

# Problems coming from Integrals

Dedicated to my most famous nephew

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## Doron number 2

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# General point of view

If you have an integral

I am interested in it

## Before *Table look-up* there were tables

A small selection of tables of integrals

- D. Bierens de Haan, 1862, 1867
- M. Abramowitz and I. Stegun: now beautifully redone DLMF
- The Bateman manuscript project
- A. Apelblat, 1983
- I. S. Gradshteyn and I. M. Ryzhik (seventh edition, 2007)
- A. P. Prudnikov, Yu. A. Brychkov, O. I. Marichev (five volumes)
- A. Devoto and D. Duke: *Integrals useful in Feynman diagrams*
- R. Mathar: *Yet another Table of Integrals, 2010*

## And now we have

- Mathematica, Maple, MatLab, MuPad
- TILU
- Sage

So many integrals  
so little time

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Powers of  $x$  and binomials and polynomials

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$$\checkmark 1. \int_0^1 \frac{x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{n-1}}{1-\xi x^b} dx = (n-1)! \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\xi^k}{(\alpha+kb)(\alpha+kb+1)\dots(\alpha+kb+k-1)} \quad \text{596} \leftarrow \text{drop}$$

$[b > 0, |\xi| < 1]$  AD (6704)

$$\checkmark 2. \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(1-x^p)x^{\nu-1}}{1-x^{np}} dx = \frac{\pi}{np} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) \operatorname{cosec} \frac{(p+\nu)\pi}{np} \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\pi\nu}{np} \quad \text{514}$$

$[0 < \operatorname{Re} \nu < (n-1)p]$  ET I 311(33)

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$$\checkmark 1. [5] \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{\mu-1} dx}{\sqrt{1+x^{\nu}}} = \frac{1}{\nu} B\left(\frac{\mu}{\nu}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\mu}{\nu}\right) \quad \text{1}$$

$[\operatorname{Re} \nu > \operatorname{Re} 2\mu > 0]$  BI (21)(9)

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$$\checkmark 4.3 [6] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)\sqrt{4+3x^2}} = \frac{\pi}{3} \quad \text{4}$$

$$5.9 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)^{3/2} \left[ 1 + \frac{4x^2}{3(1+x^2)^2} + \left( 1 + \frac{4x^2}{3(1+x^2)^2} \right)^{1/2} \right]^{1/2}} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{6}}$$

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$$\rightarrow 1. \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2+a^2)^n} = \frac{(2n-3)!!}{2 \cdot (2n-2)!!} \frac{\pi}{a^{2n-1}} \quad (6) \quad (7) \quad \text{FI II 743}$$

$$\rightarrow 2. \int_0^a (a^2-x^2)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} dx = a^{2n} \frac{(2n-1)!!}{2(2n)!!} \pi. \quad (6) \quad \text{FI II 156}$$

$$\rightarrow 3. \int_{-1}^1 \frac{(1-x^2)^n dx}{(n+1)!} = 2^{n+1} Q_n(a) \quad \text{EH II 181(31)}$$

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## The original formula

$$d_{r,m} = \sum_{j=0}^r \sum_{s=0}^{m-r} \sum_{k=s+r}^m \frac{(-1)^{k-r-s}}{2^{3k}} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{2m+1}{2s+2j} \binom{m-s-j}{m-k} \binom{s+j}{j} \binom{k-s-j}{r-j}$$

Make a table of values to see that  $d_{r,m} > 0$ .

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# My first Doron-contact



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Dear Prof. Hall,

May 13, 1996

Thanks for your letter.

Indeed, the <sup>triple</sup> sum that you had  
does not seem to have closed  
form in both  $m$  and  $p$ .

For a fixed  $m-p=L$ , it does, but  
as  $L$  gets bigger, the 'closed form'

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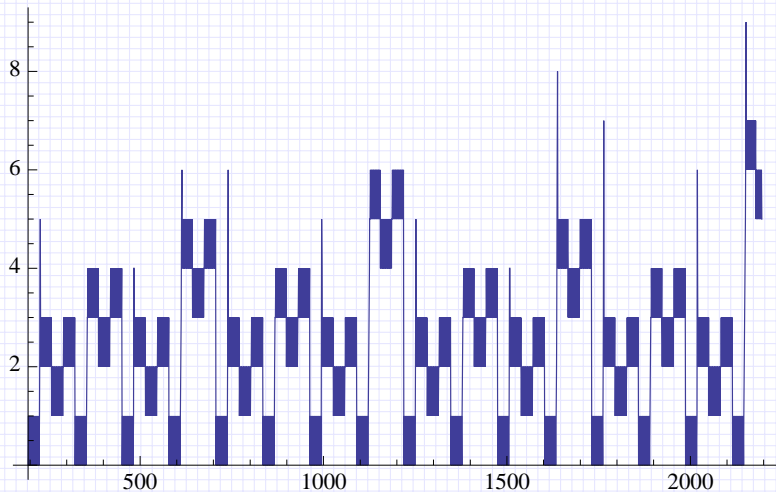
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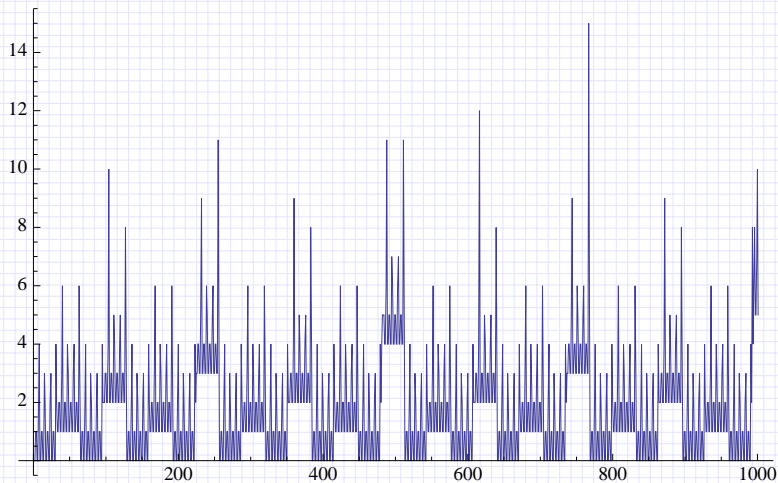
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# Nice Stirling numbers



# Hidden structure Stirling numbers



# Ugly Stirling numbers



## Some loggamma integrals

$$L_1 = \int_0^1 \ln \Gamma(q) dq = \ln \sqrt{2\pi} \quad \text{Euler}$$

## Some loggamma integrals. Continuation

Lerch's formula

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \zeta(z, q) \Big|_{z=0} = \ln \Gamma(q) - \ln \sqrt{2\pi}$$

combine with the Fourier expansion of Hurwitz zeta:

$$\begin{aligned} L_2 &:= \int_0^1 \ln^2 \Gamma(q) dq \\ &= \frac{\gamma^2}{12} + \frac{\pi^2}{48} + \frac{\gamma L_1}{3} + \frac{4}{3} \gamma L_1 - (\gamma + 2L_1) \frac{\gamma'(2)}{\pi^2} + \frac{\zeta''(2)}{2\pi^2} \end{aligned}$$

O. Espinosa and V.M. (2002)

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