

Show that the value of this integral exceeds $\frac{3\pi}{2}$:

$$\int_0^\pi e^{\sin^2 x} dx$$

Proof. We note that the Taylor series for e^x is convergent everywhere, so we have that

$$\begin{aligned} e^x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \implies e^{\sin^2 x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^{2n} x}{n!} \\ \implies \int_0^\pi e^{\sin^2 x} dx &= \int_0^\pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^{2n} x}{n!} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin^{2n} x}{n!} dx \end{aligned}$$

(The last step here requires some justification, but is true.) And furthermore,

$$\forall n \geq 0, \frac{\sin^{2n} x}{n!} \geq 0 \implies \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin^{2n} x}{n!} dx \geq 0$$

So we may consider the partial sum:

$$\sum_{n=0}^2 \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin^{2n} x}{n!} dx = \int_0^\pi dx + \int_0^\pi \sin^2 x dx + \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin^4 x}{2} dx = \pi + \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{3\pi}{8} = \frac{13\pi}{8} > \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

It follows that the original integral exceeds $\frac{3\pi}{2}$. □