

Mathematical Analysis Seminar 9

1. Study the convergence of and (if convergent) compute the improper integrals

a) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{1+x^2} dx;$

b) $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{x-1}{x^2+x+1} dx;$

c) $\int_0^1 (\ln x)^2 dx.$

2. a) Study the convergence of and compute $\int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx.$

b) Prove that $\int_0^{\infty} P(x)e^{-x} dx = P(0) + P'(0) + \dots + P^{(n)}(0)$ where P is a polynomial function of degree $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

3. Compute the following integrals by embedding them in parametrized families and differentiating with respect to the parameter¹

a) $\int_0^1 \frac{x^5 - 1}{\ln x} dx;$ [Hint: consider $I(a) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^a - 1}{\ln x} dx$]

b) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} 2x}{x(1+x^2)} dx.$ [Here $I(y) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} xy}{x(1+x^2)} dx$]

4. The **Euler integrals** of first and second kind (also called **beta** and **gamma** functions) are special functions² given by

$$B(a, b) = \int_0^1 x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx, \quad a, b > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma(a) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{a-1} e^{-x} dx, \quad a > 0.$$

a) Check the convergence of $B(a, b)$ (for fixed a, b);

b) Check the convergence of $\Gamma(a)$ (for fixed a);

c) Prove that $\Gamma(a+1) = a\Gamma(a)$ for $a > 0$ and $\Gamma(n+1) = n!$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$;

d) Prove that $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx.$

¹Assume that all improper (parametric) integrals are convergent.

²in this case functions defined by means of parametric improper integrals