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$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \\ I^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} e^{-y^2} dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-r^2} r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \cdot \int_0^\infty e^{-r^2} r dr \\ &= 2\pi \cdot \int_0^\infty r e^{-r^2} dr \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^\infty r e^{-r^2} dr$$

Let  $u = r^2$  so that  $du = 2r dr$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty r e^{-r^2} dr &= \int_0^\infty e^{-u} \frac{du}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-u} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

We substitute into the expression:

$$\begin{aligned} &2\pi \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \pi \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} I^2 &= \pi \\ I &= \sqrt{\pi} \end{aligned}$$