

**Solution to Problem 4)** In the vicinity of the pole at  $z = z_n = -n$ , where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , the reflection formula yields

$$\Gamma(z)\Gamma(1-z) = \pi/\sin(\pi z) \quad \rightarrow \quad \Gamma(z) = \frac{\pi}{\Gamma(1-z)\sin(\pi z)}.$$

Expanding the singular term of the denominator in a Taylor series around  $z = z_n$ , we find

$$\Gamma(z_n + \varepsilon e^{i\theta}) = \frac{\pi}{\Gamma(1+n-\varepsilon e^{i\theta})\sin[\pi(-n+\varepsilon e^{i\theta})]} \cong \frac{\pi}{n! \times \underbrace{[\sin(-n\pi)]}_{\text{zero}} + \underbrace{\pi \cos(-n\pi)}_{(-1)^n} \varepsilon e^{i\theta}} = \frac{(-1)^n}{n! (\varepsilon e^{i\theta})}.$$

Integration around a small circle of radius  $\varepsilon$  involves multiplication of the above function by  $dz = i\varepsilon e^{i\theta}$ , followed by integration over  $\theta$  from zero to  $2\pi$ , which yields  $2\pi i$  times  $(-1)^n/n!$ . The residue of  $\Gamma(z)$  at the simple pole  $z_n$  is thus given by  $(-1)^n/n!$ .

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