

**Theorem.** Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of real numbers such that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges to  $S$ , then  $\int_0^{\infty} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n\right) e^{-x} dx$  exists and is equal to  $S$ . In other words,

$$\int_0^{\infty} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n\right) e^{-x} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n e^{-x} dx$$

*proof.* Consider a function  $f$  defined on  $(0, \infty)$  by

$$f(R) = \int_0^R e^{-x} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n\right) dx.$$

Since the sum  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n e^{-x}$  converges uniformly on  $[0, R]$ , the order of summation and integration in  $f(R)$  can be exchanged, giving  $f(R) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^R \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n e^{-x} dx$ . Then one can show that

$$S - f(R) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_R^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n e^{-x} dx = e^{-R} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{R^k}{k!}\right) a_n$$

by applying integration by parts successively.

Let  $s_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k$  be partial sum of  $a_n$ , with  $s_{-1} = 0$ . Using summation by parts,  $S - f(R) = e^{-R} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (S - s_{n-1}) \frac{R^n}{n!}$ . Since  $s_n \rightarrow S$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can choose  $N$  such that  $|S - s_{n-1}| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  whenever  $n \geq N$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |S - f(R)| &\leq e^{-R} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |S - s_{n-1}| \frac{R^n}{n!} \\ &\leq e^{-R} \left(\sum_{n=0}^N |S - s_{n-1}| \frac{R^n}{n!}\right) + e^{-R} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |S - s_{n-1}| \frac{R^n}{n!} \\ &\leq \max_{0 \leq n \leq N} \left\{ \frac{R^n}{n!} e^{-R} \right\} \left(\sum_{n=0}^N |S - s_{n-1}|\right) + e^{-R} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon R^n}{2 n!} \\ &\leq \max_{0 \leq n \leq N} \left\{ \frac{R^n}{n!} e^{-R} \right\} \left(\sum_{n=0}^N |S - s_{n-1}|\right) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \dots (*) \end{aligned}$$

. Choosing  $K$  sufficiently large, we have  $\max_{0 \leq n \leq N} \left\{ \frac{R^n}{n!} e^{-R} \right\} \left(\sum_{n=0}^N |S - s_{n-1}|\right) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for  $R > K$ . Together with (\*), we have  $|S - f(R)| < \epsilon$  for sufficiently large  $R$ . Therefore,  $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n\right) dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} f(R)$  exists and is equal to  $S$  as desired.