

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{i\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{f(x') dx'}{x' - x}$$

$$f(x) = \operatorname{Re} f(x) + i \operatorname{Im} f(x)$$

$$\operatorname{Re} f(x) + i \operatorname{Im} f(x) = -\frac{i}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{[\operatorname{Re} f(x') + i \operatorname{Im} f(x')] dx'}{x' - x}$$

By comparing now real and imaginary parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} f(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\operatorname{Im} f(x') dx'}{x' - x} \\ \operatorname{Im} f(x) &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\operatorname{Re} f(x') dx'}{x' - x} \end{aligned}$$

### Asymptotic Methods - Saddle point Approximation

$$F(\lambda) = \int_a^b q(t) e^{\lambda f(t)} dt \quad \lambda \gg 1$$

Assume that  $f(t)$  is such that it has sharp maximum at the point  $t_0$  inside the range of integration  $t_0 \in [a, b]$ . It is then expected that dominant region of integration comes from the vicinity of  $t_0$ .

Lemma: Consider  $F(\lambda) = \int_a^b q(t) e^{-\lambda t^\alpha} dt$  where  $\lambda > 0$  and  $0 < a \leq \infty$ , and the function

$$q(t) = t^\beta (C_0 + C_1 t + \dots + C_n t^n + \dots) \quad \beta > -1$$

then: 
$$F(\lambda) \approx \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_n}{\alpha} \Gamma\left(\frac{\beta+n+1}{\alpha}\right) \lambda^{-\frac{\beta+n+1}{\alpha}}$$

here  $\Gamma(x)$  is Euler Gamma function.

$$F(\lambda) = \int_0^a \varphi(t) e^{-\lambda t^\alpha} dt = \begin{cases} \tau = \lambda t^\alpha \rightarrow t = \left(\frac{\tau}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \\ d\tau = \lambda \alpha t^{\alpha-1} dt \end{cases}$$

$$dt = \frac{d\tau}{\lambda \alpha} \frac{1}{t^{\alpha-1}} = \frac{d\tau}{\lambda \alpha} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\tau}\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} = \frac{d\tau}{\lambda \alpha} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\tau}\right)^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^{\lambda a^\alpha} \varphi\left[\left(\frac{\tau}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}\right] e^{-\tau} \tau^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} \lambda^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} d\tau =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\lambda^\beta}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{k}{\alpha}} C_k \left(\frac{\tau}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{k}{\alpha}} e^{-\tau} \tau^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} \lambda^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} d\tau$$

$$F(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_k}{\lambda^{\frac{\beta+k+1}{\alpha}}} \int_0^{\lambda a^\alpha} \tau^{\frac{\beta+k+1}{\alpha}-1} e^{-\tau} d\tau$$

$$\int_0^{\lambda a^\alpha} (\dots) d\tau = \int_0^{\infty} (\dots) d\tau - \int_{\lambda a^\alpha}^{\infty} (\dots) d\tau$$

$$F(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_k}{\lambda^{\frac{\beta+k+1}{\alpha}}} \left[ \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} \tau^{\frac{\beta+k+1}{\alpha}-1} e^{-\tau} d\tau}_{\Gamma\left(\frac{\beta+k+1}{\alpha}\right)} - \underbrace{\int_{\lambda a^\alpha}^{\infty} \tau^{\frac{\beta+k+1}{\alpha}-1} e^{-\tau} d\tau}_{\lambda a^\alpha} \right]$$

exponentially small contribution  $\mathcal{O}(e^{-\lambda a^\alpha})$

Moritz Theorem: Assume that integral is convergent

$$\int_a^b |\varphi(t)| e^{\lambda f(t)} dt \leq M \quad \text{and } f(t) \text{ takes its}$$

maximal value at point  $t_0 \in [a, b]$  where  $f(t)$  can be approximated by the series ( $|t - t_0| < \delta$ ):

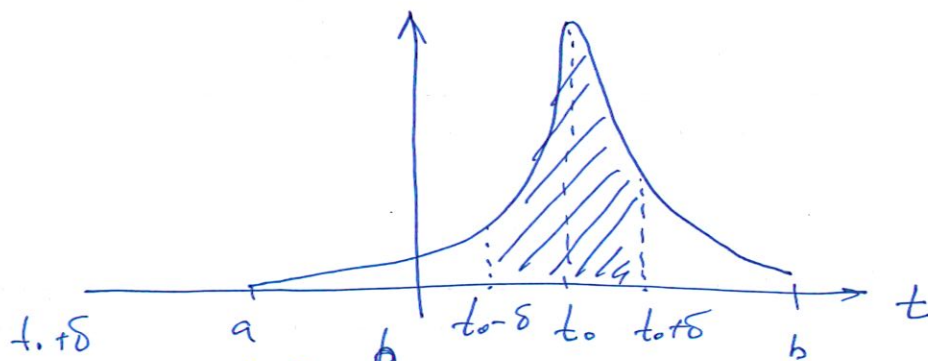
$$f(t) \approx f(t_0) + a_2 (t - t_0)^2 + \dots + a_n (t - t_0)^n + \dots$$

Assume also that  $t = \psi(\tau)$  near  $\tau = 0$  is found from the equation  $f(t_0) - f(t) = \tau^2$  such that

$$\varphi[\psi(\tau)] \psi'(\tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \tau^n$$

Then initial integral has following asymptotic expansion:

$$F(\lambda) = \int_a^b \varphi(t) e^{\lambda f(t)} dt \approx e^{\lambda f(t_0)} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_{2n}}{\lambda^n} \frac{(2n)!}{4^n n!}$$



$$F(\lambda) = \int_{t_0 - \delta}^{t_0 + \delta} + \int_a^{t_0 - \delta} + \int_{t_0 + \delta}^b$$

$$\int_{t_0 - \delta}^{t_0 + \delta} \varphi(t) e^{\lambda f(t)} dt = e^{\lambda f(t_0)} \int_{t_0 - \delta}^{t_0 + \delta} \varphi(t) e^{\lambda [f(t) - f(t_0)]} dt \Rightarrow$$



$$f(t) - f(t_0) = \tau^2 \Rightarrow \tau^2 = -a_2(t-t_0)^2 - a_3(t-t_0)^3 - \dots$$

$$\tau = (t-t_0) \sqrt{-a_2 - a_3(t-t_0) - \dots} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{a}_n (t-t_0)^n$$

Now we want to invert this series and get

$$t = \psi(\tau) = t_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \tau^n$$

Note:  $c_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-a_2}} = \sqrt{-\frac{2}{f''(t_0)}}$

$$\int_{t_0-\delta}^{t_0+\delta} = e^{\lambda f(t_0)} \int_{-\delta}^{\delta} \underbrace{\psi[\psi(\tau)] \psi'(\tau)}_{\tilde{\varphi}(\tau)} e^{-\lambda \tau^2} d\tau =$$

$$e^{\lambda f(t_0)} \int_{-\delta}^0 \tilde{\varphi}(\tau) e^{-\lambda \tau^2} d\tau + \int_0^{\delta} \tilde{\varphi}(\tau) e^{-\lambda \tau^2} d\tau =$$

$$= e^{\lambda f(t_0)} \int_0^{\delta} [\tilde{\varphi}(\tau) + \tilde{\varphi}(-\tau)] e^{-\lambda \tau^2} d\tau$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\tau) + \tilde{\varphi}(-\tau) = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{2n} \tau^{2n}$$

$$2 \int_0^{\delta} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{2n} \tau^{2n} e^{-\lambda \tau^2} d\tau \cdot e^{\lambda f(t_0)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_{2n} \Gamma(n+1/2)}{\lambda^{n+1/2}} e^{\lambda f(t_0)}$$

Noticing that  $\Gamma(n+1/2) = \frac{(2n)! \sqrt{\pi}}{4^n n!}$  we get

main formula of a theorem.

Note: If  $f(t)$  has maximum at  $t=a$  and  $f'(a) \neq 0$

$$F(\lambda) = \int_a^b \varphi(t) e^{\lambda f(t)} dt \approx \frac{e^{\lambda f(a)}}{\lambda} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n! a_n}{\lambda^n}$$

Exp. 1

$$\Gamma(\lambda+1) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{\lambda} e^{-x} dx \quad \Gamma(\lambda+1) - ? \quad \lambda \gg 1$$

$x = \lambda t$   $\nearrow$

$$\Gamma(\lambda+1) = \lambda^{\lambda+1} \int_0^{\infty} t^{\lambda} e^{-\lambda t} dt \Rightarrow$$

$$\Gamma(\lambda+1) = \lambda^{\lambda+1} e^{-\lambda} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda(t-1-\ln t)} dt \approx$$

$$\begin{cases} \varphi(t) = 1 & f(t) = -(t-1-\ln t) \\ f'(t)|_{t=t_0} = -(1 - \frac{1}{t_0}) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{t_0 = 1} \\ f''(t) = -\frac{1}{t^2}|_{t=t_0} = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\approx \lambda^{\lambda+1} e^{-\lambda} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t-t_0)^2} dt = \lambda^{\lambda+1} e^{-\lambda} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} dt$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2}t^2 = x^2 \Rightarrow t \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = x \right\}$$

$$= \lambda^{\lambda+1} e^{-\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\lambda}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}} \lambda^{\lambda+1} e^{-\lambda}$$

$$\boxed{\Gamma(\lambda+1) \approx \sqrt{2\pi\lambda} \left(\frac{\lambda}{e}\right)^{\lambda} + \dots}$$

**Exp. 2** Modified Bessel function of the 2<sup>nd</sup> kind has the following integral representation:

$$K_\nu(p) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{p}{2} \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)} \frac{dx}{x^{1+\nu}}$$

We apply saddle point approximation to calculate  $K_\nu(p)$  in the limit  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$K_\nu(p) = \int_0^\infty e^{p f(x)} g(x) dx \quad \begin{cases} f(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \\ f'(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \\ f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^3} \end{cases}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

Only point  $x=1$  is within integration region!

Near  $x=1$ :  $f(x) \approx -1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} K_\nu(p) &\approx \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-p} \cdot e^{-\frac{p}{2}(x-1)^2} \frac{dx}{2(1)^{1+\nu}} = \frac{e^{-p}}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{p}{2}(x-1)^2} dx \\ &= \frac{e^{-p}}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{p}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-y^2} dy = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2p}} e^{-p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{K_\nu(p) \approx \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2p}} e^{-p} \quad p \gg 1}$$

**Exp. 3**

$$I(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{\lambda \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4}\right)} dx \quad \lambda \gg 1$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4}, \quad f'(x) = x - x^3 \quad x_0 = 0, \pm 1$$

$$f'' = 1 - 3x^2$$



$$f''(0) = 1 \rightarrow \text{minimum}$$

$$f''(\pm 1) = -2 \rightarrow \text{maxima} \quad f(\pm 1) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{I}(\lambda) \approx 2 \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{\lambda \left[ \frac{1}{4} - (x-1)^2 \right]} dx \quad \text{for } x=+1 \text{ and } x=-1$$

$$\text{I}(\lambda) \approx 2 \cdot e^{\lambda/4} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda x^2} dx = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda}} e^{\lambda/4}$$

$$\boxed{\text{I}(\lambda) \approx 2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda}} e^{\lambda/4}}$$

### Stationary Phase Method

$$\boxed{\int_a^b \phi(x) e^{i\lambda f(x)} dx \approx \sqrt{\frac{\pi i}{2\lambda f''(a)}} \phi(a) e^{i\lambda f(a)}}$$

The point  $x=a$  is a stationary point of  $f(x)$ , namely  $f'(a)=0$  and  $f''(a) \neq 0$

Note 1: In the case if  $f(x)$  does not have stationary point the integral at  $\lambda \gg 1$  can be estimated by integration by parts

$$\int_a^b \phi(x) e^{i\lambda f(x)} dx \approx \frac{\phi(b) e^{i\lambda f(b)}}{i\lambda f'(b)} - \frac{\phi(a) e^{i\lambda f(a)}}{i\lambda f'(a)} + \mathcal{O}(1/\lambda^2)$$

Note 2: It may happen that at the stationary point  $f''(a)=0$ . In that case:

$$\int_a^b \phi(x) e^{i\lambda f(x)} dx \approx \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \sqrt{\frac{6i}{\lambda f'''(a)}} \phi(a) e^{i\lambda f(a)}$$

## Steepest Descent Method

$$I(\lambda) = \int_C \phi(z) e^{\lambda f(z)} dz \quad \lambda \gg 1$$

where  $f(z)$  and  $\phi(z)$  are analytic functions in the complex plane that contains integration curve.

a) Find saddle points  $f'(z) = 0$

b) Deform contour  $C \rightarrow C'$  in such a way that initial and final points remain the same but when passing through saddle point along  $C'$   $e^{\lambda f(z)}$  decays in fastest possible manner.

c) Use Cauchy theorem that deformation of the contour does not change the integral

d) Apply saddle point method to estimate  $I$ .

Exp. 1 Airy function integral:

$$\text{Ai}(-x) = I(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{i(\omega x - \omega^3/3)} \quad x \gg 1$$

First we make a substitution:  $\omega = \sqrt{x} \omega'$

$$I(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\sqrt{x}} e^{i x^{3/2} (\omega - \omega^3/3)}$$

$$f(\omega) = i(\omega - \omega^3/3); \quad f'(\omega) = i(1 - \omega^2) \quad \underline{\underline{\omega = \pm 1}}$$




$$f''(\omega) = -2i\omega$$

So we have two contributions

$$\omega = +1 \quad f(\omega) \approx \frac{2i}{3} - i(\omega-1)^2$$

$$I_1 = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{\frac{2i}{3}x^{3/2}} e^{-ix^{3/2}(\omega-1)^2} d\omega \quad (\Rightarrow)$$


let:  $\omega = 1 + s \cdot e^{-i\pi/4}$  

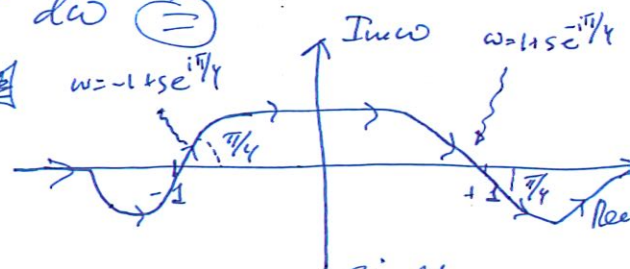
$$= \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2\pi} e^{-i\pi/4} e^{\frac{2i}{3}x^{3/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^{3/2} \cdot s^2} ds = \left\{ x^{3/4} \cdot s^2 = y^2 \right\}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2\pi} e^{-i\pi/4} e^{\frac{2i}{3}x^{3/2}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{x^{3/4}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-y^2} dy}_{\sqrt{\pi}} \approx \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{e^{\frac{2i}{3}x^{3/2}}}{x^{1/4}} e^{-i\pi/4}$$

$$\omega = -1 \quad f(\omega) = -\frac{2i}{3} + i(\omega+1)^2$$

$$I_2 = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{2i}{3}x^{3/2}} e^{ix^{3/2}(\omega+1)^2} d\omega \quad (\Rightarrow)$$

let:  $\omega = -1 + s e^{i\pi/4}$  



$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{2i}{3}x^{3/2}} e^{i\pi/4} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^{3/2} s^2} ds = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{e^{-\frac{2i}{3}x^{3/2}}}{x^{1/4}} e^{i\pi/4}$$

$$I = I_1 + I_2 = \frac{1}{x^{1/4} \sqrt{\pi}} \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

Exp. 2

Bessel function integral representation:

$$J_n(x) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} e^{ix \sin \phi - in\phi} \quad \text{at } x \gg 1$$

For large  $x$  we use stationary phase:

$$f(\phi) = \sin \phi \quad f'(\phi) = \cos \phi = 0 \rightarrow \phi = \pm \pi/2$$

Two stationary phase points within integration path.

$$f''(\phi) = -\sin \phi$$

$$\text{Near } \phi = \pi/2 : f(\phi) \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}(\phi - \pi/2)^2$$

$$\text{Near } \phi = -\pi/2 : f(\phi) \approx -1 + \frac{1}{2}(\phi + \pi/2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow I_1(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\pi/2-\varepsilon}^{\pi/2+\varepsilon} e^{ix[1 - \frac{1}{2}(\phi - \pi/2)^2]} e^{in\pi/2} d\phi \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Deform contour so  $\phi - \pi/2 = s e^{-i\pi/4}$

$$\text{--- (2)} \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\varepsilon \rightarrow -\infty}^{+\varepsilon \rightarrow +\infty} e^{-i\pi/4} e^{ix} e^{\frac{in\pi}{2}} e^{-\frac{x s^2}{2}} ds \approx \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi x}} e^{i(x - \frac{n\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4})}$$

The contribution from near  $\phi = -\pi/2$  is complex conjugate

$$\boxed{J_n = I_1 + I_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos\left(x - \frac{n\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}$$

