

and

$$H_1(u) = \exp\left(-\frac{u}{2}\right),$$

$$F_2(u) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{u}{2}\right).$$

This procedure for evaluating $F_n(u)$ is sufficiently fast to permit a direct search for percentage points, in lieu of interpolation. Thus eleven critical levels were calculated to 5D for $n = 2(2)100$ in 1.8 minutes on an IBM 7094.

Many other types of integrals exist for which this recursion scheme is feasible, in particular, Fourier (and other) transforms similar to $I_n(b)$.

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Evaluation of Some Integrals Involving the ψ -Function

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In the Bateman manuscript project tables, Erdelyi et al. [1] list five integrals over the unit interval involving the ψ -function (logarithmic derivative of the gamma function). The first of these is trivial, the second is easily derived by integrating by parts to derive a differential equation in terms of the parameter a . The fourth and fifth formulas are obtained by equating the imaginary and real parts of the second and the third is simply the case $a = 0$ of the fourth. The purpose of this note is to point out that this table can be easily extended by simple use of the properties of the ψ -function. For example, many convergent integrals of the form

$$I = \int_m^n f(x)\psi(x) dx,$$

where m and n are integers and $f(x)$ is a function such that $f(x) = -f(m+n-x)$, can be evaluated exactly. Thus, by symmetry

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int_m^n f(x) \{\psi(x) - \psi(m+n-x)\} dx.$$

Now use of the relations $\psi(y+1) = \psi(y) + y^{-1}$ and $\psi(y) - \psi(1-y) = -\pi \cot \pi y$ gives immediately

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$$I = \int_m^n f(x)R(x) dx - \frac{\pi}{2} \int_m^n f(x) \cot \pi x dx$$

where $R(x)$ is rational and the slash denotes the Cauchy principal part. When $f(x)$ is rational or trigonometric these integrals can frequently be expressed in familiar terms. As an example we consider the case $f(x) = x(1-x) \cos \pi x$, $m = 0$, $n = 1$. Proceeding as above and noting that

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} x \csc x dx = 2\beta(2), \quad \int_0^{\pi/2} x^2 \csc x dx = 2\pi\beta(2) - \frac{7}{2}\zeta(3),$$

where $\beta(2)$ is Catalan's constant and ζ represents the Riemann zeta function, we find

$$\int_0^1 f(x)\psi(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi^2} - \frac{7}{2\pi^2}\zeta(3).$$

Now by making use of the properties of the ψ -function we also obtain, e.g.,

$$\int_0^1 f(x)\psi(-x) dx = \frac{7}{2\pi^2}\zeta(3),$$

$$\int_0^1 f(x)\psi\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) dx = \frac{6}{\pi^2} - \frac{1}{2}Si\frac{\pi}{2},$$

$$\int_0^1 f(x)\psi\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) dx = \frac{4}{\pi^2},$$

$$\int_0^1 f(x) \left\{ \psi\left[\frac{x+1}{2}\right] + \psi\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right\} du = \frac{4}{\pi^2} - \frac{7}{\pi^2}\zeta(3).$$

It is interesting to note that $\int_0^1 x(1-x) \cos \pi x \psi(x/2) dx$ appears to be inexpressible in similar closed form.

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