

b. Show that for $x > 0$, $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$.

Definition: The Gamma Function is defined by $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$ for $x > 0$.

Integration by Parts: $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

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Proof: By definition, $\Gamma(x+1) = \int_0^{\infty} t^x e^{-t} dt$. Let $u = t^x$ and let $dv = e^{-t} dt$. Then, using Integration

by Parts, we have $du = xt^{x-1} dt$, $v = -e^{-t}$, and $\int t^x e^{-t} dt = -t^x e^{-t} + \int xt^{x-1} e^{-t} dt = \frac{-t^x}{e^t} + x \int t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$.

Hence, $\Gamma(x+1) = \int_0^{\infty} t^x e^{-t} dt = \frac{-t^x}{e^t} \Big|_0^{\infty} + x \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt = x \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt = x\Gamma(x)$.