

# 1 Introduction and simplification.

This is the story of an infinite product integral that seems intimidating at first but is actually easier than it looks. Let's take a look:

$$\int \frac{1}{x} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \tan^2 \frac{x}{2^n}\right) dx \quad (1)$$

Recall some trig identities:

$$1 - \tan^2(a) = 2 - \sec^2(a) = (2 \cos^2(a) - 1) \sec^2(a) = \cos(2a) \sec^2(a)$$

This simplifies our integral to:

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{1}{x} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\cos\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right) \sec^2\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\right) dx \quad (2)$$

Use this property of products:  $\prod_n a_n^k = [\prod_n a_n]^k$  to get:

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{1}{x} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right) \left[\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \sec\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\right]^2 dx \quad (3)$$

# 2 Finding a way to simplify the infinite product.

We seek to find the convergence of  $\cos\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right)$  with respect to n:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=1}^k \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right) = \cos(x) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=1}^k \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \quad (4)$$

Now we need to recall this simple trig identity:

$$\sin(2a) = 2 \sin(a) \cos(a) \rightarrow \cos(a) = \frac{\sin(2a)}{2 \sin(a)}$$

Redefine the limit to get:

$$\Rightarrow \cos(x) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\sin(x)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} \cdot \frac{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^2}\right)} \cdot \frac{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2^2}\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^3}\right)} \cdots \frac{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2^{k-1}}\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right)} \right] \quad (5)$$

Now this is interesting, because we are looking at a telescoping series of product:

$$\Rightarrow \cos(x) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\sin(x)}{2 \cancel{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}}{2 \cancel{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2^2}\right)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2^2}\right)}}{2 \cancel{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2^3}\right)}} \cdots \frac{\cancel{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2^{k-1}}\right)}}{2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right)} \right] \quad (6)$$

So our product series ends with this:

$$\Rightarrow \cos(x) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(x)}{2^k \sin \frac{x}{2^k}} \quad (7)$$

Using L'Hospital's rule to evaluate the limit:

$$\Rightarrow \cos(x) \sin(x) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dk} 2^{-k}}{\frac{d}{dk} \sin \frac{x}{2^k}} = \cos(x) \sin(x) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{-2^{-k} \ln(2)}}{\cancel{(-2^{-k} \ln 2)} x \cos \frac{x}{2^k}} = \boxed{\frac{\cos(x) \sin(x)}{x}} \quad (8)$$

### 3 The final stretch.

Recall our integral from before:

$$\int \frac{1}{x} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right) \left[ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \sec\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \right]^2 dx \quad (9)$$

Use the substitutions from before:

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

And similarly:

$$\left[ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \sec\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \right]^2 = \frac{x^2}{\sin^2(x)}$$

Now it can be rewritten as:

$$\int \frac{1}{x} \left[ \frac{\cos(x) \cancel{\sin(x)}}{\cancel{x}} \cdot \frac{x^2}{\sin^2(x)} \right] dx = \int \cot(x) dx = \ln |\sin x| + C \quad (10)$$

Plot for  $c = 0$ :

