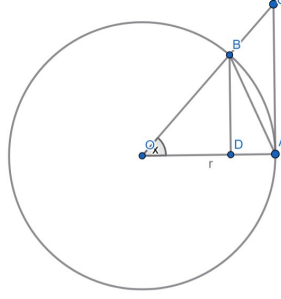


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## 1 Basel Problem(Cauchy's Solution)



Relating the areas of  $\triangle OAB$ , sector  $OAB$  and  $\triangle OAC$

$$\frac{r^2 \sin(x)}{2} < \frac{r^2 x}{2} < \frac{r^2 \tan(x)}{2}$$

Simplifying the inequality, we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(x) &< x < \tan(x) \\ \cot^2(x) &< \frac{1}{x^2} < \csc^2(x) \\ \cot^2(x) &< \frac{1}{x^2} < 1 + \cot^2(x) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $x = \frac{n\pi}{2N+1}$  for  $1 \leq n \leq N$ ,

$$\cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right) < \frac{(2N+1)^2}{n^2\pi^2} < 1 + \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right)$$

Now, multiply each term by  $\frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2}$ ,

$$\frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right) < \frac{1}{n^2} < \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right)$$

Now, we sum up the terms from  $n$  to  $N$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right) < \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n^2} < \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right) \right)$$

Simplifying further,

$$\frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \sum_{n=1}^N \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right) < \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n^2} < \frac{N\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \sum_{n=1}^N \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right)$$

Now, we take the limit as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \sum_{n=1}^N \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right) < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} < \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \sum_{n=1}^N \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right)$$

Evaluating the limit of the term  $\frac{N\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2}$ , i.e

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} = 0$$

Substituting back into the inequality,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \sum_{n=1}^N \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right) < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} < \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \sum_{n=1}^N \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right)$$

Now, the goal is to evaluate the limit and use **Squeeze Theorem**,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \sum_{n=1}^N \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right)$$

Using De Moivre's Theorem,

$$(\cos(x) + i \sin(x))^n = \cos(nx) + i \sin(nx)$$

Dividing both sides by  $\sin^n(x)$

$$(\cot(x) + i)^n = \frac{\cos(nx) + i \sin(nx)}{\sin^n(x)}$$

Using the Binomial Theorem on  $(\cot(x) + i)^n$  we get,

$$(\cot(x) + i)^n = \binom{n}{0} \cot^n(x) + \binom{n}{1} \cot^{n-1}(x) \cdot i + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} \cot(x) \cdot i^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n} \cdot i^n$$

Equating the imaginary coefficients,

$$\frac{\sin(nx)}{\sin^n(x)} = \binom{n}{1} \cot^{n-1}(x) - \binom{n}{3} \cot^{n-3}(x) + \dots$$

Now, substituting  $x = \frac{n\pi}{2N+1}$  and  $n = (2N+1)$ , we obtain,  $\sin(nx) = 0$

Thus,

$$0 = \binom{2N+1}{1} \cot^{2N}(x) - \binom{2N+1}{3} \cot^{2N-2}(x) + \dots$$

Let  $t = \cot^2(x)$ ,

$$P(t) = \binom{2N+1}{1} t^N - \binom{2N+1}{3} t^{N-1} + \dots$$

$P(t)$  is polynomial.

Now, using Vieta's sum of roots of polynomial formula on  $P(t)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^N t_n &= \frac{\binom{2N+1}{3}}{\binom{2N+1}{1}} \\ &= \frac{(2N+1)!}{(2N+1-3)! \cdot 3!} \cdot \frac{(2N+1-1)!}{(2N+1)!} \\ &= \frac{(2N)!}{(2N-2)! \cdot 6} \\ &= \frac{(2N)(2N-1)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

But we know  $t_n = \cot^2(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1})$  is the root of  $P(t)$ . So,

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right) = \frac{(2N)(2N-1)}{6}$$

Our goal was to evaluate the limit,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \sum_{n=1}^N \cot^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2N+1}\right) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^2}{(2N+1)^2} \frac{(2N)(2N-1)}{6} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{6} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4N^2 - 2N}{4N^2 + 4N + 1} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Now, substituting this value in the inequality, we obtain,

$$\frac{\pi^2}{6} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} < \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

From Squeeze Theorem,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

## 2 Gamma Function

$$\int_0^1 \log(x) dx = \left[ x \log(x) - 1 \cdot x \right]_0^1 = -1!$$

$$\int_0^1 \log^2(x) dx = \left[ x \log^2(x) - 2x \log(x) + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot x \right]_0^1 = 2!$$

$$\int_0^1 \log^3(x) dx = \left[ x \log^3(x) - 3x \log^2(x) - 2 \cdot 3x \log(x) - 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot x \right]_0^1 = -3!$$

Observing the pattern, we can write,

$$\int_0^1 \log^n(x) dx = (-1)^n \cdot n!$$

Solving for  $n!$  we get,

$$n! = \frac{1}{(-1)^n} \int_0^1 \log^n(x) dx$$

$$n! = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{\log(x)}{-1} \right)^n dx$$

$$n! = \int_0^1 (-\log(x))^n dx$$

$$n! = \int_0^1 \left( \log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right)^n dx$$

Let  $u = \log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ . Using the property of logarithms  $-u = \log(x)$ . Raising to the power of  $e$  on both sides, we get  $x = e^{-u}$  and thus,  $dx = -e^{-u} du$ . When  $x = 0$ ,  $u \rightarrow \infty$  and when  $x = 1$ ,  $u = 0$ . Therefore, the integral becomes,

$$n! = \int_0^\infty u^n (e^{-u}) du$$

Now, by the definition of gamma function,

$$\Gamma(n+1) = n! = \int_0^\infty u^n (e^{-u}) du$$

$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)! = \int_0^\infty u^{n-1} e^{-u} du$$

Replacing  $n$  by  $x$ ,

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty u^{x-1} e^{-u} du$$

## 2.1 $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-u} du$$

Let  $t = u^{\frac{1}{2}}$  so that  $dt = \frac{1}{2} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du$ . Making the substitution we get,

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t^2} dt$$

Since,  $e^{-t^2}$  is an even function we can write,

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t^2} dt$$

This is known as **Gaussian Integral**. Let's evaluate this Integral,

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$I^2 = \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \right)^2$$

$$I^2 = \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \right) \cdot \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2} dy \right)$$

$$I^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy$$

Now in polar coordinates,  $dx dy = dA = r dr d\theta$  and when  $x \rightarrow -\infty, r \rightarrow 0$  and  $x \rightarrow \infty, r \rightarrow \infty$  when  $y \rightarrow -\infty, \theta \rightarrow 0$  and  $y \rightarrow \infty, \theta \rightarrow 2\pi$

Substituting, we get,

$$I^2 = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} r e^{-r^2} dr d\theta$$

$$I^2 = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} d\theta$$

$$I^2 = \frac{1}{2} [\theta]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$I^2 = \frac{1}{2} 2\pi$$

$$I^2 = \pi$$

$$I = \sqrt{\pi}$$

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

### 3 Leibniz Theorem

Let  $u$  and  $v$  be functions of  $x$ . This theorem gives the closed form for the  $n^{th}$  derivative of product of two functions. That will be  $(uv)^{(n)}$  or  $\frac{d^n(u \cdot v)}{dx^n}$  for functions  $u$  and  $v$ .

for small values of  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} n = 1, (uv)' &= u'v + uv' \\ n = 2, (uv)'' &= u''v + 2u'v' + uv'' \\ n = 3, (uv)''' &= u'''v + 3u''v' + 3u'v'' + uv''' \\ n = 4, (uv)^{(4)} &= u^{(4)}v + 4u^{(3)}v' + 6u^{(2)}v^{(2)} + 4u^{(1)}v^{(3)} + uv^{(4)} \end{aligned}$$

Looking at the pattern from above, coefficients are **binomial coefficients**. So, we can write general form as,

$$(uv)^{(n)} = \frac{d^n(uv)}{dx^n} = \sum_{r=0}^n C(n, r) u^{(n-r)} v^{(r)}$$

where  $C(n, r)$  is the binomial coefficient and  $C(n, r) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$ .

#### 3.1 Proof

Now, we prove this theorem by **induction**,

We assume for  $n=k$ ,  $(uv)^{(k)} = \frac{d^k(uv)}{dx^k} = \sum_{r=0}^k C(k, r) u^{(k-r)} v^{(r)}$  is true

And now for  $n=k+1$ , we prove,

$$(uv)^{(k+1)} = \frac{d^{k+1}(uv)}{dx^{k+1}} = \sum_{r=0}^{k+1} C(k+1, r) u^{(k+1-r)} v^{(r)}$$

By definition of successive differentiation,

$$\begin{aligned}
(uv)^{(k+1)} &= \frac{d^{k+1}(uv)}{dx^{k+1}} = \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{r=0}^k C(k, r) u^{(k-r)} v^{(r)} \\
&= \sum_{r=0}^k C(k, r) \left( u^{(k-r+1)} v^{(r)} + u^{(k-r)} v^{(r+1)} \right) \\
&= \sum_{r=0}^k C(k, r) u^{(k-r+1)} v^{(r)} + \sum_{r=0}^k C(k, r) u^{(k-r)} v^{(r+1)} \\
&= \sum_{r=0}^k C(k, r) u^{(k-r+1)} v^{(r)} + \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} C(k, r-1) u^{(k-r+1)} v^{(r)} \\
&= C(k, 0) u^{(k+1)} v^{(0)} + C(k, k) u^{(0)} v^{k+1} + \sum_{r=1}^k \left( C(k, r) + C(k, r-1) \right) u^{(k-r+1)} v^{(r)} \\
&= u^{(k+1)} v^{(0)} + u^{(0)} v^{k+1} + \sum_{r=1}^k C(k+1, r) u^{(k-r+1)} v^{(r)} \\
&= \sum_{r=0}^k C(k+1, r) u^{(k+1-r)} v^{(r)}
\end{aligned}$$

which is what we wanted to prove.



## 4 Maclaurin's Series

Let  $f(x)$  be function of  $x$ . The goal is to write the function as an infinite polynomial.

$$f(x) = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3 + ex^4 + \dots$$

when  $x=0$ ,  $f(0) = a$  In order to find other coefficients we differentiate the function with respect to  $x$  and put  $x = 0$ .  $f'(0) = 1 \cdot b$   $f''(0) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot b$   $f'''(0) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot c$  and so on. Looking at the pattern, the general form would be,

$$f^{(n)}(0) = n! \cdot (n^{th} coefficient)$$

Substituting in the above equation for coefficients, we get,

$$f(x) = \frac{f(0)}{0!} + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

In Summation Notation,

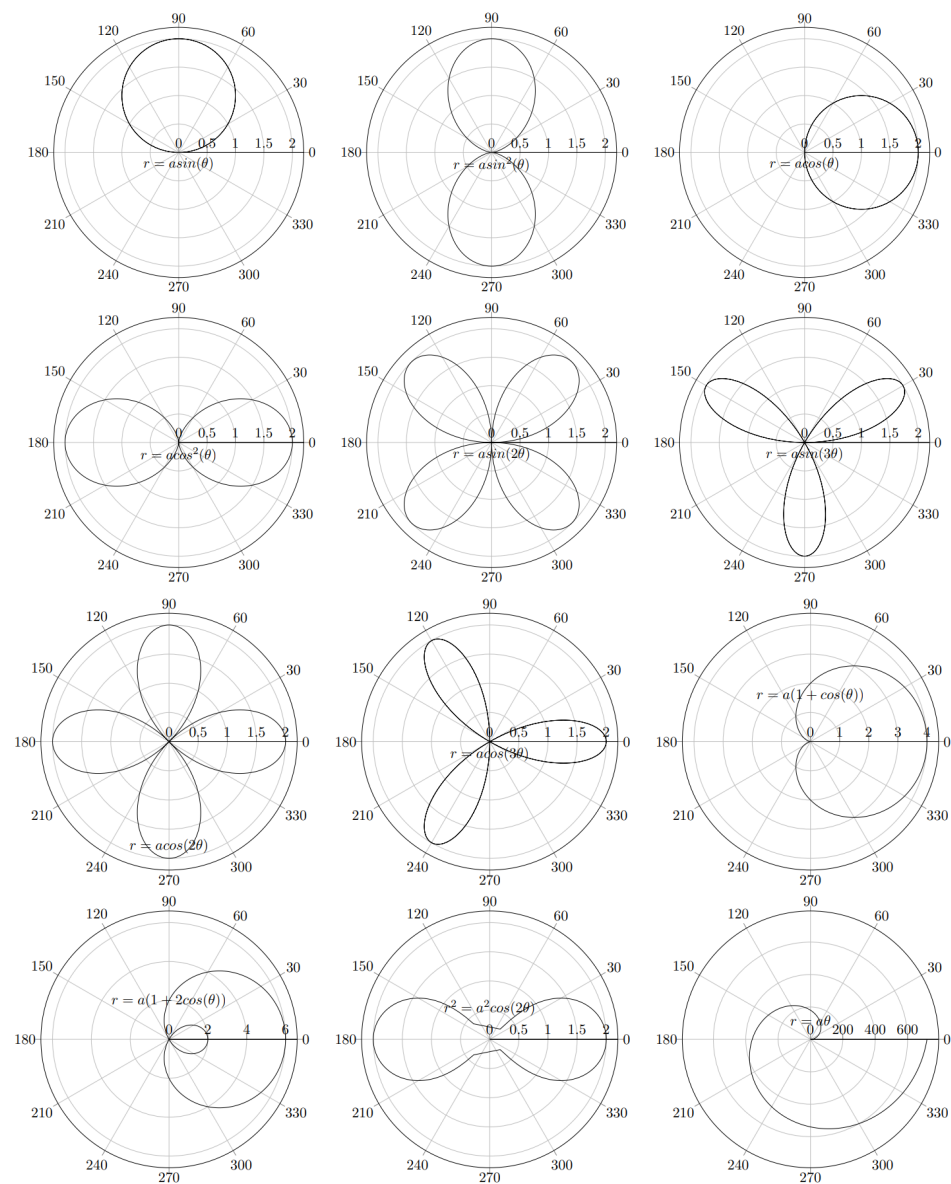
$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(0)$$

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| $\sin(x)$      | $x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$   |
| $\cos(x)$      | $1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$   |
| $\tan(x)$      | $x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} - \dots$   |
| $\sinh(x)$     | $x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$   |
| $\cosh(x)$     | $1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$   |
| $e^x$          | $1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} \dots$ |
| $\ln(1+x)$     | $x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$     |
| $\tan^{-1}(x)$ | $x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots$     |

Now, the more general expansion gives the **Taylor Series** which is shifted by  $h$ .

$$f(x+h) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x)$$

## 5 Polar Curves



## 6 Infinite factors of $\sin(x)$

We know, the half angle formula for  $\sin(x)$  is

$$\sin(x) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{x}{2}\right)$$

Now, we find  $\sin(\frac{x}{2})$  and  $\sin(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{x}{2})$  and substitute them back into the above identity.

$$\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{x}{2^2}\right) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi + x}{2^2}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{x}{2}\right) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2^2} + \frac{x}{2^2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{x}{2^2}\right) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2^2} + \frac{x}{2^2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\pi + x}{2^2}\right)$$

After substitution,

$$\sin(x) = 2^3 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi + x}{2^2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi + x}{2^2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\pi + x}{2^2}\right)$$

Repeat for each sine function that we obtain,

$$\sin(x) = 2^7 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^3}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi + x}{2^3}\right) \dots \sin\left(\frac{7\pi + x}{2^3}\right)$$

from the pattern, for any  $p = \text{power of } 2$ ,

$$2^{p-1} \sin\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi + x}{p}\right) \dots \sin\left(\frac{(p-1)\pi + x}{p}\right)$$

Last factor is,

$$\begin{aligned} \sin\left(\frac{(p-1)\pi + x}{p}\right) &= \sin\left(\pi - \frac{\pi - x}{p}\right) \\ &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi - x}{p}\right) \end{aligned}$$

The factor, one before the last factor,

$$\begin{aligned} \sin\left(\frac{(p-2)\pi + x}{p}\right) &= \sin\left(\pi - \frac{2\pi - x}{p}\right) \\ &= \sin\left(\frac{2\pi - x}{p}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Now, grouping the factors,

$$\sin(x) = 2^{p-1} \sin\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\pi+x}{p}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi-x}{p}\right) \right] \left[ \sin\left(\frac{2\pi+x}{p}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi-x}{p}\right) \right] \dots$$

The middle factor has been left out in the above grouping, which is,

$$\sin\left(\frac{\frac{p}{2}\pi + x}{p}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{x}{p}\right) = \cos(x)$$

Including this middle factor as well, we get,

$$\sin(x) = 2^{p-1} \sin\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\pi+x}{p}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi-x}{p}\right) \right] \dots \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\frac{p}{2}\pi + x}{p}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\frac{p}{2}\pi - x}{p}\right) \right] \cos\left(\frac{x}{p}\right)$$

Using the formula,  $\sin(a+b) \cdot \sin(a-b) = \sin^2(a) - \sin^2(b)$ , which can be verified by substituting the expansions for  $\sin(a+b)$  and  $\sin(a-b)$ .

Since,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\sin(x)}{\sin\left(\frac{x}{p}\right)} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ p \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \cdot \frac{x/p}{\sin(x/p)} \right] = p$$

Substituting for  $\frac{\sin(x)}{\sin(x/p)}$ , and taking the limit as  $x$  approaches zero, we get,

$$p = 2^{2p-1} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right) \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{p}\right) \dots \sin^2\left(\frac{(\frac{p}{2}-1)\pi}{p}\right)$$

Now, if we take the ratio of  $\sin(x)$  to  $p$ , we get,

$$\frac{\sin(x)}{p} = \sin\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) \left[ 1 - \frac{\sin^2(x/p)}{\sin^2(\pi/p)} \right] \dots \left[ 1 - \frac{\sin^2(x/p)}{\sin^2\left(\left(\frac{p}{2}-1\right)\pi/p\right)} \right] \cos(x/p)$$

We want to express  $\sin(x)$  as infinite product. So we let  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus, as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $p \sin(x/p) = x$  and  $\frac{\sin^2(x/p)}{\sin^2(\pi/p)} = \frac{x^2}{\pi^2}$

Substituting, we get:

$$\sin(x) = x \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2^2\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{3^2\pi^2}\right) \dots$$

$$\sin(x) = x \prod_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{r^2\pi^2}\right)$$

### 6.1 Basel Problem (Euler's Solution)

Using the infinite product formula and the infinite sum formula for  $\frac{\sin(x)}{x}$ .

$$\frac{\sin(x)}{x} = \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{1^2\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2^2\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{3^2\pi^2}\right) \dots$$
$$\frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \dots$$

Multiplying the infinite product formula to obtain the  $x^2$  term and comparing it with the  $x^2$  term of the infinite sum formula, we get:

$$\frac{-x^2}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots \right) = \frac{-x^2}{3!}$$
$$\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

## 7 Vieta's Formula for $\pi$

We take the formula for  $\sin(x) = 2 \sin(\frac{x}{2}) \cos(\frac{x}{2})$  and apply this formula to itself repeatedly for the sine function as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(x) &= 2 \sin(x/2) \cos(x/2) \\ &= 2 \cdot 2 \sin(x/4) \cos(x/4) \cos(x/2) \\ &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \sin(x/8) \cos(x/8) \cos(x/4) \cos(x/2)\end{aligned}$$

Repeating this process for n-times,

$$\sin(x) = 2^n \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \prod_{k=1}^n \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right)$$

Now, we take the limit of  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\sin(x/2^n) \rightarrow x/2^n$  because as  $n$  gets larger,  $x/2^n \rightarrow 0$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \prod_{k=1}^n \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n \left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \prod_{k=1}^n \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x \prod_{k=1}^n \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\sin(x)}{x} = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right)$$

When we substitute  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,

$$\frac{2}{\pi} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{16}\right) \dots$$

we know the value for  $\cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ . So, in order to obtain all the other values for which the angles are just half of the previous angle, we use the identity,  $\cos(x/2) = 1/2\sqrt{2 + 2\cos(x)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\cos(\pi/8) &= 1/2\sqrt{2 + 2\cos(\pi/4)} \\
&= 1/2\sqrt{2 + 2\sqrt{2}} \\
\cos(\pi/16) &= 1/2\sqrt{2 + 2\cos(\pi/8)} \\
&= 1/2\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}}
\end{aligned}$$

Using this pattern, we obtain,

$$\frac{2}{\pi} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}}}{2} \dots$$

## 8 Wallis Formula

Let's find reduction formulas for  $\int \sin^n(x)dx$  and  $\int \cos^n(x)dx$ . Let  $I_n = \int \sin^n(x)dx$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_n &= \int \sin^n(x) = \int \sin^{n-1}(x) \sin(x) dx \\
 &= \int \sin^{n-1} d(-\cos(x)) \\
 &= \sin^{n-1}(x)(-\cos(x)) + (n-1) \int \cos(x) \cdot \sin^{n-2}(x) \cdot \cos(x) dx \\
 &= -\sin^{n-1}(x) \cdot \cos(x) + (n-1) \int (1 - \sin^2(x)) \cdot \sin^{n-2} dx \\
 &= -\sin^{n-1}(x) \cdot \cos(x) + (n-1) \left[ \int \sin^{n-2} dx - \int \sin^n(x) dx \right] \\
 I_n &= -\sin^{n-1}(x) \cdot \cos(x) + (n-1)[I_{n-2} - I_n] \\
 n \cdot I_n &= -\sin^{n-1}(x) \cdot \cos(x) + (n-1)I_{n-2} \\
 I_n &= -\frac{1}{n} \sin^{n-1}(x) \cdot \cos(x) + \frac{n-1}{n} I_{n-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using same method for evaluating  $\int \cos^n(x)dx$  we get following results

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \sin^n(x)dx &= -\frac{1}{n} \sin^{n-1}(x) \cdot \cos(x) + \frac{n-1}{n} I_{n-2} \\
 \int \cos^n(x)dx &= \frac{1}{n} \cos^{n-1}(x) \cdot \sin(x) + \frac{n-1}{n} I_{n-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, evaluating these integrals from 0 to  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  we get,

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^n(x)dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^n(x)dx = I_n = \frac{n-1}{n} I_{n-2}$$

### 8.1 Wallis Product formula for $\pi$

Taking the ratios of integrals,

$$\frac{I_n}{I_{n-2}} = \frac{n-1}{n}$$



for **even** numbers,  $I_0 = \pi, I_2 = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\pi}{2}, I_4 = \frac{3}{4}\frac{1}{2}\frac{\pi}{2}$

$$I_{2n} = \frac{\pi}{2} \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{2k-1}{2k}$$

for **odd** numbers,  $I_1 = 1, I_3 = \frac{2}{3}, I_5 = \frac{4}{5}\frac{2}{3}$

$$I_{2n+1} = 1 \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{2k}{2k+1}$$

since, when  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $0 < \sin(x) < 1$  which means,  $\sin^{2n+1}(x) \leq \sin^{2n}(x) \leq \sin^{2n-1}(x)$ . Thus,  $I_{2n+1} \leq I_{2n} \leq I_{2n-1}$ .

Dividing by  $I_{2n+1}$  we get,

$$1 \leq \frac{I_{2n}}{I_{2n+1}} \leq \frac{I_{2n-1}}{I_{2n+1}}$$

Using the iterative relation from above,

$$\frac{I_{2n-1}}{I_{2n+1}} = \frac{2n}{2n+1}$$

Now, by substitution,

$$1 \leq \frac{I_{2n}}{I_{2n+1}} \leq \frac{2n}{2n+1}$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_{2n}}{I_{2n+1}} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{2n+1}$$

$$1 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_{2n}}{I_{2n+1}} \leq 1$$

Thus, by squeeze theorem,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_{2n}}{I_{2n+1}} = 1$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2k-1}{2k} \cdot \frac{2k+1}{2k} = 1$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2k}{2k-1} \cdot \frac{2k}{2k+1}$$

This is known as **Wallis product**.

$$\frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \dots}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \dots}$$