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$$I(y) = \int_a^b f(x, y)dx \tag{1}$$

is a function defined on $[c, d]$ and is called an *integral depending on a parameter* of the function $f(x, y)$.

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b) $J(y) = \int\limits_0^1 \ln\left(x^2 + y^2\right) dx$.

Hint:

a) S1. Check the conditions of the Leibniz' Theorem.

S2. Calculate $I'(y) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{y^2}{1+y^2}$.

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$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^b - x^a}{\ln x}, \ (0 < a < b).$$

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a) Evaluate $I(y) = \int\limits_0^{+\infty} ye^{-yx}dx \quad (y > 0)$.

b) Prove that $I(y)$ converges to 1 uniformly on $[y_0, +\infty)$ for all $y_0 > 0$.

c) Explain why $I(y)$ is not uniformly convergent on $(0, +\infty)$.

Sufficient Conditions for Uniform Convergence

Theorem (Weierstrass Criterion)

If

i) $|f(x,y)| \leqslant g(x) \, \forall (x,y) \in [a,+\infty) \times [c,d]$,

ii) The improper integral $\int_a^{+\infty} g(x)\,dx$ *is convergent,*

then $I(y) = \int_a^{+\infty} f(x,y)dx$ *is uniformly convergent on* $[c,d]$.

Example

Prove that

a) $I(y) = \int\limits_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos \alpha x}{x^2+1}$ is uniformly convergent on $\mathbb{R}$.

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If

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then $I(y)$ *is integrable on* $[c, d]$ *and*

$$\int_c^d I(y)\, dy := \int_c^d \left(\int_a^{+\infty} f(x,y)\, dx \right) dy = \int_a^{+\infty} \left(\int_c^d f(x,y)\, dy \right) dx.$$

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S1. Evaluate $I'(y)$ by differentiating $I'(y) = \int\limits_a^{+\infty} f_y'(x, y)\, dx$.

S2. Evaluate $I(y)$ by integrating $I(y) = \int I'(y)\, dy + C$.

S3. Evaluate $I(y_0)$ to find C.

Remark: Remember to check the conditions.

Example

Evaluate $(a, b, \alpha, \beta > 0)$:

a) $\int_0^1 \frac{x^b - x^a}{\ln x} dx$.

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S1. Express $f(x,y) = \int_c^d F(x,y)\,dy$.

S2. Change the order of integration:

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Specially, $\mathrm{B}(1,1) = 1$ therefore $\mathrm{B}(m,n) = \frac{(m-1)!(n-1)!}{(m+n-1)!}$, $\forall m,n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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Express $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^m t \cos^n t dt$ as the Beta function.

Hint: Let $\sin t = \sqrt{x}$ to conclude $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^m t \cos^n t dt = \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{B}\left(\frac{m+1}{2}, \frac{n+1}{2}\right)$.

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Example

a) $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^6 x \cos^4 x dx.$

b) $\int_0^a x^{2n}\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx \ (a > 0).$

c) $\int_0^{+\infty} x^{10} e^{-x^2} dx.$

d) $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{(1+x^2)^2} dx.$

e) $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^3} dx.$

f) $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{1-x^n}} dx, \ n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$