

Exam Question**Topic: GammaFunction**

Using appropriate substitutions, show that

$$(i) \quad \int_0^1 \ln \left(\frac{1}{u} \right)^{x-1} du = \Gamma(x),$$

$$(ii) \quad \int_0^{\pi/2} (\tan^9 x + \tan^{11} x) \exp(-\tan^2 x) dx = 12$$

Solution

(i) Let $u = e^{-t}$, so $\ln \ln \left(\frac{1}{u} \right) = t$.

$$\int_0^1 \ln \left(\frac{1}{u} \right)^{x-1} du = \int_{\infty}^0 t^{x-1} (-e^{-t}) dt = \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} (-e^{-t}) dt = \Gamma(x).$$

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) \quad I &= \int_0^{\pi/2} (\tan^9 x + \tan^{11} x) \exp(-\tan^2 x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} (\tan^2 x)^4 \cdot 2 \tan x (1 + \tan^2 x) \exp(-\tan^2 x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} (\tan^2 x)^4 \cdot 2 \tan x \sec^2 x \exp(-\tan^2 x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Let $t = \tan^2 x$; $dt = 2 \tan x \sec^2 x dx$

$$\text{So } I = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} t^4 e^{-t} dt = \frac{\Gamma(5)}{2} = \frac{4!}{2} = 12.$$