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TOPIC : BETA FUNCTION.

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Beta Function

Defination : The integral $\int_0^1 x^{m-1} (1-x)^{n-1} dx$ is a function of m,n , m>0, n>0 , & is called a Beta function. It is denoted by B(m,n).

Thus

$$B(m,n) = \int_0^1 x^{m-1} (1-x)^{n-1} dx$$

Show that $B(m,n) = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{n-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx$

→ Proof :

We know that,
 $B(n,m) = B(m,n) = \int_0^1 t^{m-1} (1-t)^{n-1} dt \quad m,n > 0 \text{ -- (1)}$

Now Put $t = \frac{x}{1+x} = 1 - \frac{1}{1+x}$
 $dt = \frac{dx}{(1+x)^2}$

Taking $t = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$

$t = 1 \Rightarrow x = \infty$

From eqⁿ(1)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given } B(n,m) &= B(m,n) = \int_0^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+x}\right)^{m-1} \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+x}\right)\right]^{n-1} \\ &\quad \left[\frac{1}{(1+x)^2} \right] dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{1+x}\right)^{m-1} \left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right)^{n-1} \left[\frac{1}{(1+x)^2}\right] dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m-1+n-1+2}} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$B(n,m) = B(m,n) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx$$

Example : Evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3}{(1+x)^7} dx$

$$\rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3}{(1+x)^7} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{4-1}}{(1+x)^{4+3}} dx$$

$$= B(4,3)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma 4 \Gamma 3}{\Gamma 4+3} \quad \text{-----} \quad [B(m, n) = \frac{\Gamma m \Gamma n}{\Gamma m+n}]$$

$$= \frac{3! 2!}{6!} = \frac{3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 2 \times 1}{6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = \frac{1}{60}$$

$$2) \text{ show that } B(m,n) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1} + x^{n-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx$$

→ We have to show

$$B(m,n) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1} + x^{n-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx$$

We know

$$\begin{aligned} B(m,n) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx + \int_1^\infty \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx \\ &\quad \dots \quad [\int_0^\infty f(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x) dx + \int_1^\infty f(x) dx] \end{aligned}$$

$$B(m,n) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx + \int_1^\infty \frac{y^{m-1}}{(1+y)^{m+n}} dy \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

Now,

Put $y = \frac{1}{x}$ in 2nd term

$$\therefore dy = \frac{-1}{x^2} dx$$

Here $y = 1 \Rightarrow x = 1$

$y = \infty \Rightarrow x = 0$

from (1)

$$\begin{aligned} B(m,n) &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{m-1}}{\left(1+\frac{1}{x}\right)^{m+n}} \left(\frac{-1}{x^2}\right) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m+n}}{x^{m-1} (x+1)^{m+n}} \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m+n-m+1-2}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx \end{aligned}$$

∴ $B(m,n) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1} + x^{n-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}}$

Thus proved ..



Thank You