

# 18.904 Written Report

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## 1 Introduction

I would like to introduce my favourite topic in algebraic topology.

## 2 The first part of my report

You may want to use definitions, propositions, lemmas, corollaries, examples, remarks or theorems.

**Definition 2.1.** *The fundamental group  $\pi_1(X)$  is defined...*

Sometimes expressions such as  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$  fit well in the flow of the sentence, but often we prefer to display important or large equations more prominently:

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty t^{z-1} e^{-t} dt. \quad (2.2)$$

Of course not every equation must be numbered:

$$\Gamma(z)\Gamma(z + \tfrac{1}{2}) = 2^{1-2z} \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(2z).$$

Not all results are important enough to call *theorems*; that's why we have propositions:

**Proposition 2.3.** *The Gamma function (2.2) satisfies the following identities:*

$$\Gamma(1-z)\Gamma(z) = \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi z)} \quad (2.4)$$

$$\Gamma(z+1) = z\Gamma(z). \quad (2.5)$$

Note that I referred to equation (2.2). I did this by labeling the equation.

### 3 The second part of my report

**Theorem 3.1.** *For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , The Gamma function satisfies the equation*

$$\Gamma(n+1) = n! \quad (3.2)$$

*Proof.* Since  $\Gamma(1) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} dt = 1$ , we use Equation (2.5) to obtain the result by induction.  $\square$

For more information, see the reference [1]. For more information concerning L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, consult Google.

### References

- [1] Philip J. Davis, *Leonhard Euler's Integral: A Historical Profile of the Gamma Function*, Am. Math. Monthly 66, 849-869 (1959)