

Closed forms, (including Gelfond's Constant), using MKB constant like integrals.

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Abstract

First we will follow the path the author took to find out that for

$$\int_1^{\infty} \cos[\pi * I * x] x^{1/x} dx \text{ and } \int_1^{\infty} \sin[\pi * I * x] x^{1/x} dx,$$

the limit of the ratio of a to $a - 1$, as a goes to infinity, is Gelfond's Constant,

(e^{π}) . We will consider that the hypothesis and provide hints for a proof using L'Hospital's

Rule, since we have indeterminate forms as a goes to infinity.

We shall struggle with numeric evaluation to compare the limit of the ratios of

$$\int_1^{\infty} \cos[\pi * I * x] x^{1/x} dx \text{ and } \int_1^{\infty} \sin[\pi * I * x] x^{1/x} dx \text{ with } \int_1^{\infty} \cos[\pi * x] x^{1/x} dx \text{ and } \int_1^{\infty} \sin[\pi * x] x^{1/x} dx.$$

Through some simple plotting and taking into consideration oscillatory nature of the sine and cosine functions, we make judgments on whether we should invest in finding their limit.

Preliminaries

Below, and throughout this paper, we will show the best known (to the author) Mathematica 11 options, found to give the desired results. Many of the computations took several minutes and produced a few warning messages which are not displayed.

In 1999¹, the constant referred to at <https://oeis.org/A037077>,

$\text{Limit}[\text{Sum}[(-1)^n n^{(1/n)}, \{n, 1, 2x\}], x \rightarrow \text{Infinity}]$ ², was named the MRB constant, (after its original investigator), by Simon Plouffe³. Then on Feb 23, 2009, Marvin Ray Burns named <https://oeis.org/A157852> "MKB constant" (MKB) after his wife at the time. Technically, A157852 is the integer sequence of the digits of MKB, (the integral analog of the MRB constant⁴). Hence MKB was named after one with a close relationship to the person the

MRB constant was named after.

$$\text{MKB} = \left| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^{2^n} e^{i \pi x} x^{1/x} dx \right|.$$

It appears that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow a} \int_1^{2^n} e^{i \pi x} x^{1/x} dx &\approx \lim_{n \rightarrow a} \int_1^{2^n} \text{Cos}[\text{Pi} * x] x^{1/x} dx + \\ &I * \lim_{n \rightarrow a} \int_1^{2^n} \text{Sin}[\text{Pi} * x] x^{1/x} dx \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow a} \int_1^{2^{n-1}} e^{i \pi x} x^{1/x} dx \approx \lim_{n \rightarrow a} \int_1^{2^{n-1}} \text{Cos}[\text{Pi} * x] x^{1/x} dx + \\ &I * \lim_{n \rightarrow a} \int_1^{2^{n-1}} \text{Sin}[\text{Pi} * x] x^{1/x} dx, a \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

They are indicated to be true in the result to the following Mathematica code.

d := 20;

```
Table[NIntegrate[x^(1/x) Exp[I * Pi * x], {x, 1, 2 n}, WorkingPrecision -> d] -
(NIntegrate[x^(1/x) Cos[Pi * x], {x, 1, 2 n}, WorkingPrecision -> d] +
I NIntegrate[x^(1/x) Sin[Pi * x], {x, 1, 2 n}, WorkingPrecision -> d]), {n, 1, 21}]
```

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{0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i,
0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i,
-3.105217 * 10^-14 + 0. * 10^-20 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i,
0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i,
-3.478646 * 10^-14 + 0. * 10^-20 i, -2.783919 * 10^-14 + 0. * 10^-20 i, -5.530932 * 10^-14 + 0. * 10^-20 i,
0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-20 i}
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d := 20;

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Table[NIntegrate[x^(1/x) Exp[I * Pi * x], {x, 1, 2 n - 1}, WorkingPrecision -> d] -
(NIntegrate[x^(1/x) Cos[Pi * x], {x, 1, 2 n - 1}, WorkingPrecision -> d] +
I NIntegrate[x^(1/x) Sin[Pi * x], {x, 1, 2 n - 1}, WorkingPrecision -> d]), {n, 1, 21}]
```

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{0, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-21 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-21 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-21 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-22 i,
0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-22 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-22 i, 3.521728 * 10^-14 - 2.7706332 * 10^-14 i,
0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-22 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-22 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-23 i,
0. * 10^-21 + 1.3585779 * 10^-15 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-23 i, 0. * 10^-21 - 9.210306 * 10^-15 i,
3.521728 * 10^-14 - 2.7706332 * 10^-14 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-22 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-22 i,
0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-22 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-22 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-22 i, 0. * 10^-21 + 0. * 10^-22 i}
```

Also, it can be proved that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^{2^n} e^{i \pi x} x^{1/x} dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^{2^n} \text{Cos}[\text{Pi} * x] x^{1/x} dx + I * \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^{2^n} \text{Sin}[\text{Pi} * x] x^{1/x} dx.$$

This is shown to be true up to 23 digits of precision in the result to the following Mathematica code. (Some unknown [to this author] form of regularization is used, [at least for the operation with sine in it. See work below as to why the cosine operation might involve convergent integrals.]

We will need the["NumericalCalculus`"] package.

Needs ["NumericalCalculus`"]

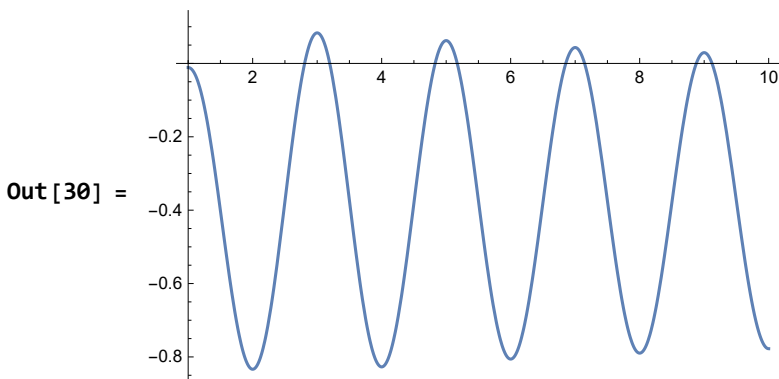
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digits = 50;
Rationalize[NLimit[NIntegrate[Exp[Pi * I * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, 2 a},
  WorkingPrecision -> 50, PrecisionGoal -> 50, MaxRecursion -> 50], a -> Infinity,
  WorkingPrecision -> 50, Terms -> 15, Method -> SequenceLimit, WynnDegree -> 6], 0] -
(NIntegrate[x^(1/x) * Cos[Pi * x], {x, 1, Infinity}, WorkingPrecision -> 2 * digits] +
  I NIntegrate[x^(1/x) Sin[Pi * x], {x, 1, Infinity}, WorkingPrecision -> 2 * digits] - I/Pi)
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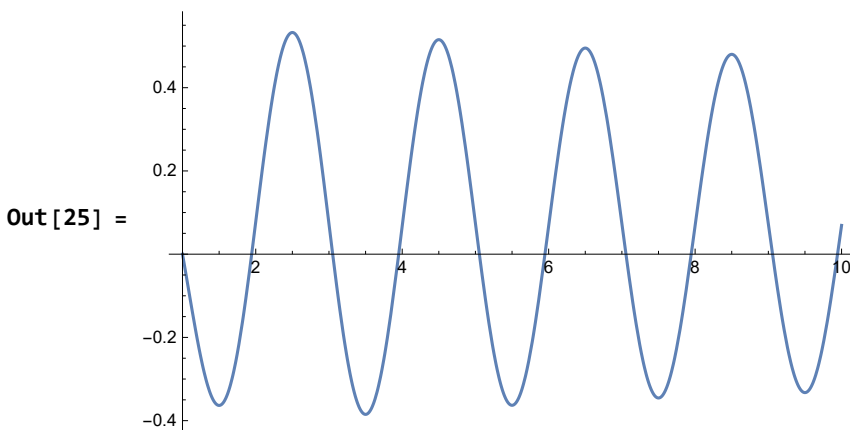
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Here are what $\int_1^a \cos[\pi * i * x] x^{1/x}$ and $\int_1^a \sin[\pi * i * x] x^{1/x}$ for a from 1 to 10 look like. At least we notice that the cosine plot seems to lose magnitude quicker than the sine plot, and its sign quickly becomes, and stays negative. The reason we will find the limit of a to $a-1$ diverges for sine and converges for cosine is the cosine operation always giving the same sign in the calculation of its integrals.

```
In[30] := Plot[Integrate[Sin[Pi * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, a}], {a, 1, 10}]
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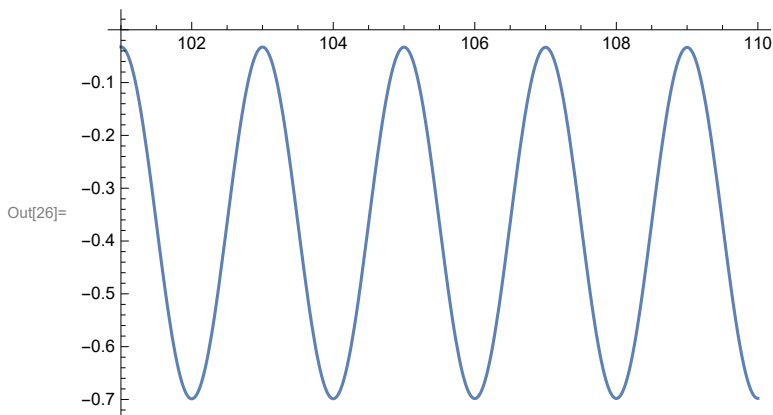


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In[25] := Plot[Integrate[Cos[Pi * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, a}], {a, 1, 10}]
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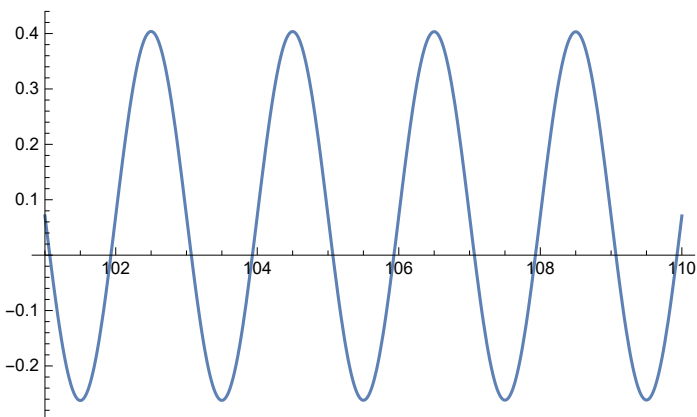


Here are plots of the same operations from 101 to 110.

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In[26]:= Plot[Integrate[Sin[Pi * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, a}], {a, 101, 110}]
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Plot[Integrate[Cos[Pi * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, a}], {a, 101, 110}]
```



For more precise measurements and a general scheme for calculation of the digits of MKB, by flattening out the oscillatory integral, see Mathar's work⁵, where he also used many integration methods to compute MKB. He called it M1, published many error-bounds of methods, and compared M1 to what he called the MRB constant, M. R. Burns' constant, and M.

Tools

We will use many integration and limit options available in Mathematica 11.0. We also use a Intel 6 core 3.5 GH extreme edition desktop for the computations.

Operations and Results

Realizing his mistake of confusing $\text{integral}(\text{Sin}[\text{Pi} * \text{x}] \text{x}^{(1/\text{x})}, \{\text{x}, 1, \text{a}\})$ with $\text{integral}(\text{Sin}[\text{Pi} * \text{x}] \text{x}^{(1/\text{x})}, \{\text{x}, 1, \text{a}\})$, through the following operations, on Monday, Aug 8, 2016 at 2:00PM, Marvin Ray Burns began to see that the limit of the ratio of a to a-1, as a goes to infinity, in inte-

$\text{gral}(\text{Sin}[\text{Pi}^I * x] x^{(1/x)}, \{x, 1, a\}) / \text{integral}(\text{Sin}[\text{Pi}^I * x] x^{(1/x)}, \{x, 1, a-1\})$ and $\text{integral}(-\text{Cos}[\text{Pi}^I * x] x^{(1/x)}, \{x, 1, a\}) / \text{integral}(\text{Cos}[\text{Pi}^I * x] x^{(1/x)}, \{x, 1, a-1\})$ is Gelfond's Constant, (e^π).

```
i1 = Table[
  NIntegrate[Sin[Pi * I * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, a}, WorkingPrecision -> 20], {a, 9990, 10001}]
```

```
{2.0989175549269083147 × 1013 629 i, 4.8570402004948497061 × 1013 630 i,
 1.1239526514136629501 × 1013 632 i, 2.6009040701590741249 × 1013 633 i,
 6.0186716707026764644 × 1013 634 i, 1.3927621974178786927 × 1013 636 i,
 3.2229479272454941452 × 1013 637 i, 7.4581241228073160071 × 1013 638 i,
 1.7258614376558644163 × 1013 640 i, 3.9937625775425609291 × 1013 641 i,
 9.2418424666174747439 × 1013 642 i, 2.1386261832231106579 × 1013 644 i}
```

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i2 = Ratios[i1]
```

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{23.140690729341148011, 23.140690729698949373,
 23.140690730056647960, 23.140690730414243812, 23.140690730771736967,
 23.140690731129127467, 23.140690731486415350, 23.140690731843600657,
 23.140690732200683426, 23.140690732557663699, 23.140690732914541513}
```

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N[E^Pi, 20]
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23.140692632779269006
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N[i2 - E^Pi, 20]
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{-1.903438120995 × 10-6, -1.903080319633 × 10-6, -1.902722621046 × 10-6, -1.902365025194 × 10-6,
 -1.902007532038 × 10-6, -1.901650141539 × 10-6, -1.901292853656 × 10-6, -1.900935668349 × 10-6,
 -1.900578585579 × 10-6, -1.900221605307 × 10-6, -1.899864727493 × 10-6}
```

Larger a: (Both sine and cosine in the this operation give Gelfond's Constant.)

```
i11 = Table[NIntegrate[Cos[Pi * I * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, a}, WorkingPrecision -> 30],
  {a, 99990, 100000}]
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{8.16402704299180404095259449988 × 101 364 361,
 1.88921240445149992403409339252 × 101 364 363, 4.37176835688857590343446623243 × 101 364 364,
 1.01165747807172488243183607690 × 101 364 366, 2.34104547494103980098507246551 × 101 364 367,
 5.41734137742750968168005476577 × 101 364 368, 1.25361031700280490130583526513 × 101 364 370,
 2.90094110266711182266711546873 × 101 364 371, 6.71297864017550964458508807654 × 101 364 372,
 1.55342975360723204911512762411 × 101 364 374, 3.59474404543783042332075392032 × 101 364 375}
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i12 = Ratios[i11]
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{23.1406926324827036186672961841, 23.1406926324827041886616877912,
 23.1406926324827047586544156856, 23.1406926324827053286454798737,
 23.1406926324827058986348803621, 23.1406926324827064686226171574,
 23.1406926324827070386086902659, 23.1406926324827076085930996944,
 23.1406926324827081785758454491, 23.1406926324827087485569275368}
```

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N[E^Pi, 20]
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23.140692632779269006
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N[i12 - E^Pi, 20]
```

```
{-2.965653870617901839 × 10-10, -2.965648170673985768 × 10-10,
 -2.965642470746706824 × 10-10, -2.965636770836064943 × 10-10, -2.965631070942060058 × 10-10,
 -2.965625371064692106 × 10-10, -2.965619671203961020 × 10-10, -2.965613971359866736 × 10-10,
 -2.965608271532409188 × 10-10, -2.965602571721588312 × 10-10}
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Even larger a,(about as big as Mathematica will tolerate)!

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i21 = Table[NIntegrate[Cos[Pi * I * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, a}, WorkingPrecision → 40],
  {a, 9999990, 10000008}]
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{1.248750590784479766789088244974362158446 × 1013 643 749,
 2.889695359634080199319377313714578172209 × 1013 643 750,
 6.686955211965069049415827804642155765176 × 1013 643 751,
 1.547407752092216146387935592164153432162 × 1013 643 753,
 3.580808716874046215569412546222015226236 × 1013 643 754,
 8.286239389394650135109617259085898574115 × 1013 643 755,
 1.917493187915811799795191512425441918062 × 1013 643 757,
 4.437212048700115233728772579760159563694 × 1013 643 758,
 1.026801601654186402948091558294664519330 × 1013 643 760,
 2.376090025872139277296579342903098022129 × 1013 643 761,
 5.498436895651140346939155692172340668487 × 1013 643 762,
 1.272376381629768218143854086101177504926 × 1013 643 764,
 2.944367076049786971400355256642342436912 × 1013 643 765,
 6.813469350493284237431892945563446297757 × 1013 643 766,
 1.57668400026034571600891047822655334778 × 1013 643 768,
 3.648555982361789107489894116297179355389 × 1013 643 769,
 8.443011254130941753836957370586199018495 × 1013 643 770,
 1.953771283269108031257718779721784119022 × 1013 643 772,
 4.521162074087431137089658317298126596488 × 1013 643 773}
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i22 = Ratios [i21]

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{ 23.14069263277577056704002372095483993866, 23.14069263277577056771657128578128293096,
 23.14069263277577056839311865227146209701, 23.14069263277577056906966582042545538291,
 23.14069263277577056974621279024334073474, 23.14069263277577057042275956172519609852,
 23.14069263277577057109930613487109942026, 23.14069263277577057177585250968112864590,
 23.14069263277577057245239868615536172137, 23.14069263277577057312894466429387659253,
 23.14069263277577057380549044409675120524, 23.14069263277577057448203602556406350528,
 23.14069263277577057515858140869589143843, 23.14069263277577057583512659349231295041,
 23.14069263277577057651167157995340598690, 23.14069263277577057718821636807924849356,
 23.14069263277577057786476095786991841598, 23.14069263277577057854130534932549369975 }
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N[E^Pi, 20]

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23.140692632779269006
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N[i22 - E^Pi, 20]

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{ -3.4984386890626469937 × 10-12, -3.4984380125150821673 × 10-12,
  -3.4984373359677156771 × 10-12, -3.4984366594205475231 × 10-12,
  -3.4984359828735777052 × 10-12, -3.4984353063268062234 × 10-12,
  -3.4984346297802330774 × 10-12, -3.4984339532338582674 × 10-12,
  -3.4984332766876817932 × 10-12, -3.4984326001417036547 × 10-12,
  -3.4984319235959238518 × 10-12, -3.4984312470503423845 × 10-12,
  -3.4984305705049592527 × 10-12, -3.4984298939597744562 × 10-12,
  -3.4984292174147879951 × 10-12, -3.4984285408699998693 × 10-12,
  -3.4984278643254100786 × 10-12, -3.4984271877810186231 × 10-12 }
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When we switch forms of the operations, Mathematica can give at least 42 digits of accuracy here. Again we will need the ["NumericalCalculus"] package.

Needs ["NumericalCalculus`"]

N[E^Pi -

```
Rationalize[NLimit[NIntegrate[Cos[Pi * I * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, a}, WorkingPrecision -> 50,
PrecisionGoal -> 50, MaxRecursion -> 50] / NIntegrate[Cos[Pi * I * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1,
a - 1}, WorkingPrecision -> 50, PrecisionGoal -> 50, MaxRecursion -> 50], a -> Infinity,
WorkingPrecision -> 50, Terms -> 15, Method -> SequenceLimit, WynnDegree -> 6], 0], 50]
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-5.9702708245087317429519268920016913700154824404879 × 10-42
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N[E^Pi -

```
Rationalize[NLimit[NIntegrate[Sin[Pi * I * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, a}, WorkingPrecision -> 50,
PrecisionGoal -> 50, MaxRecursion -> 50] / NIntegrate[Sin[Pi * I * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1,
a - 1}, WorkingPrecision -> 50, PrecisionGoal -> 50, MaxRecursion -> 50], a -> Infinity,
WorkingPrecision -> 50, Terms -> 15, Method -> SequenceLimit, WynnDegree -> 6], 0], 50]
```

```
-5.9702708245087317429519268920016913700154824404879 × 10-42
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The following should help in a proof of the hypothesis: $\text{Cos}[\text{Pi}^i x] == \text{Cosh}[\text{Pi} x]$, $\text{Sin}[\text{Pi}^i x] == i \text{ Sinh}[\text{Pi} x]$, and $\text{Limit}[x^{1/x}, x \rightarrow \text{Infinity}] == 1$.

Using L'Hospital's Rule, we have the following:

$$e^\pi - \left(\cosh(\pi) - \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left(\cos(\pi i) - \frac{x^{1/x} \cos(\pi i x) / . x \rightarrow a}{x^{1/x} \cos(\pi i x) / . x \rightarrow a - 1} \right) \right)$$

0

$$e^\pi - \left(i \sin(1) - \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{x^{1/x} \sinh(\pi x) / . x \rightarrow a}{x^{1/x} \sinh(\pi x) / . x \rightarrow a - 1} + \sinh(i) \right) \right)$$

0

If we perform the same operations on only the integrals without the "i," (the later integrals), we get the following results, (proof not provided, since there are no **known** closed form solutions for two of the three ratios of the later integrals). Nonetheless, we will make a passing note to a few approximations.

There ' s no point in working on the

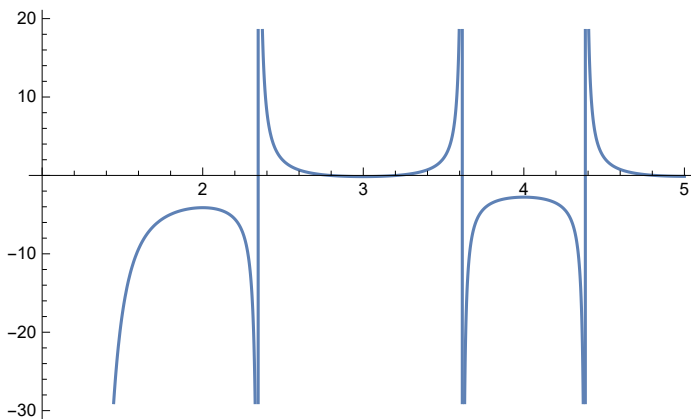
Limit of $\int_1^a \text{Sin}[\text{Pi} * x] x^{1/x} dx - \int_1^{a-1} \text{Sin}[\text{Pi} * x] x^{1/x} dx$, because it is clearly divergent.

Here is a look at

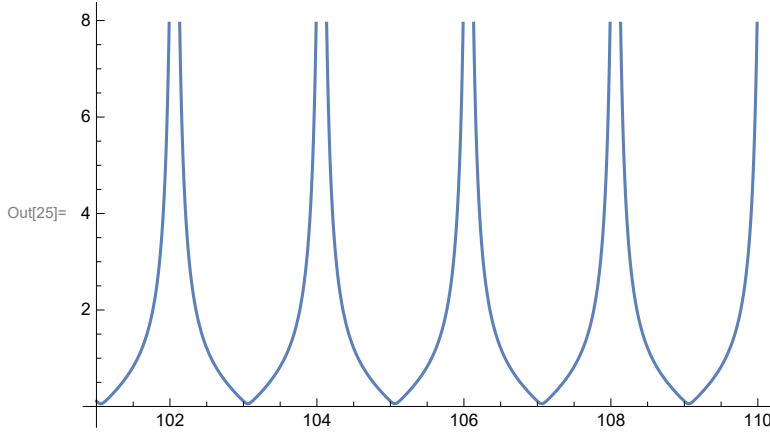
$$\int_1^a \text{Sin}[\text{Pi} * x] x^{1/x} dx / \int_1^{a-1} \text{Sin}[\text{Pi} * x] x^{1/x} dx.$$

How does one say, take the limit as a->infinity, here?

`Plot[Integrate[Sin[Pi * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, a}] / Integrate[Sin[Pi * x] x^(1/x), {x, 0, a - 1}], {a, 1, 5}]`




```
In[25]= Plot[Abs[NIntegrate[Exp[Pi * I * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, a}, WorkingPrecision -> 30]] / Abs[
NIntegrate[Exp[Pi * I * x] x^(1/x), {x, 1, a - 1}, WorkingPrecision -> 30]], {a, 101, 110}]
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Open Questions

For either of the divergent limits of the ratios of a to a-1 above, does the limit exists for the ratios of a to a-2? If so, what are they?

Summary

We followed the path the author took to find out that for

$$\int_1^\infty \text{Cos}[\text{Pi} * I * x] x^{1/x} dx \text{ and } \int_1^\infty \text{Sin}[\text{Pi} * I * x] x^{1/x} dx,$$

the limit of the ratio of a to a - 1, as a goes to infinity, is Gelfond' s Constant,

(e ^ pi). We will considered that the hypothesis and provided hints for a proof using L' Hospital' s Rule, since we have indeterminate forms as a goes to infinity.

We struggled with numeric evaluation to compare the limit of the ratios of

$$\int_1^\infty \text{Cos}[\text{Pi} * I * x] x^{1/x} dx \text{ and } \int_1^\infty \text{Sin}[\text{Pi} * I * x] x^{1/x} dx \text{ with } \int_1^\infty \text{Cos}[\text{Pi} * x] x^{1/x} dx \text{ and } \int_1^\infty \text{Sin}[\text{Pi} * x] x^{1/x} dx.$$

Finally, through some simple plotting and taking into

consideration oscillatory nature of the sine and cosine functions,

we make judgments on whether we should invest in finding their limit. The reason we will found the limit of a to a -

1 diverges for sine and converges for cosine is the cosine

operation always giving the same sign in the calculation of its integrals.

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