

Recurrence Formulas

6.1.15 $\Gamma(z+1) = z\Gamma(z) = z! = z(z-1)!$

6.1.16

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(n+z) &= (n-1+z)(n-2+z) \dots (1+z)\Gamma(1+z) \\ &= (n-1+z)! \\ &= (n-1+z)(n-2+z) \dots (1+z)z! \end{aligned}$$

Reflection Formula

6.1.17 $\Gamma(z)\Gamma(1-z) = -z\Gamma(-z)\Gamma(z) = \pi \csc \pi z$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{z-1}}{1+t} dt \quad (0 < \Re z < 1)$$

Duplication Formula

6.1.18 $\Gamma(2z) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} 2^{2z-\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma(z) \Gamma(z+\frac{1}{2})$

Triplication Formula

6.1.19 $\Gamma(3z) = (2\pi)^{-1} 3^{3z-\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma(z) \Gamma(z+\frac{1}{3}) \Gamma(z+\frac{2}{3})$

Gauss' Multiplication Formula

6.1.20 $\Gamma(nz) = (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}(1-n)} n^{nz-\frac{1}{2}} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \Gamma\left(z+\frac{k}{n}\right)$

Binomial Coefficient

6.1.21 $\binom{z}{w} = \frac{z!}{w!(z-w)!} = \frac{\Gamma(z+1)}{\Gamma(w+1)\Gamma(z-w+1)}$

Pochhammer's Symbol

6.1.22

$(z)_0 = 1,$

$(z)_n = z(z+1)(z+2) \dots (z+n-1) = \frac{\Gamma(z+n)}{\Gamma(z)}$

Gamma Function in the Complex Plane

6.1.23 $\Gamma(\bar{z}) = \overline{\Gamma(z)}; \ln \Gamma(\bar{z}) = \overline{\ln \Gamma(z)}$

6.1.24 $\arg \Gamma(z+1) = \arg \Gamma(z) + \arctan \frac{y}{x}$

6.1.25 $\left| \frac{\Gamma(x+iy)}{\Gamma(x)} \right|^2 = \prod_{n=0}^\infty \left[1 + \frac{y^2}{(x+n)^2} \right]^{-1}$

6.1.26 $|\Gamma(x+iy)| \leq |\Gamma(x)|$

6.1.27

$$\arg \Gamma(x+iy) = y\psi(x) + \sum_{n=0}^\infty \left(\frac{y}{x+n} - \arctan \frac{y}{x+n} \right)$$

$(x+iy \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots)$

where $\psi(z) = \Gamma'(z)/\Gamma(z)$

6.1.28 $\Gamma(1+iy) = iy \Gamma(iy)$

6.1.29 $\Gamma(iy)\Gamma(-iy) = |\Gamma(iy)|^2 = \frac{\pi}{y \sinh \pi y}$

6.1.30 $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}+iy)\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}-iy) = |\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}+iy)|^2 = \frac{\pi}{\cosh \pi y}$

6.1.31 $\Gamma(1+iy)\Gamma(1-iy) = |\Gamma(1+iy)|^2 = \frac{\pi y}{\sinh \pi y}$

6.1.32 $\Gamma(\frac{1}{4}+iy)\Gamma(\frac{3}{4}-iy) = \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{\cosh \pi y + i \sinh \pi y}$

Power Series

6.1.33

$\ln \Gamma(1+z) = -\ln(1+z) + z(1-\gamma)$

$$+ \sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n [\zeta(n) - 1] z^n}{n} \quad (|z| < 2)$$

$\zeta(n)$ is the Riemann Zeta Function (see chapter 23).

Series Expansion² for $1/\Gamma(z)$

6.1.34 $\frac{1}{\Gamma(z)} = \sum_{k=1}^\infty c_k z^k \quad (|z| < \infty)$

k	c_k
1	1.00000 00000 000000
2	0.57721 56649 015329
3	-0.65587 80715 202538
4	-0.04200 26350 340952
5	0.16653 86113 822915
6	-0.04219 77345 555443
7	-0.00962 19715 278770
8	0.00721 89432 466630
9	-0.00116 51675 918591
10	-0.00021 52416 741149
11	0.00012 80502 823882
12	-0.00002 01348 547807
13	-0.00000 12504 934821
14	0.00000 11330 272320
15	-0.00000 02056 338417
16	0.00000 00061 160950
17	0.00000 00050 020075
18	-0.00000 00011 812746
19	0.00000 00001 043427
20	0.00000 00000 077823
21	-0.00000 00000 036968
22	0.00000 00000 005100
23	-0.00000 00000 000206
24	-0.00000 00000 000054
25	0.00000 00000 000014
26	0.00000 00000 000001

² The coefficients c_k are from H. T. Davis, Tables of higher mathematical functions, 2 vols., Principia Press, Bloomington, Ind., 1933, 1935 (with permission); with corrections due to H. E. Salzer.