

**PHM212s: Special Functions, Complex Analysis & Numerical Analysis**

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**Gamma and Beta Functions**

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 * L\{t^n\} &= \int_0^{\infty} t^n e^{-st} dt \\
 \text{let } u = st &\rightarrow t = \frac{u}{s} \\
 \text{at } t=0 &\rightarrow u=0 \\
 t=\infty &\rightarrow u=\infty \\
 dt &= \frac{1}{s} du
 \end{aligned}
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 \begin{aligned}
 \therefore L\{t^n\} &= \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{u}{s}\right)^n e^{-u} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) du \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^{n+1} \int_0^{\infty} u^n e^{-u} du \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^{n+1} \Gamma(n+1) \quad \#
 \end{aligned}$$

$x-1 = n$   
 $\therefore x = n+1$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } t^{5/2} & \quad n = 5/2: \frac{\Gamma(7/2)}{s^{7/2}} = \frac{(5/2)(3/2)(1/2)\Gamma(1/2)}{s^{7/2}} = \frac{15\sqrt{\pi}}{8s^{7/2}} \\
 \text{b) } t^{-1/3} & \quad n = -1/3: \frac{\Gamma(2/3)}{s^{2/3}} = \frac{\Gamma(5/3)}{2/3 s^{2/3}} = \frac{(3)(0.903335)}{(2)s^{2/3}} = \frac{1.355}{s^{2/3}} \\
 \text{c) } \sqrt{t} e^{-3t} & \quad n = 1/2: \frac{\Gamma(3/2)}{(s+3)^{3/2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\Gamma(1/2)}{(s+3)^{3/2}} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2(s+3)^{3/2}} \quad \text{but shifted}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\rightarrow \beta(x, n) = \frac{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(n)}{\Gamma(x+n)}, \quad \text{where } n \text{ is a positive integer} \quad \therefore \Gamma(n) = (n-1)! \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{by using recurrence: } \Gamma(x+n) = (x+n-1)(x+n-2)\dots(x+2)(x+1)(x)\Gamma(x) \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\therefore \beta(x, n) = \frac{\Gamma(x)(n-1)!}{(x+n-1)\dots(x+2)(x+1)(x)\Gamma(x)} = \frac{(n-1)!}{x(x+1)(x+2)\dots(x+n-1)}$$

$$\therefore \beta(0.1, 3) = \frac{2!}{(0.1)(1.1)(2.1)} = 8.658$$

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

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

\* Legendre's duplication formula

$$\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(2x) = 2^{2x-1} \Gamma(x) \Gamma\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

a) Using Legendre duplication formula

→ let  $x = n$

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

b) Without using Legendre duplication formula

→ using recurrence

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) &= \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(n - \frac{3}{2}\right) \left(n - \frac{5}{2}\right) \dots \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right) \left[(2n-1)(2n-3)(2n-5) \dots (5)(3)(1)\right] \sqrt{\pi} \\ &= \frac{(2n)(2n-1)(2n-2)(2n-3)(2n-4)(2n-5) \dots (5)(4)(3)(2)(1)}{\left[2^n\right] \left[(2n)(2n-2)(2n-4) \dots (4)(2)\right]} \sqrt{\pi} \\ &= \frac{(2n)! \sqrt{\pi}}{\left[2^n\right] \left[2^n (n)(n-1)(n-2) \dots (2)(1)\right]} = \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n} (n)!} \sqrt{\pi} \end{aligned}$$

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

\* let  $b^x = e^t$   
 $\times \ln(b) = t \ln(e)$   
 $x = \frac{1}{\ln b} t \rightarrow dx = \frac{1}{\ln b} dt$

@  $x=0 \rightarrow t=0$

@  $x=\infty \rightarrow t=\infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{1}{\ln b} t\right)^a e^{-t} \left(\frac{1}{\ln b}\right) dt &= \left[\frac{1}{\ln b}\right]^{a+1} \int_0^\infty t^a e^{-t} dt \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{(\ln b)^{a+1}} \end{aligned}$$

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

→  $y = \pm (1 - x^4)^{1/4}$

\*  $A = 4 \int_0^1 y dx = 4 \int_0^1 (1 - x^4)^{1/4} dx$

→ let  $x^4 = t$

$x = t^{1/4} \rightarrow dx = \frac{1}{4} t^{-3/4} dt$

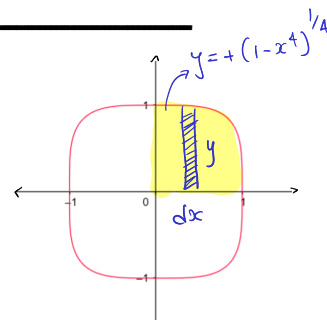
@  $x=0 \rightarrow t=0$

@  $x=1 \rightarrow t=1$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 4 \int_0^1 (1-t)^{1/4} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) t^{-3/4} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 t^{-3/4} (1-t)^{1/4} dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore A = \frac{\Gamma(1/4) \Gamma(5/4)}{\Gamma(3/2)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} \Gamma(1/4) \Gamma(1/4)}{\frac{1}{2} \Gamma(1/2)}$$

$$\therefore A = \frac{\Gamma^2(1/4)}{2\sqrt{\pi}}$$



$\therefore x=1 = -3/4 \rightarrow x = 1/4$   
 $\therefore y=1 = 1/4 \rightarrow y = 5/4$

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

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

$@ x=0 \rightarrow t=0$   
 $@ x=\infty \rightarrow t=\infty$

$\rightarrow \text{let } 2x^5 = t$   
 $\text{then } x = (\frac{1}{2}t)^{1/5} \rightarrow dx = (\frac{1}{5})(\frac{1}{2}) (\frac{1}{2}t)^{-4/5} dt$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_0^{\infty} (\frac{1}{2}t)^{3/5} e^{-t} (\frac{1}{2}) (\frac{1}{5}) (\frac{1}{2}t)^{-4/5} dt &= \\ (\frac{1}{2})^{3/5} (\frac{1}{5}) \int_0^{\infty} t^{-1/5} e^{-t} dt &= \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Gamma(4/5)}{(2)^{4/5} (5)} &= \frac{\Gamma(9/5)}{(2)^{4/5} (5)(4/5)} = \frac{0.931384}{(2)^{4/5} (4)} \\ &= 0.133735 \end{aligned}$$

$$b) \int_0^{\infty} 3^{-x^2} dx \rightarrow \text{let } 3^{x^2} = e^t$$

$\therefore x^2 \ln 3 = t \rightarrow x = (\frac{1}{\ln 3})^{1/2} t^{1/2}$   
 $dx = (\frac{1}{\ln 3})^{1/2} (\frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2}) dt$ 

$@ x=0 \rightarrow t=0$   
 $@ x=\infty \rightarrow t=\infty$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\infty} (\frac{1}{\ln 3})^{1/2} (\frac{1}{2}) t^{-1/2} e^{-t} dt =$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\ln 3}} \int_0^{\infty} t^{-1/2} e^{-t} dt =$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\ln 3}} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt{\ln 3}} = 0.845518$$

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

$@ x=0 \rightarrow t=\infty$   
 $@ x=1 \rightarrow t=0$

$\rightarrow \text{let } \ln x = -t$   
 $\text{then } x = e^{-t} \rightarrow dx = -e^{-t} dt$

$$\therefore \int_0^1 (e^{-t})^{1/3} (-t)^5 (-e^{-t}) dt = - \int_{\infty}^0 (e^{-4/3 t}) (t^5) dt$$

$\rightarrow \text{let } u = \frac{4}{3}t$   
 $\text{then } t = \frac{3}{4}u \rightarrow dt = \frac{3}{4} du$

$$\therefore - \int_0^{\infty} (\frac{3}{4})^5 u^5 e^{-u} (\frac{3}{4}) du = - (\frac{3}{4})^6 \int_0^{\infty} u^5 e^{-u} du$$

$$- (\frac{3}{4})^6 \Gamma(6) = - (\frac{3}{4})^6 (5)!$$

$$= -21.3574$$

$$d) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{1+x^4} = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{1+x^4} \quad (\text{even function})$$

$\rightarrow \text{let } x^4 = u$   
 $\text{then } x = u^{1/4}$   
 $dx = \frac{1}{4} u^{-3/4} du$

$$\therefore (2) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{4} u^{-3/4}}{(1+u)^1} du =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{u^{-3/4}}{1+u} du = \frac{1}{2} \beta(1/4, 3/4)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(1/4) \Gamma(3/4)}{2 \Gamma(1)} = \frac{\pi}{2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{4})} = 2.22144$$

$\rightarrow x-1 = -3/4$   
 $x = 1/4$   
 $\rightarrow x+y = 1$   
 $y = 3/4$

$$e) \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{3.04} x dx = \frac{1}{2} \beta(2.02, 0.5)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(2.02) \Gamma(1/2)}{2 \Gamma(2.52)} = \frac{(1.02) \Gamma(1.02) \Gamma(1/2)}{2 (1.52) \Gamma(1.52)}$$

$$= \frac{(1.02)(0.988844)(\sqrt{\pi})}{(1.52)(0.887039)(2)} = 0.662959$$

$$f) \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{\tan \theta} d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{1/2} \theta \cos^{-1/2} \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \beta(3/4, 1/4) = \frac{\Gamma(3/4) \Gamma(1/4)}{2 \Gamma(1)} = \frac{\pi}{2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{4})}$$

$$= 2.22144$$

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g)  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{1+x^6} dx \rightarrow \text{let } x^6 = u$   
 then  $x = u^{1/6}$   
 $dx = (\frac{1}{6}) u^{-5/6} du$

$\therefore \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(u^{1/6})(\frac{1}{6})u^{-5/6}}{1+u} du =$

$\frac{1}{6} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{u^{-2/3}}{1+u} du = \frac{1}{6} \beta(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{3})\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})}{6\Gamma(1)}$

$= \frac{\pi}{6\sin(\frac{\pi}{3})} = 0.604599$

h)  $\int_0^2 x(8-x^3)^{1/3} dx = (8)^{1/3} \int_0^2 x(1-\frac{x^3}{8})^{1/3} dx$   
 $\rightarrow \text{let } \frac{x^3}{8} = t \text{ then } x = 2t^{1/3} \rightarrow dx = (\frac{2}{3})t^{-2/3} dt$

$\therefore (8)^{1/3} \int_0^1 (2)(t)^{1/3} (1-t)^{1/3} (\frac{2}{3})t^{-2/3} dt =$  @  $x=0 \rightarrow t=0$   
@  $x=2 \rightarrow t=1$

$\frac{8}{3} \int_0^1 t^{-1/3} (1-t)^{1/3} dt = \frac{8}{3} \beta(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}) = \frac{8\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{4}{3})}{3\Gamma(2)}$

$\frac{8(\frac{1}{3})\Gamma(\frac{1}{3})\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})}{3} = \frac{8\pi}{9\sin(\frac{\pi}{3})} = 3.22453$

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

$\beta(n, n+1) = \frac{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(2n+1)} = \frac{n\Gamma(n)\Gamma(n)}{2n\Gamma(2n)} = \frac{\Gamma^2(n)}{2\Gamma(2n)} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

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

$\rightarrow \int_0^{\pi/2} [\sin^{-3/4}\theta] (1-\sin\theta)^{1/4} \cos\theta d\theta \rightarrow \text{let } \sin\theta = t$   
 then  $\cos\theta d\theta = dt$

@  $\theta=0 \rightarrow t=0$   
@  $\theta=\pi/2 \rightarrow t=1$

$\therefore \int_0^1 [t^{-3/4}] (1-t)^{1/4} \cancel{\cos\theta} \frac{dt}{\cancel{\cos\theta}} = \int_0^1 (t)^{-3/4} (1-t)^{1/4} dt = \beta(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{5}{4})$

\* from  $\textcircled{1} \rightarrow \beta(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{5}{4}) = \frac{\Gamma^2(\frac{1}{4})}{2\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{\Gamma^2(\frac{1}{4})}{2\sqrt{\pi}}$

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

$\rightarrow \text{R.H.S} = \frac{y-1}{x} \beta(x+1, y-1) = \frac{y-1}{x} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(x+1)\Gamma(y-1)}{\Gamma(x+y)} = \frac{(y-1)\Gamma(y-1) \cdot \frac{\Gamma(x+1)}{x}}{\Gamma(x+y)}$

$\frac{\Gamma(y)\Gamma(x)}{\Gamma(x+y)} = \beta(x, y) = \text{L.H.S} \quad \#$

Best wishes,  
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