

1. Evaluate  $\Gamma(-\frac{1}{2})$ ,  $\Gamma(-\frac{7}{2})$ ,  $\Gamma(-\frac{1}{3})$ .

2. Let  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . Show that

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + n\right) = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)}{2^n} \sqrt{\pi}.$$

3. Use Wielandt's theorem to prove that for  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$

$$\Gamma(z) = \frac{1}{g(z)}, \quad \text{where} \quad g(z) = ze^{Cz} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{z}{k}\right) e^{-z/k},$$

where  $C = \lim_k (1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots - \log k)$  is the Euler-Mascheroni constant.

(The definition of  $\Gamma$  as the reciprocal of the above function  $g$  is in Cartan's book, p.159-161).

4. Use Wielandt's theorem to prove the Legendre duplication formula

$$\Gamma(2z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{2z-1} \Gamma(z) \Gamma(z + \frac{1}{2}).$$

(hint: let  $w = 2z$  and consider the function  $f(w) = 2^w \Gamma(\frac{w}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{w}{2} + \frac{1}{2})$ ).

5. Prove that if  $y > 0$ , then

$$|\Gamma(iy)| = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{y \sinh \pi y}}.$$

6. Recall that  $\zeta(s) = \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{p^s}}$ , for  $s \in \mathbf{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ . Compute the logarithmic derivative of  $\zeta$  (justify the steps).

7. Let  $2, 3, 5, 7, \dots$  be the series of prime numbers. Prove that

$$(1 - \frac{1}{2^2})(1 - \frac{1}{3^2})(1 - \frac{1}{5^2})(1 - \frac{1}{7^2}) \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

8. Verify that  $\zeta(1-s) = 2^{1-s} \pi^{-s} \Gamma(s) \cos(\frac{\pi s}{2}) \zeta(s)$ .

9. Using the analytic continuation given by the formula of the previous exercise, prove that  $\zeta(-1) = -\frac{1}{12}$  and that  $\zeta(-3) = \frac{1}{120}$ .

10. Compute  $\zeta(m)$ , where  $m$  is a negative integer.