

MATHEMATICS 311
ASSIGNMENT 10
Due: April 22, 2015

01° Show that:

$$\Gamma(1) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

02° Show that:

$$\Gamma(z + 1) = z\Gamma(z)$$

where $0 < \operatorname{Re}(z)$. To that end, apply Integration by Parts. Apply Mathematical Induction to infer that:

$$\Gamma(n + 1) = n!$$

where n is any nonnegative integer.

03° Show that:

$$\Gamma(1 - z)\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{-z}}{1+t} dt = \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi z)}$$

where $0 < \operatorname{Re}(z) < 1$. Now we may define:

$$\Delta(z) = \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi z)} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - z)}$$

where $\operatorname{Re}(z) < 1$. Note that Δ has simple poles at:

$$\dots, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0$$

By the foregoing relation, $\Gamma(z)$ and $\Delta(z)$ coincide when $0 < \operatorname{Re}(z) < 1$. As a result, we may say that Γ “extends” uniquely to a meromorphic function on \mathbf{C} .

04° Show that:

$$\frac{\Gamma(w)\Gamma(z)}{\Gamma(w+z)} = \int_0^1 t^{w-1}(1-t)^{z-1} dt$$

where $0 < \operatorname{Re}(w)$ and $0 < \operatorname{Re}(z)$.