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ETERNITY:FUNCTION F4

$\Gamma(x)$

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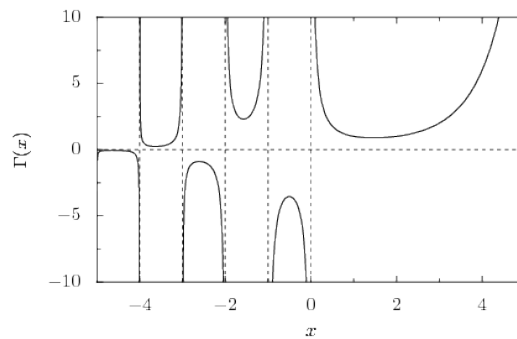


Figure 1: Graph of Gamma Function.[2]

<https://github.com/tavtejS07/SOEN-6011>

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1 Problem 3

1.1 Algorithms

Algorithm 1 Lanczos Approximation for StrictMath

```
1: if  $x$  is negative or is  $NaN$  then  
2:    $NaN$   
3: if  $x$  is equal to 0 then  
4:   return 1  
5: if  $x$  is greater than 0 then  
6:    $double\ d = (x - 0.5) * \log(x + 4.5) - (x + 4.5)$   
7:    $double\ e = 1.0 + X1/(x + 0) - X2/(x + 1) + X3/(x + 2) -$   
8:    $X4/(x + 3) + X5/(X + 4) - X6/(x + 5)$   
9:   return  $d + \log(d1 * \text{sqrt}(2 * \pi)) - - > \logGamma$   
10: Using the value returned in Line 9 calculate  $\Gamma(x)$   
11: return  $\exp(\logGamma(x))$ 
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Algorithm 2 Stirling's Approximation for StrictMath

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1: if  $x$  is negative or is  $NaN$  then  
2:    $NaN$   
3: if  $x$  is equal to 0 then  
4:   return 1  
5: if  $x$  is greater than 0 then  
6:   return  $\text{sqrt}(2 * \frac{\pi}{x}) * (\frac{x}{e})^x$ 
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1.2 Technical Aspects

Algorithm 1 is Lanczos approximation of the function $\Gamma(x)$. This is an alternative to the Stirling's approximation. The advantage of this is the less number of single or double floating point precision required. If a real constant is known then we can easily calculate the coefficients in advance and use a single formula.

Algorithm 2 is the approximation of factorials. It has Big Oh! of $O(n \log n)$.

Calculation factorial for larger numbers take time if we implement $n!$. Using the Stirling's approximation it reduces the time of calculation.

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