

Math Diversion Problem 835

P. Reany

October 11, 2025

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iBNo4j3vRo&list=PL3E4136E122545FBE>

Title: Gamma Function - Part 4 - Gamma and sine functions together

Presenter: MrYouMath

1 Introduction

This is the fourth part of a 12-part series on the Gamma function. What I'm presenting here is what I refer to as the 'read-a-long notes' to the videos. They are brief on explanations. For better explanations, please see the videos by MrYouMath, as listed above.

2 Gamma and sine functions together

Starting with

$$\Gamma(s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n^s}{s} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{i}{(s+i)} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n^s}{s} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(1+s/i)} \right], \quad (1)$$

and replacing s by its negative, we have that

$$\Gamma(-s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n^{-s}}{-s} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(1-s/i)} \right]. \quad (2)$$

On multiplying these together and rearranging, we have that

$$\Gamma(s)\Gamma(-s)(-s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{s} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(1-s^2/i^2)} \right]. \quad (3)$$

This gives us

$$\Gamma(s)\Gamma(1-s) = \frac{1}{s} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(1-s^2/i^2)}. \quad (4)$$

And, even simpler,¹

$$\Gamma(s)\Gamma(1-s) = \frac{\pi}{\sin \pi s}. \quad (5)$$

¹See Lecture 7 of the Riemann Zeta Function, or refer to the Read-Along notes.