



**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.**

$$\Gamma(s)\Gamma(1-s) = \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi s)} \quad (2)$$

for  $s \neq 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ .

*Proof.* Start by noticing that:

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(1-s)\Gamma(s)} = \frac{1}{-s\Gamma(-s)\Gamma(s)} \quad (3)$$

and remember Euler's infinite Product Formula:

$$\Gamma(s) = \frac{1}{s} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^s}{1 + \frac{s}{n}}$$

proof of this relation can be found [on our site](#).

Therefore, equation 3 can be rewritten as:

$$\frac{1}{-s\Gamma(-s)\Gamma(s)} = \frac{-s^2}{-s} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(1 - \frac{s}{n}\right)\left(1 + \frac{s}{n}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-s}\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^s} = s \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{s^2}{n^2}\right) = \frac{\sin(\pi s)}{\pi} \quad (4)$$

where in the last equality we used the Euler Product expansion of the Sine Function:

$$\sin(s) = s \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{s^2}{\pi^2 n^2}\right) \Rightarrow \sin(\pi s) = \pi s \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{\pi^2 s^2}{\pi^2 n^2}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{\sin(\pi s)}{\pi} = s \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{s^2}{n^2}\right)$$

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**Corollary 1.**

$$\Gamma(s)\Gamma(-s) = -\frac{\pi}{s \sin(\pi s)} \quad (5)$$

and

$$\Gamma(1+s)\Gamma(1-s) = \frac{\pi s}{\sin(\pi s)} \quad (6)$$

for  $s \neq 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ .

*Proof.* To prove 5 use the fact that:

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

$\Downarrow$

$$\Gamma(1-s) = -s\Gamma(-s)$$

in equation 2:

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

$\Downarrow$

$$\Gamma(s)(-s\Gamma(-s)) = \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi s)}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\Gamma(s)\Gamma(-s) = -\frac{\pi}{s \sin(\pi s)}$$

While for 6, simply multiply both sides of 2 by  $s$ :

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

$\Downarrow$

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

$\Downarrow$

$$\Gamma(s+1)\Gamma(1-s) = \frac{\pi s}{\sin(\pi s)}.$$

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