

FIRST EXAM. INTEGRAL ASYMPTOTIC APPROXIMATION

1. For $\lambda \gg 1$, find the leading term of the integral $\int_0^\pi e^{i\lambda \cos(t)} dt$

Using the Riemann-Lebesgue for stationary points :

$$- \varphi(t) = \cos(t) \rightarrow \varphi'(t) = -\sin(t) \text{ where } \varphi'(t_0) = 0 \text{ when } t_0 = 0, \pi$$

Then the integral is defined between two stationary points, so

$$I(\lambda) = \underbrace{\int_0^{\pi/2} e^{i\lambda \cos(t)} dt}_{I_1(\lambda)} + \underbrace{\int_{\pi/2}^\pi e^{i\lambda \cos(t)} dt}_{I_2(\lambda)}$$

$$- \varphi''(t) = -\cos(t) \text{ which in } t_0 = 0, \varphi''(0) = -1 \text{ and in } t_0 = \pi,$$

$$\varphi''(\pi) = 1.$$

Then $p = 2$.

Each integral has the following leading term :

$$I_1(\lambda) = e^{i(\lambda + \frac{\pi}{4})} \left[\frac{2!}{\lambda} \right]^{1/2} \frac{\Gamma(1/2)}{2}$$

$$I_2(\lambda) = e^{i(-\lambda - \frac{\pi}{4})} \left[\frac{2!}{\lambda} \right]^{1/2} \frac{\Gamma(1/2)}{2}$$

Then

$$\int_0^\pi e^{i\lambda \cos(t)} dt \sim \sqrt{\frac{2}{\lambda}} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \left(e^{i(\lambda + \frac{\pi}{4})} + e^{-i(\lambda + \frac{\pi}{4})} \right) = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}} \cos\left(\lambda + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

3. The integral $\mathcal{F}(x, p) = \int_x^\infty t^{-p} e^{it} dt$ converges for all positive x if $p > 0$. Prove that the complete $x \rightarrow \infty$ asymptotic expansion of $\mathcal{F}(x, p)$ is given by

$$\mathcal{F}(x, p) \sim \frac{i e^{ix}}{x^p} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(p+n)}{\Gamma(p) (ix)^n}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{F}(x, p) &= \frac{1}{i} \int_x^\infty t^{-p} \frac{d}{dt} e^{it} dt = \frac{1}{it^p} e^{it} \Big|_x^\infty - \frac{1}{i} \int_x^\infty e^{it} \frac{d}{dt} t^{-p} dt \\
&= -\frac{e^{ix}}{ix^p} + \frac{p}{i} \int_x^\infty t^{-(p+1)} e^{it} dt \\
&= -\frac{e^{ix}}{ix^p} + \frac{p}{i} \left[\frac{1}{i} \int_x^\infty t^{-(p+1)} \frac{d}{dt} e^{it} dt \right] \\
&= -\frac{e^{ix}}{ix^p} + \frac{p}{i^2} \left[\frac{e^{it}}{t^{p+1}} \Big|_x^\infty + (p+1) \int_x^\infty t^{-(p+2)} e^{it} dt \right] \\
&= -\frac{e^{ix}}{ix^p} - \frac{p e^{ix}}{i^2 x^{p+1}} + \frac{p(p+1)}{i^2} \int_x^\infty t^{-(p+2)} e^{it} dt \\
&= -\frac{e^{ix}}{ix^p} \left[1 + \frac{p}{ix} + \frac{p(p+1)}{i} \int_x^\infty t^{-(p+2)} e^{it} dt \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Continuing with the integration by part integration

$$\mathcal{F}(x, p) = -\frac{e^{ix}}{ix^p} \left[1 + \frac{p}{ix} + \frac{p(p+1)}{i^2 x^2} + \dots \right] = \frac{i e^{ix}}{x^p} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(p+n)}{\Gamma(p)(ix)^n}$$

2. $I(x) := \int_0^1 e^{ixt^3} dt$

Let $\varphi(t) = it^3$ and $t = x + iy$, so $\varphi(x, y) = i(x + iy)^3$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= i(x^3 + iy(x^2) + (iy)^2 x + (iy)^3) \\
&= ix^3 - yx^2 - iy^2 x + y^3
\end{aligned}$$

finally $\varphi(x, y) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y) = [y(y^2 - x^2)] + i[x(x^2 - y^2)]$.

The critical points of $\varphi(t)$ are given by

- $\varphi'(t) = 3it^2 \rightarrow t_0 = 0$ and $(x=0, y=0)$

The saddle order of $t_0=0$ is $m=3$ and is given by

- $\varphi''(t) = 6it$ at $t_0=0$ $\varphi''(t_0)=0$

- $\varphi'''(t) = 6i \neq 0 \rightarrow \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$

The valleys are given by $m\theta + \phi = (2k+1)\pi \rightarrow \theta_i = \frac{(2k+1)\pi - \phi}{m}$

$$- \theta_0 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{6} \rightarrow \cos(\pi) = -1$$

$$- \theta_1 = \frac{1}{3} \left(3\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{5\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{5\pi}{6} \rightarrow \cos(3\pi) = -1$$

$$- \theta_2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(5\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{9\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{3\pi}{2} \rightarrow \cos(2\pi) = 1.$$

As the main contribution comes from a neighbourhood of the saddle point $t_0 = 0$

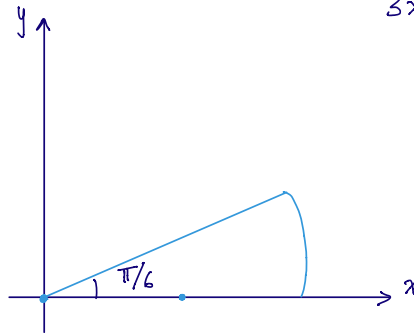
$$I(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{ixt^3} dt$$

Change variable to convert the integrand from oscillatory to exponentially decreasing ($t = i^{1/3} z$, $t^3 = iz^3$, $dt = i^{1/3} dz$)

$$I(x) = i^{1/3} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-xz^3} dz$$

And changing again $\tau = xz^3$, $d\tau = 3xz^2 dz \rightarrow dz = \frac{\tau^{-2/3}}{3x^{1/3}} d\tau$, so

$$\begin{aligned} I(x) &= \frac{e^{i\pi/6}}{3x^{1/3}} \int_0^{\infty} \tau^{-2/3} e^{-\tau} d\tau \\ &= \frac{e^{i\pi/6}}{3x^{1/3}} \int_0^{\infty} \tau^{\frac{1}{3}-1} e^{-\tau} d\tau \\ &= \frac{e^{i\pi/6}}{3x^{1/3}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{3}\right). \end{aligned}$$



4. The beta function is defined by $B(x,y) := \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1-t)^{y-1} dt$

Suppose that y is fixed and $x \rightarrow \infty$. Show that $\frac{\Gamma(x)}{\Gamma(x+y)} \sim \frac{1}{x^y}$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

Considering $t = e^{-z}$ then

$$B(x,y) = \int_0^1 (e^{-z})^{x-1} (1-e^{-z})^{y-1} (-e^{-z}) dz$$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{-zx} (1-e^{-z})^{y-1} dz \sim \int_0^1 e^{-zx} [1-(1-z)]^{y-1} dz$$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{-zx} z^{y-1} dz$$

changing $\tau = xz$, then

$$B(x,y) \sim \int_0^1 e^{-\tau} \left(\frac{\tau}{x}\right)^{y-1} \frac{d\tau}{x} = \frac{1}{x^y} \int_0^1 e^{-\tau} \tau^{y-1} d\tau = \frac{\Gamma(y)}{x^y}$$

Since $B(x,y) = \frac{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)}$ then $\frac{\Gamma(x)}{\Gamma(x+y)} \sim \frac{1}{x^y}$.