

MULTIVARIABLE CALCULUS HT20 SHEET 1
Multiple planar integrals. Change of variables.

1. Let $a, b > 0$. By swapping the order of double integrals of e^{-xy} on the set $[0, \infty) \times [a, b]$ show that

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-ax} - e^{-bx}}{x} dx = \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right).$$

2. Show that

$$\int_{y=0}^{y=1} \left(\int_{x=0}^{x=1} \frac{x-y}{(x+y)^3} dx \right) dy = -\frac{1}{2} \neq \frac{1}{2} = \int_{x=0}^{x=1} \left(\int_{y=0}^{y=1} \frac{x-y}{(x+y)^3} dy \right) dx.$$

3. Show that

$$\iint_{[0,1]^2} |x-y| dA = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Why does this integral represent the mean distance between two points chosen randomly and independently from the unit interval $[0, 1]$?

4. (i) The *moment of inertia* of a uniform disc D of radius a and mass m about an axis vertically through its centre equals

$$I_0 = \iint_D r^2 \rho dA,$$

where ρ is the density of the disc. Determine ρ in terms of a and m . Use polar co-ordinates to show that I_0 equals $ma^2/2$.

(ii) The vertical axis is moved from the centre of the disc to a point distance $R \leq a$ away. The moment of inertia now equals

$$I_R = \iint_D d(r, \theta, R)^2 \rho dA$$

where $d(r, \theta, R)$ is the distance of the point (r, θ) from the axis. Find I_R and show that it is an increasing function of R for $0 \leq R \leq a$.

5. Let

$$I = \iint_{[0,1]^2} \frac{dx dy}{1-xy}.$$

(i) By applying the binomial theorem to the integrand, show that

$$I = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}.$$

(ii) Set $x = u - v$ and $y = u + v$. Determine the Jacobian $\partial(x, y)/\partial(u, v)$. Show that

$$I = 4 \iint_T \frac{du dv}{1-u^2+v^2}$$

where T is the triangle with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$ and $(1/2, 1/2)$.

(iii) By splitting the interval $0 \leq u \leq 1$ into halves, and using trigonometric substitutions and identities, show that $I = \pi^2/6$.

6. (Optional) (i) Let $a \geq 0$. By applying the method of Exercise 1 to $e^{-yx} \sin x$, show that

$$\int_0^{\infty} (1 - e^{-ax}) \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \tan^{-1} a.$$

Deduce that $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \pi/2$.

(ii) What is $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin cx}{x} dx$ where c is a real number?

(iii) Show that the integrals $\int_0^{n\pi} \left| \frac{\sin x}{x} \right| dx$ increase without bound as n becomes large.