Physics 2400

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Points:	30	15	10	10	10	75
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Instructor/grader comments:

Integral multiplication trick: the Fresnel integrals

1. (30 points) Evaluate the following integrals

$$C = \int_0^\infty \cos(x^2) dx$$
, and $S = \int_0^\infty \sin(x^2) dx$.

The integrals *C* and *S* are named after the Fresnel (French physicist, 1788-1827). Despite the name, they were first evaluated by Euler (in 1781).

Hints: use Euler formula to write the integral for F = C + iS. Square the integral and evaluate it in polar coordinates as we did for Gaussian integrals in class. Temporary add a convergence factor.

Answer: $C = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}}$, $S = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}}$

Gamma function

2. (15 points) Evaluate the integral in terms of Γ function. Simplify the expression as much as possible.

$$I = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-x^4} \mathrm{d}x$$

Answer: $I = \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)$

Complex numbers

3. (10 points) Find the coordinate and the polar form of the following complex number:

$$Z = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} - i\sqrt{2}}{1 - i\sqrt{3}}\right)^{26}.$$

Answer: $Z = e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{i}{2}$

4. (10 points) Find the values of $Z = (\sqrt{i})^i$.

Answer: $Z = e^{-\frac{\pi}{4} - \pi n}$, where $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, ...$

5. (10 points) Find the coordinate and the polar forms of the solutions of the equation:

$$z^4 = \sqrt{3} - i.$$

How many roots are there?