

Section 6

Integration Techniques

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Example 1: Integration by Parts I

Use **integration by parts** to evaluate $\int_0^\infty x e^{-x} dx$.

Solution:

$$\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$$

$$\int x \, e^{-x} \, dx = x \, (-e^{-x}) - \int -e^{-x} \, dx$$

$$\int x e^{-x} dx = -x e^{-x} - e^{-x} + C$$

Example 1(Cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty x e^{-x} dx &= \left(-x e^{-x} - e^{-x} \right) \bigg|_0^\infty \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (-x e^{-x} - e^{-x}) - (-0 e^0 - e^0) \\ &= - \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{e^x} \right) - \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \right) - (0 - 1) \\ &= 0 - 0 + 1 = 1.\end{aligned}$$

What if?

⌚ What would happen if we let $u = e^{-x}$ and $dv = x \, dx$?

⌚ Answer: In this case $du = -e^{-x} \, dx$ and $v = \int dv = \int x \, dx = \frac{1}{2}x^2$, so that

$$\begin{aligned}\int x e^{-x} \, dx &= \int \underbrace{e^{-x}}_u \underbrace{x \, dx}_{dv} \\ &= \underbrace{e^{-x}}_u \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}x^2}_v - \int \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}x^2}_{v} \underbrace{(-e^{-x}) \, dx}_{du} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 e^{-x} + \frac{1}{2} \int x^2 e^{-x} \, dx\end{aligned}$$

⌚ It leads us to the wrong direction—a more difficult integral than the original.

What's going on?

- ☒ Evaluate $\int \frac{dx}{x}$ using **integration by parts**.
- ☒ Let $u = \frac{1}{x}$ and $dv = dx$, so that $du = -\frac{dx}{x^2}$ and $v = x$,
- ☒ Then

$$\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot x - \int x \cdot \left(-\frac{dx}{x^2}\right)$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = 1 + \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$0 = 1 ?$$

General Case of Failure

- ▷ How does this “contradiction” occur?
- ▷ Integrating by parts the following integral $I = \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx$.
- ▷ Let $u = \frac{1}{f(x)}$ and $dv = f'(x)dx$. Thus $du = -\frac{f'(x)}{(f(x))^2} dx$ and $v = f(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \frac{1}{f(x)} f(x) - \int \left(-\frac{f'(x)}{(f(x))^2} \right) f(x) dx \\ &= 1 + \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx. \end{aligned}$$

- ▷ We then get $I = 1 + I$.
- ▷ There is no contradiction because the **constants of integration** are different on both sides. We should not use **integration by parts** in the first place.

Example 2: More than One Integration by Parts

☛ Evaluate $\int x^2 e^{-x} dx$.

Solution:

☛ Choose $u = x^2$ and so $dv = e^{-x} dx$. Then $du = 2x dx$ and $v = \int e^{-x} dv = -e^{-x}$.

☛ Integrate by parts with the formula $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^2 e^{-x} dx &= x^2 \cdot (-e^{-x}) - \int -e^{-x} \cdot 2x dx \\ &= -x^2 e^{-x} + 2 \int x e^{-x} dx \quad (\text{integrate by parts again})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^2 e^{-x} dx &= -x^2 e^{-x} + 2(-x e^{-x} - e^{-x}) + C \quad (\text{by Example 1}) \\ &= -x^2 e^{-x} - 2x e^{-x} - 2 e^{-x} + C.\end{aligned}$$

Integration by Parts n Rounds

☞ In general, if n rounds of **integration by parts** were needed, with u_i and v_i representing the u and v , respectively, for round $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\int u_1 dv_1 &= u_1 v_1 - \int v_1 du_1 = u_1 v_1 - \int u_2 dv_2 \\&= u_1 v_1 - \left(u_2 v_2 - \int v_2 du_2 \right) = u_1 v_1 - u_2 v_2 + \int u_3 dv_3 \\&= u_1 v_1 - u_2 v_2 + \left(u_3 v_3 - \int u_4 dv_4 \right) \\&= u_1 v_1 - u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3 - \left(u_4 v_4 - \int u_5 dv_5 \right) = \dots \\&= u_1 v_1 - u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3 - u_4 v_4 + u_5 v_5 - \dots \int u_n dv_n.\end{aligned}$$

☞ The last integral $\int u_n dv_n$ is one you could presumably integrate easily.

Tabular Method

- Let the arrows indicate multiplication. Then

u	dv		
u_1	dv_1		
u_2	v_1	(+)	$\longrightarrow + u_1 v_1$
u_3	v_2	(-)	$\longrightarrow - u_2 v_2$
u_3	v_3	(+)	$\longrightarrow + u_3 v_3$
u_4	v_4	(-)	$\longrightarrow - u_4 v_4$
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- The idea is to differentiate down the u column and integrate down the dv column.
- This **tabular method** allows the **integration by parts** to be performed efficiently and correctly.

Example of Tabular Method

2 The **tabular method** on the integral from the previous example looks like this:

u	dv	
x^2	$e^{-x} dx$	
$2x$	$-e^{-x}$	(+)
2	e^{-x}	(-)
STOP	$-e^{-x}$	(+)
		$+ (x^2)(-e^{-x})$
		$- (2x)(e^{-x})$
		$+ (2)(-e^{-x})$

2 The integral is the sum of the products, and agrees with the result:

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^2 e^{-x} dx &= + (x^2)(-e^{-x}) - (2x)(e^{-x}) + (2)(-e^{-x}) + C \\ &= -x^2 e^{-x} - 2x e^{-x} - 2 e^{-x} + C\end{aligned}$$

Example 3

▷ Evaluate $\int x^3 e^{-x} dx$.

Solution: Use the **tabular method** with $u = x^3$ and $dv = e^{-x} dx$ as follows:

u	dv		
x^3	$e^{-x} dx$		
$3x^2$	$-e^{-x}$	(+)	$\longrightarrow + (x^3) (-e^{-x})$
$6x$	e^{-x}	(-)	$\longrightarrow - (3x^2) (e^{-x})$
6	$-e^{-x}$	(+)	$\longrightarrow + (6x) (-e^{-x})$
STOP	0	(-)	$\longrightarrow - (6) (e^{-x})$

$$\int x^3 e^{-x} dx = -x^3 e^{-x} - 3x^2 e^{-x} - 6x e^{-x} - 6 e^{-x} + C.$$

Gamma Function

💡 In general, we have **Gamma function**:

$$\Gamma(n) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} e^{-x} dx \quad \text{for all } n > 0.$$

💡 It is a generalization of **factorial**.

$$\boxed{\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!} \quad \text{for all positive whole numbers larger than 0.}$$

💡 From Example 3:

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(4) &= \int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-x} dx = \left(-x^3 e^{-x} - 3x^2 e^{-x} - 6x e^{-x} - 6 e^{-x} \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= (-0 - 0 - 0 - 0) - (-0 - 0 - 0 - 6) = 6.\end{aligned}$$

Example 4: Summary

Evaluate $\int_0^1 x^3 \sqrt{1 - x^2} dx$.

Solution: Use the method of **integration by parts**.

- ↙ We have $x^3 \sqrt{1 - x^2} = x^2 \cdot x \sqrt{1 - x^2}$. It is easy to integrate $x \sqrt{1 - x^2}$.
- ↙ So let $u = x^2$ and $dv = x \sqrt{1 - x^2} dx$.
- ↙ Then $du = 2x dx$ and $v = \int dv = \int x \sqrt{1 - x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{3}(1 - x^2)^{3/2}$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 x^3 \sqrt{1 - x^2} dx &= -\frac{x^2}{3}(1 - x^2)^{3/2} \Big|_0^1 + \int_0^1 \frac{2x}{3}(1 - x^2)^{3/2} dx \\ &= (0 - 0) + \left(\frac{-2}{15}(1 - x^2)^{5/2} \Big|_0^1 \right) = 0 + \frac{2}{15} = \frac{2}{15}.\end{aligned}$$

Preparation: $I = \int \sec(x) dx = \ln |\tan(x) + \sec(x)| + C$

- We write $\int \sec(x) dx = \int \frac{1}{\cos(x)} dx = \int \frac{\cos(x)}{\cos^2(x)} dx = \int \frac{\cos(x)}{1 - \sin^2(x)} dx.$
- Then use the **substitution** $y = \sin(x)$, $dy = \cos(x)dx$ and then use **partial fractions**.

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int \frac{1}{1 - y^2} dy = \int \frac{1}{(1+y)(1-y)} dy = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{1+y} + \frac{1}{1-y} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{y+1} - \frac{1}{y-1} dy = \frac{1}{2} (\ln|y+1| - \ln|y-1|) + C = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{\sin(x)+1}{\sin(x)-1} \right| + C. \end{aligned}$$

- After a bit of rewriting, we obtain

$$\sqrt{\left| \frac{\sin(x)+1}{\sin(x)-1} \right|} = \sqrt{\left| \frac{(\sin(x)+1)^2}{\sin^2(x)-1} \right|} = \sqrt{\left| \frac{(\sin(x)+1)^2}{-\cos^2(x)} \right|} = \left| \frac{\sin(x)+1}{\cos(x)} \right| = |\tan(x) + \sec(x)|.$$

Example 5

Evaluate $\int \sec^3 x \, dx$.

Solution: Let $u = \sec x$ and $dv = \sec^2 x \, dx$. Use the integration by parts.

□ So $du = \sec x \tan x \, dx$ and $v = \int dv = \int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x$. Then

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = \sec x \tan x - \int \sec x \tan^2 x \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = \sec x \tan x - \int \sec x (\sec^2 x - 1) \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = \sec x \tan x + \int \sec x \, dx - \int \sec^3 x \, dx$$

$$2 \int \sec^3 x \, dx = \sec x \tan x + \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C$$

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} (\sec x \tan x + \ln |\sec x + \tan x|) + C$$

Product to Sum

$$\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} (\sin (A + B) + \sin (A - B)) \quad (1)$$

$$\cos A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} (\sin (A + B) - \sin (A - B)) \quad (2)$$

$$\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} (\cos (A + B) + \cos (A - B)) \quad (3)$$

$$\sin A \sin B = -\frac{1}{2} (\cos (A + B) - \cos (A - B)) \quad (4)$$

Example 6

Evaluate $\int \frac{1}{2} \sin x \sin 12x \, dx$.

Solution: Using the **product-to-sum formula (4)** with $A = x$ and $B = 12x$,

$$\sin A \sin B = -\frac{1}{2} (\cos (A+B) - \cos (A-B))$$

$$\sin x \sin 12x = -\frac{1}{2} (\cos (x+12x) - \cos (x-12x))$$

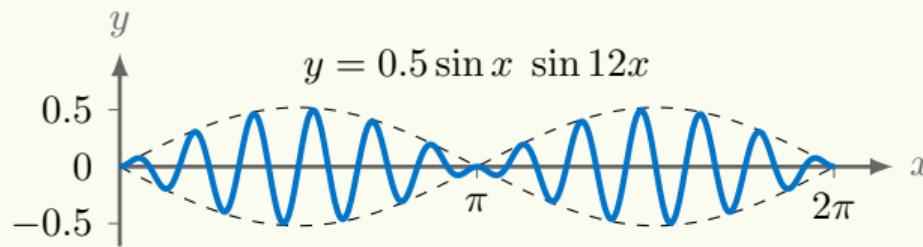
$$\sin x \sin 12x = -\frac{1}{2} (\cos 13x - \cos 11x)$$

since $\cos(-11x) = \cos 11x$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{1}{2} \sin x \sin 12x \, dx &= -\frac{1}{4} \int (\cos 13x - \cos 11x) \, dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{52} \sin 13x + \frac{1}{44} \sin 11x + C.\end{aligned}$$

Discussion of Example 6

- Notice how the **product-to-sum formula** turned an integral of products of sines into integrals of individual cosines, which are easily integrated.
- The integrand is an example of a **modulated wave**, commonly used in electronic communications (e.g. radio broadcasting).



- The curves $y = \pm 0.5 \sin x$ (shown in dashed lines) form an **amplitude envelope** for the modulated wave.

Higher Power of Sine

- For the sine function raised to odd powers of the form $2n + 1$ (for $n \geq 1$), the trick is to replace $\sin^2 x$ by $1 - \cos^2 x$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin^{2n+1} x \, dx &= \int (\sin^2 x)^n \sin x \, dx \\ &= \int (1 - \cos^2 x)^n \sin x \, dx \\ &= \int p(u) \, du.\end{aligned}$$

- The function $p(u)$ is a **polynomial** in the variable $u = \cos x$, and the remaining single $\sin x$ is now part of $du = -\sin x \, dx$.
- Then use the power formula to integrate that polynomial.

Example 7

Evaluate $\int \sin^3 x \, dx$.

Solution: Let $u = \cos x$ so that $du = -\sin x \, dx$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin^3 x \, dx &= \int (\sin^2 x) \sin x \, dx = \int (1 - \cos^2 x) \sin x \, dx \\&= \int (1 - u^2) (-du) = \int (u^2 - 1) \, du \\&= \frac{1}{3} u^3 - u + C \\&= \frac{1}{3} \cos^3 x - \cos x + C.\end{aligned}$$

Higher Power of Cosine

- In general $\int \sin^{2n+1} x \, dx$ will be a **polynomial** of degree $2n + 1$ in terms of $\cos x$.
- Similarly, use $\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$ to integrate odd powers of $\cos x$, with the substitution $u = \sin x$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \cos^{2n+1} x \, dx &= \int (\cos^2 x)^n \cos x \, dx \\ &= \int \underbrace{(1 - \sin^2 x)^n}_{p(u)} \underbrace{\cos x \, dx}_{du}.\end{aligned}$$

- Integrals of the form $\int \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx$, where either m or n is odd, can be evaluated using the above trick for the function having the odd power.

Example 8

Evaluate $\int \sin^2 x \cos^3 x \, dx$.

Solution: Replace $\cos^2 x$ by $1 - \sin^2 x$, then let $u = \sin x$ so that $du = \cos x \, dx$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin^2 x \cos^3 x \, dx &= \int \sin^2 x (\cos^2 x) \cos x \, dx = \int \underbrace{\sin^2 x (1 - \sin^2 x)}_{p(u)} \cos x \, dx \\ &= \int (u^2 - u^4) \, du \\ &= \frac{1}{3} u^3 - \frac{1}{5} u^5 + C \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 x - \frac{1}{5} \sin^5 x + C.\end{aligned}$$

Example 9: Even Power of Sine

Evaluate $\int \sin^4 x \, dx$.

Solution: Replace $\sin^2 x$ by $\frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin^4 x \, dx &= \int \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \right)^2 \, dx = \frac{1}{4} \int (1 - 2 \cos 2x + \cos^2 2x) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int \left(1 - 2 \cos 2x + \frac{1 + \cos 4x}{2} \right) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \int (3 - 4 \cos 2x + \cos 4x) \, dx \\ &= \frac{3x}{8} - \frac{1}{4} \sin 2x + \frac{1}{32} \sin 4x + C.\end{aligned}$$

Even Power of Sine and Cosine

- For even powers of $\sin x$ or $\cos x$, replace $\sin^2 x$ or $\cos^2 x$ with either

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2},$$

respectively, as often as necessary, then proceed as before if odd powers occur.

sec x with tan x (1 of 2)

- Similar methods can be used for integrals of the form $\int \sec^m x \tan^n x dx$ when either m is even or n is odd.
- For an even power $m = 2k + 2$, use $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$ for all but two of the m powers of $\sec x$, then use the substitution $u = \tan x$, so that $du = \sec^2 x dx$.
- This results in an integral of a **polynomial** $p(u)$ in terms of $u = \tan x$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sec^{2k+2} x \tan^n x dx &= \int (\sec^2 x)^k \sec^2 x \tan^n x dx \\ &= \int \underbrace{(1 + \tan^2 x)^k}_{p(u)} \tan^n x \sec^2 x dx.\end{aligned}$$

sec x with tan x (2 of 2)

- Likewise for an odd power $n = 2k + 1$, use $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$ for all but one of the n powers of $\tan x$, then use the **substitution** $u = \sec x$, so that $du = \sec x \tan x dx$.
- This results in an integral of a **polynomial** $p(u)$ in terms of $u = \sec x$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sec^m x \tan^{2k+1} x dx &= \int \sec^{m-1} x \sec x (\tan^2 x)^k \tan x dx \\ &= \int \sec^{m-1} x (\sec^2 x - 1)^k \sec x \tan x dx \\ &\quad \underbrace{p(u)}_{du}\end{aligned}$$

- Mimic the above procedure for integrals of the form $\int \csc^m x \cot^n x dx$ when either m is even or n is odd, using the identity $\csc^2 x = 1 + \cot^2 x$ in a similar manner.

Example 10

Evaluate $\int \sec^4 x \tan x dx$.

Solution: Use $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$ for one $\sec^2 x$ term, then substitute $u = \tan x$, so that $du = \sec^2 x dx$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sec^4 x \tan x dx &= \int \sec^2 x \sec^2 x \tan x dx = \int (1 + \tan^2 x) \tan x \sec^2 x dx \\&= \int (1 + u^2) u du = \int (u + u^3) du \\&= \frac{1}{2} u^2 + \frac{1}{4} u^4 + C \\&= \frac{1}{2} \tan^2 x + \frac{1}{4} \tan^4 x + C.\end{aligned}$$

Example 11

- For some **trigonometric integrals** try putting everything in terms of sines and cosines.
- Evaluate $\int \frac{\cot^4 x}{\csc^5 x} dx$.

Solution: Put $\cot x$ and $\csc x$ in terms of $\sin x$ and $\cos x$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{\cot^4 x}{\csc^5 x} dx &= \int \frac{\cos^4 x \sin^5 x}{\sin^4 x} dx \\&= \int \cos^4 x \sin x dx \quad (\text{now let } u = \cos x, du = -\sin x dx) \\&= - \int u^4 dx = -\frac{1}{5} \cos^5 x + C.\end{aligned}$$

Example 12: Gamma Function

⇒ It is easy to see that $F(t) := \int_0^\infty e^{-tx} dx = \frac{1}{t}$ for all $t > 0$.

⇒ Differentiating $F(t)$ with respect to t leads to

$$F'(t) = - \int_0^\infty x e^{-tx} dx = -\frac{1}{t^2} \implies \int_0^\infty x e^{-tx} dx = \frac{1}{t^2}$$

⇒ Taking further derivatives yields

$$F^{(n)}(t) = \int_0^\infty x^n e^{-tx} dx = \frac{n!}{t^{n+1}}.$$

⇒ When t is set equal to one, we obtain the **Gamma function**:

$$n! = \int_0^\infty x^n e^{-x} dx := \Gamma(n+1).$$

Example 13

- ⇒ Compute $\int_0^1 \frac{x^2 - 1}{\ln(x)} dx$.
- ⇒ Define $G(t) := \int_0^1 \frac{x^t - 1}{\ln(x)} dx$. Then $G(2)$ is the answer we are seeking. Obviously $G(0) = 0$.
- ⇒ Differential $G(t)$ with respect to t yields

$$G'(t) = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{x^t - 1}{\ln(x)} \right) dx = \int_0^1 x^t dx = \frac{1}{t+1}.$$

- ⇒ Therefore

$$G(2) = \int_0^2 G'(t) dt = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{t+1} dt = \ln(t+1) \Big|_0^2 = \ln(3).$$

Example 14: The Dirichlet Integral

- ⇒ Evaluate $\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx$ using **Feynman's technique**.
- ⇒ Let $f(s) := \int_0^\infty e^{-sx} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx$, which is a function of s .
- ⇒ Note that $f(0)$ is the integral we want to evaluate.
- ⇒ $f'(s) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\partial}{\partial s} e^{-sx} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx = \int_0^\infty -e^{-sx} \sin(x) dx$.
- ⇒ Performing the **integration by parts** with $u = \sin(x)$ and $dv = -e^{-sx} dx$, we obtain $du = \cos(x) dx$ and $\int dv = v = \int -e^{-sx} dx = \frac{1}{s} e^{-sx}$.
- ⇒ Therefore, $f'(s) = \frac{1}{s} \sin(x) e^{-sx} \Big|_0^\infty - \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty \cos(x) e^{-sx} dx = -\frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty \cos(x) e^{-sx} dx$.

Example 14: The Dirichlet Integral (con'td)

- >We need to perform integration by parts one more time on $-\frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty \cos(x)e^{-sx} dx$.
- We let $u = \cos x$, and hence $du = -\sin(x)dx$. And with $dv = -\frac{1}{s}e^{-sx}dx$, we obtain $\int dv = v = \int -\frac{1}{s}e^{-sx}dx = \frac{1}{s^2}e^{-sx}$.
- Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(s) &= - \int_0^\infty \sin(x)e^{-sx}dx = \frac{1}{s} \int_0^\infty \cos(x)e^{-sx}dx \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2} \cos(x)e^{-sx} \Big|_0^\infty + \frac{1}{s^2} \int_0^\infty \sin(x)e^{-sx}dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s^2} \int_0^\infty \sin(x)e^{-sx}dx. \end{aligned}$$

Example 14: The Dirichlet Integral (con'td)

- ⇒ Thus we obtain $f'(s) = -\frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2}f'(s)$.
- ⇒ After a re-arrangement of terms, we obtain $f'(s) = -\frac{1}{1+s^2}$.
- ⇒ Now, we perform an improper integration $f(s) = -\int \frac{1}{1+s^2} ds = -\arctan(s) + C$.
- ⇒ We need to know what C is. For this purpose, we consider

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} f(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-sx} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} e^{-sx} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx = 0.$$

- ⇒ On the other hand, $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} f(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} -\arctan(s) + C = -\frac{\pi}{2} + C$.

Example 14: The Dirichlet Integral (con'td)

⇒ Hence we have

$$C = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \arctan(s) = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

⇒ Finally, we obtain

$$f(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-sx} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx = -\arctan(s) + \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

⇒ Since $\arctan(0) = 0$, it must be that

$$f(0) = \boxed{\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}}.$$

Chi-Square Probability Density Function

⇒ The **analytical form** of the **chi-square probability density function** (pdf) with v **degrees of freedom** is, for $x \geq 0$,

$$f(x; v) = \frac{e^{-\frac{x}{2}} x^{\frac{v}{2}-1}}{2^{\frac{v}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{v}{2}\right)} = C e^{-\frac{x}{2}} x^{\frac{v}{2}-1},$$

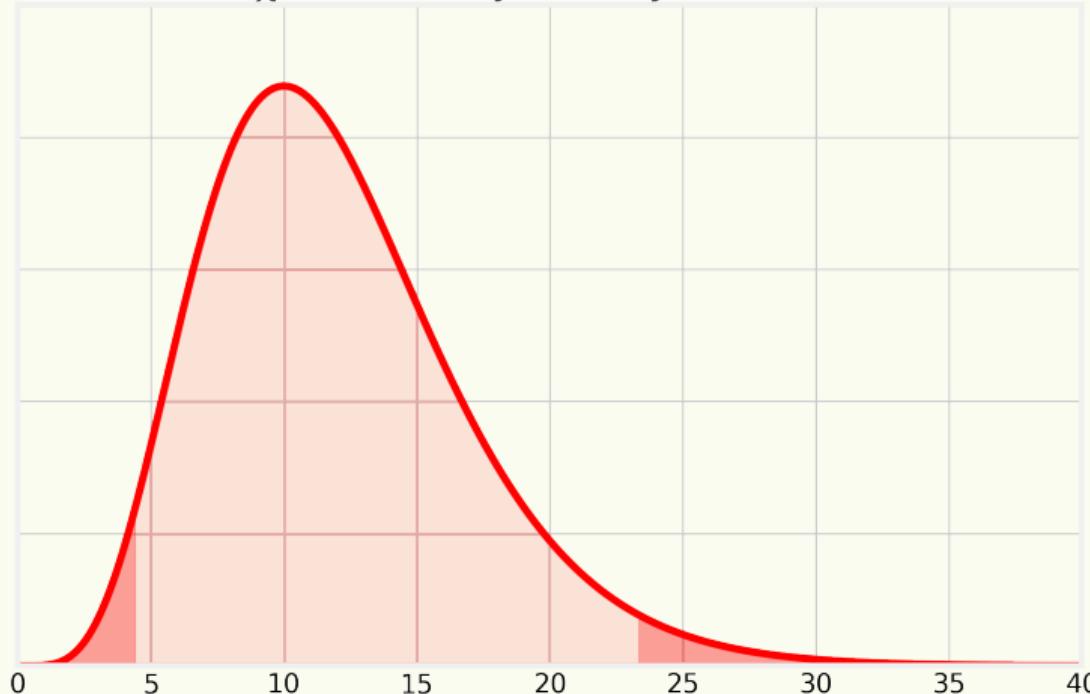
where C is the constant term $\frac{1}{2^{\frac{v}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{v}{2}\right)}$.

⇒ So $f(x; v)$ is a product of **exponential function** and a **power function**.

⇒ Slide 37 provides a plot of the **chi-square pdf** $f(x; 12)$ with 12 degrees of freedom

Plot of Chi-Square PDF

χ^2 Probability Density Function



Moment Generating Function

⇒ First we compute the **moment generating function**

$$M_X(t) = \mathbb{E}(e^{tX}) = C \int_0^\infty e^{tx} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} x^{\frac{v}{2}-1} dx = C \int_0^\infty e^{-\left(\frac{1}{2}-t\right)x} x^{\frac{v}{2}-1} dx.$$

⇒ We perform a **change of variable** $y = \left(\frac{1}{2} - t\right)x$. Hence, $dy = \left(\frac{1}{2} - t\right)dx$, equivalently, $x = \frac{2}{1-2t}y$ and $dx = \frac{2}{1-2t}dy$, and we get

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= C \int_0^\infty e^{-y} \left(\frac{2}{1-2t}y\right)^{\frac{v}{2}-1} \frac{2}{1-2t} dy = C \int_0^\infty e^{-y} \left(\frac{2}{1-2t}\right)^{\frac{v}{2}-1} y^{\frac{v}{2}-1} \frac{2}{1-2t} dy \\ &= C \left(\frac{2}{1-2t}\right)^{\frac{v}{2}} \int_0^\infty e^{-y} y^{\frac{v}{2}-1} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Gamma function

⇒ By definition, the integral is the **Gamma function** $\Gamma\left(\frac{v}{2}\right)$. Consequently,

$$M_X(t) = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{v}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{v}{2}\right)} \left(\frac{2}{1-2t}\right)^{\frac{v}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{v}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{1-2t}\right)^{\frac{v}{2}}. \quad (5)$$

⇒ Next, we differentiate $M_X(t)$ with respect to t :

$$M'_X(t) = C \int_0^{\infty} x e^{tx} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} x^{\frac{v}{2}-1} dx. \quad (6)$$

It follows from (5) that

$$M'_X(t) = -\frac{v}{2}(-2) \left(\frac{1}{1-2t}\right)^{\frac{v}{2}+1} = v \left(\frac{1}{1-2t}\right)^{\frac{v}{2}+1}. \quad (7)$$

Mean of Chi-Square Random Variable

⇒ Interestingly, the **expected value** of X can be obtained as follows:

$$M'_X(0) = C \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-\frac{x}{2}} x^{\frac{v}{2}-1} dx = \mathbb{E}(X).$$

⇒ Substituting 0 for t in (7), we obtain the mean of **chi-square random variable**:

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = M'_X(0) = v.$$

⇒ The mean of X is its **number of degrees of freedom**.

Variance of Chi-Square Random Variable

⇒ Next, we differentiate the **moment generating function** (5) with respect to t twice to obtain

$$M_X''(t) = C \int_0^\infty x^2 e^{tx} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} x^{\frac{v}{2}-1} dx = v(v+2) \left(\frac{1}{1-2t} \right)^{\frac{v}{2}+2},$$

which is the **expected value** of X^2 when $t = 0$.

⇒ In other words,

$$\mathbb{E}(X^2) = M_X''(0) = v^2 + 2v.$$

⇒ As $\mathbb{V}(X) = \mathbb{E}(X^2) - (\mathbb{E}(X))^2$, the **variance** of **chi-square random variable** with v **degrees of freedom** is

$$\mathbb{V}(X) = M_X''(0) - (M_X'(0))^2 = v^2 + 2v - v^2 = 2v.$$

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