

Warm Up! AIME #1, Complex Numbers GD

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What is $m + n$?

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Note that $9 = 10 - 1$ and

$$99 = 100 - 1$$

Now N has become $\underbrace{11111 \dots 11110}_{322 \text{ digits}} - 321$ and thus

our number is now $N = \underbrace{11111 \dots 10789}_{322}$ and our

sum becomes

$$1 * 318 + 7 + 8 + 9 = 342$$

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We can see that $100000 = 10^5$. Now the prime factorization of this $2^5 * 5^5$. Our values n and m are going to be complimentary combinations of these 2s and 5s, but given that neither can have a 0, we know that 10 cannot be a factor of either.

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Which means if either n or m has a 2 or a 5 it cannot have the other, because then 10 becomes a factor of it. Thus, our numbers are $2^5 = 32$ and $5^5 = 3125$,

and their sum

$$3125 + 32 = 3157$$

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The curves $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ and $y = x^2 - a$ intersect at exactly 3 points.

Find the set of all points a which satisfy this.

Substituting $y = x^2 - a$ into $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ we get

$$x^2 + (x^2 - a)^2 = a^2$$

With this we get $x^2 + x^4 - 2ax^2 = 0$

$$\text{And } x^2(x^2 - 2a + 1) = 0$$

Thus with 4 factors, two being 0, the final solutions

are $\pm\sqrt{2a-1}$ which means

$$a \geq 1/2$$

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We can see that

$$\log_2(\log_2 x) + \log_{16}(\log_{16} x) = 2 \log_4(\log_4 x)$$

Let y be $\log_2 x$, so

$$\log_{16} x = \frac{\log_2 x}{\log_2 16} = \frac{y}{4}$$

and

$$\log_4 x = \frac{y}{2}$$

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Expanding out we find

$$\log_2(\log_2 x) + \log_{16}(\log_{16} x) = 2 \log_4(\log_4 x)$$

$$\log_2(y) + \log_{16}(y/4) = 2 \log_4(y/2)$$

$$\log_2(y) + \log_{16}(y) - \log_{16} 4 = 2 \log_4(y) - 2 \log_4 2$$

Now let $z = \log_2 y$, we find

$$z + \frac{z}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = 2 \frac{z}{2}$$

Interest Concept Sheets: Infinite Series

Key Concepts: Rearrangement, Taylor Series

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Concept Sheets: Rearrangement

Jumping right in, we'll consider the series to our left:

Which for interest's sake, is equal to $\ln 2 \approx 0.693$

Now consider this being multiplied by $1/2$

$$S = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{2}S = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{8} \dots$$

Concept Sheets: Rearrangement

Now consider this being multiplied by $\frac{1}{2}$

Now this gets interesting, as adding the two together we get $\frac{3}{2}S$.

And we can see that this is the same series as S , but in a different order.

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Concept Sheets: Rearrangement

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What this confirms is the commutativity of addition does not hold for infinite terms.

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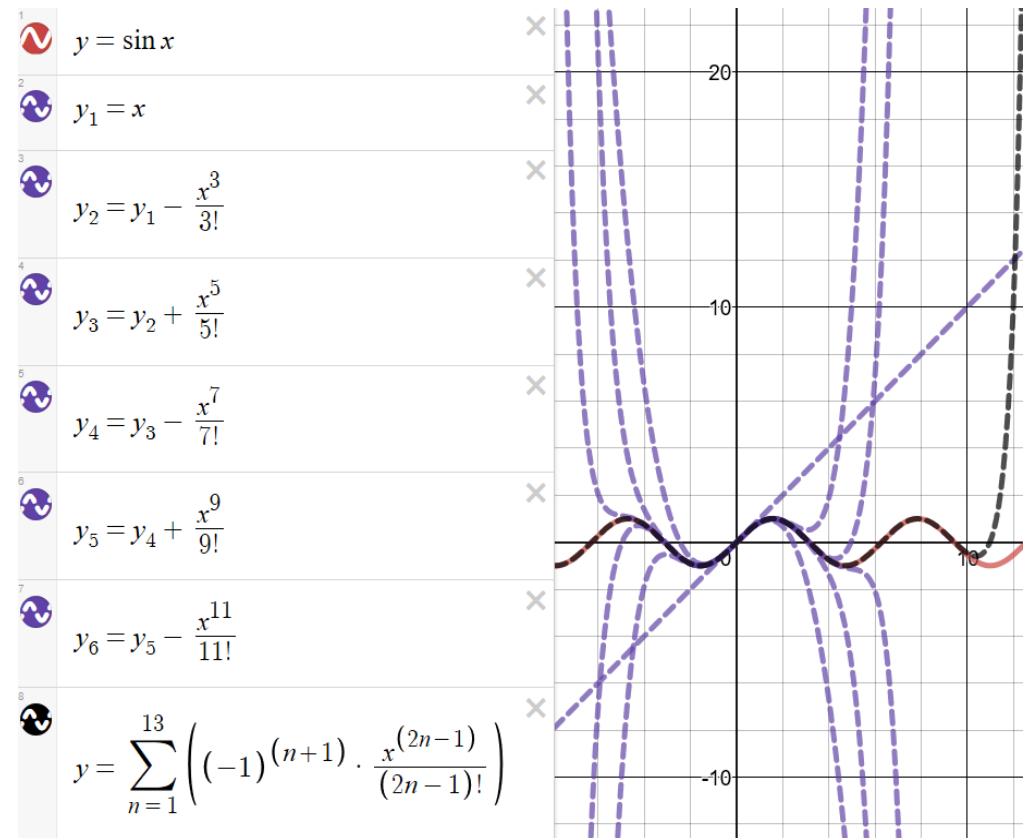
Concept Sheets: Taylor Series

A Taylor Series is an infinite sum of polynomials which sums to equal a function.

This is typically intended to represent a trigonometric function.

And so there are Taylor Series representations of many types of trigonometric functions.

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(-1)^n x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} \right)$$



Concept Sheets: Taylor Series

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This has its importance rooted in $\arctan 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\tan^{-1} x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1^{n-1} x^{2n-1}}{2n-1} \right)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \tan^{-1}(1) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} \cdots$$

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Competitive Concept Sheets: Infinite Series

Key Concepts: Geometric Formula, Derivation

Problems: AMC 10A #18, 12A #24

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Concept Sheets: *Geometric Series*

Infinite geometric series are a key tool in many competitive problems, ranging in application.

There is one generic formula you will need to understand, and two forms of it.

$$r \in (0,1) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{r}{1-r}$$

Also, it represented as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{1}{1-r}$$

Concept Sheets: Geometric Series

If we substitute $1/p$ for r , we will find the new second important representation of the geometric series.

The different forms will be applied in different scenarios.

$$r \in (0,1) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{r}{1-r}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^n} = \frac{\frac{1}{p}}{1 - \frac{1}{p}} = \frac{\frac{p}{p}}{p - 1} = \frac{1}{p - 1}$$

Concept Sheets: Geometric Series Derivation

The Geometric Series has an interesting origin in the asymptotes of exponential functions.

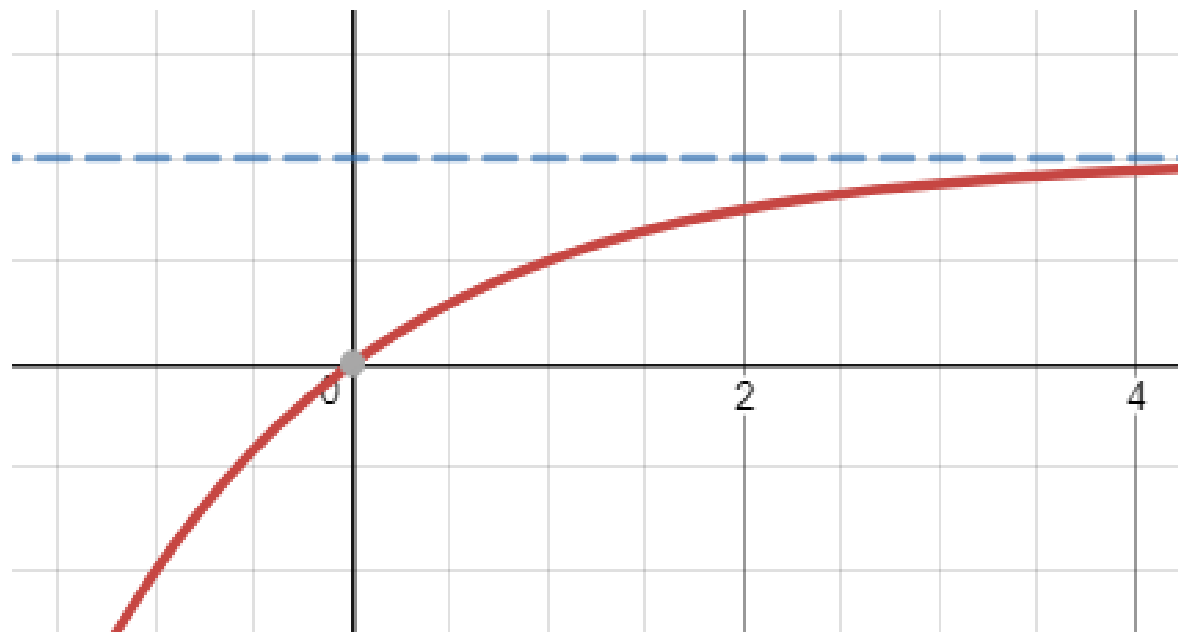
Consider $y = 1 - 2^{-x}$:

We see that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 - 2^{-x}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$y(1) = \frac{1}{2}, y(2) = \frac{3}{4}, y(3) = \frac{7}{8}$$

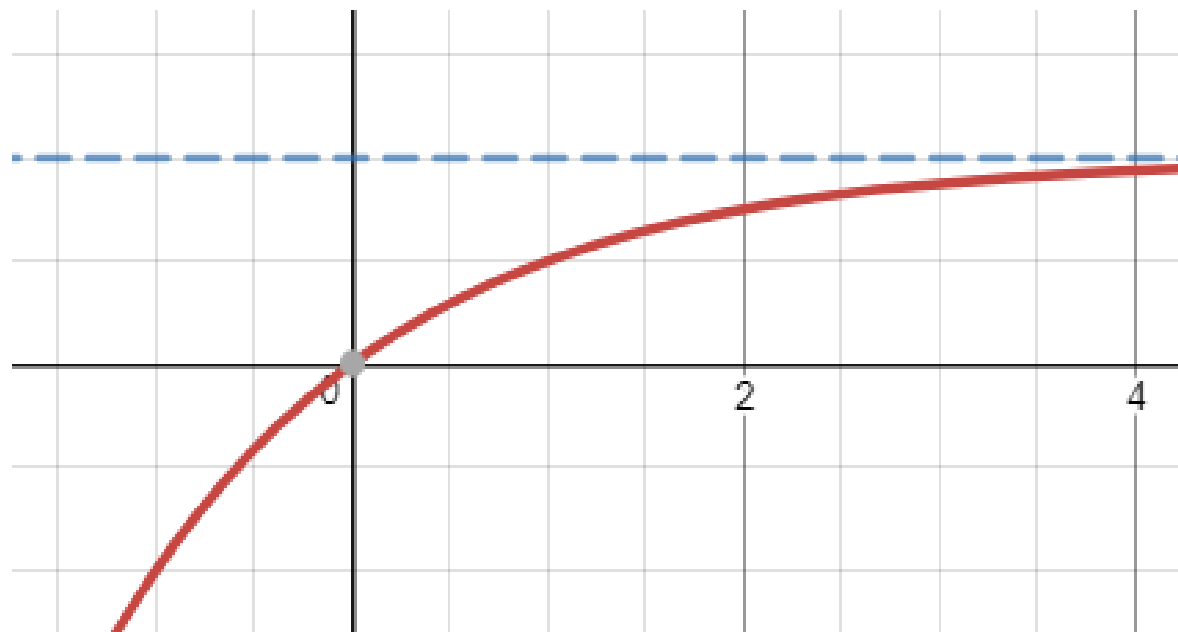
$$y(1) = \frac{1}{2}, y(2) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}, y(3) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8}$$



Concept Sheets: Geometric Series Derivation

Fortunately this holds under
all Geometric Series.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 - 2^{-x}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \frac{1}{p-1}$$



Concept Sheets:

Geometric Series

Derivation

Like all things in Mathematics, Geometric Series pop up in fascinating places in higher mathematics.

For example, this derivation for the arctan x derivative

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 \dots$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} \dots$$
$$= \int (1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 \dots) dx$$

$$= \int (1 + (-x^2)^1 + (-x^2)^2 + (-x^2)^3 \dots) dx$$

$$= \int \frac{dx}{1 - (-x^2)} = \int \frac{dx}{1 + x^2}$$

Problems: AIME #1, Complex Numbers GD

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$$\text{fraction } \frac{7}{51} \text{ is } 0.\overline{23}_k = 0.232323232323 \dots_k$$

What is k ?

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We see that the representation of numbers in specified bases is perfect for representing them in a Geometric Series

$$0.232323 \dots = \frac{2}{k} + \frac{3}{k^2} + \frac{2}{k^3} + \frac{3}{k^4} \dots$$

$$0.232323 \dots = \frac{2k + 3}{k^2} + \frac{2k + 3}{k^4} \dots$$

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$$\frac{2k + 3}{k^2 - 1} = \frac{7}{51}$$

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$$(k - 16)(7k + 10) = 0$$

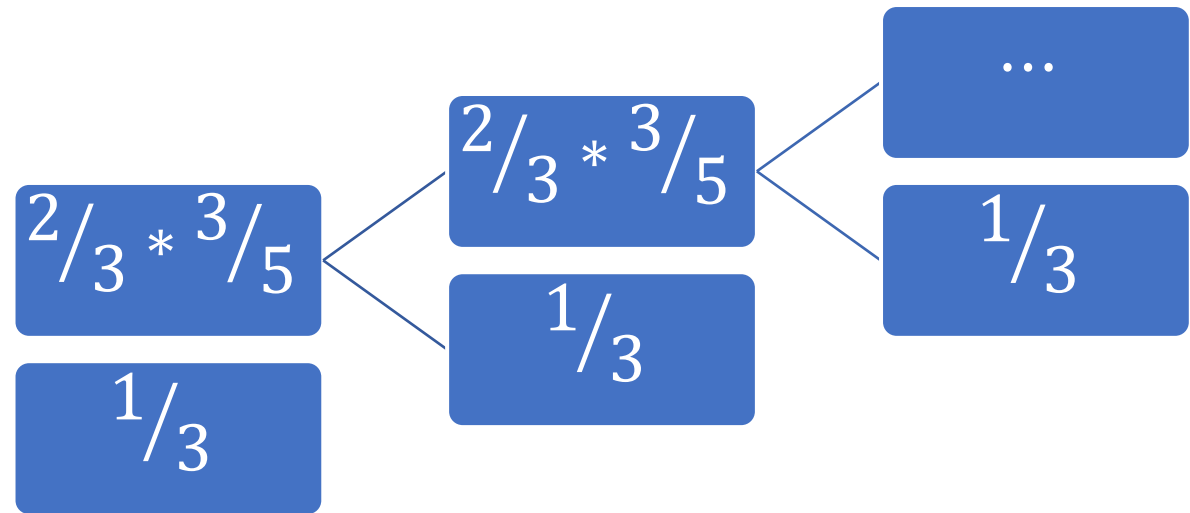
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We can draw a tree to represent this probability

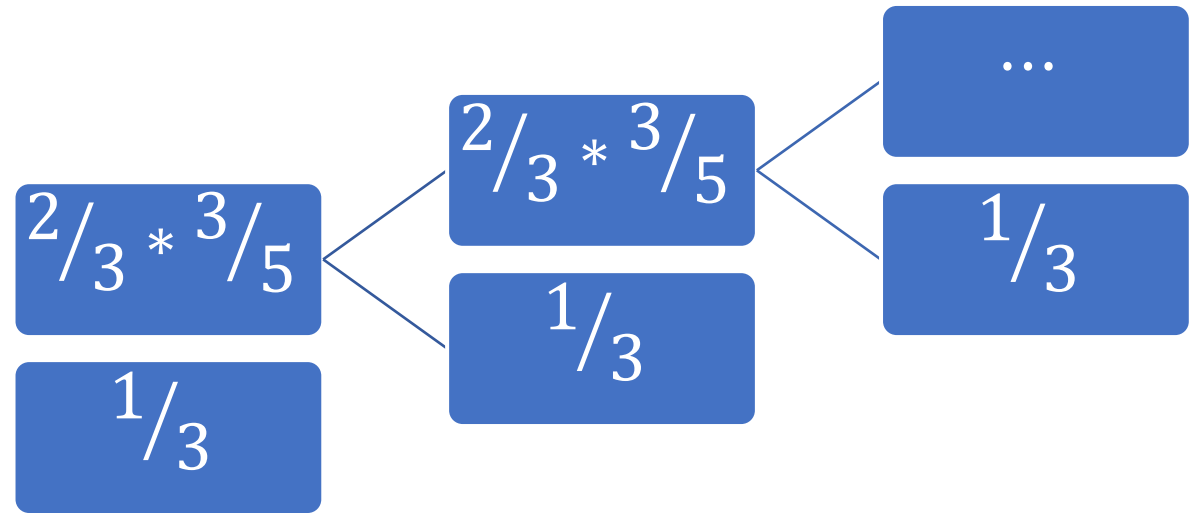


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Now, we can represent this probability algebraically

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$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{1}{3} * \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{6}{15}\right)^n = \frac{1}{3} * \frac{1}{1 - 6/15}$$

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{1}{3} * \frac{1}{9/15} = \frac{1}{3} * \frac{15}{9} = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$q - p = 9 - 5 = 4$$