

Ramanujan, Integral, Continued Fraction

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Abstract. Ramanujan (1887-1920), notable achievements in the evaluation of integrals.

1. Introduction. (Ramanujan's letters to G.H. Hardy):

$$4 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{1+1} \frac{1^2}{1+1} \frac{1^2}{1+1} \frac{2^2}{1+1} \frac{2^2}{1+1} \frac{3^2}{1+1} \frac{3^2}{1+1} \dots$$

In this note we give some formulas related to $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx$.

Recall that

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1}$$
$$\varphi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

φ is the Golden ratio.

2. Related Formulas

Entry 1.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x(\sqrt{5}-1)} (1 - \tanh x) dx$$
$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x(\sqrt{5}+1)} (1 + \tanh x) dx$$

Entry 2.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{5}-1)^2} - \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x(\sqrt{5}-1)} \tanh x dx$$
$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{5}+1)^2} + \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x(\sqrt{5}+1)} \tanh x dx$$

Entry 3.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-x)^{1/\varphi}}{(1+x)^\varphi} \ln \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) dx$$

Entry 4.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln(x + \sqrt{1+x^2})}{1+x^2} (x + \sqrt{1+x^2})^{-\sqrt{5}} dx$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} (\sec x + \tan x)^{-\sqrt{5}} \ln(\sec x + \tan x) dx$$

Entry 5.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{5}} - 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x\sqrt{5}} \tan^{-1}(e^{-x}) dx - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}} \sinh x}{(\cosh x)^2} dx$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{5}} - 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)(2n+1+\sqrt{5})} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}} \sinh x}{(\cosh x)^2} dx$$

Entry 6.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = -2 \int_0^1 \frac{x^{\sqrt{5}} \ln x}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = 2 \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x^{-\sqrt{5}} \ln x}{1+x^2} dx$$

Entry 7.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx$$

$$= \pi \frac{\ln 3}{3} \sqrt{3}^{-\sqrt{5}} - 2 \int_1^{\sqrt{3}} \frac{1-x\sqrt{5}}{x^{1+\sqrt{5}}} \tan^{-1} x dx$$

$$+ 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sqrt{3}^{-(2n+1+\sqrt{5})}}{2n+1+\sqrt{5}} \left(\ln 3 + \frac{1}{2n+1+\sqrt{5}} \right)$$

Entry 8.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = -2 \int_0^{\pi/4} (\tan x)^{\sqrt{5}} \ln(\tan x) dx$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = -2 \int_0^{\ln(1+\sqrt{2})} (\sinh x)^{\sqrt{5}} \operatorname{sech} x \ln(\sinh x) dx$$

Entry 9.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{-n-2} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-1)^k}{(k+\varphi)^2}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^{-n-1} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-2)^k}{(k+\varphi)^2}$$

Entry 10.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{1/\varphi} \ln x}{1+x} dx$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = -\frac{\varphi^2}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^\varphi \ln x}{1+x^\varphi} dx$$

Entry 11.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{\pi^2}{24} + \frac{\varphi^2}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{1/\varphi} - x^\varphi}{1+x^\varphi} \ln x dx$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{\pi^2}{24} - \frac{\varphi^2}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-x/\varphi} - e^{-x\varphi}}{1+e^{-x\varphi}} x e^{-x} dx$$

Entry 12.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n(n-1+\varphi)} + \frac{1}{2\varphi} \int_0^1 \frac{\ln(1+x) \ln x}{x^{2-\varphi}} dx$$

Entry 13. For $0 < a < 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1}{a} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n a^{n+\varphi}}{n+\varphi} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n a^{n+\varphi}}{(n+\varphi)^2} \\ &+ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+2} \left(\frac{1-a}{2}\right)^{n+2} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{2^m}{m+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-m} \frac{2^k (-1/\varphi)_k}{k!} \end{aligned}$$

$(x)_k$ is the Pochhammer symbol.

For $a = 1/2$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx &= \frac{\ln 2}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2^{-n-\varphi}}{n+\varphi} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2^{-n-\varphi}}{(n+\varphi)^2} \\ &+ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-2n-4}}{n+2} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{2^m}{m+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-m} \frac{2^k (-1/\varphi)_k}{k!} \end{aligned}$$

Entry 14.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx &= \frac{\pi^2}{24} - \frac{1}{2\varphi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+1+\varphi)}{(n+1)^2 (n+\varphi)^2} \\ \frac{\pi^2}{6} &= \frac{2}{\varphi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+1+\varphi)}{(n+1)^2 (n+\varphi)^2} + \frac{1}{1+1} \frac{1^2}{1+1} \frac{1^2}{1+1} \frac{2^2}{1+1} \frac{2^2}{1+1} \frac{3^2}{1+1} \frac{3^2}{1+1} \dots \end{aligned}$$

Entry 15.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (12(n+\varphi)^2 - 1)}{(n+\varphi)^2 (4(n+\varphi)^2 - 1)^2}$$

$$\frac{4}{5} - 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (12(n+\varphi)^2 - 1)}{(n+\varphi)^2 (4(n+\varphi)^2 - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{1+1} \frac{1^2}{1+1} \frac{1^2}{1+1} \frac{2^2}{1+1} \frac{2^2}{1+1} \frac{3^2}{1+1} \frac{3^2}{1+1} \dots$$

Entry 16.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = 2G - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (4n+1+2\varphi)}{(2n+1)^2 (n+\varphi)^2}$$

$$8G = 2\sqrt{5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (4n+1+2\varphi)}{(2n+1)^2 (n+\varphi)^2} + \frac{1}{1+1} \frac{1^2}{1+1} \frac{1^2}{1+1} \frac{2^2}{1+1} \frac{2^2}{1+1} \frac{3^2}{1+1} \frac{3^2}{1+1} \dots$$

$G = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (2n+1)^{-2}$ is the Catalan constant.

Entry 17.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = 2G - 8 \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x\sqrt{5}} \sinh(x\sqrt{5}) \operatorname{sech}(2x) dx$$

$$= 2G - 8 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \operatorname{sech}(2x)}{1 + \coth(x\sqrt{5})} dx = 2G - 8 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \tanh(x\sqrt{5}) \operatorname{sech}(2x)}{1 + \tanh(x\sqrt{5})} dx$$

where $G = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (2n+1)^{-2}$ is the Catalan constant.

Entry 18.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1 - (1+2\varphi)e^{-2\varphi}}{4\varphi^2} + \int_0^1 x e^{-2\varphi x} \tanh x dx$$

$$+ \frac{e^{-2\varphi}}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+2\varphi+1)e^{-2n}}{(n+\varphi)^2}$$

Entry 19.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx$$

$$= 2e^{-2\varphi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+2\varphi+1)e^{-2n}}{(2n+2\varphi)^2}$$

$$+ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1 - (2k+2\varphi+1)e^{-2k-2\varphi}}{(2k+2\varphi)^2} \right)$$

Entry 20.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n e^{-n-\varphi}}{(n+\varphi) \sinh(n+\varphi)} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-n\sqrt{5}} \int_0^1 \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh(x+n)} dx$$

Entry 21.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1) \varphi^{-n} (1 - 2^{-n-1}) \zeta(n+2)$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{2\varphi^2} - \frac{1}{2\varphi^4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1) \varphi^n (1 - (1 - 2^{-n-1}) \zeta(n+2))$$

where $\zeta(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{-x}$, $x > 0$, is the Riemann zeta function.

Entry 22.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2x-\sqrt{5}e^x} \operatorname{sech}(e^x) dx$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2x-\sqrt{5}e^{-x}} \operatorname{sech}(e^{-x}) dx$$

Entry 23.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\varphi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n e^{-n(\sqrt{5}+1)} (F(1, \varphi, 1 + \varphi, -e^{-2n})$$

$$- e^{-2\varphi} F(1, \varphi, 1 + \varphi, -e^{-2n-2}))$$

$$+ 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 \frac{x}{e^{(x+n)(\sqrt{5}+1)} + e^{(x+n)(\sqrt{5}-1)}} dx$$

where $F(a, b, c, x)$ is the Gauss hypergeometric function.

Entry 24.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \varphi^2 \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-2x} (1 - \tanh(\varphi x)) dx$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{\varphi^2}{4} - \varphi^2 \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-2x} \tanh(\varphi x) dx$$

Entry 25.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \varphi^2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-(2+\varphi)x}}{\cosh(\varphi x)} dx$$

Entry 26.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = 2\varphi^2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-2x}}{1 + e^{2\varphi x}} dx$$

Entry 27.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x (e^{-x/\varphi} - e^{-x\varphi})}{\sinh x} dx$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x (e^{-x/\varphi} + e^{-x\varphi})}{1 + \cosh x} dx$$

Entry 28.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{(2n + \varphi)^2} - \frac{1}{(2n + 1 + \varphi)^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4n + 2\varphi + 1}{(2n + \varphi)^2 (2n + 1 + \varphi)^2}$$

Entry 29.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{\sinh x} \left(e^{-x\sqrt{5}} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-x\varphi} \right) dx$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{\sinh x} \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{-x/\varphi} - e^{-x\sqrt{5}} \right) dx$$

Entry 30.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx &= \frac{1}{4\varphi^2} \\ &+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n-2} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{[n/2]} \binom{n}{2k} (2k + \varphi)^{-2} - \sum_{k=0}^{[(n-1)/2]} \binom{n}{2k+1} (2k+1 + \varphi)^{-2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Entry 31.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n-1)!}{n (\varphi)_n} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1+\varphi)^2} \\ \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+\varphi)^2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n-1)!}{n (\varphi)_n} \end{aligned}$$

$(x)_n$ is the Pochhammer symbol.

3. Endnote

Entry 32.

$$2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n e^{-n\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(\sinh(n + \varphi))^2}$$

Entry 33. For $N = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^N \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx &= \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{n e^{-n\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh n} - \int_0^N \frac{e^{-x\sqrt{5}} (1 - x\sqrt{5} - x \tanh x)}{\cosh x} \left(x - [x] - \frac{1}{2} \right) dx \\ &\quad - \frac{N e^{-N\sqrt{5}}}{2 \cosh N} \end{aligned}$$

4. Future Research

Entry 34. For $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ we have

$$\frac{F_{2n}^2}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{x e^{-x F_{2n+1}}}{1 + e^{-x F_{2n}}} dx < \int_0^\infty \frac{x e^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx < \frac{F_{2n-1}^2}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{x e^{-x F_{2n}}}{1 + e^{-x F_{2n-1}}} dx$$

where F_n is the Fibonacci number:

$$\{F_n: n \geq 1\} = \{1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, \dots\}$$

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