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i-th DERIVATIVE AND HALF-DERIVATIVE OF x

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Abstract: here is a proof of the value of the i-th derivative of x, as well as that of the half-derivative of x.

1-EULER GAMMA FUNCTION

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{z-1} dt \tag{1.1}$$

Of course $\Gamma(1) = 1$. Then,

$$\Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma(n); \tag{1.2}$$

in fact, after an integration by parts:

$$\Gamma(z) = e^{-t} \frac{t^z}{z} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \frac{1}{z} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^z dt = 0 + \frac{1}{z} \Gamma(z+1) \text{ and by iterating the } \Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma(n), \text{ we get:}$$

$$\Gamma(n+1) = n! \tag{1.3}$$

2-GAUSS INTEGRAL

We have the following two integrals (identical):

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx \quad I = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha y^2} dy \tag{2.1}$$

After multiplying them each other: $I^2 = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha(x^2+y^2)} dx dy$; now, in polar coordinates:

($x^2 + y^2 = r^2$, $dS = dx dy = r dr d\theta$), we have:

$$I^2 = \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha r^2} r dr d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha r^2} r dr = -\frac{\pi}{4\alpha} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{\pi}{4\alpha}, \text{ so:}$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \tag{2.2}$$

3-PARTICULAR VALUES OF THE EULER GAMMA FUNCTION

The (1.3) with $n=0$ yields $\Gamma(1)=0!=1$, while with $n=1$, gives $\Gamma(2)=1!=1$.

Moreover, the (1.1) with $z=1/2$ becomes:

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{\frac{1}{2}-1} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt; \text{ now, by saying that } t=w^2, \text{ we have: } (\rightarrow dt/dw=2w)$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-w^2} w^{-1} 2w dw = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-w^2} dw \tag{3.1}$$

And according to the (2.2) with $\alpha=1$, we have: $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-w^2} dw = \sqrt{\pi}$.

At last, according to the (1.2): $\Gamma(3/2)=\Gamma(1/2 + 1)=1/2 \Gamma(1/2)=(1/2)! = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$

$$\text{Results: } \Gamma(1)=1, \quad \Gamma(2)=1, \quad \Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}, \quad \Gamma(3/2) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}. \quad (3.2)$$

4-HALF-DERIVATIVE OF x

$$\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} x = \frac{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\pi}}. \text{ Proof:}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^k = kx^{k-1}, \quad \frac{d^2}{dx^2} x^k = k(k-1)x^{k-2}, \quad \frac{d^n}{dx^n} x^k = k(k-1)(k-n+1)x^{k-n} = \frac{k!}{(k-n)!} x^{k-n}; \text{ now,}$$

according to the Euler Gamma Function, we have:

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n} x^k = \frac{k!}{(k-n)!} x^{k-n} = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k-n+1)} x^{k-n} \quad (4.1)$$

and with $k=1$ and $n=1/2$, we have: $\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} x = \frac{\Gamma(1+1)}{\Gamma(1-\frac{1}{2}+1)} x^{1-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})} x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and according to the (3.2) we get:

$$\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} x = \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}} x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} x^{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ so:}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} x^{\frac{1}{2}}}. \quad (4.2)$$

Check: as it must be: $(\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}})x = \frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}}} x = \frac{d}{dx} x = 1$, then:

$$(\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}})x = \frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} (\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} x) = \frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} (\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} x^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} (x^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}+1)}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}+1)} x^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})}{\Gamma(1)} x^0 = 1$$

qed.

5- i-th DERIVATIVE OF x

According to the (4.1) with $k=1$ and $n=i$, we have: $\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x = \frac{1!}{(1-i)!} x^{k-n} = \frac{\Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(2-i)} x^{1-i} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-i)} x^{1-i}$

Now, considering that: $\frac{1}{\Gamma(2-i)} = \frac{1}{\Gamma[1+(1-i)]} = \frac{1}{(1-i)\Gamma(1-i)} = \frac{1}{(1-i)} \frac{(1+i)}{(1+i)\Gamma(1-i)} = \frac{(1+i)}{2\Gamma(1-i)}$,

$$\text{we have: } \frac{d^i}{dx^i} x = \frac{(1+i)}{2\Gamma(1-i)} x^{1-i}, \quad (5.1)$$

but according to the Reflection Formula (see the (6.1)), we get: $\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1-n) = \frac{\pi}{\sin n\pi}$, from which:

$$\Gamma(i)\Gamma(1-i) = \frac{\pi}{\sin i\pi} = \frac{\pi}{i \sinh \pi}, \quad (5.2)$$

but as (see the (1.2) and the (7.1)): $\Gamma(i+1) = i\Gamma(i) = i!$, from which: $\Gamma(i) = \frac{i!}{i}$, then the (5.2)

becomes:

$$\Gamma(i)\Gamma(1-i) = \frac{i!}{i}\Gamma(1-i) = \frac{\pi}{i \sinh \pi}, \text{ from which: } \Gamma(1-i) = \frac{\pi}{i! \sinh \pi}, \text{ and so the (5.1) becomes:}$$

$$\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x = \frac{i!(1+i) \sinh \pi}{2\pi} x^{1-i} \quad (5.3)$$

and as according to the (7.1), $i! = (0.4980 - i0.1549)$ (and moreover $\sinh \pi = 11.53$), then, from the (5.3):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^i}{dx^i} x &= \frac{11.53(0.4980 - i0.1549)(1+i)}{2\pi} x^{1-i} = (1.1983 + i0.6297)e^{(1-i)\ln x} = (1.1983 + i0.6297)e^{\ln x} e^{-i \ln x} = \\ &= x(1.1983 + i0.6297)[\cos(\ln x) - i \sin(\ln x)] = x[1.1983 \cos(\ln x) - i1.1983 \sin(\ln x) + \\ &+ i0.6297 \cos(\ln x) + 0.6297 \sin(\ln x)] = x\{[1.1983 \cos(\ln x) + 0.6297 \sin(\ln x)] + \\ &+ i[0.6297 \cos(\ln x) - 1.1983 \sin(\ln x)]\}, \text{ that is:} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x = x\{[1.1983 \cos(\ln x) + 0.6297 \sin(\ln x)] + i[0.6297 \cos(\ln x) - 1.1983 \sin(\ln x)]\}} \quad (5.4)$$

or again: $\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x = a(x) + ib(x)$, where:

$$a(x) = x[1.1983 \cos(\ln x) + 0.6297 \sin(\ln x)]$$

$$b(x) = x[0.6297 \cos(\ln x) - 1.1983 \sin(\ln x)]$$

At last, we evaluate $\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x^i$. From the (4.1) with $n=k=i$, we have:

$$\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x^i = \frac{i!}{(i-i)!} x^{i-i} = i!, \text{ or: } \boxed{\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x^i = i!}.$$

6-REFLECTION FORMULA

$$\text{Here it is: } \frac{2}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1-n)} = \frac{2 \sin n\pi}{\pi}. \quad (6.1)$$

In fact, we know that $\frac{\sin x}{x}$ is zero in $-\pi, +\pi, -2\pi, +2\pi, \dots, -n\pi, +n\pi$, so:

$$\frac{\sin x}{x} = (1 - \frac{x}{\pi})(1 + \frac{x}{\pi})(1 - \frac{x}{2\pi})(1 + \frac{x}{2\pi}) \dots = (1 - \frac{x^2}{\pi^2})(1 - \frac{x^2}{4\pi^2}) \dots = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} [1 - (\frac{x}{k\pi})^2], \text{ and so:}$$

$$\frac{\pi x}{\sin \pi x} = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} [1 - (\frac{x}{k})^2]^{-1} \quad (6.2)$$

Moreover, we can see a factorial like this:

$n! = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k!k^n}{(n+1)\dots(n+k)} \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(k+1)(k+2)\dots(k+n)}{k^n}$; in fact, the denominator of the first limit is $(n+1)\dots(n+k) = \frac{(n+k)!}{n!}$, while from both numerators we can collect: $k!(k+1)\dots(k+n) = (k+n)!$, so just $n!$ is left. Furthermore, we see that the second limit is 1: $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(k+1)(k+2)\dots(k+n)}{k^n} = 1$, as it gets of the form $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^n}{k^n}$. Therefore: $n! = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k!k^n}{(n+1)\dots(n+k)}$. As $\Gamma(x+1) = x!$, we have:

$$\Gamma(x+1) = x! = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k!k^x}{(x+1)\dots(x+k)} \text{ and after dividing both numerator and denominator by } k!:$$

$$\Gamma(x+1) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^x}{(1+x)(1+x/2)\dots(1+x/k)} \quad (6.3)$$

Now, let's introduce the constant $\gamma_k = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k} - \ln k$, and let's say: $\gamma = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_k$; on the basis of that, the (6.3) becomes: $\Gamma(x+1) = e^{-\gamma x} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{(1+x)} \frac{e^{x/2}}{(1+x/2)} \dots \frac{e^{x/k}}{(1+x/k)}$.

In fact, all the $e^x, e^{x/2}, \dots, e^{x/k}$ cancel with terms in $e^{-\gamma x}$ and the term $k^x = e^{(\ln k)x}$ still comes from $e^{-\gamma x}$. Moreover, as $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$, then the (6.4) becomes:

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(x)} = x e^{\gamma x} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1+x)(1+x/2)\dots(1+x/k)}{e^x e^{x/2} \dots e^{x/k}} = x e^{\gamma x} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[1 + \left(\frac{x}{k}\right)\right] e^{-x/k} \quad (6.5)$$

Now, as $\Gamma(y+1) = y\Gamma(y)$, then $\Gamma(y) = \frac{1}{y}\Gamma(y+1)$ and after replacing y by $-x$:

$$\Gamma(-x) = -\frac{1}{x}\Gamma(1-x) \text{ and so: } \Gamma(1-x) = -x\Gamma(-x). \text{ Let's figure out } \Gamma(x)\Gamma(1-x):$$

$$\Gamma(x)\Gamma(1-x) = \left[x^{-1} e^{-\gamma x} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{k}\right)^{-1} e^{x/k}\right] \cdot \left[e^{\gamma x} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x}{k}\right)^{-1} e^{-x/k}\right] = [A] \cdot [B] = \frac{1}{x} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[1 - \left(\frac{x}{k}\right)^2\right]^{-1}, \quad (6.6)$$

where A is an inverted (6.5) and B is the (6.4) with x changed into $-x$. So, (6.6) is:

$$\Gamma(x)\Gamma(1-x) = \frac{1}{x} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[1 - \left(\frac{x}{k}\right)^2\right]^{-1}, \text{ and for the (6.2) } \left(\frac{\pi x}{\sin \pi x} = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[1 - \left(\frac{x}{k}\right)^2\right]^{-1}\right) \text{ we have:}$$

$$\frac{2}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1-n)} = \frac{2 \sin n\pi}{\pi} \text{ which is the (6.1) indeed.}$$

7- i! i FACTORIAL

Let's evaluate the modulus of "i factorial", first. ($i = \sqrt{-1}$). About the definition of factorial, according to the Euler Gamma Function, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 i! &= \Gamma(i+1) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{i+1-1} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^i dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} e^{i \ln t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} [\cos(\ln t) + i \sin(\ln t)] dt = \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \cos(\ln t) dt + i \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \sin(\ln t) dt = i! \cong (0.4980 - i0.1549), \quad (7.1)
 \end{aligned}$$

so the factorial of i is a complex number $a+ib$ and later we will check the official a and b values, before reported, through rough approximated methods.

According to the (1.2), we have: $\Gamma(i+1) = i\Gamma(i)$, from which: $|\Gamma(i+1)| = |\Gamma(i)| = |i|$. Moreover, the product of a complex number z with its complex conjugate z^* gives the square modulus: $zz^* = |z|^2$. As the complex conjugate is obtained through the replacement of i by $-i$, we also have, according to the definition of Γ : $[\Gamma(z)]^* = \Gamma(z^*)$. From the Reflection Formula (6.1), that is:

$\Gamma(1-z)\Gamma(z) = \frac{\pi}{\sin z\pi}$, we have, with $z=1+i$:

$$\Gamma[1-(1+i)] \cdot \Gamma(1+i) = \frac{\pi}{\sin(1+i)\pi} = \Gamma(-i) \cdot \Gamma(1+i) = \Gamma(i^*) \cdot \Gamma(1+i) = \Gamma^*(i) \cdot \Gamma(1+i) = \Gamma^*(i) \cdot i\Gamma(i) = i|\Gamma(i)|^2 = i|i|^2, \text{ from which:}$$

$$|i| = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{i \sin(1+i)\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{2i\pi}{i[e^{i\pi(1+i)} - e^{-i\pi(1+i)}]}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{[e^{i\pi}e^{-\pi} - e^{-i\pi}e^{\pi}]}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{[e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi}]}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\sinh(\pi)}} = |i| \quad (7.2)$$

after having used the following equalities: $\sin \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$, $\sinh(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2}$ and $e^{i\pi} = e^{-i\pi} = -1$.

So, according to the (7.2): $|i| = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\sinh(\pi)}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\frac{(e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi})}{2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{3.14}{(23.1 - 0.043)}} = |i| = 0.52$. (7.3)

On a vectorial basis, due to the (7.1), we have: $i! = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \cos(\ln t) dt + i \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \sin(\ln t) dt$, so, in order to evaluate those two definite integrals, which, as we know, represent the surfaces under the integrand functions, we get the vectorial expression $i! = a + ib$. As those integrals are somewhat difficult, we will carry out a very rough geometric and numerical evaluation! The former integrand function, that is $e^{-t} \cos(\ln t)$, is shown in Fig. 7.1, while in Fig. 7.2 we roughly evaluate the surface under it, through triangles.

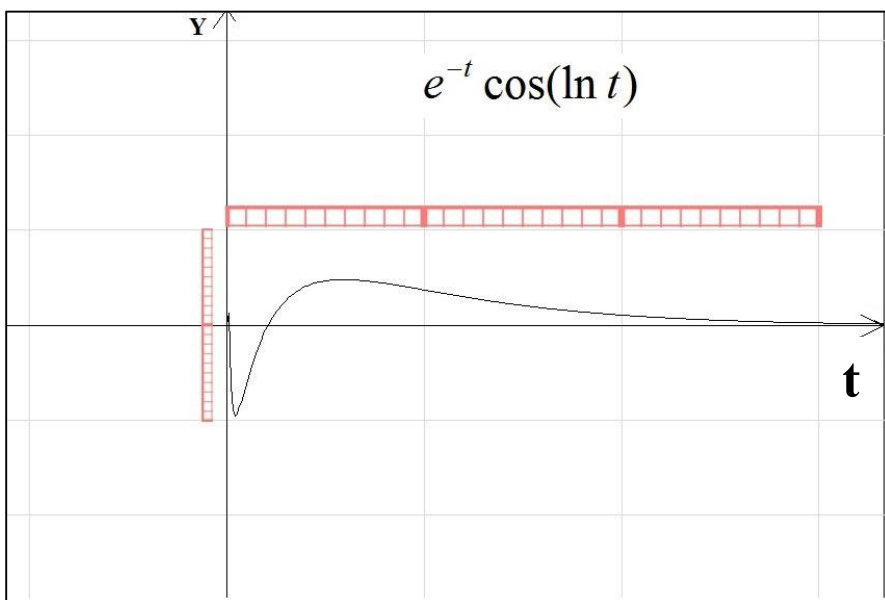


Fig. 7.1

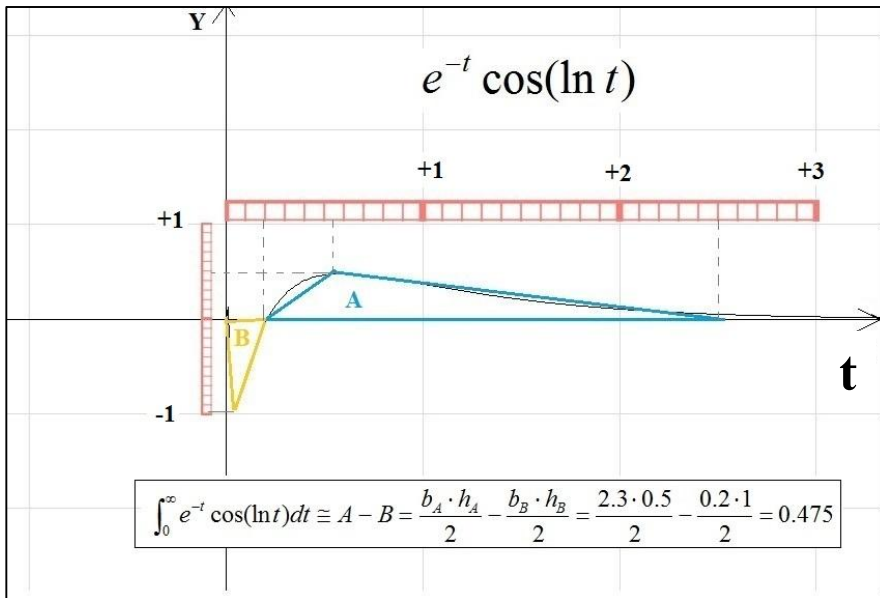


Fig. 7.2

The same goes for the latter integrand function $e^{-t} \sin(\ln t)$, shown in Fig. 7.3, while in Fig. 7.4 we roughly evaluate, as well as before, the surface under it, still through triangles.

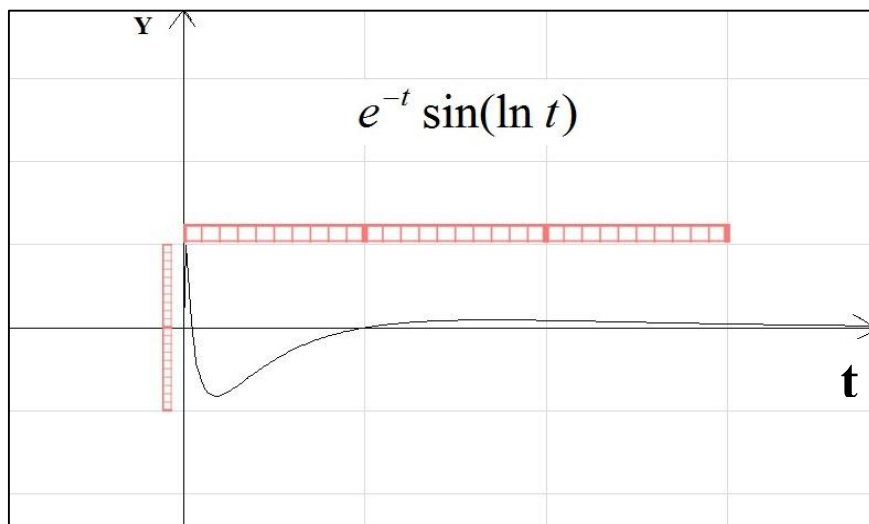


Fig. 7.3

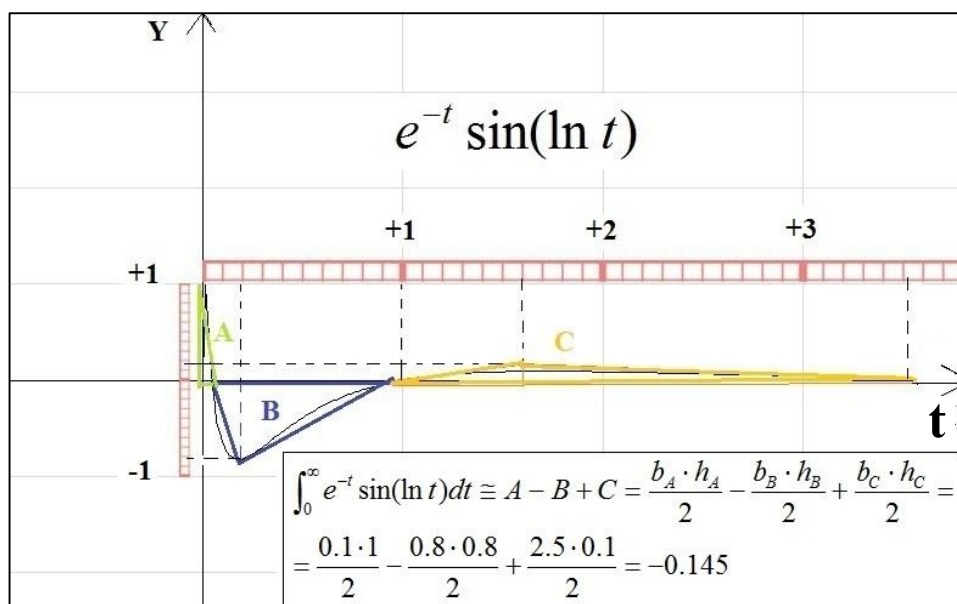


Fig. 7.4

We roughly get: $i! \cong (0.475 - i0.145)$, with $|i!| = 0.50$.

More officially, others calculated a more accurate number, so getting $i! \cong (0.4980 - i0.1549)$, with $|i!| = 0.52$; in both cases, the modulus is in agreement with that previously given by the (7.3), through a different way.



DERIVATA i-ESIMA E SEMIDERIVATA DI x

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Abstract: ecco una dimostrazione del valore della derivata i-esima di x, nonché della semiderivata di x.

1-FUNZIONE GAMMA DI EULERO

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{z-1} dt \quad (1.1)$$

Naturalmente, $\Gamma(1) = 1$. Poi,

$$\Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma(n); \quad (1.2)$$

infatti, dopo una integrazione per parti:

$$\Gamma(z) = e^{-t} \frac{t^z}{z} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \frac{1}{z} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^z dt = 0 + \frac{1}{z} \Gamma(z+1) \text{ ed iterando la } \Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma(n), \text{ otteniamo:}$$

$$\Gamma(n+1) = n! \quad (1.3)$$

2-INTEGRALE DI GAUSS

Consideriamo i due integrali (uguali tra loro):

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx \quad I = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha y^2} dy \quad (2.1)$$

Moltiplicandoli tra loro: $I^2 = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha(x^2+y^2)} dx dy$ e, in coordinate polari:

($x^2 + y^2 = r^2$, $dS = dx dy = r dr d\theta$), si ha:

$$I^2 = \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha r^2} r dr d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha r^2} r dr = -\frac{\pi}{4\alpha} \left| e^{-\alpha r^2} \right|_0^{\infty} = \frac{\pi}{4\alpha}, \text{ perciò:}$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \quad (2.2)$$

3-VALORI PARTICOLARI DELLA FUNZIONE GAMMA DI EULERO

La (1.3) con $n=0$ fornisce $\Gamma(1)=0!=1$, mentre con $n=1$, fornisce $\Gamma(2)=1!=1$.

Inoltre, la (1.1) con $z=1/2$ diventa:

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{\frac{1}{2}-1} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt; \text{ adesso, ponendo } t=w^2, \text{ si ha: } (\rightarrow dt/dw=2w)$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-w^2} w^{-1} 2w dw = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-w^2} dw \quad (3.1)$$

e per la (2.2) con $\alpha=1$, si ha: $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-w^2} dw = \sqrt{\pi}$.

Infine, per la (1.2): $\Gamma(3/2)=\Gamma(1/2 + 1)=1/2 \Gamma(1/2)=(1/2)!= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$

Per riassumere: $\Gamma(1)=1$, $\Gamma(2)=1$, $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$, $\Gamma(3/2) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$. (3.2)

4-SEMIDERIVATA DI x

$$\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} x = \frac{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\pi}}. \text{ Dimostrazione:}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^k = kx^{k-1}, \quad \frac{d^2}{dx^2} x^k = k(k-1)x^{k-2}, \quad \frac{d^n}{dx^n} x^k = k(k-1)(k-n+1)x^{k-n} = \frac{k!}{(k-n)!} x^{k-n}; \text{ ora, per la}$$

Funzione Gamma di Eulero, si ha che:

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n} x^k = \frac{k!}{(k-n)!} x^{k-n} = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k-n+1)} x^{k-n} \quad (4.1)$$

e per $k=1$ ed $n=1/2$, si ha: $\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} x = \frac{\Gamma(1+1)}{\Gamma(1-\frac{1}{2}+1)} x^{1-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})} x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ e per le (3.2) si ha:

$$\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} x = \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}} x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} x^{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ dunque:}$$

$$\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} x^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (4.2)$$

Controprova: visto che deve essere: $(\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}})x = \frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}}} x = \frac{d}{dx} x = 1$, allora:

$$(\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}})x = \frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} (\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} x) = \frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} (\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} x^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}} (x^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}+1)}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}+1)} x^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})}{\Gamma(1)} x^0 = 1$$

cvd.

5-DERIVATA i-ESIMA DI x

Per la (4.1) con $k=1$ ed $n=i$, si ha: $\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x = \frac{i!}{(1-i)!} x^{1-i} = \frac{\Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(2-i)} x^{1-i} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-i)} x^{1-i}$. Ora,

considerando che: $\frac{1}{\Gamma(2-i)} = \frac{1}{\Gamma[1+(1-i)]} = \frac{1}{(1-i)\Gamma(1-i)} = \frac{1}{(1-i)} \frac{(1+i)}{(1+i)} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-i)} = \frac{(1+i)}{2\Gamma(1-i)}$, si ha

$$\text{che: } \frac{d^i}{dx^i} x = \frac{(1+i)}{2\Gamma(1-i)} x^{1-i}, \quad (5.1)$$

ma per la Formula di Riflessione (vedere la (6.1)), si ha che: $\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1-n) = \frac{\pi}{\sin n\pi}$, da cui:

$$\Gamma(i)\Gamma(1-i) = \frac{\pi}{\sin i\pi} = \frac{\pi}{i \sinh \pi}, \quad (5.2)$$

ma visto che (vedi le (1.2) e (7.1)): $\Gamma(i+1) = i\Gamma(i) = i!$, da cui: $\Gamma(i) = \frac{i!}{i}$, allora la (5.2) diviene:

$\Gamma(i)\Gamma(1-i) = \frac{i!}{i}\Gamma(1-i) = \frac{\pi}{i \sinh \pi}$, da cui: $\Gamma(1-i) = \frac{\pi}{i! \sinh \pi}$, e allora la (5.1) diventa:

$$\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x = \frac{i!(1+i) \sinh \pi}{2\pi} x^{1-i} \quad (5.3)$$

ed essendo che, per la (7.1), $i! = (0.4980 - i0.1549)$ (ed inoltre $\sinh \pi = 11.53$), allora, per la (5.3):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^i}{dx^i} x &= \frac{11.53(0.4980 - i0.1549)(1+i)}{2\pi} x^{1-i} = (1.1983 + i0.6297)e^{(1-i)\ln x} = (1.1983 + i0.6297)e^{\ln x} e^{-i \ln x} = \\ &= x(1.1983 + i0.6297)[\cos(\ln x) - i \sin(\ln x)] = x[1.1983 \cos(\ln x) - i1.1983 \sin(\ln x) + \\ &+ i0.6297 \cos(\ln x) + 0.6297 \sin(\ln x)] = x\{[1.1983 \cos(\ln x) + 0.6297 \sin(\ln x)] + \\ &+ i[0.6297 \cos(\ln x) - 1.1983 \sin(\ln x)]\}, \text{ ossia:} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x = x\{[1.1983 \cos(\ln x) + 0.6297 \sin(\ln x)] + i[0.6297 \cos(\ln x) - 1.1983 \sin(\ln x)]\} \quad (5.4)$$

ossia ancora: $\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x = a(x) + ib(x)$, con:

$$a(x) = x[1.1983 \cos(\ln x) + 0.6297 \sin(\ln x)]$$

$$b(x) = x[0.6297 \cos(\ln x) - 1.1983 \sin(\ln x)]$$

Per ultimo, valutiamo $\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x^i$. Dalla (4.1) con $n=k=i$, si ha:

$$\frac{d^i}{dx^i} x^i = \frac{i!}{(i-i)!} x^{i-i} = i! \text{ , ossia: } \frac{d^i}{dx^i} x^i = i! \text{ .}$$

6-FORMULA DI RIFLESSIONE

$$\text{Eccola: } \frac{2}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1-n)} = \frac{2 \sin n\pi}{\pi} \text{ .} \quad (6.1)$$

Infatti, sappiamo che $\frac{\sin x}{x}$ vale zero in $-\pi, +\pi, -2\pi, +2\pi, \dots, -n\pi, +n\pi$, sicchè:

$$\frac{\sin x}{x} = \left(1 - \frac{x}{\pi}\right)\left(1 + \frac{x}{\pi}\right)\left(1 - \frac{x}{2\pi}\right)\left(1 + \frac{x}{2\pi}\right)\dots = \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\pi^2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4\pi^2}\right)\dots = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[1 - \left(\frac{x}{k\pi}\right)^2\right] \text{ , e dunque:}$$

$$\frac{\pi x}{\sin \pi x} = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[1 - \left(\frac{x}{k}\right)^2\right]^{-1} \quad (6.2)$$

Inoltre, un fattoriale possiamo anche vederlo così:

$$n! = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k!k^n}{(n+1)\dots(n+k)} \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(k+1)(k+2)\dots(k+n)}{k^n} \text{ ; infatti, il denominatore del primo limite è:}$$

$$(n+1)\dots(n+k) = \frac{(n+k)!}{n!} \text{ , mentre da entrambi i numeratori possiamo raccogliere:}$$

$$k!(k+1)\dots(k+n) = (k+n)! \text{ , così resta solo } n! \text{ . Poi, vediamo che il secondo limite vale 1:}$$

$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(k+1)(k+2)\dots(k+n)}{k^n} = 1$, poichè si riduce alla forma $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^n}{k^n}$. Perciò: $n! = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k!k^n}{(n+1)\dots(n+k)}$.

Siccome $\Gamma(x+1) = x!$, si ha: $\Gamma(x+1) = x! = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k!k^x}{(x+1)\dots(x+k)}$ e dopo aver diviso sia numeratore che denominatore per $k!$:

$$\Gamma(x+1) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^x}{(1+x)(1+x/2)\dots(1+x/k)} \quad (6.3)$$

Ora, introduciamo la costante $\gamma_k = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k} - \ln k$, e poniamo: $\gamma = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_k$; sulla base di

ciò, la (6.3) diventa: $\Gamma(x+1) = e^{-\gamma x} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{(1+x)} \frac{e^{x/2}}{(1+x/2)} \dots \frac{e^{x/k}}{(1+x/k)}$ (6.4)

Infatti, tutti gli $e^x, e^{x/2}, \dots, e^{x/k}$ si elidono con i termini in $e^{-\gamma x}$ ed il termine $k^x = e^{(\ln k)x}$ pure proviene da $e^{-\gamma x}$. Inoltre, siccome $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$, la (6.4) diventa:

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(x)} = x e^{\gamma x} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1+x)(1+x/2)\dots(1+x/k)}{e^x e^{x/2} \dots e^{x/k}} = x e^{\gamma x} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[1 + \left(\frac{x}{k}\right)\right] e^{-x/k} \quad (6.5)$$

Ora, poichè $\Gamma(y+1) = y\Gamma(y)$, segue che $\Gamma(y) = \frac{1}{y}\Gamma(y+1)$ e dopo aver sostituito y con $-x$:

$$\Gamma(-x) = -\frac{1}{x}\Gamma(1-x) \text{ e dunque: } \Gamma(1-x) = -x\Gamma(-x). \text{ Valutiamo } \Gamma(x)\Gamma(1-x):$$

$$\Gamma(x)\Gamma(1-x) = [x^{-1} e^{-\gamma x} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 + \frac{x}{k})^{-1} e^{x/k}] \cdot [e^{\gamma x} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - \frac{x}{k})^{-1} e^{-x/k}] = [A] \cdot [B] = \frac{1}{x} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} [1 - (\frac{x}{k})^2]^{-1}, \quad (6.6)$$

dove A è la (6.5) invertita e B è la (6.4) con x scambiato con $-x$. Perciò, la (6.6) è:

$$\Gamma(x)\Gamma(1-x) = \frac{1}{x} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} [1 - (\frac{x}{k})^2]^{-1}, \text{ e per la (6.2) } ((\frac{\pi x}{\sin \pi x} = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} [1 - (\frac{x}{k})^2]^{-1})) \text{ abbiamo:}$$

$$\frac{2}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1-n)} = \frac{2 \sin n\pi}{\pi} \text{ che è proprio la (6.1).}$$

7- i! i FATTORIALE

Valutiamo dapprima il modulo di “i fattoriale”. ($i = \sqrt{-1}$) A livello di definizione di fattoriale, tramite la funzione Gamma di Eulero, si ha:

$$\begin{aligned} i! &= \Gamma(i+1) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{i+1-1} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^i dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} e^{i \ln t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} [\cos(\ln t) + i \sin(\ln t)] dt = \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \cos(\ln t) dt + i \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \sin(\ln t) dt = \boxed{i! \cong (0.4980 - i0.1549)}, \end{aligned} \quad (7.1)$$

dunque, il fattoriale di i è un numero complesso $a+ib$ e successivamente verificheremo gli a e b più accreditati, sopra riportati, con metodi approssimativi.

Per la (1.2), si ha: $\Gamma(i+1) = i\Gamma(i)$, da cui: $|\Gamma(i+1)| = |\Gamma(i)| = |i!|$. Ricordiamo poi che il prodotto di un

numero complesso z con il suo complesso coniugato z^* dà il modulo quadro: $zz^* = |z|^2$. Dato che il complesso coniugato si ottiene sostituendo i con $-i$, si ha anche, dalla definizione di Γ :

$[\Gamma(z)]^* = \Gamma(z^*)$. Dalla Formula di Riflessione (6.1), ossia: $\Gamma(1-z)\Gamma(z) = \frac{\pi}{\sin z\pi}$, si ha, con $z=1+i$:

$$\Gamma[1 - (1 + i)] \cdot \Gamma(1 + i) = \frac{\pi}{\sin(1 + i)\pi} = \Gamma(-i) \cdot \Gamma(1 + i) = \Gamma(i^*) \cdot \Gamma(1 + i) = \Gamma^*(i) \cdot \Gamma(1 + i) = \Gamma^*(i) \cdot i\Gamma(i) =$$

$$= i|\Gamma(i)|^2 = i|i!|^2, \text{ da cui:}$$

$$|i!| = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{i \sin(1 + i)\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{2i\pi}{i[e^{i\pi(1+i)} - e^{-i\pi(1+i)}]}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{[e^{i\pi}e^{-\pi} - e^{-i\pi}e^{\pi}]}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{[e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi}]}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\sinh(\pi)}} = |i!| \quad (7.2)$$

dopo aver ricordato che: $\sin \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$, $\sinh(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2}$ e $e^{i\pi} = e^{-i\pi} = -1$.

Dunque, per la (7.2): $|i!| = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\sinh(\pi)}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\frac{(e^{\pi} - e^{-\pi})}{2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{3.14}{\frac{(23.1 - 0.043)}{2}}} = |i!| = 0.52$. (7.3)

A livello vettoriale, per la (7.1), si ha: $i! = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \cos(\ln t) dt + i \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \sin(\ln t) dt$, dunque, valutando questi due integrali definiti che, come noto, denotano ognuno l'area sottesa dalla curva integranda, si ottiene l'espressione vettoriale $i! = a + ib$. Essendo questi degli integrali piuttosto complicati, effettuiamo una valutazione numerica e geometrica molto molto approssimativa! La prima funzione integranda, ossia $e^{-t} \cos(\ln t)$, è rappresentata in Fig. 7.1, mentre in Fig. 7.2 si valuta grossolanamente l'area da essa sottesa, tramite dei triangoli.

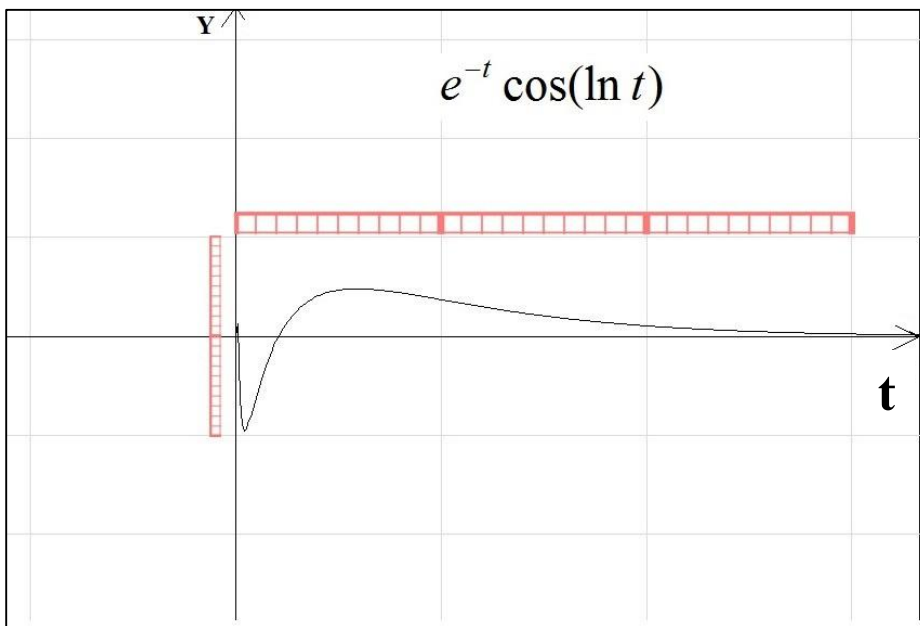


Fig. 7.1

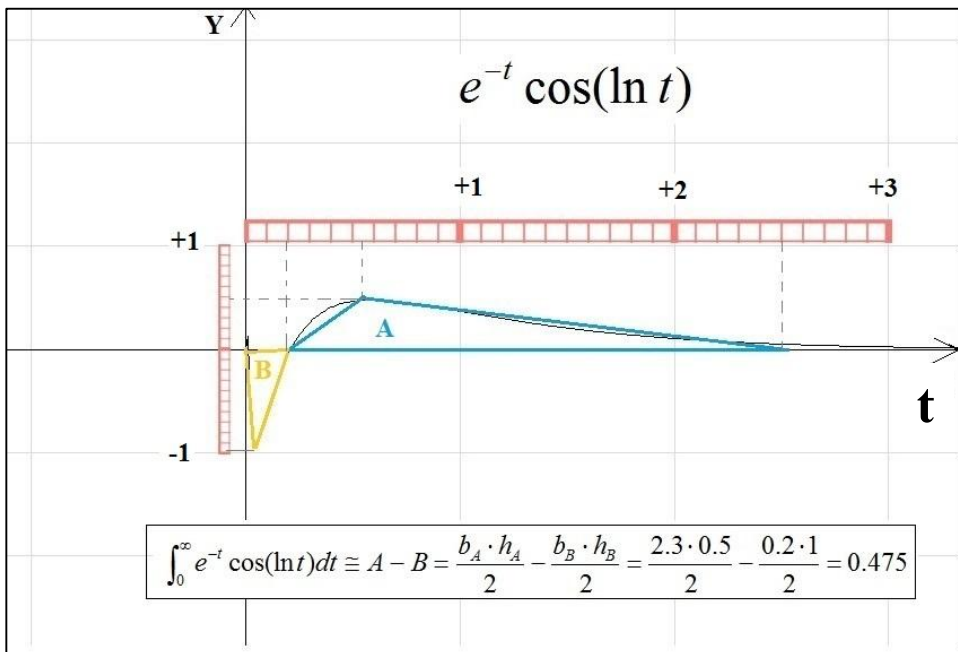


Fig. 7.2

Lo stesso facciamo per la seconda funzione integranda $e^{-t} \sin(\ln t)$, rappresentata in Fig. 7.3, mentre in Fig. 7.4 si valuta grossolanamente, come in precedenza, l'area da essa sottesa, sempre tramite dei triangoli.

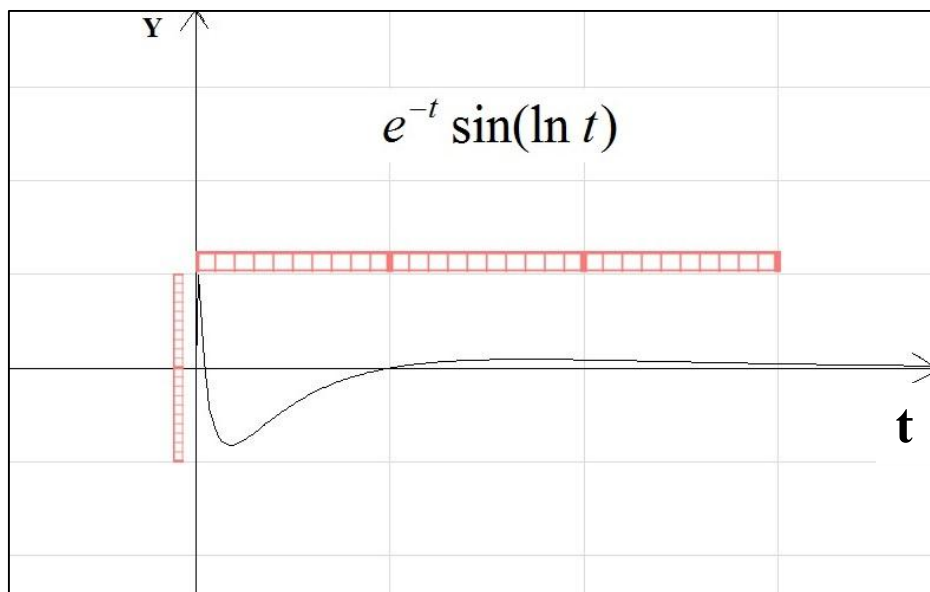


Fig. 7.3

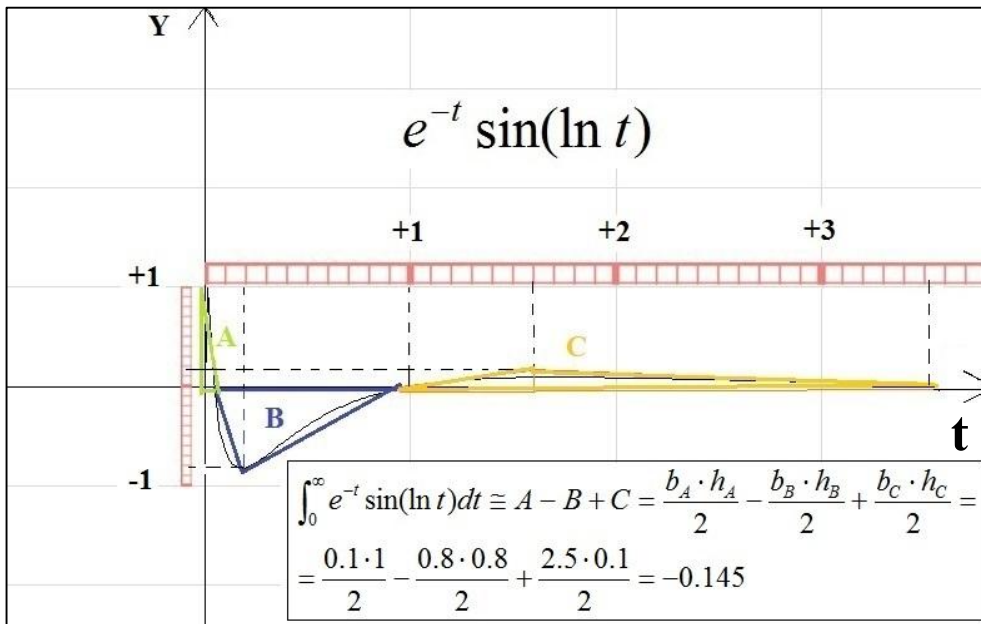


Fig. 7.4

Grossolanamente otteniamo: $i! \cong (0.475 - i0.145)$, con $|i!| = 0.50$.

Più ufficialmente è stato calcolato da altri il numero con un po' di precisione in più, ottenendo $i! \cong (0.4980 - i0.1549)$, con $|i!| = 0.52$; in entrambi i casi, viene confermato il modulo, fornito, per altra via, dalla (7.3).