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Abstract

The two majorants in question are Gurland's Inequality [1]

$$egin{aligned} rac{\Gamma^2 \left(\delta + lpha
ight)}{\Gamma \left(\delta
ight) \Gamma \left(\delta + 2\,lpha
ight)} \leqslant & rac{\delta}{\delta + lpha^2} & lpha + \delta > 0, \; lpha
eq 0, \; 1, \; \delta > 0, \ \\ rac{\Gamma \left(n + s
ight)}{\Gamma \left(n + 1
ight)} \geqslant & (n + 1)^{s - 1} & n = 1, \; 2, \; ..., \; \; 0 \leqslant s \leqslant 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha + \delta > 0$$
, $\alpha \neq 0$, 1, $\delta > 0$,

and Gautschi's Inequality [2]

$$\frac{\Gamma(n+s)}{\Gamma(n+1)} \ge (n+1)^{s-1}$$

$$n = 1, 2, ..., 0 \leq s \leq 1.$$

By combining these

inequalities it is possible to improve iteratively upon Gautschi's result (2) and also to develop upper bounds for $\Gamma(n+2)/\Gamma(n+2^2)$, $n=1,2,\ldots,0<2<1$.

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