

1. Verify the following order relations:

$$(a) \int_0^\epsilon e^{-x^2} dx = O(\epsilon) \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0^+,$$

$$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} \Rightarrow e^{-x^2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{k!} (-1)^k \Rightarrow \int_0^\epsilon e^{-x^2} dx = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)k!} (-1)^k$$

This is an alternating series. Thus the error is in the next term not taken

$$\text{Since } \int_0^\epsilon e^{-x^2} dx = \epsilon - \frac{\epsilon^3}{3} + \dots \Rightarrow \left| \int_0^\epsilon e^{-x^2} dx - \epsilon \right| \leq \frac{\epsilon^3}{3}$$

$$\text{Now as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\epsilon^3}{3} < \epsilon \Rightarrow \int_0^\epsilon e^{-x^2} dx \leq \epsilon + \epsilon = 2\epsilon$$

$$\text{Thus } \int_0^\epsilon e^{-x^2} dx = O(\epsilon)$$

$$(b) e^{-t} = o\left(\frac{1}{t^p}\right), p \geq 1, \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Pick  $p \geq 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-t}}{\frac{1}{t^p}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^p}{e^t} = 0 \Rightarrow$  given  $\epsilon > 0, \exists N > 0$  such that

for  $t > N$  we have  $\left| \frac{e^{-t}}{\frac{1}{t^p}} \right| < \epsilon$  for  $t > N \Rightarrow 0 < e^{-t} < \epsilon \left(\frac{1}{t^p}\right)$  for  $t > N$

Thus for any choice of  $\epsilon$  we can find an  $N$  such that  $0 < e^{-t} < \epsilon \left(\frac{1}{t^p}\right)$

Thus  $e^{-t} = o\left(\frac{1}{t^p}\right)$

(a) Use integration by parts and induction, to show that

$$I(x) = \frac{e^{-x}}{x^3} \left( 1 - \frac{3!}{2x} + \frac{4!}{2x^2} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n (n+2)!}{2x^n} \right) + R_n(x),$$

here

$$R_n(x) = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(n+3)!}{2} \int_x^\infty t^{-(n+4)} e^{-t} dt,$$

$$a) \int_x^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{t^3} dt$$

$$i) \text{ let } u = t^{-3} \Rightarrow du = -3t^{-4} dt, dv = e^{-t} dt \Rightarrow v = -e^{-t}$$

$$\text{Thus } \int_x^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{t^3} dt = -\frac{e^{-t}}{t^3} \Big|_x^\infty - \int_x^\infty 3t^{-4} e^{-t} dt = \frac{e^{-x}}{x^3} - \int_x^\infty 3t^{-4} e^{-t} dt$$

So the statement true for  $n=0$

ii) assume true for  $n=k$

$$\text{Thus } I(x) = \frac{e^{-x}}{x^3} \left( 1 - \frac{3!}{2x} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^k (k+2)!}{2x^k} \right) + ((-1)^{k+1} \frac{(k+3)!}{2} \int_x^\infty t^{-(k+4)} e^{-t} dt)$$

iii) Now prove for  $n = k+1$

$$\text{Proof: Consider } \int_x^\infty t^{-(k+4)} e^{-t} dt$$

$$\text{let } u = t^{-k-4} \Rightarrow du = -(k+4)t^{-k-5} dt, dv = e^{-t} dt \Rightarrow v = -e^{-t}$$

$$\text{Thus } \int_x^\infty t^{-(k+4)} e^{-t} dt = -t^{-k-4} e^{-t} \Big|_x^\infty - \int_x^\infty (k+4)t^{-k-5} e^{-t} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_x^\infty t^{-(k+4)} e^{-t} dt = x^{-k-4} e^{-x} - \int_x^\infty (k+4)t^{-k-5} e^{-t} dt$$

Therefore we have

$$I(x) = \frac{e^{-x}}{x^3} \left( 1 - \frac{3!}{2x} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^k (k+2)!}{2x^k} \right) + ((-1)^{k+1} \frac{(k+3)!}{2} \int_x^\infty t^{-(k+4)} e^{-t} dt)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{e^{-x}}{x^3} \left( 1 - \frac{3!}{2x} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^k (k+2)!}{2x^k} \right) + ((-1)^{k+1} \frac{(k+3)!}{2} [x^{-k-4} e^{-x} - \int_x^\infty (k+4)t^{-k-5} e^{-t} dt]) \\
&= \frac{e^{-x}}{x^3} \left( 1 - \frac{3!}{2x} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^k (k+2)!}{2x^k} \right) + (-1)^{k+1} \frac{(k+3)!}{2} x^{-k-4} e^{-x} - (-1)^{k+1} \frac{(k+3)!}{2} \int_x^\infty (k+4)t^{-k-5} e^{-t} dt \\
&= \frac{e^{-x}}{x^3} \left( 1 - \frac{3!}{2x} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^k (k+2)!}{2x^k} + \frac{(-1)^{k+1} (k+3)!}{2x^{k+1}} \right) + (-1)^{k+2} \frac{(k+4)!}{2} \int_x^\infty t^{-(k+1)-4} e^{-t} dt
\end{aligned}$$

Thus statement is true by induction.

(b) Show that the series diverges for fixed  $x$ , but that for fixed  $n$ ,  $|R_n(x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

consider  $\frac{e^{-x}}{x^3} (1 - \frac{3!}{2x} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^k (k+2)!}{2x^k})$

The general term is  $\frac{(-1)^k (k+2)!}{2x^k}$ . Now  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(k+2)!}{2x^k} = \infty$  for fixed  $x$ ,

Thus series diverges.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now } |R_n(x)| &= \frac{(n+3)!}{2} \int_x^\infty t^{-(n+4)} e^{-t} dt = \frac{(n+3)!}{2} \int_x^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{t^{n+4}} dt \leq \frac{(n+3)!}{2} \int_x^\infty \frac{1}{t^{n+4}} dt \\
&= \frac{(n+3)!}{2} \frac{1}{x^{n+3}(n+3)} = \frac{(n+2)!}{2} \frac{1}{x^{n+3}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+2)!}{2} \frac{1}{x^{n+3}} = 0$$

(c) Identify a sequence of gauge functions  $\{g_n(x)\}$  for the series in (a), and show that they form an asymptotic sequence as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $\phi_n(x) = \frac{e^{-x}}{x^{3+n}}$ . Need to show  $\phi_{n+1}(x) = o(\phi_n(x))$

Given  $k > 0$  consider  $\frac{e^{-x}}{x^{4+n}} = k \frac{e^{-x}}{x^{3+n}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = k$

Thus for  $x > \frac{1}{k}$  we have  $\phi_{n+1}(x) < k\phi_n(x)$

Thus statement true.

(d) Show that for fixed  $N$ ,  $R_N(x) = o(g_N(x))$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  for your choice in gauge functions in (c), and conclude that  $I(x)$  has the asymptotic expansion

$$I(x) \sim \frac{e^{-x}}{x^3} \left( 1 - \frac{3!}{2x} + \frac{4!}{2x^2} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n (n+2)!}{2x^n} + \dots \right)$$

Consider a  $k > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
|R_n(x)| &= \frac{(n+3)!}{2} \int_x^\infty t^{-(n+4)} e^{-t} dt = \frac{(n+3)!}{2} \int_x^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{t^{n+4}} dt \leq \frac{(n+3)!}{2} \int_x^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{x^{n+4}} dt \text{ (for } x \text{ positive)} \\
&= \frac{(n+3)!}{2} \frac{1}{x^{n+4}} \int_x^\infty e^{-t} dt = \frac{(n+2)!}{2} \frac{e^{-x}}{x^{n+4}} = \frac{(n+2)!}{2x} \phi_n(x) < k\phi_n(x) \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $R_n(x) = o(g_n(x))$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow R_n(x) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow I(x) \approx (1 - \frac{3!}{2x} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n (n+2)!}{2x^n} + \dots)$

(e) With the help of Matlab, sum the asymptotic series in (d) to approximate  $I(15.4)$ . Estimate theoretically how many terms are needed to sum the series, and verify that this was indeed the case when using Matlab.

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> evalf( sum( (exp(-15.4) / (15.4)^k * 2 * (-1)^(k+1) * (k-1)! , k=3..infinity) )
4.737561960 10^-11
> k := x -> int( exp(-t) / t^3 , t=x..infinity)
g := x -> int( exp(-t) / t^3 , t=x..infinity)
> g(15.4)
4.737561959 10^-11

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So with maple getting value 0.00000000004737561960  
(with summation or using integral function-slightly different)

3. (a) Use Laplace's method to find the leading order term of an asymptotic expansion valid for large values of  $x$  for

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos(2\theta) e^{x \cos \theta} d\theta$$

maximum happens at  $\theta = 0$ , so expand around 0

$$\cos \theta = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2}, \cos(2\theta) = 1 - 2\theta^2$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos(2\theta) e^{x \cos \theta} d\theta \approx \int_0^{\varepsilon} (1 - 2\theta^2) e^{x(1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2})} d\theta \approx \int_0^{\varepsilon} e^x e^{-x \frac{\theta^2}{2}} d\theta$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} e^x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x \frac{\theta^2}{2}} d\theta = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} e^x \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{x}}}$$

- (b) Use Laplace's method to find the first two non-zero terms of an asymptotic expansion valid for large values of  $x$  for

$$I(x) = \int_1^3 e^{x(4t-3-t^2)} \ln t dt.$$

$f(t) = 4t - 3 - t^2 \Rightarrow$  maximum occurs at  $t = 2$  which gives maximum of 1

$$f(t) = 1 - (t - 2)^2$$

$$\ln t = \ln 2 + \frac{1}{2}(t - 2) - \frac{1}{8}(t - 2)^2 + \frac{1}{24}(t - 2)^3 + O(t^4)$$

$$\text{Thus } I(x) \approx \int_{2-\varepsilon}^{2+\varepsilon} (\ln(2) + \frac{1}{2}(t - 2) - \frac{1}{8}(t - 2)^2) e^{x(1 - (t-2)^2)} dt$$

$$= e^x \int_{2-\varepsilon}^{2+\varepsilon} (\ln(2) + \frac{1}{2}(t - 2) - \frac{1}{8}(t - 2)^2) e^{-x(t-2)^2} dt$$

$$= e^x \int_{2-\varepsilon}^{2+\varepsilon} \ln(2) e^{-x(t-2)^2} dt + \frac{e^x}{2} \int_{2-\varepsilon}^{2+\varepsilon} (t - 2) e^{-x(t-2)^2} dt - \frac{e^x}{8} \int_{2-\varepsilon}^{2+\varepsilon} (t - 2)^2 e^{-x(t-2)^2} dt$$

$$\text{now } (t - 2) e^{-x(t-2)^2} \text{ is odd function so } \int_{2-\varepsilon}^{2+\varepsilon} (t - 2) e^{-x(t-2)^2} dt = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$= e^x \int_{2-\varepsilon}^{2+\varepsilon} \ln(2) e^{-x(t-2)^2} dt - \frac{e^x}{8} \int_{2-\varepsilon}^{2+\varepsilon} (t - 2)^2 e^{-x(t-2)^2} dt$$

$$\approx e^x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \ln(2) e^{-x(t-2)^2} dt - \frac{e^x}{8} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (t - 2)^2 e^{-x(t-2)^2} dt$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha}{2} y^2\right) dy = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\alpha}},$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \ln(2) e^{-x(t-2)^2} dt = \ln(2) \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{x}} \text{ and}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (t - 2)^2 e^{-x(t-2)^2} dt = \frac{1}{2x^2} \sqrt{x} \sqrt{\pi} = \frac{1}{2x^{\frac{3}{2}}} \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\text{Thus } \approx \boxed{e^x \ln(2) \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{x}} - \frac{e^x}{16} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^3}} \sqrt{\pi}}$$