

2- Euler Beta Function $\beta(x,y)$:-

Beta Function is a function of two parameters (variables). It is used in statistics applications.

$$\beta(x,y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1-t)^{y-1} dt \quad x,y>0$$

Beta Function can be represented in term of Gamma function: -

$$\beta(x,y) = \frac{\Gamma(x) \Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)}$$

- $\beta(x,y) = \beta(y,x)$
- $\beta(x,y) = 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin \theta)^{2x-1} \cdot (\cos \theta)^{2y-1} d\theta$
- $\beta(x,y) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{x-1}}{(1+t)^{x+y}} dt$

EX: prove that: $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin \theta)^{2x-1} \cdot (\cos \theta)^{2y-1} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \beta(x,y)$

Sol:

General form is $\beta(x,y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1-t)^{y-1} dt$

Let $t = \sin^2 \theta \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \sqrt{t} \Rightarrow \therefore 1-t = 1 - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta$

$$dt = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta \qquad \cos \theta = \sqrt{1-t}$$

$$\cos \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} dt$$

$$\cos \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} dt$$

$$\cos \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt$$

$$d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \frac{t^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\cos \theta} dt$$

$$\therefore d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \frac{t^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{1-t}} dt$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin \theta)^{2x-1} \cdot (\cos \theta)^{2y-1} d\theta$$

We have $\sin \theta = \sqrt{t}$

$\cos \theta = \sqrt{1-t}$

Therefore,

$$\int_0^1 (\sqrt{t})^{2x-1} (\sqrt{1-t})^{2y-1} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{t^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{1-t}} dt$$

$$I = \int_0^1 (t)^{\frac{2x-1}{2}} \cdot (1-t)^{\frac{2y-1}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \frac{t^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{1-t}} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 t^{x-1} \cdot (1-t)^{y-1} dt = \frac{1}{2} \beta(x, y)$$

EX: prove that: $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{x-1}}{(1+t)^{x+y}} dt = \frac{1}{2} \beta(x, y)$

Sol:

Let $z = \frac{t}{1+t} \Rightarrow dt = \frac{dz}{(1-z)^2} \begin{cases} t = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0 \\ t = \infty \Rightarrow z = 1 \end{cases}$

$$\therefore I = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{z}{1-z}\right)^{x-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{z}{1-z}\right)^{x+y}} \cdot \frac{1}{(1-z)^2} dz$$

$$\int_0^1 \left(\frac{z}{1-z}\right)^{x-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1-z+z}{1-z}\right)^{x+y}} \cdot \frac{1}{(1-z)^2} dz$$

$$\int_0^1 (z)^{x-1} (1-z)^{-(x-1)} (1-z)^{x+y} (1-z)^{-2} dz$$

$$I = \int_0^1 (z)^{x-1} (1-z)^{y-1} dz$$

$$I = \beta(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x) \Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)}$$

$$\therefore \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{x-1}}{(1+t)^{x+y}} dt = \frac{1}{2} \beta(x, y)$$

EX: Evaluate: $I = \int_0^2 x \cdot \sqrt[3]{8-x^3} dx$

Sol:

$$\text{Let } x^3 = 8t \Rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{8} t^{\frac{1}{3}} \Rightarrow dx = \frac{2}{3} t^{-\frac{2}{3}} dt$$

$$I = \int_0^1 2 t^{\frac{1}{3}} \sqrt[3]{8(1-t)} \cdot \frac{2}{3} t^{-\frac{2}{3}} dt$$

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$$\frac{8}{3} \int_0^1 t^{-\frac{1}{3}} (1-t)^{\frac{1}{3}} dt$$

$$\int_0^1 t^{x-1} \cdot (1-t)^{y-1} dt$$

From general integral

$$\therefore x - 1 = -\frac{1}{3} \quad \therefore x = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore y - 1 = \frac{1}{3} \quad \therefore y = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{8}{3} \beta\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}\right) = \frac{8}{3} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)}{\Gamma(2)}$$

$$\therefore \Gamma(2) = 1$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)}{1}$$

EX: Evaluate: $I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\tan x)^{3.2} dx$

Sol:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(\sin x)^{3.2}}{(\cos x)^{3.2}} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin)^{3.2} \cdot (\cos)^{-3.2} dx \\ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin \theta)^{2x-1} \cdot (\cos \theta)^{2y-1} d\theta &= \frac{1}{2} \beta(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

From general integral of trigonometric function

$$2x - 1 = 3.2 \Rightarrow x = 2.1$$

$$2y - 1 = -3.2 \Rightarrow y = -1.1$$

$$x + y = 2.1 + (-1.1) = 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \beta(2.1, -1.1) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(2.1)\Gamma(-1.1)}{1}$$

Evaluate: $I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{\sin \theta} \, d\theta$

Sol:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin \theta)^{2x-1} \cdot (\cos \theta)^{2y-1} \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \beta(x, y)$$

$$I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin \theta)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\cos \theta)^0 \, d\theta$$

$$2x - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$2y - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x + y = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \beta\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\frac{4}{3} \Gamma\left(\frac{7}{4}\right) \sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)}$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{7}{4}\right), \quad \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \text{ are from table}$$

Special Function Tutorial sheet

• Gamma Function

1. Find $\Gamma(5.2)$, $\Gamma(-4.6)$, $\Gamma(4.5)$, $\Gamma(-4.5)$

Answer: 32.5781 , -0.0537 , 11.6317 , -0.06

2. Evaluate the following Integrals:-

a. $\int_0^{\infty} (x+1)^2 e^{-x^2} dx$ ans: $\frac{3}{4}\sqrt{\pi} + 1$ c. $\int_0^1 \left[\ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right]^{z-1} dx$ ans: $\Gamma(z)$

b. $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{x}}}{\sqrt{x}} dx$ ans: 2 d. $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3}{e^{-x}} dx$ ans: $\Gamma\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)$

• Beta Function: Evaluate the following integrals:

a. $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{a-1}}{1+x^4} dx$ ans: $\frac{1}{4} \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi a}{4}\right)}$

b. $\int_0^1 (1-z^k)^{1/k} dz$ ans: $\frac{1}{k} \frac{[\Gamma(1/k)]^2}{2 \Gamma(2/k)}$

c. $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{z}}{(2+bz^2)^2} dz$ ans: $\frac{\pi}{2 \cdot b^{3/4}}$