

Proposition 1. Let a, z and λ be positive real parameters such that $z = \lambda a$. If $0 < \lambda < 1$, then

$$\Gamma(a, z) = \Gamma(a) + \mathcal{O}_\lambda(z^{a-1}e^{-z})$$

as $z \rightarrow +\infty$.

Remark. This asymptotics is useful only when λ is bounded away from 1. The same is true for the first estimate in your Proposition A.2.

Proof. This asymptotic estimate follows directly from the asymptotic expansion

$$\Gamma(a, z) \sim \Gamma(a) + z^a e^{-z} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-a)^k b_k(\lambda)}{(z-a)^{2k+1}}$$

as $z \rightarrow +\infty$ (see, e.g., [1, Eq. (2.1)]). □

Proposition 2. As $x \rightarrow +\infty$,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor 2 \log \log x \rfloor} \frac{(\log \log x)^{k-1/2}}{(2k-1)(k-1)!} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\log x}{\sqrt{\log \log x}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\log x}{(\log \log x)^{3/2}}\right).$$

Proof. We have for $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{t^{k-1}}{(2k-1)(k-1)!} &= \int_0^1 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(s^2 t)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} ds = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^1 e^{s^2 t} \Gamma(n, s^2 t) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^1 e^{s^2 t} \Gamma(n, s^2 t) ds = \frac{t^{-1/2}}{2(n-1)!} \int_0^t u^{-1/2} e^u \Gamma(n, u) du \end{aligned}$$

(cf. (30a)). Integrating once by parts shows that this is further equal to

$$\frac{1}{2(n-1)!} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}} \Gamma(n, t) \operatorname{erfi}(\sqrt{t}) + \frac{1}{2(n-1)!} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}} \int_0^t u^{n-1} e^{-u} \operatorname{erfi}(\sqrt{u}) du.$$

From now on assume that $t = \frac{1}{2}n + \xi$, $\xi = \mathcal{O}(1)$. By [2, Eq. 7.12.1]) and the definition of erfi ,

$$e^{-t} \operatorname{erfi}(\sqrt{t}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{t^{3/2}}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{t^{1/2}}\right)$$

as $t \rightarrow +\infty$. Consequently,

$$\frac{1}{2(n-1)!} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}} \int_0^t u^{n-1} e^{-u} \operatorname{erfi}(\sqrt{u}) du = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \mathcal{O}(t^{n-2})$$

as $t \rightarrow +\infty$. Applying Proposition 1 with $a = n$, $z = t$ and $\lambda = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\xi}{n}$, we find

$$\Gamma(n, t) = \Gamma(n) + \mathcal{O}(t^{n-1}e^{-t})$$

as $t \rightarrow +\infty$. Thus,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{t^{k-1}}{(2k-1)(k-1)!} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^t}{t} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{e^t}{t^2}\right) + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \mathcal{O}(t^{n-2})$$

as $t \rightarrow +\infty$. By [2, Eq. 5.11.8],

$$(n-1)! = \Gamma(2t-2\xi) = (2t)^{2t-2\xi-1/2} e^{-2t} \mathcal{O}(1) = e^{-t} \left(\frac{4}{e}\right)^t t^{n-1/2} \mathcal{O}(1),$$

whence,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{t^{k-1}}{(2k-1)(k-1)!} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^t}{t} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{e^t}{t^2}\right) + \left(\frac{e}{4}\right)^t \sqrt{t} \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{e^t}{t^2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^t}{t} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{e^t}{t^2}\right)$$

as $n \rightarrow +\infty$ with $t = \frac{1}{2}n + \mathcal{O}(1)$. Substituting $n = \lfloor 2 \log \log x \rfloor$, $t = \log \log x$ and doing some algebra, we obtain the desired result. \square

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