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$$\Omega = \int_1^2 \frac{4x^4 - 6x - 9}{x^4} e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} dx$$

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Solution 1 by proposer

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{4x^4 - 6x - 9}{x^4} e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} &= \left(4 - \frac{6}{x^3} - \frac{9}{x^4}\right) e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} = \left(\left(2 - \frac{3}{x^2}\right)\left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right) - \frac{6}{x^3}\right) e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} = \\
 &= -\frac{6}{x^3} e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} + \left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right)\left(2 - \frac{3}{x^2}\right) e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} = \left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right)' e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} + \left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right)\left(e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}}\right)' = \\
 &\quad = \left(\left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right) e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}}\right)' \\
 \Omega &= \int_1^2 \frac{4x^4 - 6x - 9}{x^4} e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} dx = \int_1^2 \left(\left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right) e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}}\right)' dx = \\
 &\quad = \left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right) e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} \Big|_1^2 = \frac{11}{4} \sqrt{e^{11}} - 5e^5
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Marin Chirciu-Romania

$$\text{We have } \frac{4x^4 - 6x - 9}{x^4} = 4 - \frac{6}{x^3} - \frac{9}{x^4} = \left(2 - \frac{3}{x^2}\right)\left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right) - \frac{6}{x^3}.$$

We obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \int_1^2 \frac{4x^4 - 6x - 9}{x^4} e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} dx = \int_1^2 \left(\left(2 - \frac{3}{x^2}\right)\left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right) - \frac{6}{x^3}\right) e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} dx = \\
 &= \int_1^2 \left(2 - \frac{3}{x^2}\right)\left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right) e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} dx - \int_1^2 \frac{6}{x^3} e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} dx = \int_1^2 \left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right)\left(e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}}\right)' dx - \\
 &\quad - \int_1^2 \frac{6}{x^3} e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} dx \stackrel{\text{Parts}}{=} \int_1^2 \left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right)\left(e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}}\right)' dx - \int_1^2 \frac{6}{x^3} e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} dx = \\
 &\quad = \left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right)\left(e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}}\right) \Big|_1^2 - \int_1^2 \left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right)' e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} dx - \int_1^2 \frac{6}{x^3} e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} dx = \\
 &\quad = \left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right)\left(e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}}\right) \Big|_1^2 + \int_1^2 \frac{6}{x^3} e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} dx - \int_1^2 \frac{6}{x^3} e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}} dx = \left(2 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right)\left(e^{2x+\frac{3}{x}}\right) \Big|_1^2 =
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \left(2 + \frac{3}{4}\right) \left(e^{4+\frac{3}{2}}\right) - \left(2 + \frac{3}{1}\right) \left(e^{2+\frac{3}{1}}\right) = \frac{11}{4} e^{\frac{11}{2}} - 5e^5$$

Remark.

The problem can be developed.

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^*$. Find:

$$\Omega = \int_1^2 \frac{a^2 x^4 - 2bx - b^2}{x^4} e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}} dx$$

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Solution

We have $\frac{a^2 x^4 - 2bx - b^2}{x^4} = a^2 - \frac{2b}{x^3} - \frac{b^2}{x^4} = \left(a - \frac{b}{x^2}\right) \left(a + \frac{b}{x^2}\right) - \frac{2b}{x^3}$.

We obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \int_1^2 \frac{a^2 x^4 - 2bx - b^2}{x^4} e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}} dx = \int_1^2 \left(\left(a - \frac{b}{x^2}\right) \left(a + \frac{b}{x^2}\right) - \frac{2b}{x^3} \right) e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}} dx = \\ &= \int_1^2 \left(a - \frac{b}{x^2}\right) \left(a + \frac{b}{x^2}\right) e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}} dx - \int_1^2 \frac{2b}{x^3} e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}} dx = \int_1^2 \left(a + \frac{b}{x^2}\right) \left(e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}}\right)' dx - \\ &\quad - \int_1^2 \frac{2b}{x^3} e^{ax + \frac{3}{2}} dx \stackrel{\text{parts}}{=} \int_1^2 \left(a + \frac{b}{x^2}\right) \left(e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}}\right)' dx - \int_1^2 \frac{2b}{x^3} e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}} dx = \\ &= \left(a + \frac{b}{x^2}\right) \left(e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}}\right) \Big|_1^2 - \int_1^2 \left(a + \frac{b}{x^2}\right)' e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}} dx - \int_1^2 \frac{2b}{x^3} e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}} dx = \\ &= \left(a + \frac{b}{x^2}\right) \left(e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}}\right) \Big|_1^2 + \int_1^2 \frac{2b}{x^3} e^{ax + \frac{3}{2}} dx - \int_1^2 \frac{2b}{x^3} e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}} dx = \left(a + \frac{b}{x^2}\right) \left(e^{ax + \frac{b}{x}}\right) \Big|_1^2 = \\ &= \left(a + \frac{b}{4}\right) \left(e^{2a + \frac{b}{2}}\right) - \left(a + \frac{b}{1}\right) \left(e^{a + \frac{b}{1}}\right) = \frac{4a + b}{4} e^{\frac{4a+b}{2}} - (a + b) e^{a+b} \end{aligned}$$

Note: For $a = 2, b = 3$ we obtain the problem UP.547 from RMM – 37 – Summer 2025