

PHYS 326 Lecture 7 (March 4)

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Midterm 1: March 24 (17:00)

Midterm 2: May 5 (17:00)

Algebraic operations

$$f_1(x) \sim a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

$$f_2(x) \sim b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

As $x \rightarrow 0$

Basic Algebraic Properties of Asymptotic Expansion

1. $f_1(x) + f_2(x) \sim (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2 + \dots$

2. $f_1(x)f_2(x) \sim \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} [\sum_{k=0}^l a_k b_{l-k}] x^l$

3. if $a_0 \neq 0$:

$$\frac{1}{f_1(x)} \sim \frac{1}{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots}$$

4. $f_1(f_2(x)) = S_1(S_2(x))$

Gaussian Integrals

Let's say:

$$I(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha x^2} \quad (\alpha > 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha x^2} \quad (\sqrt{\alpha}x = 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{du}{\sqrt{\alpha}} e^{-u^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \sqrt{\pi} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$$

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

Let's say:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(\alpha) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{(-\alpha x^2 + \beta x)} \quad (\alpha > 0) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha(x^2 - 2\frac{\beta}{2\alpha}x + (\frac{\beta}{2\alpha})^2 - (\frac{\beta}{2\alpha})^2)} \quad (\alpha > 0) \\
 &= e^{\alpha(\frac{\beta}{2\alpha})^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha(x - \frac{\beta}{2\alpha})^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Say that $u = x - \frac{\beta}{2\alpha}$ and thus $du = dx$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(\alpha) &= e^{\frac{\beta^2}{4\alpha}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du e^{-\alpha u^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} e^{\frac{\beta^2}{4\alpha}} \\
 I_n(\alpha) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^n e^{-\alpha x^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

If n is odd, $I_n(\alpha) = 0$

What happens when n is even?

$n = 2k$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{2k}(\alpha) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^{2k} e^{-\alpha x^2} \\
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x e^{-\alpha x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha x^2 + \beta x} \Big|_{\beta=0} \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta^2} e^{-\alpha x^2 + \beta x} \Big|_{\beta=0} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 e^{-\alpha x^2} \Big|_{\beta=0}
 \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian Moments: $I_n(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^n e^{-\alpha x^2 + \beta x}$

$$I_n(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^n e^{-\alpha x^2 + \beta x} = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial \beta^n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha x^2 + \beta x} \Big|_{\beta=0} = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial \beta^n} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} e^{\frac{\beta^2}{4\alpha}} \Big|_{\beta=0}$$

$$I_1(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} e^{\frac{\beta^2}{4\alpha}} \Big|_{\beta=0} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \frac{\beta}{2\alpha} e^{\frac{\beta^2}{4\alpha}} \Big|_{\beta=0} = 0$$

$$I_2(x) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta^2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} e^{\frac{\beta^2}{2\alpha}} \Big|_{\beta=0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left[\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \frac{\beta}{2\alpha} e^{\frac{\beta^2}{4\alpha}} \right]$$

$$I_2(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \frac{1}{2\alpha} \left[e^{\frac{\beta^2}{4\alpha}} + \beta \frac{\beta}{2\alpha} e^{\frac{\beta^2}{4\alpha}} \right]_{\beta=0}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \frac{1}{2\alpha} = O\left(\frac{1}{\alpha\sqrt{\alpha}}\right) \text{ as } (\alpha \rightarrow \infty)$$

Another notation used in literature

$$\langle x^{2k} \rangle := \frac{I_{2k}(x)}{I_0(x)} = O\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^k}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{2k}(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^{2k} e^{-\alpha x^2} (u = \sqrt{\alpha}x) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{du}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \frac{u^{2k}}{(\alpha)^{2k}} e^{-u} = \frac{1}{\alpha^k \sqrt{\alpha}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du u^{2k} e^{-u^2} \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^k \sqrt{\alpha}}\right) \text{ as } \alpha \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Example:

$$F_n(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} dx x^n e^{-\alpha x^2}$$

$$v = \alpha x^2, dv = 2\alpha x dx = 2\alpha \sqrt{\frac{v}{\alpha}} dx$$

$$dx = \frac{dv}{2\alpha \sqrt{\frac{v}{\alpha}}} = \frac{dv}{2\sqrt{\alpha v}}$$

Remember [Gamma Function](#):

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^{\infty} dv v^{s-1} e^{-v}$$

Anyway,

$$F_n(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dv}{2\sqrt{\alpha v}} \left(\frac{v}{\alpha}\right)^{n/2} e^{-v}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\alpha^{(n+1)/2}} \int_0^\infty dv v^{\frac{n+1}{2}-1} e^{-v}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\alpha^{n+1/2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) = O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha} \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}}}\right)$$

See also: [Error Functions](#)

Now we are going to generalize these for multi variable functions.

Multivariable Gaussian Integrals

Warning: NOT POWERS (tensor notation)

$$I(A) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d^n x e^{-\sum_{ij} x^i A_{ij} x^j}$$

$$A_{ij} = A_{ji}$$

A is a [positive definite matrix](#) (all its [eigenvalues](#) are positive or, equivalently $\sum_{i,j} x^i A_{ij} x^j > 0$ for all $x \neq 0$)

$$D = O^T A O \text{ where } O^T O = 1$$

$$D_{kl} = (O^T)_{ki} A_{ij} O_{jl} \text{ (summation over } i \& j)$$

$$= O_{ik} A_{ij} O_{jl}$$

Now, let's make the change of variable:

$$x_j = O_{jl} u_l$$

Remember [Jacobian](#):

$$J = \left| \det \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial u_l} \right| = |\det O_{jl}| = 1$$

$$I(A) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d^n u e^{-O_{ik} u_k A_{ij} O_{jl} u_l}$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d^n u e^{-u_k (O_{ik} A_{ij} O_{jl}) u_l}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d^n u e^{-(\lambda_1 u_1^2 + \lambda_2 u_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_n u_n^2)}$$

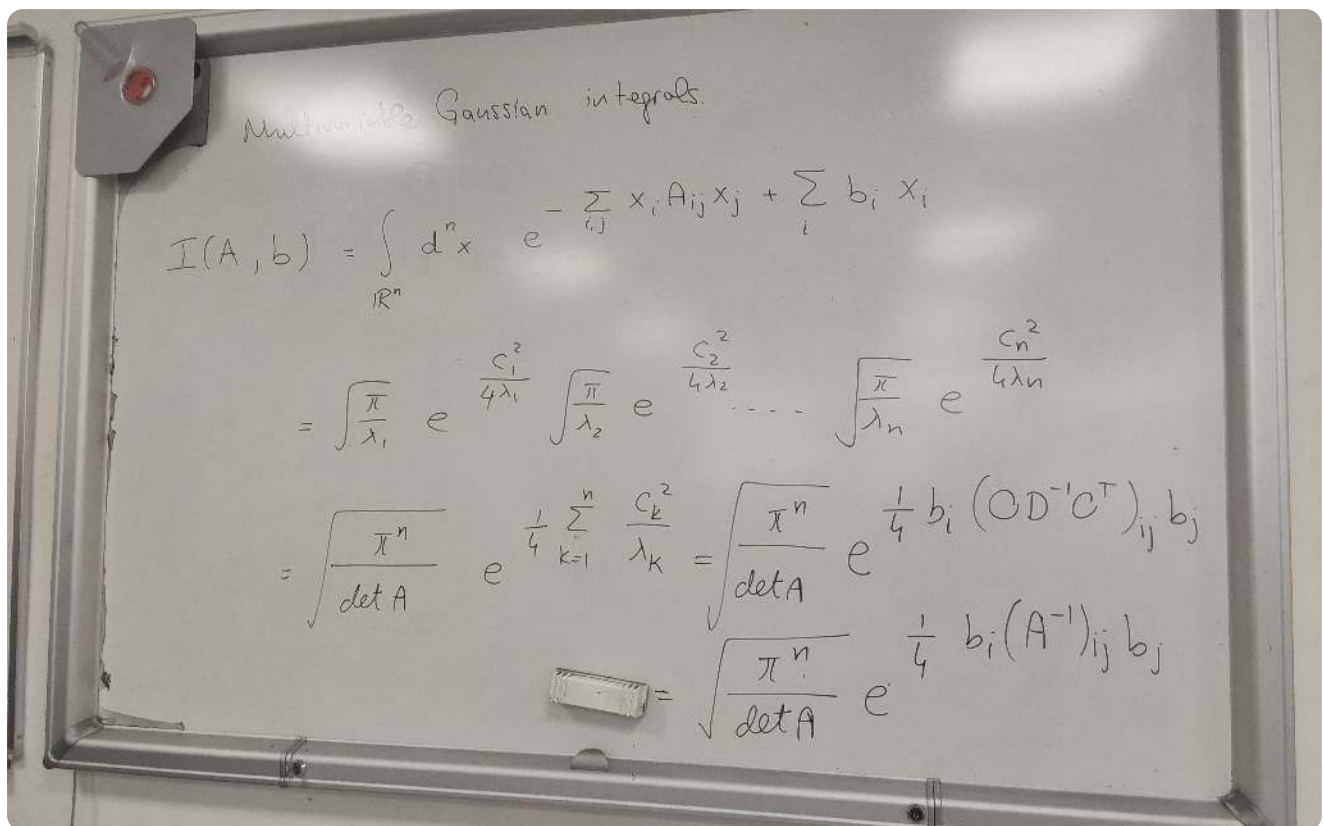
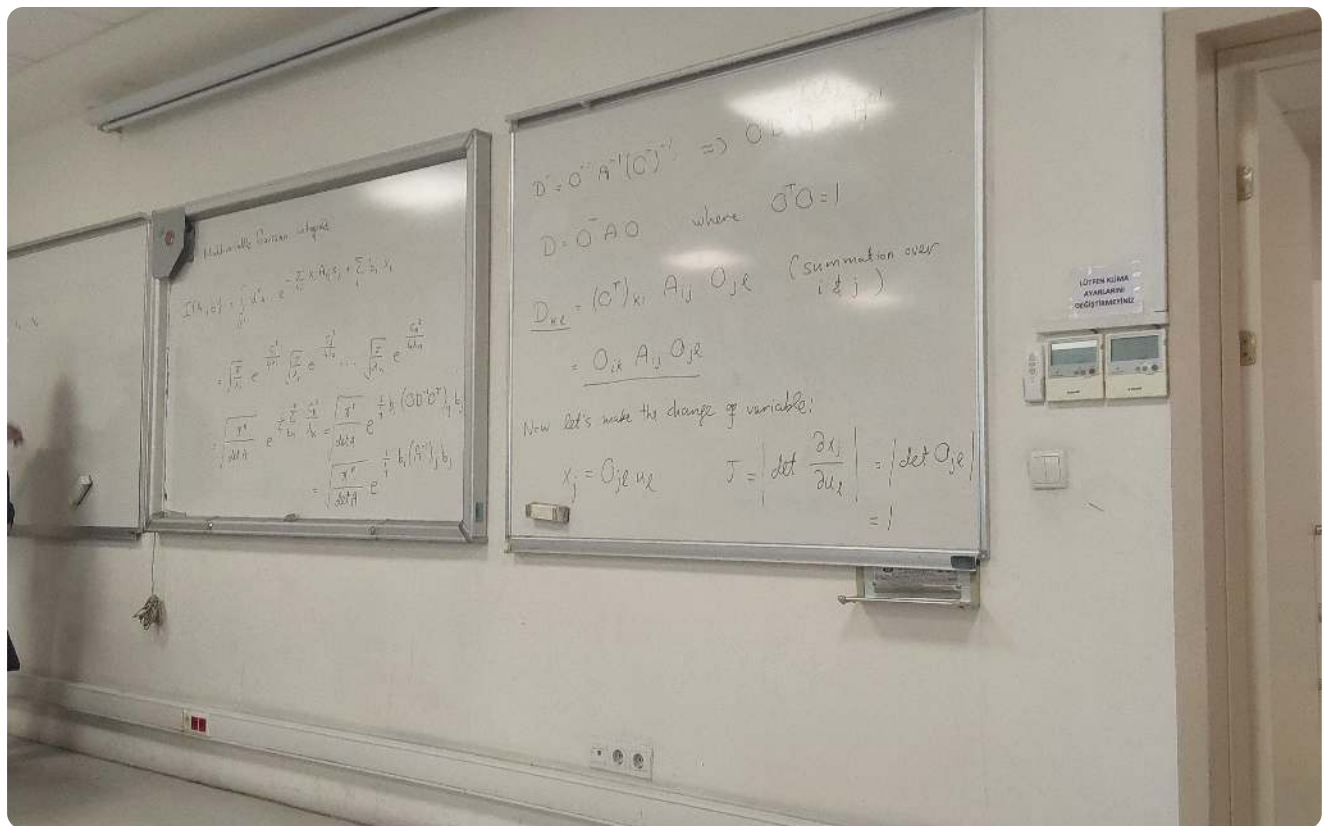
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du_1 e^{-\lambda_1 u_1^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du_2 e^{-\lambda_2 u_2^2} \dots$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} I(A) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} d^n x e^{-\sum_{ij} x_i A_{ij} x_j} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda_1}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda_2}} \cdots \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda_n}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi^n}{\det A}} \end{aligned}$$

Let's make the problem even more complicated:

$$\begin{aligned} I(A, b) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} d^n x e^{-\sum_{ij} x_i A_{ij} x_j + \sum_i b_i x_i} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda_1}} e^{\frac{c_1^2}{4\lambda_1}} \cdots \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi^n}{\det A}} e^{\frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{c_k^2}{\lambda_k}} \end{aligned}$$



$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d\vec{x} \, x_{k_1} \dots x_{k_r} e^{-x_i A_{ij} x_j}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial b_{k_1}} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial b_{k_r}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d\vec{x} e^{-x_i A_{ij} x_j + b_i x_i} \Big|_{b=0}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial b_{k_1}} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial b_{k_r}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi^n}{\det A}} e^{\frac{1}{4} b_i (A^{-1})_{ij} b_j} \Big|_{b=0}$$

Vicks
Theorem

Multivariable

$$I(A, b) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda_1}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\det}}$$