

## Laplace's method

Suppose  $f(x)$  is a twice continuously differentiable function on  $[a, b]$ , and there exists a unique point  $x_0 \in (a, b)$  such that:

$$f(x_0) = \max_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad f''(x_0) < 0.$$

Then:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_a^b e^{nf(x)} dx}{e^{nf(x_0)} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{n(-f''(x_0))}}} = 1. \quad (1)$$

## Euler Product Formula

Let's take  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ . The Euler Product Formula, when  $\Re(s) > 1$ , is given by:

$$\prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \left( \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \right) = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^{ks}} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \zeta(s) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{s-1}}{e^x - 1} dx \quad (2)$$

Where:

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{s-1} e^{-x} dx$$

## Stirling's formula

It is also called Stirling's approximation for factorials:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{n!}{\sqrt{2\pi n} (n/e)^n} = 1 \quad (3)$$

Also frequently written as:

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left( \frac{n}{e} \right)^n$$

One can easily derive the following limit from Stirling's formula:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n!)^{1/n}}{n} = \frac{1}{e}$$