

Materials discussed on 25/10

We have discussed the following.

1. Show Gauss equation for $\Gamma(z)$:

$$\Gamma(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^z n!}{z(z+1)\dots(z+n)}$$

by using $\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{z-1} dt$.

In the tutorial class, we have shown that

$$\int_0^n \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n t^{z-1} dt = \frac{n^z n!}{z(z+1)\dots(z+n)}.$$

Then by monotone convergence theorem, the limit of L.H.S. is the Gamma function which is analytic.

2. Using Hadamard factorization, show that for any $z \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$\Gamma(z)\Gamma(z+1/2) = 2^{-2z+1} \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(2z).$$

3. Show the above equation using $B(\alpha, \beta)$. Hints: $B(\alpha, \beta)\Gamma(\alpha + \beta) = \Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)$ and try to relate $B(z, 1/2)$ and $B(z, z)$.