PHYS 2400 HW 8

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Question:	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Points:	20	15	15	20	15	85
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Method of stationary phase

1. (a) (15 points) Find the leading term of the asymptotics of the following integral for $\lambda \to \infty$:

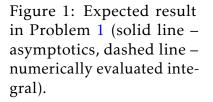
$$I(\lambda) = \int_{0}^{1} \cos\left(\lambda x^{p}\right) \mathrm{d}x$$

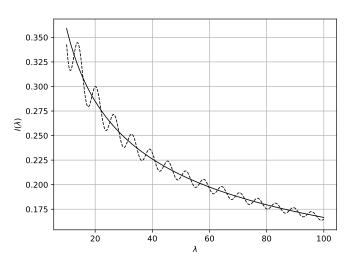
for *p* real and p > 1.

Describe the location of the stationary point of the integrand, and the approximation you used for the integrand in its vicinity.

(b) (5 points) Use a Computer Algebra System to plot on the same graph the numerical value of the integral and your approximation for p = 3 and $10 \le \lambda \le 100$. Attach a printout of your CAS session.

The expected graph is shown in Fig. 1.





2. (a) (10 points) Find the leading term of the asymptotics of the following integral for $\lambda \to \infty$:

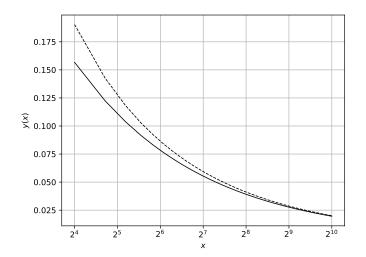
$$I(\lambda) = \int_{0}^{\infty} \cos\left(\lambda x^{2} - x\right) \mathrm{d}x.$$

Describe the location of the stationary point of the integrand, and the approximation you used for the integrand in its vicinity.

(b) (5 points) Use a Computer Algebra System to plot on the same graph the numerical value of the integral and your approximation for $16 \le \lambda \le 1024$. Use logarithmic x-axis. Attach a printout of your CAS session.

The expected graph is shown in Fig. 2.

Figure 2: Expected result in Problem 2 (solid line – asymptotics, dashed line – numerically evaluated integral).



3. (a) (10 points) Find the leading term of the asymptotics of the following integral for $\lambda \to \infty$:

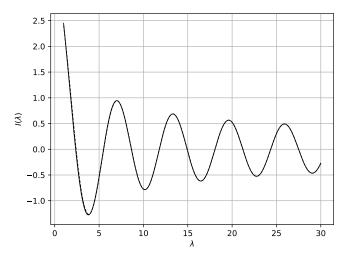
$$I(\lambda) = \int_{0}^{\pi} \cos(\lambda \cos(x)) \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

Describe the location of the stationary point of the integrand, and the approximation you used for the integrand in its vicinity.

(b) (5 points) Use a Computer Algebra System to plot on the same graph the numerical value of the integral and your approximation for $1 \le \lambda \le 30$. Attach a printout of your CAS session.

The expected graph is shown in Fig. 3.

Figure 3: Expected result in Problem 3 (solid line – asymptotics, dashed line – numerically evaluated integral).



Integration by parts

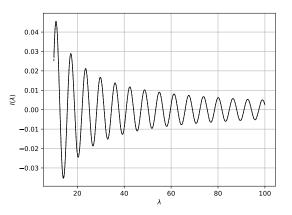
4. (a) (15 points) Find the leading term of the asymptotics of the following integral for $\lambda \to \infty$:

$$I(\lambda) = \int_{1}^{\infty} \cos\left(\lambda x^2\right) \mathrm{d}x.$$

(b) (5 points) Use a Computer Algebra System to plot on the same graph the numerical value of the integral and your approximation for $10 \le \lambda \le 100$. Attach a printout of your CAS session.

The expected graph is shown in Fig. 4.

Figure 4: Expected result in Problem 4 (solid line – asymptotics, dashed line – numerically evaluated integral).



5. (a) (10 points) Improve the approximation for the integral you considered in Problem 1 by evaluating the first correction term for $\lambda \to \infty$:

$$I(\lambda) = \int_{0}^{1} \cos\left(\lambda x^{3}\right) \mathrm{d}x.$$

(b) (5 points) Use a Computer Algebra System to plot on the same graph the numerical value of the integral and your approximation for $10 \le \lambda \le 100$. Attach a printout of your CAS session.

The expected graph is shown in Fig. 5.

Figure 5: Expected result in Problem 5 (solid line – asymptotics, dashed line – numerically evaluated integral).

