



Definition 1. *The Gamma Function is defined as:*

$$\Gamma(s) := \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{s-1} dt \quad (1)$$

for $\text{Re}(s) > 0$.

Theorem 1.

$$\Gamma(ns) = (2\pi)^{\frac{(1-n)}{2}} n^{ns-\frac{1}{2}} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \Gamma\left(s + \frac{k}{n}\right) \quad (2)$$

for $ns \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$.

Proof. One of the main properties of the Gamma Function is the fact that $\Gamma(s+1) = s\Gamma(s)$, which implies:

$$\Gamma\left(s + \frac{k}{n}\right) = \left(s + \frac{k}{n} - 1\right) \Gamma\left(s + \frac{k}{n} - 1\right).$$

While [Gauss's Expression](#) of the Gamma Function is:

$$\Gamma(s) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m! m^s}{s(s+1)(s+2) \cdots (s+m)}. \quad (3)$$

Combining these two equations we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma\left(s + \frac{k}{n}\right) &= \left(s + \frac{k}{n} - 1\right) \Gamma\left(s + \frac{k}{n} - 1\right) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(s + \frac{k}{n} - 1\right) \frac{m! m^{s+\frac{k}{n}-1}}{\left(s + \frac{k}{n} - 1\right) \left(s + \frac{k}{n}\right) \cdots \left(s + \frac{k}{n} - 1 + m\right)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Remember [Stirling's approximation Formula](#) for $m!$:

$$m! \approx \sqrt{2\pi m} \left(\frac{m}{e}\right)^m$$

using this relation we can simplify equation 4:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma\left(s + \frac{k}{n}\right) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(s + \frac{k}{n} - 1\right) \frac{m! m^{s + \frac{k}{n} - 1}}{\left(s + \frac{k}{n} - 1\right) \left(s + \frac{k}{n}\right) \cdots \left(s + \frac{k}{n} - 1 + m\right)} \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi m} \left(\frac{m}{e}\right)^m m^{s + \frac{k}{n} - 1}}{\left(s + \frac{k}{n}\right) \left(s + \frac{k}{n} + 1\right) \cdots \left(s + \frac{k}{n} - 1 + m\right)} \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi m} \left(\frac{m}{e}\right)^m m^{s + \frac{k}{n} - 1}}{\left(s + \frac{k}{n}\right) \left(s + \frac{k}{n} + 1\right) \cdots \left(s + \frac{k}{n} - 1 + m\right)} \cdot \frac{n^m}{n^m} \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi} \left(\frac{mn}{e}\right)^m m^{s + \frac{k}{n} - \frac{1}{2}}}{(ns + k)(ns + k + n) \cdots (ns + k - n + mn)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Consider now the product from $k = 0$ to $n - 1$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \Gamma\left(s + \frac{k}{n}\right) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{2\pi})^n \left(\frac{mn}{e}\right)^{nm} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{m^{s + \frac{k}{n} - \frac{1}{2}}}{(ns + k)(ns + k + n) \cdots (ns + k - n + mn)} \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{2\pi})^n \left(\frac{mn}{e}\right)^{nm} \frac{m^{ns - \frac{n}{2} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{k}{n}}}{(ns)(ns + 1) \cdots (ns + n - 1 - n + mn)} \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{2\pi})^n \left(\frac{mn}{e}\right)^{nm} \frac{m^{ns - \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{(n-1)n}{2}}}{(ns)(ns + 1) \cdots (ns + n - 1 - n + mn)} \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{2\pi})^n \left(\frac{mn}{e}\right)^{nm} \frac{m^{ns - \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}}{(ns)(ns + 1) \cdots (ns - 1 + mn)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Substitute mn with m , this doesn't change the fact that $m \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \Gamma\left(s + \frac{k}{n}\right) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{2\pi})^n \left(\frac{m}{e}\right)^{nm} \frac{m^{ns - \frac{1}{2}}}{(ns)(ns + 1) \cdots (ns - 1 + mn)} \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{2\pi})^n \left(\frac{m}{e}\right)^m \frac{m^{ns - \frac{1}{2}} n^{\frac{1}{2} - ns}}{(ns)(ns + 1) \cdots (ns - 1 + m)} \\
&\text{using again the fact that } m! \approx \sqrt{2\pi m} \left(\frac{m}{e}\right)^m: \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{2\pi})^{n-1} \frac{m! m^{ns-1} n^{\frac{1}{2} - ns}}{(ns)(ns + 1) \cdots (ns - 1 + m)} \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{2\pi})^{n-1} \frac{m! m^{ns-1} n^{\frac{1}{2} - ns}}{(ns)(ns + 1) \cdots (ns - 1 + m)} \cdot \frac{ns - 1}{ns - 1} \\
&= (\sqrt{2\pi})^{n-1} n^{\frac{1}{2} - ns} (ns - 1) \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m! m^{ns-1}}{(ns - 1)(ns)(ns + 1) \cdots (ns - 1 + m)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

The limit term is exactly in the form of equation 3 with $s = ns - 1$, therefore:

$$\prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \Gamma\left(s + \frac{k}{n}\right) = (\sqrt{2\pi})^{n-1} n^{\frac{1}{2}-ns} (ns-1) \Gamma(ns-1) = (\sqrt{2\pi})^{n-1} n^{\frac{1}{2}-ns} \Gamma(ns)$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\Gamma(ns) = (2\pi)^{\frac{(1-n)}{2}} n^{ns-\frac{1}{2}} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \Gamma\left(s + \frac{k}{n}\right).$$

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