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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

The content of infinite sums is discussed extensively in calculus and real analysis course. However, the concept of infinite products, which is closely related to that of infinite sums, is not mentioned in any regular undergraduate analysis course. In this project, we study about infinite products.

In Chapter 2, we give a formal definition of infinite products, together with basic examples including important infinite products such as Viète's formula and Wallis product. We also give theorems concerning the convergence of infinite products.

In Chapter 3, we give an infinite product of sine using fourier series. We also devise the partial fraction of cotangent using the infinite product of sine.

In the last chapter, we give an application of infinite products to a geometric problem.

# Chapter 2

## Infinite products

**Definition 1.** Let  $a_n$  be a sequence of real numbers. An infinite product

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 a_2 a_3 \cdots$$

is said to converge if there exists an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that the  $a_n$ 's are nonzero for all  $n \geq m$  and the limit of partial products  $\prod_{k=m}^n a_k = a_m \cdot a_{m+1} \cdots a_n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=m}^n a_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_m \cdot a_{m+1} \cdots a_n) \quad (1)$$

converges to a nonzero value, say  $p$ . In this case we define

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot a_3 \cdots a_{m-1} \cdot p.$$

The definition is of course independent of the  $m$  chosen such that the  $a_n$ 's are nonzero for all  $n \geq m$ . The infinite product  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges if it doesn't converge; That is either there are infinitely many zero  $a_n$ 's or the limit (1) diverges or the limit (1) converges to zero. In this latter case, we say that the infinite product diverges to zero.

See the proof in [1].

**Example 2.** 1. The product  $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots$  diverges.

2. The product  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})$  diverges.

3. The product  $\prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n(n+1)}\right)$  converges to  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

4. The product  $\prod_{n=2}^{\infty} (1 - \frac{1}{n})$  diverges to zero.

*Proof.* 1. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} n \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=1}^k n \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k!. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the product  $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots$  diverges.

2. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=1}^k \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2}{1}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (k+1). \end{aligned}$$

Hence the product  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$  diverges.

3. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=2}^k \left(1 - \frac{2}{n(n+1)}\right) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=2}^k \frac{n^2 + n - 2}{n(n+1)} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=2}^k \frac{(n-1)(n+2)}{n(n+1)} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 3} \frac{2 \cdot 5}{3 \cdot 4} \frac{3 \cdot 6}{4 \cdot 5} \frac{4 \cdot 7}{5 \cdot 6} \cdots \frac{(k-1)(k+2)}{k(k+1)}\right) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{k+2}{k}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the product  $\prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n(n+1)}\right)$  converges to  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

4. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=2}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=2}^k \frac{n-1}{n} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{3} \frac{3}{4} \cdots \frac{k-1}{k}\right) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the product  $\prod_{n=2}^{\infty} (1 - \frac{1}{n})$  diverges to zero.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *If  $a_k \geq 0$  for all  $k$ , then the product  $\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 + a_k)$  converges if and only if the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges. The same is true if  $a_k \leq 0$  for all  $k$ .*

See the proof in [1].

**Example 4.** *The product  $\prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n(n+1)}\right)$  converges.*

*Proof.* Assume  $a_k = \frac{-2}{k(k+1)}$  and  $b_k = \frac{1}{k^2}$ .

So

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{-2}{k(k+1)}}{\frac{1}{k^2}} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2k^2}{k^2 + k + 1} \\ &= -2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_k = \frac{1}{k^2}$  is a  $p$ -serie,  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_k$  converges.

By comparison test,  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{-2}{n(n+1)}$  converges. Since  $a_k \leq 0$  for all  $k$ , the product  $\prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n(n+1)}\right)$  converges.  $\square$

## 2.1 Vieta's product formula

The infinite product formula

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}}} \cdots = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

was discovered in 1593 by the French lawyer and mathematician Francois Vieta (1540-1603), whose name was rendered into Latin as Franciscus Vieta. The formula

derives special interest from the unexpected appearance of the number  $\pi$ . It can be written more explicitly as

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_1 b_2 \cdots b_n) = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

where  $b_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $b_{n+1} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}b_n}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . See the proof in [1].

## 2.2 Wallis product formula

The remarkable Wallis product formula is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 \cdot 2}{1 \cdot 3} \frac{4 \cdot 4}{3 \cdot 5} \frac{6 \cdot 6}{5 \cdot 7} \cdots \frac{(2n)(2n)}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{\pi}{2}. \quad (1)$$

It was first recorded by John Wallis (1616-1703) as early as 1656. Equivalent formulations are

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{(2n)^2}\right) = \frac{2}{\pi} \quad (2)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{2n}(n!)^2}{(2n)!\sqrt{n}} = \sqrt{\pi}. \quad (3)$$

The factors in (2) are simply the reciprocals of those in (1). To see that (1) and (3) are equivalent, observe first that because  $\frac{2n+1}{2n} \rightarrow 1$ , the formula (1) implies

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^2 4^2 6^2 \cdots (2n-2)^2}{3^2 5^2 7^2 \cdots (2n-1)^2} (2n) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Taking square roots, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2n-2)}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots (2n-1)} \sqrt{2n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^2 4^2 6^2 \cdots (2n-2)^2 (2n)^2}{(2n)!\sqrt{2n}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{2n}(n!)^2}{(2n)!\sqrt{n}}, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that (1) implies (3). Since all steps are reversible, a similar argument shows that (3) implies (1). See the proof in [1].

# Chapter 3

## Examples

### 3.1 Infinite product of sine

In this chapter, we show some results about uniform convergence, the Weierstrass M-test and some properties of uniform convergence.

**Theorem 5** (Weierstrass M-test). *Assume  $|f_n(x)| \leq M_n$  for all  $x \in D$  and the series of real number  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n$  converges, so series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$  converges uniformly on  $D$ . See the proof in [2].*

**Example 6.**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2t}{t^2 - n^2}$  converges uniformly in each interval  $[-a, a]$  with  $0 < a < 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $t$  be in each interval  $[-a, a]$  with  $0 < a < 1$ . Assume  $f_n(x) = \frac{2t}{t^2 - n^2}$  and  $M_n = \frac{2a}{n^2 - a^2}$ . Computing the maximum of each component, the numerator must be maximum and denominator must be minimum, so

$$f_n(t) = \left| \frac{2t}{t^2 - n^2} \right| \leq \frac{2a}{n^2 - a^2}.$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n$  converge by use comparison test with  $p$ -series ( $n=2$ ). By the Weierstrass  $M$ -test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2t}{t^2 - n^2}$  converges uniformly in each interval  $[-a, a]$  with  $0 < a < 1$ . □

**Theorem 7.** If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x) = S(x)$  converges uniformly on  $[a, b]$  and  $f_n$  is on  $[a, b]$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\int_a^b S(x)dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b f_n(x)dx.$$

See the proof in [2].

**Theorem 8.** If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f'_n(x)$  converges uniformly on  $(a, b)$ ,  $f'_n$  is continuous on  $(a, b)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $S(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$  then  $S'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f'_n(x)$  on  $(a, b)$ .

See the proof in [2].

Next, we present basic definitions and theorems about Fourier series.

**Definition 9.** Trigonometric series are series of sine functions and cosine functions, of the form,

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)) \quad (1)$$

or

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + a_1 \cos(x) + b_1 \sin(x) + a_2 \cos(x) + b_2 \sin(x) + \dots$$

where  $a_0, a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, \dots$  are real numbers.

See the proof in [2].

**Definition 10.** Let  $f$  be an integrable function having a period of  $2\pi$ . The Fourier series of  $f$  are trigonometric series (1) having coefficients  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  given by

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

See the proof in [2].

**Theorem 11.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . If  $f$  have a period of  $2\pi$ , then the Fourier series of  $f$  converges to the mean of right-hand limits and left-hand limits. That is

$$\frac{f(x^-) + f(x^+)}{2} = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx))$$

where  $f(x^-) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x^-} f(t)$  and  $f(x^+) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x^+} f(t)$ .

See the proof in [2].

**Theorem 12.** *Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then*

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

*Proof.* Let  $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$  be not an integer. Assume  $f(x) = \cos(cx)$  for  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Then the Fourier series of  $f$  is

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)).$$

Since  $f$  is an integrable function having a period of  $2\pi$ , by Definition 10, the coefficient  $a_0$  is

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(cx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{\sin(cx)}{c} \right) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{\sin(c\pi)}{c} - \frac{\sin(-c\pi)}{c} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{c\pi} \sin(c\pi). \end{aligned}$$



Then coefficient  $a_n$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(cx) \cos(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\cos(cx + nx) \cos(cx - nx)}{2} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(cx + nx) + \cos(cx - nx) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{\sin(cx + nx)}{c + n} + \frac{\sin(cx - nx)}{c - n} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{\sin(c\pi + n\pi)}{c + n} + \frac{\sin(c\pi - n\pi)}{c - n} - \frac{\sin(-c\pi - n\pi)}{c + n} - \frac{\sin(-c\pi + n\pi)}{c - n} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{2 \sin(c\pi + n\pi)}{c + n} + \frac{2 \sin(c\pi - n\pi)}{c - n} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{\sin(c\pi + n\pi)}{c + n} + \frac{\sin(c\pi - n\pi)}{c - n} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{(c - n) \sin(c\pi + n\pi) + (c + n) \sin(c\pi - n\pi)}{c^2 - n^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{(c - n)(\sin c\pi \cos n\pi + \cos c\pi \sin n\pi)}{c^2 - n^2} + \frac{(c + n)(\sin c\pi \cos n\pi - \cos c\pi \sin n\pi)}{c^2 - n^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{(c - n)(\sin c\pi \cos n\pi) + (c + n)(\sin c\pi \cos n\pi)}{c^2 - n^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{2c \sin c\pi \cos n\pi}{c^2 - n^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{2c}{\pi} \sin c\pi \frac{(-1)^n}{c^2 - n^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(cx) \sin(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \int_{-\pi}^0 \cos(cx) \sin(nx) dx + \int_0^{\pi} \cos(cx) \sin(nx) dx \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\cos(cx) \sin(nx)$  is odd function,

$$\int_{-\pi}^0 \cos(cx) \sin(nx) dx = - \int_0^{\pi} \cos(cx) \sin(nx) dx.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( - \int_0^\pi \cos(cx) \sin(nx) dx + \int_0^\pi \cos(cx) \sin(nx) dx \right) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the fourier series of  $f$  is

$$\frac{\frac{2}{c\pi} \sin c\pi}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2c}{\pi} \sin c\pi \frac{(-1)^n}{c^2 - n^2} \cos nx.$$

Since  $f$  is a differentiable function on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  and  $f$  have period  $2\pi$ , by Theorem 9,

$$\frac{\cos cx + \cos cx}{2} = \cos cx$$

and

$$\frac{\frac{2}{c\pi} \sin c\pi}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2c}{\pi} \sin c\pi \frac{(-1)^n}{c^2 - n^2} \cos nx = \frac{2c}{\pi} \sin c\pi \left( \frac{1}{2c^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{c^2 - n^2} \cos nx \right).$$

Then

$$\cos cx = \frac{2c}{\pi} \sin c\pi \left( \frac{1}{2c^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{c^2 - n^2} \cos nx \right).$$

Let  $t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$ . Fix  $x = \pi$  and change  $c$  to  $t$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \pi t &= \frac{2t}{\pi} \sin \pi t \left( \frac{1}{2t^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{t^2 - n^2} \cos n\pi \right) \\ &= \frac{2t}{\pi} \sin \pi t \left( \frac{1}{2t^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t^2 - n^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Multiply  $\frac{1}{\sin \pi t} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2t}$  to both sides,

$$\frac{\pi}{2t} \cot \pi t = \frac{1}{2t^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t^2 - n^2}.$$

We give patial fraction of cotangent,

$$\frac{\pi}{2t} \cot \pi t = \frac{1}{2t^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t^2 - n^2} \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}.$$

Subtract  $\frac{1}{2t^2}$  from both sides,

$$\frac{\pi}{2t} \cot \pi t - \frac{1}{2t^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t^2 - n^2}.$$

Multiply  $2t$  to both sides,

$$\pi \cot \pi t - \frac{1}{t} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2t}{t^2 - n^2}.$$

Integrate with respect to  $t$  from  $\epsilon$  to  $x$  for  $0 < \epsilon < x < 1$ ,

$$\int_{\epsilon}^x \pi \cot \pi t - \frac{1}{t} dt = \int_{\epsilon}^x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2t}{t^2 - n^2} dt.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\epsilon}^x \pi \cot \pi t - \frac{1}{t} dt &= \ln \sin \pi t - \ln t - \ln \pi \Big|_{\epsilon}^x \\ &= \ln \frac{\sin \pi t}{\pi t} \Big|_{\epsilon}^x \\ &= \ln \frac{\sin \pi x}{\pi x} - \ln \frac{\sin \pi \epsilon}{\pi \epsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2t}{t^2 - n^2}$  converges uniformly in each interval  $[-a, a]$  with  $0 < a < 1$  and  $\frac{2t}{t^2 - n^2}$  is continuous in each interval  $[-a, a]$  with  $0 < a < 1$ , by Theorem 7,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\epsilon}^x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2t}{t^2 - n^2} dt &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\epsilon}^x \frac{2t}{t^2 - n^2} dt \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln t^2 - n^2 \Big|_{\epsilon}^x \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln \frac{x^2 - n^2}{\epsilon^2 - n^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\ln \frac{\sin \pi x}{\pi x} - \ln \frac{\sin \pi \epsilon}{\pi \epsilon} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln \frac{x^2 - n^2}{\epsilon^2 - n^2}.$$

Taking  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$\ln \frac{\sin \pi x}{\pi x} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln \frac{x^2 - n^2}{-n^2}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln \frac{x^2 - n^2}{-n^2} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{n^2} \right) \\ &= \ln \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{1^2} \right) + \ln \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{2^2} \right) + \dots \\ &= \ln \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{n^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

So

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

Then

$$\frac{\sin \pi x}{\pi x} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{n^2}\right), 0 < x < 1.$$

Since  $\frac{\sin \pi x}{\pi x}$  is an even function,

$$\frac{\sin \pi x}{\pi x} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{n^2}\right), -1 < x < 1.$$

Hence

$$\sin \pi x = \pi x \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{1^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{3^2}\right) \cdots, -1 < x < 1.$$

We show that the right-hand side is periodic with period 2. If  $p(x)$  denotes the infinite product (which converges for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ), we want to show that  $p(x+2) = p(x)$ . Let the partial product be

$$p_n(x) = \pi x \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{1^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{3^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{n^2}\right).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} p_n(x) &= (-1)^n \pi x \left(\frac{x^2}{1^2} - 1\right) \left(\frac{x^2}{2^2} - 1\right) \left(\frac{x^2}{3^2} - 1\right) \cdots \left(\frac{x^2}{n^2} - 1\right) \\ &= (-1)^n \pi x \left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{1^2}\right) \left(\frac{x^2 - 2^2}{2^2}\right) \left(\frac{x^2 - 3^2}{3^2}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{x^2 - n^2}{n^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} \pi x (x^2 - 1^2)(x^2 - 2^2)(x^2 - 3^2) \cdots (x^2 - n^2) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} \pi x (x+1)(x-1)(x+2)(x-2)(x+3)(x-3) \cdots (x+n)(x-n) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} \pi (x-n)(x-n+1) \cdots (x-1)x(x+1) \cdots (x+n-1)(x+n). \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} p_n(x+2) &= \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} \pi (x-n+2)(x-n+3) \cdots (x+1)(x+2)(x+3) \\ &\quad \cdots (x+n+1)(x+n+2) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} \pi \frac{(x-n)(x-n+1)}{(x-n)(x-n+1)} (x-n+2)(x-n+3) \cdots (x-1) \\ &\quad x(x+1) \cdots (x+n+1)(x+n+2). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$p_n(x+2) = \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} \pi \frac{(x-n)(x-n+1)}{(x-n)(x-n+1)} p_n(x), n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$p(x+2) = p(x) \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Hence

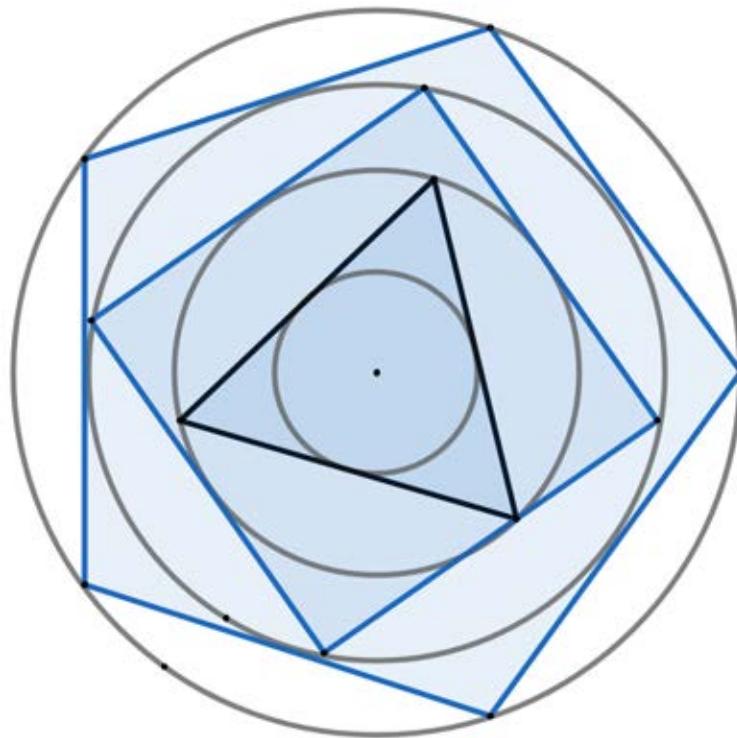
$$\sin \pi x = \pi x \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{1^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{3^2}\right) \dots \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

□

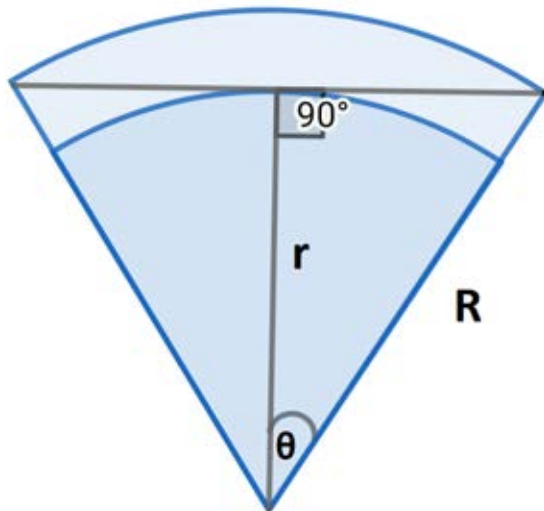
# Chapter 4

## An application

**Problem 1.** Suppose that an equilateral triangle is inscribed in a circle of radius 1, then a circle  $C_3$  is circumscribed about the triangle, then a square is circumscribed about  $C_3$ , another circle  $C_4$  is circumscribed about the square, a regular pentagon is circumscribed about  $C_4$ , and so on. Is the sequence of the circles  $C_n$  bounded?



*Proof.* Consider the  $n$ -gon is circumscribed about a circle of radius  $r$  and another circle is circumscribed about the  $n$ -gon. The second circle has radius  $R$ .



Since  $\theta$  is  $\frac{\pi}{n}$ ,

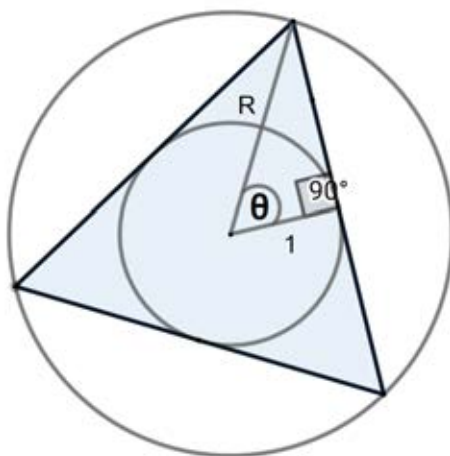
$$\cos \frac{\pi}{n} = \frac{r}{R}.$$

Then

$$R = r \sec \frac{\pi}{n}$$

If  $C_n$  has radius  $R_n$ , we will show that  $R_n = \prod_{k=3}^n \sec \frac{\pi}{k}$ .

Basis step ;  $n = 3$



Consider the triangle in the above picture; since the triangle is circumscribed about a circle,  $\theta$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ .

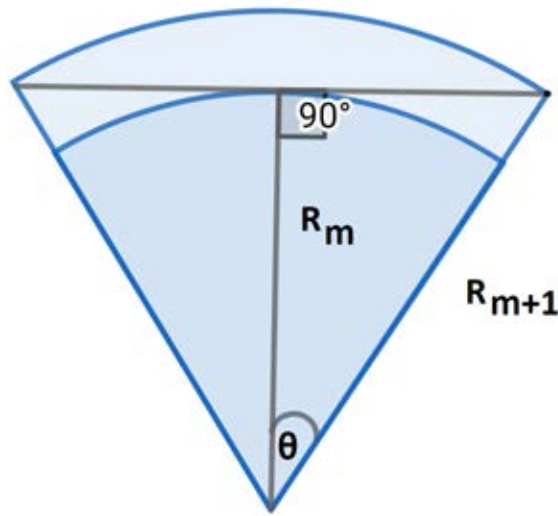
By trigonometry,

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{R}.$$

Then

$$R = \sec \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

Induction step:



Consider triangle in the above picture; since  $(m + 1)$ -gon is circumscribed about a circle,  $\theta$  is  $\frac{\pi}{m + 1}$ .

By trigonometry,

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{m + 1} = \frac{R_m}{R_{m+1}}.$$

Then

$$R_{m+1} = R_m \cdot \sec \frac{\pi}{m + 1}.$$

Since  $R_m = \prod_{k=3}^m \sec \frac{\pi}{k}$  for  $m \geq 3$ ,

$$R_{m+1} = \prod_{k=3}^{m+1} \sec \frac{\pi}{k}.$$



We will prove the circles  $C_n$  for  $n = 3, 4, 5, \dots$  are bounded. We show  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n =$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=3}^n \sec \frac{\pi}{k} = \prod_{k=3}^{\infty} \sec \frac{\pi}{k} \text{ exists.}$$

Since

$$\prod_{k=3}^{\infty} \sec \frac{\pi}{k} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \sec \frac{\pi}{n+2}.$$

Let

$$a_k = \sec \left( \frac{\pi}{k+2} \right) - 1 = \frac{1}{\cos \frac{\pi}{k+2}} - 1 = \frac{1 - \cos \frac{\pi}{k+2}}{\cos \frac{\pi}{k+2}}$$

and

$$b_k = \left( \frac{\pi}{k+2} \right)^2.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1 - \cos \frac{\pi}{k+2}}{\cos \frac{\pi}{k+2}}}{\left( \frac{\pi}{k+2} \right)^2} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \cos \frac{\pi}{k+2}}{\cos \frac{\pi}{k+2} \cdot \left( \frac{\pi}{k+2} \right)^2} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\pi}{k+2} \right)^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi^2}{(k+2)^2}$  is a  $p$ -series, which is convergent,  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$

and  $\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \left( \sec \left( \frac{\pi}{k} \right) - 1 \right)$  converges.

By Theorem 3,  $\prod_{k=3}^{\infty} \sec \frac{\pi}{k}$  converges. Hence the sequence of the circles  $C_n$  is bounded. □

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### Background and Rationale and Scope

The content of infinite sums is discussed extensively in calculus and real analysis course. However, the concept of infinite products, which is closely related to that of infinite sums, is not mentioned in any regular undergraduate analysis course. In this project, we study the definition of infinite products, examples of infinite products such as the infinite product of the sine function with the associated examples including infinite partial fraction of the cotangent function. Finally, we give some interesting applications of infinite products.

Give a decent exploratory discussion of infinite products and their related topics, provide some interesting applications of infinite products.

### Objectives

Study definition of infinite products, state and prove important theorems for infinite products and give some interesting applications of infinite products.

### Project Activities

1. Study the definition of infinite products.
2. State and prove important theorems for infinite products.
3. Find some interesting applications of infinite products.
4. Write a report.

### Activities Table

Project Activities	August 2017 - April 2018								
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
1.Study definition of infinite products.									
2.State and prove important theorems for infinite products.									
3.Find some interesting applications of infinite products.									
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### Benefits

Understanding the topics of infinite products and learning some interesting applications of infinite products.

### Equipment

1. Computer
2. Paper
3. Printer
4. Stationery
5. Word processing program

### Budget

1. Paper A4

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