

Property of $\psi(m, a)$

If,

$$\psi(m, a) = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-x^2} x^{m-1}}{(1+x^2)^a} dx$$

where $m > 0$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$, then prove that,

$$\left(\frac{e\pi \operatorname{erfc}(1)}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k B\left(\frac{1}{2} + k, \frac{1}{2} + k\right) \psi(4k+2, k+1)$$

where $B(x, y)$ is the Beta function.

Proof: Consider the following product,

$$\psi(m, a)\psi(n, a) = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-x^2} x^{m-1}}{(1+x^2)^a} dx \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-y^2} y^{n-1}}{(1+y^2)^a} dy = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-(x^2+y^2)} x^{m-1} y^{n-1}}{(1+x^2)^a (1+y^2)^a} dx dy$$

Transforming cartesian coordinates into polar coordinates, we obtain,

$$\psi(m, a)\psi(n, a) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-r^2} (r \cos(\theta))^{m-1} (r \sin(\theta))^{n-1}}{(1+r^2+r^4 \sin^2(\theta) \cos^2(\theta))^a} r dr d\theta$$

Thus,

$$\psi(m, a)\psi(n, a) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{m-1}(\theta) \sin^{n-1}(\theta) \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-r^2} r^{m+n-1}}{(1+r^2+r^4 \sin^2(\theta) \cos^2(\theta))^a} dr d\theta$$

Taking $(1+r^2)^a$ common from the denominator and then expanding the denominator using binomial theorem, we get,

$$\psi(m, a)\psi(n, a) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{m-1}(\theta) \sin^{n-1}(\theta) \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-r^2} r^{m+n-1}}{(1+r^2)^a} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-a)_k}{k!} \left(\frac{r^4 \sin^2(\theta) \cos^2(\theta)}{1+r^2}\right)^k dr d\theta$$

Now, inverting the order of integration and summation and using the known identity $(-a)_k = (-1)^k a^{(k)}$, we get,

$$\psi(m, a)\psi(n, a) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k a^{(k)}}{k!} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-r^2} r^{4k+m+n-1}}{(1+r^2)^{k+a}} dr \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{m+2k-1}(\theta) \sin^{n+2k-1}(\theta) d\theta$$

It is well known that,

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^p(\theta) \sin^q(\theta) d\theta = \frac{B\left(\frac{p+1}{2}, \frac{q+1}{2}\right)}{2}$$

Thus, using the above identity and with some manipulations,

$$2\psi(m, a)\psi(n, a) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k a^{(k)}}{k!} \psi(4k + m + n, k + a) B\left(\frac{m}{2} + k, \frac{n}{2} + k\right)$$

Now substituting $m = n = a = 1$, we obtain,

$$\psi^2(1, 1) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k B\left(\frac{1}{2} + k, \frac{1}{2} + k\right) \psi(4k + 2, k + 1)$$

It can be easily shown that,

$$\psi(1, 1) = \frac{e\pi \operatorname{erfc}(1)}{2}$$

by letting

$$I(n) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-nx^2}}{1+x^2} dx$$

and then by forming a differential equation,

$$I(n) - I'(n) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt{n}}$$

solving it we obtain,

$$I(n) = \frac{1}{2} \pi e^n \operatorname{erfc}(\sqrt{n})$$

Put $n = 1$ to obtain the desired result.

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