

For $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $y \notin \mathbb{N}$, and $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $|z| \leq R < 1$ for some $R \in (0, 1)$, the Lerch Transcendent is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(z, n, y) &:= \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^q}{(q+y)^n} \\ &= \int_{\lambda_n=0}^1 \int_{\lambda_{n-1}=0}^1 \cdots \int_{\lambda_1=0}^1 \prod_{k=1}^n (\lambda_k^{y-1}) \left(1 - z \prod_{q=1}^n \lambda_q \right)^{-1} d\lambda_1 \cdots d\lambda_{n-1} d\lambda_n \\ &= \int_{\lambda_n=0}^1 \int_{\lambda_{n-1}=0}^1 \cdots \int_{\lambda_1=0}^1 \frac{\lambda_1^{y-1} \cdots \lambda_{n-1}^{y-1} \lambda_n^{y-1}}{1 - z \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_{n-1} \lambda_n} d\lambda_1 \cdots d\lambda_{n-1} d\lambda_n\end{aligned}$$

Proof: Let $\varphi(z, n, y)$ denote the above integral, viz.

$$\varphi(z, n, y) := \int_{\lambda_n=0}^1 \int_{\lambda_{n-1}=0}^1 \cdots \int_{\lambda_1=0}^1 \prod_{k=1}^n (\lambda_k^{y-1}) \left(1 - z \prod_{q=1}^n \lambda_q \right)^{-1} d\lambda_1 \cdots d\lambda_{n-1} d\lambda_n.$$

Expanding $\left(1 - z \prod_{q=1}^n \lambda_q \right)^{-1}$ as a geometric series yields

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(z, n, y) &= \int_{\lambda_n=0}^1 \int_{\lambda_{n-1}=0}^1 \cdots \int_{\lambda_1=0}^1 \prod_{k=1}^n (\lambda_k^{y-1}) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(z^j \prod_{q=1}^n \lambda_q^j \right) d\lambda_1 \cdots d\lambda_{n-1} d\lambda_n \\ &= \int_{\lambda_n=0}^1 \int_{\lambda_{n-1}=0}^1 \cdots \int_{\lambda_1=0}^1 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(z^j \prod_{q=1}^n \lambda_q^{j+y-1} \right) d\lambda_1 \cdots d\lambda_{n-1} d\lambda_n\end{aligned}$$

where the convergence of the geometric series is uniform (since $|z| \leq R < 1$). The interchange of the order of integration and summation is therefore justified, giving

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(z, n, y) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} z^j \int_{\lambda_n=0}^1 \int_{\lambda_{n-1}=0}^1 \cdots \int_{\lambda_1=0}^1 \prod_{q=1}^n (\lambda_q^{j+y-1}) d\lambda_1 \cdots d\lambda_{n-1} d\lambda_n \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} z^j \prod_{q=1}^n \int_{\lambda_q=0}^1 \lambda_q^{j+y-1} d\lambda_q \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} z^j \prod_{q=1}^n (j+y)^{-1} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{(j+y)^n} = \Phi(z, n, y)\end{aligned}$$

which is the required result.