

### Question

Show that as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$\int_x^\infty \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{t}} dt \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}(f \cos x - g \sin x)$$

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where

$$f \sim \frac{1}{2x} - \frac{1.3.5}{(2x)^3} + \frac{1.3.5.7.9}{(2x)^5}$$

$$g \sim 1 - \frac{1.3}{(2x)^2} + \frac{1.3.5.7}{(2x)^4}$$

Comment on the asymptotic validity of the results.

### Answer

Consider  $J = \int_x^\infty \frac{e^{it}}{\sqrt{t}} dt = \int_x^\infty \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{t}} dt + i \int_x^\infty \frac{\sin t}{\sqrt{t}} dt$

so can do both integrals by just looking at  $J$ .

Use integration by parts

$$u = \frac{1}{i\sqrt{t}} \quad dv = ie^{it}$$

$$du = -\frac{1}{2i}t^{-\frac{3}{2}} \quad v = e^{it}$$

$$J = \left[ \frac{e^{it}}{i\sqrt{t}} \right]_x^\infty + \frac{1}{2i} \int_x^\infty \frac{e^{it}}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} dt = \frac{e^{ix}}{i\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{2i} \int_x^\infty \frac{e^{it}t^{\frac{3}{2}}}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} dt$$

Iterate integration by parts to get

$$\begin{aligned} J &= +\frac{ie^{ix}}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ [e^{it}t^{-\frac{3}{2}}]_x^\infty + \frac{3}{2} \int_x^\infty e^{it}t^{-\frac{5}{2}} dt \right\} \\ &= ie^{ix}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2}e^{ix}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{3}{4} \left\{ [-ie^{it}t^{-\frac{5}{2}}]_x^\infty - \frac{5}{2} \int_x^\infty ie^{it}t^{-\frac{7}{2}} dt \right\} \\ &= ie^{ix}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2}e^{ix}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{3}{4}ie^{ix}x^{-\frac{5}{2}} \\ &\quad + \frac{15}{8} \left\{ [e^{it}t^{-\frac{7}{2}}]_x^\infty + \frac{7}{2} \int_x^\infty e^{it}t^{-\frac{9}{2}} dt \right\} \\ &= ie^{ix}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2}e^{ix}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{3}{4}ie^{ix}x^{-\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{15}{8}e^{ix}x^{-\frac{7}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{105}{16} \left\{ [-ie^{-it}t^{-\frac{9}{2}}]_x^\infty - \frac{9}{2} \int_x^\infty ie^{it}t^{-\frac{11}{2}} dt \right\} \\
= & ie^{ix}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2}e^{ix}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{3}{4}ie^{ix}x^{-\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{15}{8}e^{ix}e^{-\frac{7}{2}} + \frac{105}{16}ie^{ix}x^{-\frac{9}{2}} \\
& - \frac{945}{32} \left\{ [e^{it}t^{-\frac{11}{2}}]_x^\infty + \frac{11}{2} \int_x^\infty e^{it}t^{-\frac{13}{2}} dt \right\} \\
& \text{etc...}
\end{aligned}$$

Now take *Re* part for the cos integral, *Im* for the sine and get

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_x^\infty \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{t}} dt & \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2x} - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{(2x)^3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9}{(2x^5)} + \dots \right\} \cos x \\
& - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1 \cdot 3}{(2x)^2} + \left( \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{2x^4} \right) + \dots \right\} \sin x
\end{aligned}$$

and  $\int_x^\infty \frac{\sin t}{\sqrt{t}} dt \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \{\dots\} \cos x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \{\dots\} \sin x$

The asymptotic validity is suspect!  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$  have an infinite number of zeros as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus any truncation has an infinite number of zeros so any remainder term will also have zeros. This makes finding an implied constant difficult since you may have to show a remainder is  $O(0)$ ! It's best to consider  $f$  and  $g$  themselves as the asymptotic expansion, extracting the oscillatory terms before bounding.