

Math Diversion Problem 845

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You cannot ask us to take sides against arithmetic.
— attributed to Winston Churchill

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Title: Gamma Function - Part 9 -
Euler Integral III (Fresnel Integrals)
Presenter: MrYouMath

1 Introduction

This is the ninth 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 Preparation

$$\frac{\Gamma(s)}{n|p|^s} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha s) \\ \sin(\alpha s) \end{bmatrix} = \int_0^\infty u^{ns-1} e^{-au^n} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(bu^n) \\ \sin(bu^n) \end{bmatrix} du. \quad (1)$$

3 The Euler Integral III (Fresnel Integrals) – Part 9

The Fresnel Integrals have the forms

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \sin u^2 du &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{4}, \\ \int_0^\infty \cos u^2 du &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{4}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Let's bring out (1)

$$\frac{\Gamma(s)}{n|p|^s} \sin(\alpha s) = \int_0^\infty u^{ns-1} e^{i\alpha u^n} \sin(bu^n) du. \quad (3)$$

But we have need of specific values:

$$s = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}, \quad a = 0, \quad b = 1, n = 2, \quad \alpha = \pi/2. \quad (4)$$

On substituting in, we get

$$\frac{1}{2}\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \sin \pi/4 = \int_0^{\infty} \sin u^2 du. \quad (5)$$

Or

$$\int_0^{\infty} \sin u^2 du = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{4}, \quad (6)$$

and similarly for the cosine case.