



Theorem 1.

$$\gamma = \int_0^1 \frac{1 - e^{-t} - e^{-\frac{1}{t}}}{t} dt \quad (1)$$

where $\gamma := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \log n \right)$ is the **Euler-Mascheroni constant**.

Proof. To prove this notice that:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} = \int_0^1 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^{n-1} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1 - x^n}{1 - x} dx$$

changing variable to $1 - \frac{t}{n} = x$ we have:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} = \int_0^1 \frac{1 - x^n}{1 - x} dx = \int_n^0 \frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n}{1 - \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)} \frac{-dt}{n} = \int_0^n \frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n}{t} dt.$$

While on the other hand:

$$\log n = \int_1^n \frac{1}{t} dt.$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \log n \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_0^n \frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n}{t} dt - \int_1^n \frac{1}{t} dt \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n}{t} dt + \int_1^n \frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n}{t} dt - \int_1^n \frac{1}{t} dt \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n}{t} dt + \int_1^n \frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n}{t} - \frac{1}{t} dt \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n}{t} dt - \int_1^n \frac{\left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n}{t} dt \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(\int_0^1 \frac{1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n}{t} dt - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^n \frac{\left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n}{t} dt \right) \\
&= \int_0^1 \frac{1 - e^{-t}}{t} dt - \int_1^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt = \int_0^1 \frac{1 - e^{-t}}{t} dt - \int_1^0 e^{-\frac{1}{t}t} \left(\frac{-dt}{t^2} \right) \quad (3) \\
&= \int_0^1 \frac{1 - e^{-t} - e^{-\frac{1}{t}}}{t} dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Were we switched the sings of integration and limit thanks to Lebesgue's dominated convergence Theorem, since for $0 \leq t \leq n$ we have $0 \leq 1 - \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n \leq t$ by Bernoulli's inequality and $\left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n \leq e^{-t}$ (because $1 - t \leq e^{-t}$). □