

A Collection of Probability Integrals

– Applied using Matlab

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This paper presents a collection of probability integrals often used in optimization problems. All the formulas are applied using Matlab with the source code given. It may be noted that all the formulas were intensively tested and seem to be correct, however, this cannot be guaranteed.

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1. Introduction

Using probability integrals, e. g. in optimization problems, is less computing time consuming if the integrals are solved analytically rather than numerically. Often a simple normal distribution of a probability variable χ is used (cf. Eqn. 1). However, already the first analytical integration gets complex and can only be solved using the so called error function as described in the next section (cf. Eqn. 5). But what happens if the integral of the error function needs to be calculated, i. e. if it is necessary to calculate double or even triple integrals of a probability distribution? And what happens if even a convolution is considered? The main aspect of finding a solution in these cases is to solve the integrals sequentially. Resulting in very long and rather complex formulas (you may think different if you are a mathematician, though). Anyway, it may be useful to have a collection of the most relevant probability integrals and their representation at hand. This paper tries to provide this collection by summarizing some of these formulas in a structured way, cf. Tab. 1.

Most of the calculations needed for the derivation of the formulas in this collection are based on the web-based formula compendium by Wolfram Research. However, these formulas are sometimes too specific and only representations in Mathematica and XML are given, but none in Matlab. Some other formulas are not available at all. However, if a basic formula of one of the probability integrals in this collection can be found on the website of Wolfram Research, a unique number in Tab. 1 is cited. The number can be used to find the corresponding formula on the website (<http://functions.wolfram.com/>).

Table 1: Probability Integrals in this Collection

Formula (to be integrated)	Equation Number	Matlab Code Line	Wolfram Research	
			Number	Assumption
1 $\exp(-(ax + c)^2 + bx + d)$	8	80	–	–
2 $x \exp(-(ax + c)^2 + bx + d)$	11	95	–	–
3 $x^2 \exp(-(ax + c)^2 + bx + d)$	14	118	–	–
4 $\operatorname{erf}(ax + c)$	17	143	06.25.21.0001.01	–
5 $x \operatorname{erf}(ax + c)$	19	152	06.25.21.0006.01	$c = 0$
6 $x^2 \operatorname{erf}(ax + c)$	21	163	–	–
7 $\exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c)$	23	174	06.25.21.0011.01	$c, d = 0$
8 $x \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c)$	27	190	06.25.21.0017.01	$c, d = 0$
9 $x^2 \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c)$	31	209	06.25.21.0018.01	$c, d = 0$
10 $\operatorname{erfc}(ax + c)$	35	232	06.27.21.0001.01	–
11 $x \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c)$	37	240	06.27.21.0006.01	$c = 0$
12 $x^2 \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c)$	39	253	–	–
13 $\exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c)$	41	266	06.27.21.0011.01	$c, d = 0$
14 $x \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c)$	45	282	06.27.21.0016.01	$c, d = 0$
15 $x^2 \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c)$	49	301	06.27.21.0017.01	$c, d = 0$

2. Probability Integrals

In many optimization problems a normal distribution with mean $E_1[x] = \mu$ and variance $\text{VAR}_1[x] = \sigma^2$ is used.

$$f_1(x|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}\right)^2\right) \quad (1)$$

The integration of the normal distribution is possible using the so called error function. The error function equals twice the integral of a normalized normal distribution ($\mu = 0$ and $\sigma^2 = 1$) between 0 and $\sqrt{2}x$. The error function is defined as

$$\text{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x \exp(-t^2) dt \quad (2)$$

Some specific values and the symmetry of the error function are given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Specific values: } & \text{erf}(0) = 0, \text{ erf}(\infty) = 1 \text{ and } \text{erf}(-\infty) = -1 \\ \text{Symmetry: } & \text{erf}(-x) = -\text{erf}(x) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

While the error function is well suited to provide the probability that the parameter of interest (probability variable χ) is within a specific range, the complementary error function provides the probability that the parameter is outside that range.

$$\text{erfc}(x) = 1 - \text{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_x^\infty \exp(-t^2) dt \quad (4)$$

Using these definitions it can be derived that the integral of the normal distribution in Eqn. 1 is given by

$$F_1(x|\mu, \sigma) = P[\chi \leq x|\mu, \sigma] = \int_{-\infty}^x f_1(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \text{erfc}\left(-\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}\right)\right) \quad (5)$$

Still the question arises, how the integral may be calculated if the integration limits are different, say x_1 and x_2 ? How do integrals of higher order look like? And what happens if a convolution of two distributions, say a normal distribution f_1 like Eqn. 1 and e. g. an Erlang distribution f_2 given as a special case of a Gamma distribution with $a = 0$ and $b > 0$ is used? With mean $E_2[u] = 2b$ and variance $\text{VAR}_2[u] = 2b^2$ this distribution is given as

$$f_2(u|a, b) = \frac{1}{b^a \Gamma(a)} u^{a-1} \exp\left(-\frac{u}{b}\right) \quad \text{with special case } f_2(u|0, b) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } u \leq 0, \\ \frac{1}{b^2} u \exp\left(-\frac{u}{b}\right) & \text{if } u > 0. \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Generally a convolution of two functions, where the mean and variance are defined as derived in Appendix A, may be written as

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(x-u) f_2(u) du \quad (7)$$

Obviously, in these cases more complex integrals need to be solved. In the following subsections this collection tries to answer these questions. The formulas are given as indefinite integrals, however the Matlab code in Section 3 is developed for definite integrals.

2.1. Exponential Function

Case 1 \longrightarrow cf. Line 80 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 8 is defined only if $a \neq 0$.

$$\int \exp(-(ax+c)^2 + bx + d) dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2a} \exp\left(\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{bc}{a} + d\right) \operatorname{erfc}\left(ax + c - \frac{b}{2a}\right) \quad (8)$$

Eqn. 9 is a special case of Eqn. 8 if $a = 0 \wedge b \neq 0$.

$$\int \exp(-c^2 + bx + d) dx = \frac{1}{b} \exp(-c^2 + bx + d) \quad (9)$$

Eqn. 10 is a special case of Eqn. 8 if $a, b = 0$.

$$\int \exp(-c^2 + d) dx = x \exp(-c^2 + d) \quad (10)$$

2.1.1. Involving Power Function

Case 2 \longrightarrow cf. Line 95 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 11 is defined only if $a \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x \exp(-(ax+c)^2 + bx + d) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2a^2} \exp(-(ax+c)^2 + bx + d) - \sqrt{\pi}(2ac-b) \exp\left(\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{bc}{a} + d\right) \operatorname{erfc}\left(ax + c - \frac{b}{2a}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Eqn. 12 is a special case of Eqn. 11 if $a = 0 \wedge b \neq 0$.

$$\int x \exp(-c^2 + bx + d) dx = \frac{1}{b^2}(bx-1) \exp(-c^2 + bx + d) \quad (12)$$

Eqn. 13 is a special case of Eqn. 11 if $a, b = 0$.

$$\int x \exp(-c^2 + d) dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \exp(-c^2 + d) \quad (13)$$

Case 3 → cf. Line 118 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 14 is defined only if $a \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x^2 \exp(-(ax+c)^2 + bx + d) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{4a^4} (2a(ax-c) + b) \exp(-(ax+c)^2 + bx + d) \\ & \quad + \sqrt{\pi} (4a^2c^2 - 4abc + b^2 + 2a^2) \exp\left(\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{bc}{a} + d\right) \operatorname{erfc}\left(ax + c - \frac{b}{2a}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Eqn. 15 is a special case of Eqn. 14 if $a = 0 \wedge b \neq 0$.

$$\int x^2 \exp(-c^2 + bx + d) dx = \frac{1}{b^3} (b^2x^2 - 2bx + 2) \exp(-c^2 + bx + d) \quad (15)$$

Eqn. 16 is a special case of Eqn. 14 if $a, b = 0$.

$$\int x^2 \exp(-c^2 + d) dx = \frac{x^3}{3} \exp(-c^2 + d) \quad (16)$$

2.2. Error Function

Case 4 → cf. Line 143 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 17 is defined only if $a \neq 0$.

$$\int \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) dx = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\sqrt{\pi}(ax + c) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) + \exp(-(ax + c)^2) \right) \quad (17)$$

Eqn. 18 is a special case of Eqn. 17 if $a = 0$.

$$\int \operatorname{erf}(c) dx = x \operatorname{erf}(c) \quad (18)$$

2.2.1. Involving Power Function

Case 5 → cf. Line 152 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 19 is defined only if $a \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4a^2\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\sqrt{\pi} (2(a^2x^2 - c^2) - 1) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) + 2(ax - c) \exp(-(ax + c)^2) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Eqn. 20 is a special case of Eqn. 19 if $a = 0$.

$$\int x \operatorname{erf}(c) dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \operatorname{erf}(c) \quad (20)$$

Case 6 \longrightarrow cf. Line 163 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 21 is defined only if $a \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x^2 \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{6a^3\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\sqrt{\pi} (2(a^3x^3 - c^3) + 3c) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) + 2(a^2x^2 - acx + c^2 + 1) \exp(-(ax + c)^2) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Eqn. 22 is a special case of Eqn. 21 if $a = 0$.

$$\int x^2 \operatorname{erf}(c) dx = \frac{x^3}{3} \operatorname{erf}(c) \quad (22)$$

2.2.2. Involving Exponential Function

Case 7 \longrightarrow cf. Line 174 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 23 is defined only if $a, b \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b} \left(\exp\left(\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{bc}{a} + d\right) \operatorname{erfc}\left(ax + c - \frac{b}{2a}\right) + \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Eqn. 24 is a special case of Eqn. 23 if $a = 0 \wedge b \neq 0$.

$$\int \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(c) dx = \dots \text{use Eqn. 9 with } c = 0 \text{ and multiply with } \operatorname{erf}(c) \quad (24)$$

Eqn. 25 is a special case of Eqn. 23 if $a \neq 0 \wedge b = 0$.

$$\int \exp(d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) dx = \dots \text{use Eqn. 17 and multiply with } \exp(d) \quad (25)$$

Eqn. 26 is a special case of Eqn. 23 if $a, b = 0$.

$$\int \exp(d) \operatorname{erf}(c) dx = \dots \text{use Eqn. 18 and multiply with } \exp(d) \quad (26)$$

2.2.3. Involving Exponential and Power Function

Case 8 → cf. Line 190 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 27 is defined only if $a, b \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) dx \\ &= \left(-\frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{2a^2} - \frac{c}{ab} \right) \exp\left(\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{bc}{a} + d \right) \operatorname{erfc}\left(ax + c - \frac{b}{2a} \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{ab\sqrt{\pi}} \exp(-(ax + c)^2 + bx + d) + \left(\frac{bx - 1}{b^2} \right) \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Eqn. 28 is a special case of Eqn. 27 if $a = 0 \wedge b \neq 0$.

$$\int x \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 12 with } c = 0 \text{ and multiply with } \operatorname{erf}(c) \quad (28)$$

Eqn. 29 is a special case of Eqn. 27 if $a \neq 0 \wedge b = 0$.

$$\int x \exp(d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 19 and multiply with } \exp(d) \quad (29)$$

Eqn. 30 is a special case of Eqn. 27 if $a, b = 0$.

$$\int x \exp(d) \operatorname{erf}(c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 20 and multiply with } \exp(d) \quad (30)$$

Case 9 → cf. Line 209 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 31 is defined only if $a, b \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x^2 \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) dx \\ &= \left(\frac{8a^4 - 2a^2b^2 + b^4}{4a^4b^3} + \frac{2c}{ab^2} - \frac{c}{a^3} + \frac{c^2}{a^2b} \right) \exp\left(\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{bc}{a} + d \right) \operatorname{erfc}\left(ax + c - \frac{b}{2a} \right) \\ & \quad + \left(\frac{x}{ab\sqrt{\pi}} + \frac{b^2 - 4a^2 - 2abc}{2a^3b^2\sqrt{\pi}} \right) \exp(-(ax + c)^2 + bx + d) \\ & \quad + \left(\frac{(bx - 1)^2 + 1}{b^3} \right) \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Eqn. 32 is a special case of Eqn. 31 if $a = 0 \wedge b \neq 0$.

$$\int x^2 \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 15 with } c = 0 \text{ and multiply with } \operatorname{erf}(c) \quad (32)$$

Eqn. 33 is a special case of Eqn. 31 if $a \neq 0 \wedge b = 0$.

$$\int x^2 \exp(d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 21 and multiply with } \exp(d) \quad (33)$$

Eqn. 34 is a special case of Eqn. 31 if $a, b = 0$.

$$\int x^2 \exp(d) \operatorname{erf}(c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 22 and multiply with } \exp(d) \quad (34)$$

2.3. Complementary Error Function

Case 10 \longrightarrow cf. Line 232 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 35 is defined only if $a \neq 0$.

$$\int \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) dx = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\sqrt{\pi}(ax + c) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) - \exp(-(ax + c)^2) \right) \quad (35)$$

Eqn. 36 is a special case of Eqn. 35 if $a = 0$.

$$\int \operatorname{erfc}(c) dx = x \operatorname{erfc}(c) \quad (36)$$

2.3.1. Involving Power Function

Case 11 \longrightarrow cf. Line 240 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 37 is defined only if $a \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{4a^2\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\sqrt{\pi}(-2a^2x^2) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) + 2(ax - c) \exp(-(ax + c)^2) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - (2c^2(\sqrt{\pi} + 1) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c)) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Eqn. 38 is a special case of Eqn. 37 if $a = 0$.

$$\int x \operatorname{erfc}(c) dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \operatorname{erfc}(c) \quad (38)$$

Case 12 \longrightarrow cf. Line 253 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 39 is defined only if $a \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x^2 \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{6a^3\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\sqrt{\pi}(-2a^3x^3) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) + 2(a^2x^2 - acx + c^2 + 1) \exp(-(ax + c)^2) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (3c\sqrt{\pi} + 2c^3\sqrt{\pi}) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

Eqn. 40 is a special case of Eqn. 39 if $a = 0$.

$$\int x^2 \operatorname{erfc}(c) dx = \frac{x^3}{3} \operatorname{erfc}(c) \quad (40)$$

2.3.2. Involving Exponential Function

Case 13 \longrightarrow cf. Line 266 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 41 is defined only if $a, b \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b} \left(-\exp\left(\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{bc}{a} + d\right) \operatorname{erfc}\left(ax + c - \frac{b}{2a}\right) + \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Eqn. 42 is a special case of Eqn. 41 if $a = 0 \wedge b \neq 0$.

$$\int \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erfc}(c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 9 with } c = 0 \text{ and multiply with } \operatorname{erfc}(c) \quad (42)$$

Eqn. 43 is a special case of Eqn. 41 if $a \neq 0 \wedge b = 0$.

$$\int \exp(d) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 35 and multiply with } \exp(d) \quad (43)$$

Eqn. 44 is a special case of Eqn. 41 if $a, b = 0$.

$$\int \exp(d) \operatorname{erfc}(c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 36 and multiply with } \exp(d) \quad (44)$$

2.3.3. Involving Exponential and Power Function

Case 14 → cf. Line 282 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 45 is defined only if $a, b \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) dx \\ &= - \left(-\frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{2a^2} - \frac{c}{ab} \right) \exp \left(\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{bc}{a} + d \right) \operatorname{erfc} \left(ax + c - \frac{b}{2a} \right) \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{ab\sqrt{\pi}} \exp \left(-(ax + c)^2 + bx + d \right) + \left(\frac{bx - 1}{b^2} \right) \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

Eqn. 46 is a special case of Eqn. 45 if $a = 0 \wedge b \neq 0$.

$$\int x \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erfc}(c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 12 with } c = 0 \text{ and multiply with } \operatorname{erfc}(c) \quad (46)$$

Eqn. 47 is a special case of Eqn. 45 if $a \neq 0 \wedge b = 0$.

$$\int x \exp(d) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 37 and multiply with } \exp(d) \quad (47)$$

Eqn. 48 is a special case of Eqn. 45 if $a, b = 0$.

$$\int x \exp(d) \operatorname{erfc}(c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 38 and multiply with } \exp(d) \quad (48)$$

Case 15 → cf. Line 301 ff of the Matlab code.

Eqn. 49 is defined only if $a, b \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x^2 \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erf}(ax + c) dx \\ &= - \left(\frac{8a^4 - 2a^2b^2 + b^4}{4a^4b^3} + \frac{2c}{ab^2} - \frac{c}{a^3} + \frac{c^2}{a^2b} \right) \exp \left(\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{bc}{a} + d \right) \operatorname{erfc} \left(ax + c - \frac{b}{2a} \right) \\ & \quad - \left(\frac{x}{ab\sqrt{\pi}} + \frac{b^2 - 4a^2 - 2abc}{2a^3b^2\sqrt{\pi}} \right) \exp \left(-(ax + c)^2 + bx + d \right) \\ & \quad + \left(\frac{(bx - 1)^2 + 1}{b^3} \right) \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

Eqn. 50 is a special case of Eqn. 49 if $a = 0 \wedge b \neq 0$.

$$\int x^2 \exp(bx + d) \operatorname{erfc}(c) dx = \dots \text{ use Eqn. 15 with } c = 0 \text{ and multiply with } \operatorname{erfc}(c) \quad (50)$$

Eqn. 51 is a special case of Eqn. 49 if $a \neq 0 \wedge b = 0$.

$$\int x^2 \exp(d) \operatorname{erfc}(ax + c) dx = \dots \text{use Eqn. 39 and multiply with } \exp(d) \quad (51)$$

Eqn. 52 is a special case of Eqn. 49 if $a, b = 0$.

$$\int x^2 \exp(d) \operatorname{erfc}(c) dx = \dots \text{use Eqn. 40 and multiply with } \exp(d) \quad (52)$$

3. Matlab Source Code

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1 function y = ierfunclib(func,x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
2 %
3 % Copyright:
4 %      (c) IER University of Stuttgart – Derk Jan Swider (March 19, 2003)
5 %
6 % This library contains analytical solutions for the following integrals:
7 %
8 % No | func (string) | Description
9 % '01' : 'exp'      :  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \exp(-(a*x+c)^2+b*x+d) dx$ 
10 % '02' : 'xexp'    :  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} x*\exp(-(a*x+c)^2+b*x+d) dx$ 
11 % '03' : 'x2exp'   :  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} x^2*\exp(-(a*x+c)^2+b*x+d) dx$ 
12 % '04' : 'erf'     :  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \operatorname{erf}(a*x+c) dx$ 
13 % '05' : 'xerf'    :  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} x*\operatorname{erf}(a*x+c) dx$ 
14 % '06' : 'x2erf'   :  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} x^2*\operatorname{erf}(a*x+c) dx$ 
15 % '07' : 'experf'  :  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \exp(b*x+d)*\operatorname{erf}(a*x+c) dx$ 
16 % '08' : 'xexperf' :  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} x*\exp(b*x+d)*\operatorname{erf}(a*x+c) dx$ 
17 % '09' : 'x2experf':  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} x^2*\exp(b*x+d)*\operatorname{erf}(a*x+c) dx$ 
18 % '10' : 'erfc'    :  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \operatorname{erfc}(a*x+c) dx$ 
19 % '11' : 'xerfc'   :  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} x*\operatorname{erfc}(a*x+c) dx$ 
20 % '12' : 'x2erfc'  :  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} x^2*\operatorname{erfc}(a*x+c) dx$ 
21 % '13' : 'experfc' :  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \exp(b*x+d)*\operatorname{erfc}(a*x+c) dx$ 
22 % '14' : 'xexperfc':  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} x*\exp(b*x+d)*\operatorname{erfc}(a*x+c) dx$ 
23 % '15' : 'x2experfc':  $y = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} x^2*\exp(b*x+d)*\operatorname{erfc}(a*x+c) dx$ 
24 %
25 % Input:
26 % func      : String identifying the integral to be calculated
27 % x1       : Lower integration limit
28 % x2       : Upper integration limit
29 % a        : Parameter multiplied with x
30 % b        : Parameter multiplied with x
31 % c        : Parameter added to multiplication of a with x
32 % d        : Parameter added to multiplication of b with x
33 %
34 % Output:
35 % y        : Calculated value of the selected integral
36 %
37
38 % Bug-Fix to prevent some calculation failures in Matlab
39 %

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40 if abs(a) < 10.*eps, a = 0; end
41 if abs(b) < 10.*eps, b = 0; end
42
43 % Selection of the function to be calculated
44 %
45 switch func
46     case { '01', 'exp' }
47         y = int_exp(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
48     case { '02', 'xexp' }
49         y = int_xexp(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
50     case { '03', 'x2exp' }
51         y = int_x2exp(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
52     case { '04', 'erf' }
53         y = int_erf(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
54     case { '05', 'xerf' }
55         y = int_xerf(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
56     case { '06', 'x2erf' }
57         y = int_x2erf(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
58     case { '07', 'experf' }
59         y = int_experf(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
60     case { '08', 'xexperf' }
61         y = int_xexperf(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
62     case { '09', 'x2experf' }
63         y = int_x2experf(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
64     case { '10', 'erfc' }
65         y = int_erfc(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
66     case { '11', 'xerfc' }
67         y = int_xerfc(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
68     case { '12', 'x2erfc' }
69         y = int_x2erfc(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
70     case { '13', 'experfc' }
71         y = int_experfc(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
72     case { '14', 'xexperfc' }
73         y = int_xexperfc(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
74     case { '15', 'x2experfc' }
75         y = int_x2experfc(x1,x2,a,b,c,d);
76     otherwise
77         error([ ''',func, '' _is_an_undefined_function. ']);
78 end
79
80 function y = int_exp(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
81 if b ~= 0 & a ~= 0
82     y = sqrt(pi)/(2.*a).* ...
83         exp((b.^2)/(4.*a.^2)-(b.*c)/a+d).* ( ...
84         erfc(a.*x1+c-b./(2.*a)) - ...
85         erfc(a.*x2+c-b./(2.*a)) ...
86     );
87 elseif b ~= 0 & a == 0
88     y = 1./b.*( exp(b.*x2-c.^2+d)-exp(b.*x1-c.^2+d));
89 elseif b == 0 & a ~= 0
90     y = (sqrt(pi)).*exp(d))/(2.*a).*( erfc(a.*x1+c)-erfc(a.*x2+c));
91 elseif b == 0 & a == 0
92     y = exp(-c.^2+d).*(x2-x1);
93 end
94

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95 function y = int_xexp(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
96 if b ~= 0 & a ~= 0
97     y = - 1./(4.*a.^3).*( ...
98         ( 2.*a.*exp(-a.^2.*x2.^2-(2.*a.*c-b).*x2-c.^2+d) - ...
99         2.*a.*exp(-a.^2.*x1.^2-(2.*a.*c-b).*x1-c.^2+d) ) + ...
100         (sqrt(pi).*(2.*a.*c-b)).*exp((b.^2)./(4.*a.^2)-(b.*c)/a+d)).*( ...
101         erfc(a.*x1+c-b./(2.*a)) - ...
102         erfc(a.*x2+c-b./(2.*a)) ) );
103 elseif b ~= 0 & a == 0
104     y = 1./(b.^2).*(...
105         (b.*x2-1).*exp(b.*x2-c.^2+d) - ...
106         (b.*x1-1).*exp(b.*x1-c.^2+d) );
107 elseif b == 0 & a ~= 0
108     y = - 1./(2.*a.^2).*( ( ...
109         exp(-a.^2.*x2.^2-2.*a.*c.*x2-c.^2+d) - ...
110         exp(-a.^2.*x1.^2-2.*a.*c.*x1-c.^2+d) ) + ...
111         sqrt(pi).*c.*exp(d).*( ...
112         erfc(a.*x1+c) - ...
113         erfc(a.*x2+c) ) );
114 elseif b == 0 & a == 0
115     y = 1./2.*exp(-c.^2+d).*(x2.^2-x1.^2);
116 end
117
118 function y = int_x2exp(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
119 if b ~= 0 & a ~= 0
120     y = -1./(8.*a.^5).*(...
121         ((4.*a.^3.*x2-4.*a.^2.*c+2.*a.*b).*...
122         exp(-(a.*x2+c).^2+b.*x2+d)-...
123         (4.*a.^3.*x1-4.*a.^2.*c+2.*a.*b).*...
124         exp(-(a.*x1+c).^2+b.*x1+d))+...
125         sqrt(pi).*(-4.*a.^2.*c.^2+4.*a.*b.*c-b.^2-2.*a.^2).*...
126         exp((b.^2)./(4.*a.^2)-b.*c/a+d)).*(...
127         erfc(a.*x1+c-b./(2.*a))-...
128         erfc(a.*x2+c-b./(2.*a)) ) );
129 elseif b ~= 0 & a == 0
130     y = 1./(b.^3).*(...
131         exp(-c.^2+b.*x2+d).*(b.^2.*x2.^2-2.*b.*x2+2) - ...
132         exp(-c.^2+b.*x1+d).*(b.^2.*x1.^2-2.*b.*x1+2) );
133 elseif b == 0 & a ~= 0
134     y = -1./(4.*a.^3).*(...
135         ((2.*a.*x2*-2.*c).*exp(-(a.*x2+c).^2+b.*x2+d)-...
136         (2.*c.^2+1).*sqrt(pi).*exp(d).*erf(a.*x2+c))-...
137         ((2.*a.*x1*-2.*c).*exp(-(a.*x1+c).^2+b.*x1+d)-...
138         (2.*c.^2+1).*sqrt(pi).*exp(d).*erf(a.*x1+c)) );
139 elseif b == 0 & a == 0
140     y = 1./3.*exp(-c.^2+d).*(x2.^3-x1.^3);
141 end
142
143 function y = int_erf(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
144 if a ~= 0
145     y = 1./(sqrt(pi).*a).*( ...
146         (sqrt(pi).*(a.*x2+c).*erf(a.*x2+c)+exp(-(a.*x2+c).^2))-...
147         (sqrt(pi).*(a.*x1+c).*erf(a.*x1+c)+exp(-(a.*x1+c).^2)) );
148 elseif a == 0
149     y = erf(c).*(x2-x1);

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150 end
151
152 function y = int_xerf(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
153 if a ~= 0
154     y = 1./(4.*sqrt(pi).*a.^2).*(...
155         (sqrt(pi).*(2.*a.^2.*x2.^2-2.*c.^2-1).*erf(a.*x2+c) -...
156         sqrt(pi).*(2.*a.^2.*x1.^2-2.*c.^2-1).*erf(a.*x1+c))+...
157         ((2.*a.*x2-2.*c).*exp(-(a.*x2+c).^2) -...
158         (2.*a.*x1-2.*c).*exp(-(a.*x1+c).^2)) );
159 elseif a == 0
160     y = 1./2.*erf(c).*(x2.^2-x1.^2);
161 end
162
163 function y = int_x2erf(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
164 if a ~= 0
165     y = 1./(6.*sqrt(pi).*a.^3).*(...
166         (sqrt(pi).*(2.*a.^3.*x2.^3+2.*c.^3+3.*c).*erf(a.*x2+c) -...
167         sqrt(pi).*(2.*a.^3.*x1.^3+2.*c.^3+3.*c).*erf(a.*x1+c))+...
168         (2.*(a.^2.*x2.^2-a.*c.*x2+c.^2+1).*exp(-(a.*x2+c).^2) -...
169         2.*(a.^2.*x1.^2-a.*c.*x1+c.^2+1).*exp(-(a.*x1+c).^2)) );
170 elseif a == 0
171     y = 1./3.*erf(c).*(x2.^3-x1.^3);
172 end
173
174 function y = int_experf(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
175 if b ~= 0 & a ~= 0
176     y = 1./b.*( ...
177         (exp(b.*x2+d).*erf(a.*x2+c) - ...
178         exp(b.*x1+d).*erf(a.*x1+c)) - ...
179         exp((b.^2)./(4.*a.^2)-(b.*c)./a+d).*( ...
180         erfc(a.*x1+c-b./(2.*a)) -...
181         erfc(a.*x2+c-b./(2.*a)) ) );
182 elseif b ~= 0 & a == 0
183     y = erf(c).*int_exp(x1,x2,0,b,0,d);
184 elseif b == 0 & a ~= 0
185     y = exp(d).*int_erf(x1,x2,a,0,c,0);
186 elseif b == 0 & a == 0
187     y = exp(d).*int_erf(x1,x2,0,0,c,0);
188 end
189
190 function y = int_xexperf(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
191 if b ~= 0 & a ~= 0
192     y = ((1./(b.^2)-1./(2.*a.^2)+c./(a.*b)).*...
193         exp((b.^2)./(4.*a.^2)-(b.*c)./a+d).*(...
194         erfc(a.*x1+c-b./(2.*a)) - ...
195         erfc(a.*x2+c-b./(2.*a)) ) + ...
196         1./(a.*b.*sqrt(pi)).*( ...
197         exp(b.*x2+d-(a.*x2+c).^2) - ...
198         exp(b.*x1+d-(a.*x1+c).^2) ) + ...
199         (x2./b-1./(b.^2)).*exp(b.*x2+d).*erf(a.*x2+c) - ...
200         (x1./b-1./(b.^2)).*exp(b.*x1+d).*erf(a.*x1+c) );
201 elseif b ~= 0 & a == 0
202     y = erf(c).*int_xexp(x1,x2,0,b,0,d);
203 elseif b == 0 & a ~= 0
204     y = exp(d).*int_xerf(x1,x2,a,0,c,0);

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205 elseif b == 0 & a == 0
206     y = exp(d).*int_xerf(x1,x2,0,0,c,0);
207 end
208
209 function y = int_x2experf(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
210 if b ~= 0 & a ~= 0
211     y = ((b.*x2-1).^2+1)/(b.^3).*exp(b.*x2+d).*erf(a.*x2+c)-...
212         ((b.*x1-1).^2+1)/(b.^3).*exp(b.*x1+d).*erf(a.*x1+c)+ ...
213         exp(b.*x2+d-(a.*x2+c).^2).*...
214         (x2./(a.*b.*sqrt(pi))+b.^2-4.*a.^2-2.*a.*b.*c)./...
215         (2.*a.^3.*b.^2.*sqrt(pi)) - ...
216         exp(b.*x1+d-(a.*x1+c).^2).*...
217         (x1./(a.*b.*sqrt(pi))+b.^2-4.*a.^2-2.*a.*b.*c)./...
218         (2.*a.^3.*b.^2.*sqrt(pi)) - ...
219         ((8.*a.^4-2.*a.^2.*b.^2+b.^4)/(4.*a.^4.*b.^3)+...
220         (2.*c)/(a.*b.^2)-c/(a.^3)+((c./a).^2)/b).* ...
221         exp((b.^2)/(4.*a.^2)-(b.*c)/a+d).* (...
222         erfc(a.*x1+c-b./(2.*a))-...
223         erfc(a.*x2+c-b./(2.*a)));
224 elseif b ~= 0 & a == 0
225     y = erf(c).*int_x2exp(x1,x2,0,b,0,d);
226 elseif b == 0 & a ~= 0
227     y = exp(d).*int_x2erf(x1,x2,a,0,c,0);
228 elseif b == 0 & a == 0
229     y = exp(d).*int_x2erf(x1,x2,0,0,c,0);
230 end
231
232 function y = int_erfc(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
233 if a ~= 0
234     y = 1./a .*((a.*x2+c).*erfc(a.*x2+c)-exp(-(a.*x2+c).^2)./sqrt(pi))-...
235         1./a .*((a.*x1+c).*erfc(a.*x1+c)-exp(-(a.*x1+c).^2)./sqrt(pi));
236 elseif a == 0
237     y = erfc(c).*(x2-x1);
238 end
239
240 function y = int_xerfc(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
241 if a ~= 0
242     y = -1./(4.*sqrt(pi).*a.^2).*(...
243         (sqrt(pi).*(-2.*a.^2.*x2.^2).*erfc(a.*x2+c)-...
244         sqrt(pi).*(-2.*a.^2.*x1.^2).*erfc(a.*x1+c))+...
245         (2.*(a.*x2-c).*exp(-(a.*x2+c).^2)-...
246         2.*(a.*x1-c).*exp(-(a.*x1+c).^2))-...
247         ((sqrt(pi)+2.*c.^2.*sqrt(pi)).*erf(a.*x2+c)-...
248         (sqrt(pi)+2.*c.^2.*sqrt(pi)).*erf(a.*x1+c)) );
249 elseif a == 0
250     y = 1./2.*erfc(c).*(x2.^2-x1.^2);
251 end
252
253 function y = int_x2erfc(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
254 if a ~= 0
255     y = -1./(6.*sqrt(pi).*a.^3).*(...
256         (sqrt(pi).*(-2.*a.^3.*x2.^3).*erfc(a.*x2+c)-...
257         sqrt(pi).*(-2.*a.^3.*x1.^3).*erfc(a.*x1+c))+...
258         (2.*(a.^2.*x2.^2-a.*c.*x2+c.^2+1).*exp(-(a.*x2+c).^2)-...
259         2.*(a.^2.*x1.^2-a.*c.*x1+c.^2+1).*exp(-(a.*x1+c).^2))+...

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260      ((3.*c.*sqrt(pi)+2.*c.^3.*sqrt(pi)).*erf(a.*x2+c) - ...
261      (3.*c.*sqrt(pi)+2.*c.^3.*sqrt(pi)).*erf(a.*x1+c) ) );
262  elseif a == 0
263      y = 1./3.*erfc(c).*(x2.^3-x1.^3);
264  end
265
266  function y = int_experfc(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
267  if b ~= 0 & a ~= 0
268      y = 1./b.* ( ...
269      (exp(b.*x2+d).*erfc(a.*x2+c) - ...
270      exp(b.*x1+d).*erfc(a.*x1+c) ) + ...
271      exp((b.^2)./(4.*a.^2)-(b.*c)./a+d) .* ( ...
272      erfc(a.*x1+c-b./(2.*a)) - ...
273      erfc(a.*x2+c-b./(2.*a) ) ) );
274  elseif b ~= 0 & a == 0
275      y = erfc(c).*int_exp(x1,x2,0,b,0,d);
276  elseif b == 0 & a ~= 0
277      y = exp(d).*int_erfc(x1,x2,a,0,c,0);
278  elseif b == 0 & a == 0
279      y = exp(d).*int_erfc(x1,x2,0,0,c,0);
280  end
281
282  function y = int_xexperfc(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
283  if b ~= 0 & a ~= 0
284      y = (-1./(b.^2)-1./(2.*a.^2)+c./(a.*b)).*...
285      exp((b.^2)./(4.*a.^2)-(b.*c)./a+d) .* (...
286      erfc(a.*x1+c-b./(2.*a)) - ...
287      erfc(a.*x2+c-b./(2.*a) ) - ...
288      1./(a.*b.*sqrt(pi)).* ( ...
289      exp(b.*x2+d-(a.*x2+c).^2) - ...
290      exp(b.*x1+d-(a.*x1+c).^2) ) + ...
291      (x2./b-1./(b.^2)).*exp(b.*x2+d).*erfc(a.*x2+c) - ...
292      (x1./b-1./(b.^2)).*exp(b.*x1+d).*erfc(a.*x1+c) );
293  elseif b ~= 0 & a == 0
294      y = erfc(c).*int_xexp(x1,x2,0,b,0,d);
295  elseif b == 0 & a ~= 0
296      y = exp(d).*int_xerfc(x1,x2,a,0,c,0);
297  elseif b == 0 & a == 0
298      y = exp(d).*int_xerfc(x1,x2,0,0,c,0);
299  end
300
301  function y = int_x2experfc(x1,x2,a,b,c,d)
302  if b ~= 0 & a ~= 0
303      y = (((b.*x2-1).^2+1)/(b.^3).*exp(b.*x2+d).*erfc(a.*x2+c) - ...
304      ((b.*x1-1).^2+1)/(b.^3).*exp(b.*x1+d).*erfc(a.*x1+c) ) - ...
305      (exp(b.*x2+d-(a.*x2+c).^2) .* ...
306      (x2./(a.*b.*sqrt(pi))+(b.^2-4.*a.^2-2.*a.*b.*c) ./ ...
307      (2.*a.^3.*b.^2.*sqrt(pi))) - ...
308      exp(b.*x1+d-(a.*x1+c).^2) .* ...
309      (x1./(a.*b.*sqrt(pi))+(b.^2-4.*a.^2-2.*a.*b.*c) ./ ...
310      (2.*a.^3.*b.^2.*sqrt(pi))) ) + ...
311      ((8.*a.^4-2.*a.^2.*b.^2+b.^4)/(4.*a.^4.*b.^3)+...
312      (2.*c)/(a.*b.^2)-c./(a.^3)+((c./a).^2)/b) .* ...
313      exp((b.^2)./(4.*a.^2)-(b.*c)./a+d) .* ( ...
314      erfc(a.*x1+c-b./(2.*a)) - ...

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315         erfc(a.*x2+c-b./(2.*a)) );
316 elseif b ~= 0 & a == 0
317     y = erfc(c).*int_x2exp(x1,x2,0,b,0,d);
318 elseif b == 0 & a ~= 0
319     y = exp(d).*int_x2erfc(x1,x2,a,0,c,0);
320 elseif b == 0 & a == 0
321     y = exp(d).*int_x2erfc(x1,x2,0,0,c,0);
322 end

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A. Convolution

In this Appendix first the expected value or mean and then the variance or squared standard deviation of a convolution is derived.

The expected value or mean of a convolution

$$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_1(x-u) f_2(u) du dx = E[x] \quad (53)$$

By substitution of $z = x - u$ and therefore $dz = dx$ follows

$$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (z+u) f_1(z) f_2(u) du dz \quad (54)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [z f_1(z) f_2(u) + u f_1(z) f_2(u)] du dz \quad (55)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z f_1(z) dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(u) du + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(z) dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u f_2(u) du \quad (56)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z f_1(z) dz + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u f_2(u) du \quad (57)$$

This finally gives

$$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_1(x-u) f_2(u) du dx = E_1[z] + E_2[u] \quad (58)$$

The variance or squared standard deviation of a convolution

$$\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f_1(x - u) f_2(u) du dx = E[(x - \mu)^2] \quad (59)$$

This may be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_1(x - u) f_2(u) du dx \\ &\quad - 2\mu \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_1(x - u) f_2(u) du dx}_{=E_1[z] + E_2[u] = \mu, \text{ cf. Eqn. 58}} + \mu^2 \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(x - u) f_2(u) du dx}_{=1} \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

By substitution of $z = x - u$ and therefore $dz = dx$ this gives

$$\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (z + u)^2 f_1(z) f_2(u) du dz - \mu^2 \quad (61)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^2 f_1(z) dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(u) du + 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z f_1(z) dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u f_2(u) du + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(z) dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^2 f_2(u) du - \mu^2 \quad (62)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^2 f_1(z) dz + 2E_1[z] E_2[u] + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^2 f_2(u) du - \mu^2 \quad (63)$$

And with $\mu^2 = (E_1[z] + E_2[u])^2$, cf. Eqn. 58, finally follows

$$\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f_1(x - u) f_2(u) du dx = E_1[z^2] - E_1[z]^2 + E_2[u^2] - E_2[u]^2 \quad (64)$$