

List of integrals of Gaussian functions

In the expressions in this article,

$$arphi(x)=rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-rac{1}{2}x^2}$$

is the standard normal probability density function,

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x arphi(t) \, dt = rac{1}{2} \left(1 + ext{erf}igg(rac{x}{\sqrt{2}}igg)
ight)$$

is the corresponding cumulative distribution function (where **erf** is the error function), and

$$T(h,a) = arphi(h) \int_0^a rac{arphi(hx)}{1+x^2} \, dx$$

is Owen's T function.

Owen[1] has an extensive list of Gaussian-type integrals; only a subset is given below.

Indefinite integrals

$$egin{aligned} \int arphi(x) \, dx &= \Phi(x) + C \ \int x arphi(x) \, dx &= -arphi(x) + C \ \int x^2 arphi(x) \, dx &= \Phi(x) - x arphi(x) + C \ \int x^{2k+1} arphi(x) \, dx &= -arphi(x) \sum_{j=0}^k rac{(2k)!!}{(2j)!!} x^{2j} + C^{[2]} \ \int x^{2k+2} arphi(x) \, dx &= -arphi(x) \sum_{j=0}^k rac{(2k+1)!!}{(2j+1)!!} x^{2j+1} + (2k+1)!! \, \Phi(x) + C \end{aligned}$$

In the previous two integrals, n!! is the <u>double factorial</u>: for even n it is equal to the product of all even numbers from 2 to n, and for odd n it is the product of all odd numbers from 1 to n; additionally it is assumed that 0!! = (-1)!! = 1.

$$\int arphi(x)^2 \, dx = rac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \Phi\left(x\sqrt{2}
ight) + C$$

$$\int \varphi(x)\varphi(a+bx) \, dx = \frac{1}{t} \varphi\left(\frac{a}{t}\right) \Phi\left(tx + \frac{ab}{t}\right) + C, \qquad t = \sqrt{1+b^2} \text{ of } \int x \varphi(a+bx) \, dx = -\frac{1}{b^2} \left(\varphi(a+bx) + a\Phi(a+bx)\right) + C$$

$$\int x^2 \varphi(a+bx) \, dx = \frac{1}{b^3} \left((a^2+1)\Phi(a+bx) + (a-bx)\varphi(a+bx)\right) + C$$

$$\int \varphi(a+bx)^n \, dx = \frac{1}{b\sqrt{n(2\pi)^{n-1}}} \Phi\left(\sqrt{n}(a+bx)\right) + C$$

$$\int \Phi(a+bx) \, dx = \frac{1}{b} \left((a+bx)\Phi(a+bx) + \varphi(a+bx)\right) + C$$

$$\int x \Phi(a+bx) \, dx = \frac{1}{2b^2} \left((b^2x^2 - a^2 - 1)\Phi(a+bx) + (bx - a)\varphi(a+bx)\right) + C$$

$$\int x^2 \Phi(a+bx) \, dx = \frac{1}{3b^3} \left((b^3x^3 + a^3 + 3a)\Phi(a+bx) + (b^2x^2 - abx + a^2 + 2)\varphi(a+bx)\right) + C$$

$$\int x^n \Phi(x) \, dx = \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\left(x^{n+1} - nx^{n-1}\right) \Phi(x) + x^n \varphi(x) + n(n-1) \int x^{n-2} \Phi(x) \, dx\right) + C$$

$$\int x \varphi(x) \Phi(a+bx) \, dx = \frac{b}{t} \varphi\left(\frac{a}{t}\right) \Phi\left(xt + \frac{ab}{t}\right) - \varphi(x) \Phi(a+bx) + C, \qquad t = \sqrt{1+b^2}$$

$$\int \Phi(x)^2 \, dx = x \Phi(x)^2 + 2\Phi(x)\varphi(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Phi\left(x\sqrt{2}\right) + C$$

$$\int e^{cx} \varphi(bx)^n \, dx = \frac{e^{\frac{c^2}{2m^2}}}{b\sqrt{n(2\pi)^{n-1}}} \Phi\left(\frac{b^2xn - c}{b\sqrt{n}}\right) + C, \qquad b \neq 0, n > 0$$

Definite integrals

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \varphi(x)^n dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^3 (2\pi)^{n-1}}}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(x) \varphi(a+bx) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+b^2}} \varphi\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{1+b^2}}\right)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{0} \varphi(ax) \Phi(bx) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi |a|} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\left(\frac{b}{|a|}\right)\right)$$

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \varphi(ax) \Phi(bx) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi |a|} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \arctan\left(\frac{b}{|a|}\right)\right)$$

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} x \varphi(x) \Phi(bx) dx = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(1 + \frac{b}{\sqrt{1+b^2}}\right)$$

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} x^2 \varphi(x) \Phi(bx) dx = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{b}{1+b^2} + \arctan(b)\right)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \varphi(x)^2 \Phi(x) dx = \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \Phi(bx)^2 \varphi(x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\arctan(b) + \arctan\sqrt{1+2b^2}\right)$$

$$\begin{split} &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(a+bx)^2 \varphi(x) \, dx = \Phi\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{1+b^2}}\right) - 2T\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{1+b^2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+2b^2}}\right) \\ &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \Phi(a+bx)^2 \varphi(x) \, dx = \frac{2b}{\sqrt{1+b^2}} \varphi\left(\frac{a}{t}\right) \Phi\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{1+b^2}}\sqrt{1+2b^2}\right)^{[4]} \\ &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(bx)^2 \varphi(x) \, dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan \sqrt{1+2b^2} \\ &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \varphi(x) \Phi(bx) \, dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \varphi(x) \Phi(bx)^2 \, dx = \frac{b}{\sqrt{2\pi(1+b^2)}} \\ &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(a+bx) \varphi(x) \, dx = \Phi\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{1+b^2}}\right) \\ &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \Phi(a+bx) \varphi(x) \, dx = \frac{b}{t} \varphi\left(\frac{a}{t}\right), \qquad t = \sqrt{1+b^2} \\ &\int_{0}^{\infty} x \Phi(a+bx) \varphi(x) \, dx = \frac{b}{t} \varphi\left(\frac{a}{t}\right) \Phi\left(-\frac{ab}{t}\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \Phi(a), \qquad t = \sqrt{1+b^2} \\ &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \ln(x^2) \frac{1}{\sigma} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) \, dx = \ln(\sigma^2) - \gamma - \ln 2 \approx \ln(\sigma^2) - 1.27036 \end{split}$$

References

- 1. Owen 1980.
- 2. Patel & Read (1996) lists this integral above without the minus sign, which is an error. See calculation by WolframAlpha (http://www.wolframalpha.com/input/?fp=1&i=D(-e^(-x^2/2)/sqrt(2pi)*Sum((2k)!!/(2j)!!*x^(2j),{j,0,k}),x)&s=40&incTime=true).
- 3. Patel & Read (1996) report this integral with error, see WolframAlpha (http://www.wolframalpha.com/input/?i=Integrate(1/sqrt(2pi)*e^(-x^2/2)*1/sqrt(2pi)*e^(-(a%2Bb*x)^2/2),x)).
- 4. Patel & Read (1996) report this integral incorrectly by omitting *x* from the integrand.
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