

1) Evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x-1}{x^2+3x+2} dx$$

The method of partial fractions gives:

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

$$\text{thus } A(x+1) + B(x+2) = x-1$$

$$(A+B)x + A+2B = x-1$$

$$\text{thus } A+B=1 \quad \text{and} \quad A+2B=-1$$

$$A=1-B \quad \text{giving} \quad -1 = A+2B = 1-B+2B = 1+B$$

$$\text{thus } B = -2$$

$$\text{and } A = 3$$

$$\text{giving } \frac{x-1}{x^2+3x+2} = \frac{3}{x+2} + \frac{-2}{x+1}$$

which implies

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x-1}{x^2+3x+2} dx = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{3}{x+2} + \frac{-2}{x+1} \right) dx = 3 \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x+2} - 2 \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x+1}$$

$$= \left[ 3 \ln|x+2| - 2 \ln|x+1| \right]_0^1$$

$$= 3 \ln|1+2| - 2 \ln|1+1| - (3 \ln|0+2| - 2 \ln|0+1|)$$

$$= 3 \ln(3) - 2 \ln(2) - 3 \ln(2) + 2 \ln(1) \rightarrow 0$$

$$= 3 \ln(3) - 5 \ln(2) = \ln\left(\frac{3^3}{2^5}\right)$$

2) Evaluate the integral

$$\int \frac{x^2 - x + 6}{x^3 + 3x} dx$$

The method of partial fractions gives:

$$\frac{x^2 - x + 6}{x^3 + 3x} = \frac{x^2 - x + 6}{x(x^2 + 3)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 3}$$

$$\text{thus } A(x^2 + 3) + (Bx + C)x = x^2 - x + 6$$

$$(A + B)x^2 + Cx + 3A = x^2 - x + 6$$

$$\text{giving } 3A = 6 \quad C = -1 \quad A + B = 1$$

$$\text{implying } A = 2$$

$$1 = A + B = 2 + B$$

$$\text{implying } B = -1$$

$$\text{giving } \frac{x^2 - x + 6}{x^3 + 3x} = \frac{2}{x} + \frac{-x + (-1)}{x^2 + 3} = \frac{2}{x} - \frac{x + 1}{x^2 + 3}$$

which implies

$$\int \frac{x^2 - x + 6}{x^3 + 3x} dx = \int \left( \frac{2}{x} - \frac{x + 1}{x^2 + 3} \right) dx = \int \left( \frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{x^2 + 3} - \frac{1}{x^2 + 3} \right) dx$$

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

$$= 2 \ln|x| - \int \frac{x dx}{x^2 + 3} - \frac{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}\right)}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\curvearrow \text{let } u = x^2 + 3 \quad du = 2x dx$$

$$= 2 \ln|x| - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u} - \frac{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}\right)}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= 2 \ln|x| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|u| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$= 2 \ln|x| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2 + 3| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$= \ln \left| \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 3}} \right| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

3) Evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x}{x^2+4x+13} dx$$

complete the square  $x^2+4x+13 = x^2+4x+4+9 = (x+2)^2+9$

giving  $\frac{x}{x^2+4x+13} = \frac{x}{(x+2)^2+9}$

thus  $\int_0^1 \frac{x}{x^2+4x+13} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x}{(x+2)^2+9} dx$  let  $u = x+2$   $du = dx$   
 $x = u-2$

$$= \int_{u=0+2=2}^{u=1+2=3} \frac{u-2}{u^2+9} du = \int_2^3 \frac{u}{u^2+9} du - 2 \int_2^3 \frac{du}{u^2+9}$$

Let  $t = u^2+9$   $dt = 2u du$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{t=2^2+9=13}^{t=3^2+9=18} \frac{dt}{t} - \left[ \frac{2}{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{u}{3}\right) \right]_2^3$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln |t| \right]_{13}^{18} - \left[ \frac{2}{3} \tan^{-1}(1) - \frac{2}{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln(18) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(13) - \frac{2}{3} \tan^{-1}(1) + \frac{2}{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$= \ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{18}{13}}\right) - \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{2}{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

4) Determine whether the given integral is convergent or divergent. Evaluate if convergent.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{(x^2+2)^2} dx$$

There are no points of discontinuity of  $\frac{x}{(x^2+2)^2}$  on  $[0, \infty)$  since  $x^2 \geq 0$  on  $[0, \infty)$  which implies  $x^2+2 \neq 0$  on  $[0, \infty)$

$$\text{thus } \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{(x^2+2)^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{x}{(x^2+2)^2} dx \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{let } u = x^2+2 \\ du = 2x dx \end{array}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_2^{t^2+2} \frac{1}{u^2} du = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{u} \right]_2^{t^2+2}$$

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

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2(t^2+2)} \right] = \frac{1}{4} - 0 = \frac{1}{4}$$

The improper integral is convergent.

5) Determine whether the integral is convergent or divergent.  
Evaluate if convergent.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^3} dx$$

There are no points of discontinuity of  $x^2 e^{-x^3}$

$$\text{Next } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^0 x^2 e^{-x^3} dx + \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t x^2 e^{-x^3} dx$$

$$\text{Now } \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^0 x^2 e^{-x^3} dx \quad \text{let } u = x^3 \quad du = 3x^2 dx$$

$$\text{giving } \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^0 x^2 e^{-x^3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{3} \int_{t^3}^0 e^{-u} du$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{3} (-e^{-u}) \Big|_{t^3}^0 = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{3} [e^{-t^3} - 1]$$

$$= \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^3} dx \text{ is divergent}$$

6) Find the values of  $p$  for which the integral converges and evaluate the integral for those values of  $p$ .

$$\int_c^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^p} \quad c > 0$$

Let  $u = \ln x \quad du = \frac{1}{x} dx$

thus  $\int_c^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^p} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\ln(c)}^{\ln(t)} \frac{du}{u^p}$

$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{p-1} \cdot \frac{1}{u^{p-1}} & p \neq 1 \\ \ln(u) & p = 1 \end{cases} \Bigg|_{\ln(c)}^{\ln(t)}$  Now  $\ln(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-p} \frac{1}{(\ln(t))^{p-1}} - \frac{1}{1-p} \left( \frac{1}{(\ln(c))^{p-1}} \right) & p \neq 1 \\ \ln(\ln(t)) - \ln(\ln(c)) & p = 1 \end{cases}$

Now if  $p > 1$  then  $p-1 > 0$  (As in example 4)

so as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\ln(t) \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $(\ln(t))^{p-1} \rightarrow \infty$   
 implying  $\frac{1}{(\ln(t))^{p-1}} \rightarrow 0$  for  $p > 1$

Therefore if  $p > 1$ ,  $\int_c^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^p} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{1-p} \frac{1}{(\ln(t))^{p-1}} - \frac{1}{1-p} \frac{1}{(\ln(c))^{p-1}} \right]$

$= \left( \frac{1}{1-p} \right) \frac{1}{(\ln(c))^{p-1}}$

if  $p < 1$  then  $p-1 < 0$

so as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\ln(t) \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $(\ln(t))^{p-1} \rightarrow 0$

implying  $\frac{1}{(\ln(t))^{p-1}} \rightarrow \infty$  Diverges for  $p < 1$

if  $p = 1$  then as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\ln(t) \rightarrow \infty$  implying  $\ln(\ln(t)) \rightarrow \infty$

thus  $\int_c^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^p}$  diverges for  $p = 1$

Hence  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x(\ln(x))^p}$  converges for  $p \in (1, \infty)$   
and diverges otherwise

for  $p \in (1, \infty)$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x(\ln(x))^p} = \frac{1}{(p-1)(\ln(c))^p}$$