2 = \sec \theta$, and differentiate implicitly with respect to θ to get,

$$2x \frac{dx}{d\theta} = \sec \theta \tan \theta$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{\sec \theta \tan \theta}{2 \sqrt{\sec \theta}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sec \theta} \tan \theta$$

For the lower limit $x^2 = \sec \theta$

$$1 = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\cos \theta = 1$$

$$\theta = 0$$

For the upper limit $x^2 = \sec \theta$

$$(\sqrt{2})^2 = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

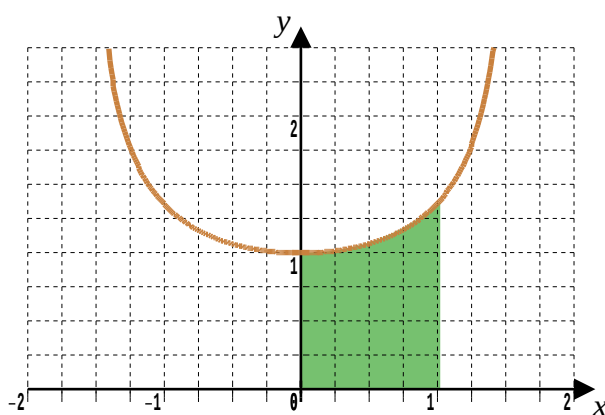
$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Making the substitution,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4 - 1}} dx &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1}} \times \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sec \theta} \tan \theta d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta}} \times \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sec \theta} \tan \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cos \theta}} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

This integral is a proper one and could be interpreted as finding the finite area shaded green under the curve $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cos x}}$



Thus the original improper integral $\int_1^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4 - 1}} dx$ must be convergent $\square$

[8 marks]