

**Quiz Test 6**  
**Beta, Gamma Functions**

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1. Which among the following is a correct integral representation of Gamma function?

(a)  $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$

(b)  $\Gamma(p) = \int_1^\infty x^{p-1} e^{-x} dx$

(c)  $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^1 t^x e^t dt$

(d)  $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$

2. Find the incorrect option.

(a)  $\frac{3\Gamma(6)}{\Gamma(4)} = 60$       (b)  $\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{\pi}$       (c)  $\int_0^\infty x^7 e^{-x} dx = 5040$       (d)  $\Gamma(0) = 1!$

3. Find the value of  $\int_0^\infty x^6 e^{-4x^2} dx$ .

(a)  $\frac{15\sqrt{\pi}}{2048}$       (b)  $\frac{1}{156}\Gamma\left(\frac{7}{2}\right)$       (c)  $\frac{105\sqrt{\pi}}{4096}$       (d)  $\frac{1}{256}\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$

Hint: Substitute  $4x^2 = t$ .

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty x^6 e^{-4x^2} dx = \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{t}{4}\right)^3 e^{-t} \frac{dt}{4\sqrt{t}} = \frac{1}{256}\Gamma\left(\frac{7}{2}\right).$$

4. Which among the following is NOT a correct value of  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{\tan \theta} d\theta$  ?

(a)  $\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$       (b)  $\frac{1}{2}\beta\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$       (c)  $\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$       (d)  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta \cos^{-\frac{1}{2}} \theta d\theta$

Hint:  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{\tan \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2}\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$ . Furthermore, by Euler's reflection formula

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \sqrt{2}\pi.$$

5. Find the value of  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^7 \theta d\theta$ .

- (a)  $\beta\left(4, \frac{1}{2}\right)$       (b)  $\frac{8\sqrt{\pi}}{35}$       (c)  $\frac{16}{35}$       (d)  $\frac{8}{35}$

Hint: Comparing with the beta function, the integral is equal to

$$\frac{1}{2}\beta\left(4, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma(4)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)} = \frac{8}{35}.$$

6. Find the value of  $\int_0^\infty 2x^4 e^{1-x} dx$ .  
 (a) It diverges to  $\infty$ .      (b)  $12e$       (c)  $48e$       (d)  $48$

Hint:  $2e \int_0^\infty x^4 e^{-x} dx = 2e\Gamma(5) = 48e$ .

7. Evaluate the value of  $\int_0^\infty x^3 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx$ .  
 (a)  $2$       (b)  $4$       (c) not defined      (d)  $\frac{1}{2}$

Substitute  $\frac{x^2}{2} = t \implies x dx = dt \implies \int_0^\infty 2te^{-t} dt = 2\Gamma(2) = 2$ .

8. Choose the correct value of  $\int_0^1 \left(\ln \frac{1}{x}\right)^{a-1} dx$ , where  $a \neq 1, 0, -1, -2, \dots$   
 (a)  $\Gamma(a)$       (b)  $a!$       (c) not defined      (d)  $\ln a$

Hint: Substitute  $\ln \frac{1}{x} = t \implies dx = -e^{-t} dt$ .

$$\therefore \int_0^1 \left(\ln \frac{1}{x}\right)^{a-1} dx = \int_0^\infty t^{a-1} e^{-t} dt = \Gamma(a).$$

9. Which among the following is NOT correct?

(a) For **nonnegative** integer values, Gamma function is not defined.

(b)  $\frac{\int_0^1 x^{p-1}(1-x)^{q-1} dx}{\int_0^1 t^{q-1}(1-t)^{p-1} dt} = 1$



(c)  $\beta\left(\frac{2}{7}, \frac{5}{7}\right) = \beta\left(\frac{3}{7}, \frac{4}{7}\right)$

(d)  $\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \sqrt{2}\pi$

Hint: ~~(a) is correct from the definition of Gamma function.~~ (b) is correct since  $\beta(m, n) = \beta(n, m)$ . (d) is correct. To see it, apply Euler's reflection formula.

10. Find the value of  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^2 2x \cos^4 2x \, dx$ .

- (a)  $\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{64}$       (b)  $\frac{\pi}{64}$       (c)  $\frac{\pi}{32}$       (d)  $\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{32}$

Hint: Substitute  $2x = t$ . Then the integral becomes

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^2 t \cos^4 t \, \frac{dt}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \beta\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{64}.$$

11. Find the value of  $\Gamma\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)$ .

- (a)  $\frac{4\pi}{3}$       (b)  $-\frac{4\sqrt{\pi}}{3}$       (c)  $\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3}$       (d)  $\frac{4\sqrt{\pi}}{3}$

12. What is the value of  $\frac{\Gamma(-\frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}$  ?

- (a) not defined      (b) 2      (c) -2      (d)  $2\sqrt{\pi}$

Hint:  $\Gamma\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -2\sqrt{\pi}$  and  $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$ .

13. Find the value of  $\int_0^{\infty} \sqrt{x} e^{-\sqrt{x}} \, dx$ .

- (a) 2      (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$       (c) 4      (d) not defined

Hint: Substitute  $\sqrt{x} = t$ . Then the integral becomes  $\int_0^{\infty} t e^{-t} 2t \, dt = 2\Gamma(3) = 4$ .

14. Which among the following is not the correct value of  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta \cos^{\frac{7}{2}} \theta \, d\theta$  ?

- (a)  $\frac{5\sqrt{2}\pi}{64}$       (b)  $\frac{5}{64} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$       (c)  $\frac{5}{192} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$       (d)  $\frac{1}{2} \beta\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{9}{4}\right)$

Hint:  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta \cos^{\frac{7}{2}} \theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \beta\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{9}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)}{\Gamma(3)} = \frac{5}{64} \times \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$ .

Furthermore, by Euler's reflection formula

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \sqrt{2}\pi.$$

15. Which among the following is **incorrect** value of

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^5 \theta \cos^4 \theta \, d\theta ?$$

(a)  $\frac{1}{2}\beta\left(3, \frac{5}{2}\right)$       (b)  $\frac{8}{315}$       (c)  $\frac{8}{105}$       (d)  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma(3)\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{11}{2}\right)}$

Hint:  $\frac{1}{2}\beta\left(3, \frac{5}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma(3)\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{11}{2}\right)}$ . Also,  $\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\pi}$  and  $\Gamma\left(\frac{11}{2}\right) =$

$$\frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\pi}$$