

Short Proof of $\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{k\pi}{2n} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2^{n-1}}$

Proof. First, prove the preliminary identity using roots of unity:

$$x^n - 1 = (x - 1) \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (x - e^{2\pi i k/n})$$

At $x = 1$: $n = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (1 - e^{2\pi i k/n})$. Thus $\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} 2 \sin(\pi k/n) = n$, so

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

Apply double-angle formula $\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$:

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

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{k\pi}{2n} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \cos \frac{k\pi}{2n} = \frac{n}{2^{2n-2}}$$

By symmetry (complementary angles: $\cos \frac{k\pi}{2n} = \sin(\pi/2 - \frac{k\pi}{2n}) = \sin \frac{(n-k)\pi}{2n}$),

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \cos \frac{k\pi}{2n} = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{k\pi}{2n}.$$

Thus:

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

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{k\pi}{2n} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2^{n-1}}.$$

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