

Eg2 (c) Show that $\int_0^\pi x \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{\pi^2}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\pi x \cos^2 x \, dx \\ &= \int_0^\pi (\pi - x) \cos^2 (\pi - x) \, dx \\ &= \int_0^\pi (\pi - x) (-\cos x)^2 \, dx \\ &= \int_0^\pi (\pi \cos^2 x - x \cos^2 x) \, dx \\ &= \int_0^\pi \pi \cos^2 x \, dx - \int_0^\pi x \cos^2 x \, dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 2 \int_0^\pi x \cos^2 x \, dx &= \int_0^\pi \pi \cos^2 x \, dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \pi \cos^2 x \, dx + \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^\pi \pi \cos^2 x \, dx \\ &= \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 x \, dx + \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 \left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \, dx \\ &= \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 x \, dx + \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (-\sin x)^2 \, dx \\ &= \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x) \, dx \\ &= \pi [x]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \int_0^\pi x \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{\pi}{4}$$