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**Math 1572H. Midterm Exam I February 17, 2006**

There are a total of 100 points on this exam, plus one 5-point extra credit problem that you should only work if you complete the rest of the exam. To get full credit for a problem you must show the details of your work. Answers unsupported by an argument will get little credit.

Some formulas that you may, or may not, want to use are

$$\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$$

$$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x, \quad \cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x,$$

$$2 \sin^2 x = 1 - \cos 2x, \quad 2 \cos^2 x = 1 + \cos 2x,$$

$$M_x = \frac{1}{2} \int \rho y^2 \, dx, \quad M_y = \int \rho x y \, dx, \quad M = \int \rho y \, dx, \quad \bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{M}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{M}$$

$$T_n = \frac{\Delta x}{2}(y_0 + 2y_1 + \cdots + 2y_{n-1} + y_n), \quad \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

$$S_n = \frac{\Delta x}{3}(y_0 + 4y_1 + 2y_2 + \cdots + 2y_{n-2} + 4y_{n-1} + y_n), \quad \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}, \quad n \text{ even}$$

$$\int \sec x \, dx = \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + c, \quad \int \csc x \, dx = \ln |\csc x - \cot x| + c,$$

**Problem 1** (20 points) To derive the Kepler equation for the time behavior of solutions to the Newton gravitational equation we have to evaluate the integral

$$I = \int \frac{d\phi}{(1 + e \cos \phi)^2}$$

where  $e$  is the eccentricity of the trajectory. For elliptical ( $0 < e < 1$ ) or hyperbolic ( $1 < e$ ) trajectories this is fairly difficult and requires use of the general substitution  $u = \tan(\theta/2)$ . However, for parabolic trajectories ( $e = 1$ ) it is easy and can be done using the half angle formula

$$\cos^2 \frac{\phi}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos \phi).$$

Verify this by evaluating

$$\int \frac{d\phi}{(1 + \cos \phi)^2}$$

showing the details of the calculation.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{d\phi}{(1 + \cos \phi)^2} &= \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{d\phi}{\cos^4(\phi/2)} = \frac{1}{2} \int \sec^4(\phi/2) d(\phi/2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int (\tan^2(\phi/2) + 1) \sec^2(\phi/2) d(\phi/2) = \frac{1}{2} \int (\tan^2(\phi/2) + 1) d \tan(\phi/2) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \tan^3(\phi/2) + \frac{1}{2} \tan(\phi/2) + C \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2** (20 points) Determine if the improper integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^{3/2}} dx$$

converges and, if so, give the steps in its evaluation.

Solution:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^{3/2}} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow 0^+} \int_b^1 \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^{3/2}} dx.$$

Set  $u = \ln(x+1)$ ,  $dv = x^{-3/2} dx$  and integrate by parts:

$$\int_b^1 \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^{3/2}} dx = -2 \frac{\ln(x+1)}{\sqrt{x}} \Big|_b^1 + 2 \int_b^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}(x+1)}$$

Set  $w = \sqrt{x}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &= -2 \ln 2 + \frac{2 \ln(b+1)}{\sqrt{b}} + 4 \int_{\sqrt{b}}^1 \frac{dw}{1+w^2} \\ &= -2 \ln 2 + \frac{2 \ln(b+1)}{\sqrt{b}} + \pi - 4 \arctan \sqrt{b}. \end{aligned}$$

By L'Hospital's rule

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2 \ln(b+1)}{\sqrt{b}} = 4 \lim_{b \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1/(b+1)}{1/\sqrt{b}} = 4 \lim_{b \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{b}}{b+1} = 0,$$

Also

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow 0^+} \arctan \sqrt{b} = 0.$$

Thus

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow 0^+} \int_b^1 \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^{3/2}} dx = -2 \ln 2 + \pi,$$

converges.

**Problem 3** Recall that a bound on the maximum error in Simpson's rule for a 4-times continuously differentiable function  $f(x)$  on the interval  $[a, b]$  is

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) dx - S_n \right| = |E_S| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^5}{180n^4}, \quad K = \max_{x \in [a,b]} |f^{(4)}(x)|.$$

Suppose we want to approximate

$$\int_{-1}^0 e^{x^2} dx, \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{d^4}{dx^4} e^{x^2} = (12 + 48x^2 + 16x^4)e^{x^2}.$$

**a. (10 points)** Find a bound for the maximum possible error  $|E_S|$  of Simpson's rule for this integral, with  $n$  steps.

*Solution:*

$$K = \max_{x \in [-1,0]} (12 + 48x^2 + 16x^4)e^{x^2} = (12 + 48 + 16)e = 76e$$

Thus

$$|E_S| \leq \frac{76e(1)^5}{180n^4} = \frac{76e}{180n^4} \approx 1.147718994/n^4.$$

- b. (10 points)** *Though it appears from the above analysis that we can make the error as small as we want simply by choosing  $n$  sufficiently large, in reality there are computer dependent round-off and truncation errors that grow as the number of multiplications increases, so that eventually an increase in  $n$  leads to a decrease in accuracy. Suppose for our computer and algorithm the round-off error grows as  $10^{-10}n$ , so that the total error is modeled by*

$$E_{\text{total}} = \frac{K(b-a)^5}{180n^4} + 10^{-10}n.$$

*For the integral above, about how many steps  $n$  should you take for maximum accuracy? What is the smallest total error that you can achieve?*

*Solution: Set*

$$\frac{\partial E_{\text{total}}}{\partial n} = -\frac{4K(b-a)^5}{180n^5} + 10^{-10} = 0$$

*to find the critical point, which is the absolute minimum. Thus*

$$n_{\text{min}} = 10^2 \left( \frac{4K}{180} \right)^{1/5} (b-a) \approx 135.637,$$

*so  $n = 135$  or  $136$ . The minimum error is*

$$E_{\text{total}} \approx \frac{K}{180n_{\text{min}}^4} + 10^{-10}n_{\text{min}} \approx 1.7 \times 10^{-8}.$$

**Problem 4** The region bounded by the parabola  $y = 6x - x^2$  and the line  $y = 2x$  is covered by a lamina of constant density  $\rho$ .

**a. (15 points)** Find  $M_x$ ,  $M_y$  and the mass  $M$  for this lamina.

*Solution:* The curves intersect at  $x = 0, 4$ .

$$M_x = \frac{\rho}{2} \int_0^4 [(6x - x^2)^2 - (2x)^2] dx = \frac{896}{15} \rho$$

$$M_y = \rho \int_0^4 x[(6x - x^2) - (2x)] dx = \frac{64}{3} \rho.$$

$$M = \rho \int_0^4 [(6x - x^2) - (2x)] dx = \frac{32}{3} \rho.$$

**b. (5 points)** Compute the center of mass  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  of the lamina.

*Solution:*

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{M} = 2, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{M} = \frac{28}{5}.$$

**Problem 5** (20 points) Evaluate the following indefinite integral. Show all steps.

$$\int \frac{x^2 + 1}{(x^2 + 2x + 2)(x + 1)} dx.$$

By partial fractions,

$$\frac{x^2 + 1}{(x^2 + 2x + 2)(x + 1)} = \frac{A}{x + 1} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 2x + 2} = \frac{2}{x + 1} + \frac{-x - 3}{x^2 + 2x + 2},$$

so

$$\int \frac{x^2 + 1}{(x^2 + 2x + 2)(x + 1)} dx = 2 \int \frac{dx}{x + 1} + \int \frac{(-x - 3)}{x^2 + 2x + 2} dx$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{x + 1} &= \ln|x + 1| + C, \\ \int \frac{(-x - 3)}{x^2 + 2x + 2} dx &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{(2x + 2)}{x^2 + 2x + 2} dx - 2 \int \frac{dx}{(x + 1)^2 + 1} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 2x + 2) - 2 \arctan(x + 1) + C. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\int \frac{x^2 + 1}{(x^2 + 2x + 2)(x + 1)} dx = \ln|x + 1| - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 2x + 2) - 2 \arctan(x + 1) + C.$$

**Problem 6** (*EXTRA CREDIT, 5 points*) Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{e^x - 1} \right)$$

and show each step in the evaluation

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{e^x - 1} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{xe^x - x} \right] = \text{(using the L'H rule)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{e^x - 1}{xe^x + e^x - 1} \right] = \text{(using the L'H rule again)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{e^x}{xe^x + 2e^x} \right] = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$