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Assignment #1

Total: 5 marks

PHM212s: Special Functions, Complex Analysis & Numerical Analysis

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Please, Solve each problem in its assigned place ONLY (the empty space below it)

Gamma and Beta Functions

1. Prove that $L\{t^n\} = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{s^{n+1}}$ for any real number $n > -1$.

Hence, find Laplace transform for each of the following functions:

a) $t^{5/2}$

b) $t^{-1/3}$

c) $\sqrt{t} e^{-3t}$

2. Given that n is a positive integer and x is a real number, show that

$$\beta(x, n) = \frac{(n-1)!}{x(x+1)(x+2)\dots(x+n-1)}. \text{ Hence, evaluate } \beta(0.1, 3)$$

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3. For any non-negative integer 'n', show that

$$\Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n} \cdot n!} \sqrt{\pi}$$

a) Using Legendre duplication formula

b) Without using Legendre duplication formula

4. Show that $\int_0^{\infty} x^a b^{-x} dx = \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{(\ln b)^{a+1}}$, where $a > -1$ and $b > 1$

5. Show that the area enclosed by the curve $x^4 + y^4 = 1$ is $\Gamma^2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) / (2\sqrt{\pi})$

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6. Use the Gamma and the Beta functions to evaluate the following integrals:

a) $\int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-2x^5} dx$

b) $\int_0^{\infty} 3^{-x^2} dx$

c) $\int_0^1 \sqrt[3]{x} \ln^5 x dx$

d) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{1+x^4}$

e) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{3.04} x dx$

f) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{\tan \theta} d\theta$

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g) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \, dx}{1 + x^6}$

h) $\int_0^2 x (8 - x^3)^{1/3} dx$

7. Show that $\beta(n, n+1) = \frac{\Gamma^2(n)}{2 \Gamma(2n)}$.

Hence, deduce that $\int_0^{\pi/2} (\sin^{-3} \theta - \sin^{-2} \theta)^{1/4} \cos \theta \, d\theta = \frac{\Gamma^2(1/4)}{2\sqrt{\pi}}$

8. Show that $\beta(x, y) = \frac{y-1}{x} \beta(x+1, y-1)$

*Best wishes,
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