

3. We begin by searching/hoping for a nice numerical solution. `identify(evalf())` on the numerator and denominator yields

$$4 \pi^{(3/2)}$$

and

$$2 \pi^{(3/2)}$$

respectively. This gives an answer of 2. `identify()` fails to find similar values when one of the factors is removed or changed, so we should expect that whatever method we shall use to prove it will *not* be extensible to the general case.

First, we utilize the Legendre relation by running `simplify(mul(GAMMA(1/14+i/7), i=0..6), GAMMA, trig)` to get

$$8 \pi^{(7/2)}$$

Knowing that

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

we factor it out and find

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{14}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{9}{14}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{11}{14}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{14}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{14}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{13}{14}\right) = 8 \pi^3$$

Now it suffices to find either the numerator or the denominator, which we do by utilizing the following special case of the Legendre relation:

$$\Gamma(x) = \frac{2^{(1/2-2x)} \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(2x)}{\Gamma\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

Strangely, `evalb()` returns *false* for this identity, and we conjecture that this is why Maple fails to simplify the expression as given. Converting the numerator, we obtain:

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{14}\right) = \frac{2^{(6/7)} \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{7}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{4}{7}\right)}$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{9}{14}\right) = \frac{2^{(5/7)} \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{7}\right)}$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{11}{14}\right) = \frac{2^{(3/7)} \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(\frac{4}{7}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)}$$

Multiplying the right-hand sides easily yields

$$4 \pi^{(3/2)},$$

which, when divided from our known product gives the expected value for the denominator

$$2 \pi^{(3/2)},$$

and therefore,

$$\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{14}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{9}{14}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{11}{14}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{14}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{14}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{13}{14}\right)} = 2.$$