

Solution of Practice Questions for Lecture #38 to 40

Question#1

Find the work done by the force $500x$ if an object moves in the positive direction over the interval $[0.16, 0.19]$?

Solution:

Here

$$F(x) = 500x; \quad [0.16, 0.19]$$

$$W = \int_{0.16}^{0.19} 500x \, dx \quad \text{since } W = \int_a^b F(x) \, dx$$

$$= \left| \frac{500x^2}{2} \right|_{0.16}^{0.19}$$

$$= \frac{500}{2} |x^2|_{0.16}^{0.19}$$

$$= 250[(0.19)^2 - (0.16)^2]$$

$$= 2.625 \text{ J}$$

Question#2

Find the spring constant if a force took 1800 J of work to stretch a spring from its natural length of 5 m to a length of 8 m ?

Solution:

$$\text{The work done by F is } W = \int_0^3 F(x) \, dx$$

$$1800 = \int_0^3 Kx \, dx$$

$$= k \int_0^3 x \, dx$$

$$= k \left| \frac{x^2}{2} \right|_0^3$$

$$= \frac{9k}{2}$$

$$3600 = 9k$$

or

k=400

Question#3

Evaluate the improper integral:

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{(2x+1)^3} dx$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{(2x+1)^3} dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_t^0 \frac{1}{(2x+1)^3} dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_t^0 \frac{1}{(2x+1)^3} (2dx) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_t^0 (2x+1)^{-3} (2dx) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{(2x+1)^{-2}}{-2} \right|_t^0 \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{4} |(2x+1)^{-2}|_t^0 \\ &= \frac{-1}{4} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [1 - (2t+1)^{-2}] \\ &= \frac{-1}{4} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 - \frac{1}{(2t+1)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{4} [1 - 0] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{4}$$

Question#4

Solve the improper integral:

$$\int_1^5 \frac{1}{(x-2)^{\frac{2}{3}}} dx$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^5 \frac{1}{(x-2)^{\frac{2}{3}}} dx \\ &= \int_1^2 \frac{dx}{(x-2)^{\frac{2}{3}}} + \int_2^5 \frac{dx}{(x-2)^{\frac{2}{3}}} \\ &= \int_1^2 (x-2)^{-\frac{2}{3}} dx + \int_2^5 (x-2)^{-\frac{2}{3}} dx \\ &= 3 \left| (x-2)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right|_1^2 + 3 \left| (x-2)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right|_2^5 \\ &= 3[0 - (-1)^{1/3}] + 3[(3)^{1/3} - 0] \\ &= 3[(3)^{1/3} - (-1)^{1/3}] \\ &= 3[{}^{1/3}\sqrt{3} - {}^{1/3}\sqrt{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

Question#5

Use L'Hopital's rule to evaluate the limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin x - 1}{\cos 2x + 1}$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin x - 1}{\cos 2x + 1} \quad \frac{0}{0} \text{ form}$$

By L'Hopital's rule

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{-2 \sin 2x} \quad \frac{0}{0} \text{ form}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{-2 \sin 2x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{-4 \sin x \cos x} \quad \text{since } \sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{-4 \sin x}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{4}$$

Question#6

Evaluate the limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{x^2 - 5x} - x$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{x^2 - 5x} - x$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 5x} - x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 5x} + x} \times \sqrt{x^2 - 5x} + x$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt{x^2 - 5x})^2 - x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - 5x} + x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 5x - x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - 5x} + x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-5x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 5x} + x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-5x}{\sqrt{x^2(1 - \frac{5}{x})} + x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-5x}{x\sqrt{(1 - \frac{5}{x})} + x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-5x}{x(\sqrt{(1 - \frac{5}{x})} + 1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-5}{\sqrt{(1 - \frac{5}{x})} + 1}$$

$$= \frac{-5}{2}$$
