

Multivariate Integration Test Functions - Function References

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Introduction

This note compiles references for the integration test functions implemented in the R package *multIntTestFunc*. For each function there is either a derivation of the exact value of the integral or a reference to a derivation. The functions are sorted by integration domains and Tables 2–6 provide an overview over the test functions for the supported domains at the end of the document. The available integration domains are

- the non-negative real numbers $[0, \infty)^n$ (Section P),
- the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n (Section R),
- the standard simplex T_n (Section T),
- the unit hypercube C_n (Section C),
- the unit ball B_n (Section B), and
- the unit sphere S^{n-1} (Section S).

For shorthand notation we use \cdot for inner products, i.e., $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$ for two vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .

P Non-negative real numbers $[0, \infty)^n = \times_{i=1}^n [0, \infty)$

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R Euclidean Space $\mathbb{R}^n = \times_{i=1}^n \mathbb{R}$

R.1 Gaussian Integral

Consider the function

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (0, \infty), \mathbf{x} \mapsto f(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2}.$$

As a standard result we have $\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2} dx = \pi^{1/2}$. This leads to

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2} d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-x_i^2} d\mathbf{x} = \prod_{i=1}^n \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x_i^2} dx_i = \pi^{n/2}.$$

R.2 Floor Norm Integral

For $s > 1$ define the function

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (0, \infty), \mathbf{x} \mapsto f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\Gamma(n/2 + 1)}{\pi^{n/2}(1 + \lfloor \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^n \rfloor)^s}.$$

Denote by $B_r(0) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 < r\}$ the open ball centered at zero in \mathbb{R}^n . In this case we have for $k = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ that

$$1 + \lfloor \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^n \rfloor = k \Leftrightarrow (k-1)^{1/n} \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 < k^{1/n} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} \in B_{k^{1/n}}(0) \setminus B_{(k-1)^{1/n}}(0).$$

Therefore f is constant on the shells $S_k = B_{k^{1/n}}(0) \setminus B_{(k-1)^{1/n}}(0)$, where we set $S_1 = B_1(0)$, with value $f(\mathbf{x}) = \Gamma(n/2 + 1)/(\pi^{n/2}k^s)$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} &= \int_{\cup_{k \geq 1} S_k} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{S_k} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n/2 + 1)}{\pi^{n/2}k^s} \text{vol}(S_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n/2 + 1)}{\pi^{n/2}k^s} \left(\text{vol}(B_{k^{1/n}}(0)) - \text{vol}(B_{(k-1)^{1/n}}(0)) \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n/2 + 1)}{\pi^{n/2}k^s} \left(\frac{\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(n/2 + 1)} (k^{1/n})^n - \frac{\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(n/2 + 1)} ((k-1)^{1/n})^n \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^s} = \zeta(s), \end{aligned}$$

where ζ is the Riemann zeta function.

T Standard Simplex $T_n = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_i \geq 0, \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \leq 1\}$

For a continuously differentiable function $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we have, see [3], that

$$\int_{T_n} f(x_1 + \dots + x_n) d\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^1 f(s) s^{n-1} ds. \quad (1)$$

Equation (1) can be used to construct integrable functions on T_n .

T.1 Dirichlet Integral

For a vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ with strictly positive entries, i.e., $v_i > 0$, define the function

$$f: T_n \rightarrow (0, \infty), \mathbf{x} \mapsto f(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{v_i-1} (1 - x_1 - \dots - x_n)^{v_{n+1}-1}.$$

It can be seen that the integral of f over T_n is the norming constant for the Dirichlet distribution. We therefore have

$$\int_{T_n} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \Gamma(v_i)}{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} v_i)}.$$

T.2 Exponential of Sum

For a constant $c > 0$ define the function

$$f: T_n \rightarrow (0, \infty), \mathbf{x} \mapsto f(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-c(x_1 + \dots + x_n)}.$$

Combining (1) with integration-by-substitution yields

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{T_n} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^1 e^{-cs} s^{n-1} \, ds \\ &= \frac{c^{-n}}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^c e^{-t} t^{n-1} \, dt \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(n) - \Gamma(n, c)}{c^n \Gamma(n)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\Gamma(s, x)$ is the upper incomplete gamma function defined as

$$\Gamma(s, x) = \int_x^\infty t^{s-1} e^{-t} \, dt.$$

C Unit Cube $C_n = [0, 1]^n$

C.1 Cosine Square

For a vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ define the function

$$f: C_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{x} \mapsto f(\mathbf{x}) = (\cos(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{v}))^2.$$

Following [6] one can use the identities $\cos(x) = \Re(e^{ix})$ and $\cos(x)^2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cos(2x)$ to show

$$\int_{C_n} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \left(\sum_{j=1}^n v_j \right) \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{\sin(v_j)}{v_j}.$$

C.2 Floor of Sum

For the function

$$f: C_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{x} \mapsto f(\mathbf{x}) = \lfloor x_1 + \dots + x_n \rfloor$$

we have, see [2], that

$$\int_{C_n} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \frac{n-1}{2}.$$

C.3 Maximum

For the function

$$f: C_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{x} \mapsto f(\mathbf{x}) = \max(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

we have, see [5], that

$$\int_{C_n} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \frac{n}{n+1}.$$

B Unit Ball $B_n = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq 1\}$

B.1 Norm of Standard Normal Random Vector

The function

$$f: B_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{x} \mapsto f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} e^{-\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2/2}$$

can be seen as the density of a random vector $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$, where all $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ are independent. We can then rewrite the integral as

$$\int_{B_n} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \mathbb{P}[\|\mathbf{X}\|_2 \leq 1] = \mathbb{P}[\|\mathbf{X}\|_2^2 \leq 1] = F_{\chi_n^2}(1),$$

where $F_{\chi_n^2}$ is the distribution function of a chi-square random variable.

B.2 Polynomials

For non-negative integers a_1, \dots, a_n , $a_i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, define the monomial

$$f: B_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{x} \mapsto f(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{a_i}.$$

We know from [1] that

$$\int_{B_n} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if at least one } a_i \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{2 \prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma(b_i)}{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i)(n + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i)}, b_i = \frac{a_i+1}{2}, & \text{if all } a_i \text{ are even.} \end{cases}$$

S Unit Sphere $S^{n-1} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = 1\}$

S.1 Inner Products

For two vectors $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ define the function

$$f: S^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{x} \mapsto f(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x})(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{x}).$$

From Proposition 2 in [4] we know

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \frac{|S^{n-1}|}{n} (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}).$$

For $n > 1$ we have $|S^{n-1}| = \frac{2\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(n/2)}$. For $n = 1$ we have $S^{n-1} = \{-1, 1\}$ and therefore the integral is zero.

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Tables of Integration Functions

The following Tables [2–6](#) provide an overview over the available functions by integration domain. The first column shows the S4 class name within the package, while the last column provides a reference to the relevant subsection in this document.

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Pn_	Parameters	$f(\boldsymbol{x}) =$	exact value	Properties	Details
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–	–	–	–	–	P.2

Table 1: Functions with integration domain $[0, \infty)^n$.

Rn_	Parameters	$f(\mathbf{x}) =$	exact value	Properties	Details
Gauss	$n \in \mathbb{N}$	$\exp(-\ \mathbf{x}\ _2^2)$	$\pi^{n/2}$	C^∞	R.1
floorNorm	$n \in \mathbb{N}, s > 1$	$\frac{\Gamma(n/2+1)}{\pi^{n/2}(1+\lfloor\ \mathbf{x}\ _2^n\rfloor)^s}$	$\zeta(s)$	non-continuous	R.2

Table 2: Functions with integration domain \mathbb{R}^n .

standardSimplex_	Parameters	$f(\mathbf{x}) =$	exact value	Properties	Details
Dirichlet	$n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{v} \in (0, \infty)^{n+1}$	$\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{v_i-1} (1 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^{v_{n+1}-1}$	$\frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \Gamma(v_i)}{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} v_i)}$	C^∞	T.1
exp_sum	$n \in \mathbb{N}, c > 0$	$\exp(-c(x_1 + \dots + x_n))$	$\frac{\Gamma(n) - \Gamma(n, c)}{\Gamma(n) c^n}$	C^∞	T.2

Table 3: Functions with integration domain T_n .

unitCube_	Parameters	$f(\mathbf{x}) =$	exact value	Properties	Details
cos2	$n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \mathbf{0}_n$	$(\cos(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x}))^2$	$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{1}_n) \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin(v_k)}{v_k}$	C^∞	C.1
floor	$n \in \mathbb{N}$	$\lfloor x_1 + \dots + x_n \rfloor$	$(n-1)/2$	non-continuous	C.2
max	$n \in \mathbb{N}$	$\max(x_1, \dots, x_n)$	$n/(n+1)$	continuous, non-differentiable	C.3

Table 4: Functions with integration domain $C_n = [0, 1]^n$.

unitBall_	Parameters	$f(\mathbf{x}) =$	exact value	Properties	Details
normGauss	$n \in \mathbb{N}$	$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \exp(-\ \mathbf{x}\ _2^2/2)$	$F_{\chi_n^2}(1)$	C^∞	B.1
polynomial	$n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{a} \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}^n$	$\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{a_i}$	(see details)	C^∞	B.2

Table 5: Functions with integration domain B_n .

unitSphere_	Parameters	$f(\mathbf{x}) =$	exact value	Properties	Details
innerProduct1	$n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$	$(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x})(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{x})$	$\frac{ S^{n-1} }{n}(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})$	C^∞	S.1
polynomial	$n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{a} \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}^n$	$\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{a_i}$	(see details)	C^∞	S.2

Table 6: Functions with integration domain S^{n-1} .

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