

2.5 We are given:

$$\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b) = \int_0^\infty \exp(-x)x^{a-1}dx \int_0^\infty \exp(-y)y^{b-1}dy$$

Bringing the integral over y inside the integrand of the integral over x:

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b) &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \exp(-x)x^{a-1} \exp(-y)y^{b-1}dy dx \\ \Gamma(a)\Gamma(b) &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \exp(-(x+y))x^{a-1} y^{b-1}dy dx\end{aligned}$$

Making the change of variable $t = y + x$ where x is fixed. For a fixed x , t ranges from x to ∞ , giving us:

$$\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b) = \int_0^\infty \int_x^\infty \exp(-t) x^{a-1} (t-x)^{b-1} dt dx$$

Interchanging the order of the x and t integrations, we need to find the limits for x and t . Source to understand this change in detail : Youtube video

The absolute range of t is 0 to ∞ . For a fixed t , x ranges from 0 to t , giving us:

$$\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^t \exp(-t) x^{a-1} (t-x)^{b-1} dx dt$$

Making the change of variable $x = t\mu$ where t is fixed. The limits of μ become 0 to 1, giving us:

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b) &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 \exp(-t) (t\mu)^{a-1} (t-t\mu)^{b-1} d(t\mu) dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 \exp(-t) (t\mu)^{a-1} (t-t\mu)^{b-1} t d\mu dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 \exp(-t) t^a \mu^{a-1} t^{b-1} (1-\mu)^{b-1} d\mu dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 \exp(-t) t^{a+b-1} \mu^{a-1} (1-\mu)^{b-1} d\mu dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \exp(-t) t^{a+b-1} dt \int_0^1 \mu^{a-1} (1-\mu)^{b-1} d\mu\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\implies \Gamma(a)\Gamma(b) &= \Gamma(a+b) \int_0^1 \mu^{a-1} (1-\mu)^{b-1} d\mu \\ \implies \int_0^1 \mu^{a-1} (1-\mu)^{b-1} d\mu &= \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}\end{aligned}$$