

INTEGRALS OF SOME TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

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1. Introduction

Let a and b be positive numbers, and u, v and m be positive integers such that $u+v=m$, $2 \leq m$. We define $I(m)$ and $I(u; v)$ by

$$I(m) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^m at}{t^m} dt, \quad I(u; v) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^u at \sin^v bt}{t^m} dt.$$

Tables of integrals give values of $I(m)$ and $I(u; v)$ only for some special cases. For example, for $3 \leq m \leq 6$, Gradshteyn and Ryzhik [4] (p. 449–p. 450) gives

$$\begin{aligned} I(3) &= 3a^2\pi/8, & I(4) &= a^3\pi/3, \\ I(5) &= 115a^4\pi/384, & I(6) &= 11a^5\pi/40. \end{aligned}$$

As for $I(u; v)$ with $a < b$, [4] (p. 451–p. 452) gives

$$\begin{aligned} I(2; 2) &= (3b-a)a^2\pi/6 & (a < b), \\ I(3; 1) &= a^3\pi/2 & (0 < 3a \leq b) \\ &= [24a^3 - (3a-b)^3]\pi/48 & (0 < a < b \leq 3a), \\ I(1; 3) &= (9b^2 - a^2)a\pi/24 & (a < b). \end{aligned}$$

In this note we give the general expressions of $I(m)$ and $I(u; v)$. These are special cases of Theorem A below. To state our Theorem A we need the following definition. Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m be positive numbers such that $0 < a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_{m-1} \leq a_m$. For a subset $\lambda = \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{m-r}\}$ of $\{1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$, a polynomial

$$P_r(\lambda) = a_{k_1} + a_{k_2} + \dots + a_{k_{m-r}} - a_{k_{m-r+1}} - \dots - a_{k_{m-1}} - a_m$$

is said to be of r -type, if $\{a_{k_1}, a_{k_2}, \dots, a_{k_{m-1}}, a_m\} = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$ as sets and

$$P_r(\lambda) > 0, \quad k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{m-r}, \quad k_{m-r+1} < \dots < k_{m-1}.$$

Note that a_m appears with negative sign and r is the number of negative signs contained in a polynomial of r -type. A polynomial of 1-type is unique if it exists.

THEOREM A. For constants $1 < a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_{m-1} \leq a_m$, $2 \leq m$, the following holds:

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t^m} \left(\prod_{k=1}^m \sin a_k t \right) dt = \prod_{k=1}^{m-1} a_k - \frac{1}{c'} \sum_{r=1}^{m-2} (-1)^{r-1} \sum_{r\text{-type}} P_r(\lambda)^{m-1},$$

where $c' = (m-1)! 2^{m-2}$ and $P_r(\lambda)$ denotes a polynomial of r -type.

If $a_m > a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{m-1}$, then there is no polynomial of r -type ($r \geq 1$), and so the above integral does not depend on a_m .

For proof of Theorem A we use the volume expression of cube-slicing by Hensley [5] and Ball [1], and actually we give the volume of cube-slicing in terms of numbers a_i (after normalization) using polynomials of r -type by elementary geometric method.

A special case of Theorem A for $m=3$ is given, for example, at p. 79 of Erdélyi [3] and at p. 422 of Gradshteyn and Ryzhik [4]. A special case where there is no polynomial of r -type ($r \geq 1$) is given at p. 417 of [4].

Three special cases of Theorem A are given as Corollaries C, D and E in §3. From these one can deduce many analogous formulas. Only several examples are given in Corollary F.

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2. The volume of cube-slicing

By $\{e_j, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ we denote the standard base of the Euclidean m -space E^m at the origin O , and by $\{x^j\}$ the standard coordinate system of E^m . Let K^m be the unit cube in E^m , which is expressed by $\{x; 0 \leq x^j \leq 1, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$. Let b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m be positive numbers such that

$$b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_m > 0.$$

Let T be an m -simplex determined by $\{O, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m\}$, where p_j is the end point of the vector $b_j e_j, 1 \leq j \leq m$.

LEMMA. The volume $V(K^m \cap T)$ of the intersection of K^m and T is given by

$$V(K^m \cap T) = \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_m}{m!} \sum_{r=0}^m (-1)^r \sum_{k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_r}^* \left(1 - \frac{1}{b_{k_1}} - \dots - \frac{1}{b_{k_r}} \right)^m,$$

where \sum^* denotes the sum over all positive terms $(1 - 1/b_{k_1} - \dots - 1/b_{k_r} > 0)$.

Proof. (i) If $b_1 \leq 1$, then the m -simplex T is contained in K^m and $V(K^m \cap T) = V(T) = b_1 b_2 \dots b_m / m!$.

(ii) If $b_1 > 1 \geq b_2$, then only one vertex p_1 of T lies outside K^m . The intersection $T \cap (K^m)^c$ of T and the complement $(K^m)^c$ of K^m in E^m defines an m -

simplex T_1 , which we call the outer simplex at p_1 . $V(K^m \cap T)$ is given by the difference of the volume $V(T)$ and the volume $V(T_1)$ of the outer simplex at p_1 , and

$$V(K^m \cap T) = (b_1 b_2 \cdots b_m / m!) [1 - (1 - 1/b_1)^m].$$

(iii) If $b_s > 1 \geq b_{s+1}$, for $2 \leq s \leq m$ (putting $b_{m+1} = 0$), then vertices p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s of T lie outside K^m . In this case the outer simplex T_h at $p_h, 1 \leq h \leq s$, is defined by $T_h = T \cap \{x; x^h \geq 1\}$.

(iii-1) If the outer simplexes at p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s are disjoint, then $V(K^m \cap T) = V(T) - V(T_1) - V(T_2) - \dots - V(T_s)$, where $V(T_h) = (b_1 b_2 \cdots b_m / m!) (1 - 1/b_h)^m, 1 \leq h \leq s$.

(iii-2) Two outer simplexes at p_1 and p_2 have a non trivial intersection T_{12} , if and only if $1 - 1/b_1 - 1/b_2 > 0$, which is equivalent to the fact that the vertex $(1, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ of K^m lies below the affine hyperplane determined by the face of T opposite to O . The volume $V(T_{12})$ of T_{12} is equal to $(b_1 b_2 \cdots b_m / m!) (1 - 1/b_1 - 1/b_2)^m$. Let $\{T_{12}, T_{13}, T_{23}, \dots, T_{jh}\}$ be the set of all non trivial intersections of two outer simplexes. If three outer simplexes at p_1, p_2 , and p_3 do not have non trivial intersection T_{123} (or equivalently, $1 - 1/b_1 - 1/b_2 - 1/b_3 \leq 0$), then $V(K^m \cap T)$ is given by $V(T) - V(T_1) - V(T_2) - \dots - V(T_s) + V(T_{12}) + \dots + V(T_{jh})$.

(iii-3) If T_{123} is non trivial, then we need the term $-V(T_{123}) = -(b_1 b_2 \cdots b_m / m!) (1 - 1/b_1 - 1/b_2 - 1/b_3)^m$ in the expression of $V(K^m \cap T)$.

(iii-4) Generally, the intersection $T_{t_1 t_2 \dots t_u}$ of $T_{t_1}, T_{t_2}, \dots, T_{t_u}$ is non trivial, if and only if $1 - 1/b_{t_1} - 1/b_{t_2} - \dots - 1/b_{t_u} > 0$, and its volume has sign $(-1)^u$ in the expression of $V(K^m \cap T)$.
q. e. d.

Let B^m be the unit cube in E^m centered at the origin: $B^m = \{x; -1/2 \leq x^j \leq 1/2, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$. Let $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$ be a unit vector in E^m and $H(a)$ be the hyperplane passing through the origin and orthogonal to a . Since the case where $a_1 = 0$ reduces to the lower dimensional case, we assume that the components of a satisfy

$$0 < a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_{m-1} \leq a_m.$$

Concerning the volume $V_m(a)$ of the slice $B^m \cap H(a)$ corresponding to a , Hensley [5] and Ball [1] gave the best possible inequality; $1 \leq V_m(a) \leq \sqrt{2}$, which was verified by using the following expression of $V_m(a)$:

$$(2.1) \quad V_m(a) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \prod_{k=1}^m \frac{\sin a_k t}{a_k t} dt.$$

Since (1.1) is homothetically invariant with respect to (a_i) , to prove Theorem A it suffices to give the value of the left hand side of (2.1). Namely we prove the following.

PROPOSITION B. *The volume $V_m(a)$ of the slice corresponding to a is given by*

$$(2.2) \quad V_m(a) = \frac{1}{a_m} - \frac{1}{c} \sum_{r=1}^{m-2} (-1)^{r-1} \sum_{r-ty \neq e} P_r(\lambda)^{m-1},$$

where $c=(m-1)! 2^{m-2}a_1a_2 \cdots a_m$ and $P_r(\lambda)$ denotes a polynomial of r -type.

Proof. We define θ by $\cos \theta = \langle e_m, a \rangle = a_m$. By ρ we denote the orthogonal projection of E^m onto E^{m-1} defined by $x_m=0$. First we study the case where $a_m > a_1+a_2+\cdots+a_{m-1}$. The condition $a_m > a_1+a_2+\cdots+a_{m-1}$ is equivalent to the fact that $H(a)$ does not meet the upper face F^{m-1} of B^m defined by $x_m=1/2$. Therefore, $\rho(B^m \cap H(a)) = B^{m-1}$. Hence, $V_m(a) = 1/\cos \theta = 1/a_m$.

Next we assume that $a_m < a_1+a_2+\cdots+a_{m-1}$ holds. Then $H(a)$ meets the upper face F^{m-1} . We denote the part of F^{m-1} which lies below $H(a)$ by $K(a)$. Then the volume $V(K(a))$ of $K(a)$ is given by the preceding Lemma. The relation between (b_k) and (a_k) is given by $b_k = (a_1+a_2+\cdots+a_{m-1}-a_m)/2a_k$, $1 \leq k \leq m-1$. Consequently, we obtain the following:

$$1 - 1/b_k = (a_1+a_2+\cdots+\check{a}_k \cdots + a_{m-1}-a_k-a_m)/A,$$

$$1 - 1/b_k - 1/b_l = (a_1+a_2+\cdots+\check{a}_k \cdots \check{a}_l \cdots + a_{m-1}-a_k-a_l-a_m)/A,$$

etc., where $A = a_1+a_2+\cdots+a_{m-1}-a_m$ and \check{a}_k means that a_k is removed. Since $V_m(a) = [1 - 2V(K(a))]/\cos \theta$, we obtain (2.2). q. e. d.

3. Corollaries

First we give three special cases of Theorem A.

COROLLARY C. For a positive number a and integer $m \geq 2$, the following holds.

$$(3.1) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^m at}{t^m} dt = \frac{a^{m-1}\pi}{(m-1)! 2^{m-1}} \left[(m-1)! 2^{m-2} - \sum_{r=1}^{\lfloor (m-1)/2 \rfloor} (-1)^{r-1} {}_{m-1}C_{r-1} (m-2r)^{m-1} \right].$$

COROLLARY D. For positive numbers $a < b$ and positive integers u, v ($u+v=m$), the following holds:

$$(3.2) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^u at \sin^v bt}{t^m} dt = \frac{\pi}{(m-1)! 2^{m-1}} \left[(m-1)! 2^{m-2} a^u b^{v-1} - \sum_{r=1}^{m-2} (-1)^{r-1} \sum_{p=0}^* {}_u C_p \cdot {}_{v-1} C_{r-p-1} \{(u-2p)a + (v-2r+2p)b\}^{m-1} \right],$$

where \sum^* denotes the sum over all polynomials $(u-2p)a + (v-2r+2p)b > 0$ and p runs from $\max\{r-v, 0\}$ to $\min\{r-1, u\}$.

COROLLARY E. For positive numbers $a < b < c$ and positive integers u, v, w ($u+v+w=m$), the following holds:

$$(3.3) \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^u at \sin^v bt \sin^w ct}{t^m} dt = \frac{\pi}{(m-1)! 2^{m-1}} \left[(m-1)! 2^{m-2} a^u b^v c^{w-1} - \sum_{r=1}^{m-2} (-1)^{r-1} \sum_{p+q+s=r-1}^* {}_u C_p \cdot {}_v C_q \cdot {}_{w-1} C_s \cdot P(p, q, s)^{m-1} \right],$$

where $P(p, q, s) = (u-2p)a + (v-2q)b + (w-2s-2)c$, and \sum^* denotes the sum over all polynomials $P(p, q, s) > 0$ and $0 \leq p \leq \min\{r-1, u\}$, $0 \leq q \leq \min\{r-1, v\}$ and $0 \leq s = r-1-p-q \leq w-1$.

Proof of Corollary C. The number of polynomials $a+a+\dots+a-a$ of 1-type is one for $m \geq 3$. The number of polynomials $a+a+\dots+a-a-a$ of 2-type is $m-1$ for $m \geq 5$. Similarly, the number of polynomials $a+a+\dots+a-a-\dots-a-a$ of r -type is ${}_{m-1}C_{r-1}$. The range of r is from 1 to $[(m-1)/2]$. Therefore, Corollary C follows from Theorem A.

Proof of Corollary D. The number of polynomials of 1-type is at most one; $a+a+\dots+a+b+\dots+b-b$ for $m \geq 3$. Each of polynomials of 2-type is one of the following;

$$\begin{aligned} a+a+\dots+a+a+b+\dots+b-b-b & \quad (ua+(v-4)b > 0), \\ a+a+\dots+a+b+\dots+b+b-a-b & \quad ((u-2)a+(v-2)b > 0). \end{aligned}$$

The numbers of such polynomials are ${}_u C_0 \cdot {}_{v-1} C_1$ and ${}_u C_1 \cdot {}_{v-1} C_0$. By p we denote the number of a with negative sign in the polynomial of r -type. Polynomials of r -type for general r and the number of such polynomials are similarly studied.

Proof of Corollary E is similar. Corollary C enables us to calculate $I(m)$ for any m , for example, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I(7) &= 5887a^6\pi/23040, & I(8) &= 151a^7\pi/630, \\ I(9) &= 259723a^8\pi/1146880, & I(10) &= 15619a^9\pi/72576. \end{aligned}$$

Also Corollary D enables us to calculate $I(u; v)$ for any u, v , for example, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I(3; 4) &= \frac{\pi}{6! 2^6} [6! 2^5 a^3 b^3 - (3a+2b)^6 + 3(3a)^6 + 3(a+2b)^6 \\ &\quad - 3(3a-2b)^6 - 9a^6 - 3(-a+2b)^6] \quad (2b \leq 3a < 3b) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6! 2^6} [6! 2^5 a^3 b^3 - (3a+2b)^6 + 3(3a)^6 + 3(a+2b)^6 \\ &\quad - 9a^6 - 3(-a+2b)^6 + (-3a+2b)^6] \quad (3a < 2b). \end{aligned}$$

The formulas in Corollaries produce many analogous formulas. Here we give some examples. For convenience sake we use the following notations:

$$I_m(u; a) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^u at}{t^m} dt,$$

$$I_m(u, v; a, b) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^u at \sin^v bt}{t^m} dt,$$

$$I_m(u, v, w; a, b, c) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^u at \sin^v bt \sin^w ct}{t^m} dt.$$

Then, for $m \geq 2$, we obtain the following:

COROLLARY F.

$$(3.4) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^{m+2} at}{t^m} dt = I_m(m; a) - \frac{1}{4} I_m(m-2, 2; a, 2a),$$

$$(3.5) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^m at \sin^2 bt}{t^m} dt = \frac{1}{2} I_m(m; a) - \frac{1}{2} I_m(m-2, 2; a, a+b) \\ + \frac{1}{2} I_m(m-2, 2; a, b) + \frac{1}{4} I_m(m-2, 1, 1; a, 2a, 2b),$$

$$(3.6) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^{m+4} at}{t^m} dt = I_m(m+2; a) - \frac{1}{4} I_m(m, 2; a, 2a),$$

$$(3.7) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^m at \cos^2 bt}{t^m} dt = I_m(m; a) - I_m(m, 2; a, b),$$

$$(3.8) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^m at \cos bt}{t^m} dt = I_m(m-1, 1; a, a+b) - \frac{1}{2} I_m(m-2, 1, 1; a, 2a, b),$$

etc.

In the above, (3.5) is somewhat complicated. If $m \geq 4$, then it has a simpler expression: $I_m(m-2, ; a, b) - (1/4)I_m(m-4, 2, 2; a, 2a, b)$.

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