Physics 2400

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Points:	15	20	20	15	15	15	25	125
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## Laplace method for ODEs

1. (15 points) Write a contour integral solution of the following equation

$$t\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 y}{\mathrm{d}t^2} + y = 0$$

As an integration contour chose the unit circle around the origin

## Laplace method for integrals

2. (a) (15 points) Find the leading term of the asymptotics of the following integral for  $\lambda \to \infty$ :

$$I(\lambda) = \int_{0}^{\pi} \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\left(x^{2}+1\right)^{\lambda}}.$$

(b) (5 points) On the same graph plot the numerical value of the integral and your approximation for  $10 < \lambda < 100$ .

The expected graph is shown in Fig. 1.



3. (a) (15 points) Find the leading term of the asymptotics (for  $x \to \infty$ ) of the *comple*mentary error function defined by the integral :

$$\operatorname{erfc}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{x}^{\infty} e^{-t^2} dt.$$

(b) (5 points) On the same graph plot the numerical value of the integral and your approximation for 1 < x < 4. Use log scale for *y* axis.

The expected graph is shown in Fig. 2.



4. (a) (10 points) Find the leading term of the asymptotics of the following integral for  $\lambda \to \infty$ :

$$I(\lambda) = \int_{-3}^{2} e^{-\lambda \sinh^2 x} \,\mathrm{d}x.$$

On the same graph plot the numerical value of the integral and your approximation vs.  $\lambda$  for 5 <  $\lambda$  < 25.

(b) (5 points) On the same graph plot the numerical value of the integral and your approximation for 1 < x < 4.

The expected graph is shown in Fig. 3.

5. (a) (10 points) Find the leading term of the asymptotics of the following integral for  $\lambda \to \infty$ :

$$I(\lambda) = \int_0^3 \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\cosh x} \mathrm{d}x.$$

(b) (5 points) On the same graph plot the numerical value of the integral and your approximation vs.  $\lambda$  for 5 <  $\lambda$  < 25.

The expected graph is shown in Fig. 4.







Figure 4: Expected result in Problem 5.

6. (a) (10 points) Find the leading term of the asymptotics of the following integral for  $\lambda \to \infty$ :

$$I(\lambda) = \int_0^1 e^{-\lambda \tan x} \mathrm{d}x.$$

(b) (5 points) On the same graph plot the numerical value of the integral and your approximation vs.  $\lambda$  for  $10 < \lambda < 25$ .

The expected graph is shown in Fig. 5.



7. (a) (20 points) Find the leading term of the asymptotics of the following integral for  $\lambda \to \infty$ :

$$I(\lambda) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda x - \frac{4}{x^2}} \mathrm{d}x.$$

Hint: the integrand in this problem has a moving maximum.

(b) (5 points) On the same graph plot the numerical value of the integral and your approximation vs.  $\lambda$  for 3 <  $\lambda$  < 7. Use log scale for *y* axis.

The expected graph is shown in Fig. 6.

