
Problem 18) Use the Taylor series expansion of e^x , namely $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x^n/n!)$, to arrive at

$$\int_0^1 e^{-x \ln x} dx = \int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(-x \ln x)^n/n!] dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(-1)^n/n!] \int_0^1 x^n \ln^n x dx. \quad (1)$$

A change of variable from x to $y = -\ln x$ yields $x = e^{-y}$, $dx = -e^{-y} dy$, and, consequently,

$$\int_0^1 x^n \ln^n x dx = -\int_{\infty}^0 e^{-ny} (-y)^n e^{-y} dy = (-1)^n \int_0^{\infty} y^n e^{-(n+1)y} dy = (-1)^n n!/(n+1)^{n+1}. \quad (2)$$

The last integral in the preceding equation is obtained using the method of integration by parts (also listed in Gradshteyn & Ryzhik as **3.351-3**). Substitution into Eq.(1) finally yields

$$\int_0^1 e^{-x \ln x} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(-1)^n/n!] \times [(-1)^n n!/(n+1)^{n+1}] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)^{-(n+1)}. \quad (3)$$
