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Prove that:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \psi(n) \Gamma(2n) \Gamma\left(-n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \cos(n\pi)}{8^n \Gamma(n)} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{6} \log_e \left(\frac{3e^\gamma}{2}\right)$$

$\gamma \approx 0.577$  is Euler – Mascheroni's constant

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$$\text{Let } I = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \psi(n) \Gamma(2n) \Gamma\left(-n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \cos(n\pi)}{8^n \Gamma(n)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We know: } \Gamma(n)\Gamma(1-n) &= \frac{\pi}{\sin(n\pi)} \Rightarrow \Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(-n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\cos(n\pi)} \text{ (Euler's reflection formula)} \Rightarrow \Gamma\left(-n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\cos(n\pi) = \frac{\pi}{\Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \psi(n)}{8^n} \left( \frac{\Gamma(2n)}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \right)$$

$$\text{Now, we know } \prod_{k=1}^{m-1} \Gamma\left(x + \frac{k}{m}\right) = \frac{(\sqrt{2\pi})^{m-1}}{\sqrt{m}} \frac{1}{m^{mx-1}} \frac{\Gamma(mx)}{\Gamma(x)} \text{ for } m \geq 2$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Legendre's duplication formula}}{\Rightarrow} \Gamma\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2x-1}} \frac{\Gamma(2x)}{\Gamma(x)} \Rightarrow \Gamma(x)\Gamma\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2x-1}} \Gamma(2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Gamma(2n)}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{2^{2n-1}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Rightarrow I = \pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \psi(n)}{8^n} \left( \frac{2^{2n-1}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \psi(n)}{2^n} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^n \psi(n)$$

Now use,  $\psi(n) = -\gamma + H_{n-1}$  (property of digamma function)

$$\Rightarrow I = \sqrt{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^{n+1} \gamma - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_{n-1} \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\text{We know, } -\ln(1-x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n} \Rightarrow I = -\frac{\ln(1-x)}{1-x} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_{n-1} x^{n-1} \text{ here } H_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \text{ and } H_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \sqrt{\pi} \gamma \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{4 \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{\gamma \sqrt{\pi}}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{6} \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{6} \left(\gamma + \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\right) \Rightarrow I = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{6} \ln\left(\frac{3e^\gamma}{2}\right)$$