

Problem 1 Solution

Question :

Determine if the following improper integral converges or diverges. If it converges, determine its value:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \sin(2x)e^{-x} dx.$$

Solution :

Starting with the indefinite integral, do integration by parts with

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sin(2x) & dv &= e^{-x} dx \\ du &= 2\cos(2x) dx & v &= -e^{-x}. \end{aligned} \quad (5 \text{ pts})$$

$$\int \sin(2x)e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x}\sin(2x) + 2 \int e^{-x}\cos(2x) dx$$

For integral on the right-hand side of the equation do integration by parts with

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \cos(2x) & dv &= e^{-x} dx \\ du &= -2\sin(2x) dx & v &= -e^{-x}. \end{aligned} \quad (5 \text{ pts})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin(2x)e^{-x} dx &= -e^{-x}\sin(2x) + 2 \left(-\cos(2x)e^{-x} - 2 \int e^{-x}\sin(2x) dx \right) \\ &= -e^{-x}\sin(2x) - 2\cos(2x)e^{-x} - 4 \int e^{-x}\sin(2x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Then solve algebraically for the integral in question.

$$\int \sin(2x)e^{-x} dx = \frac{1}{5} (-e^{-x}\sin(2x) - 2e^{-x}\cos(2x)) \quad (5 \text{ pts})$$

Then go back to the improper integral and write it as a limit.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \sin(2x)e^{-x} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{5} (-e^{-a}\sin(2a) - 2e^{-a}\cos(2a)) - \frac{1}{5}(0 - 2) \quad (4 \text{ pts})$$

$$= 0 - \frac{1}{5}(-2) = \frac{2}{5} \quad (6 \text{ pts})$$