

Gamma function

$$\textcircled{1} e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$\textcircled{2} 1 = e^{-x} + xe^{-x} + \frac{1}{2}x^2e^{-x} + \dots = e^{-x} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$\textcircled{3}$ Integrate both sides ~~multiple times~~

$$\int 1 dx = \int e^{-x} dx + \int xe^{-x} dx + \int \frac{1}{2}x^2e^{-x} dx + \dots$$

$$x = -e^{-x} \left[(x+1) + \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + 1 \right) + \left(\frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + 1 \right) + \dots \right]$$

$$\int xe^{-x} dx = -xe^{-x} + \int e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x}(x+1)$$

$$da = e^{-x} dx \quad b = x$$

$$a = -e^{-x} \quad db = dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{2}x^2e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x} \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + 1 \right)$$

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$$\int \frac{1}{6}x^3e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x} \left(\frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + 1 \right)$$

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$$\textcircled{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \frac{1}{n!} x^n e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x^i}{i!} = -1$$

Last term in $\int 1 dx$ Taylor series

→ Write expression for each term in $\int 1 dx$ Taylor series.

$$\textcircled{5} \int \frac{1}{n!} x^n e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x^i}{i!}$$

Multiply both sides by $n!$

$$\int x^n e^{-x} dx = \left(-e^{-x} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x^i}{i!} \right) n!$$

We can isolate $n!$ by evaluating the indefinite integral expression at different points.

$$\left. -e^{-x} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x^i}{i!} \right|_{x=0} = -1$$

$$\textcircled{6} \left. -e^{-x} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x^i}{i!} \right|_{x \rightarrow \infty} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{7} \int_0^{\infty} x^n e^{-x} dx = n! \left[-e^{-x} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x^i}{i!} \right]_0^{\infty} = n! [0 - (-1)] = n!$$

$$n! = \int_0^{\infty} x^n e^{-x} dx$$