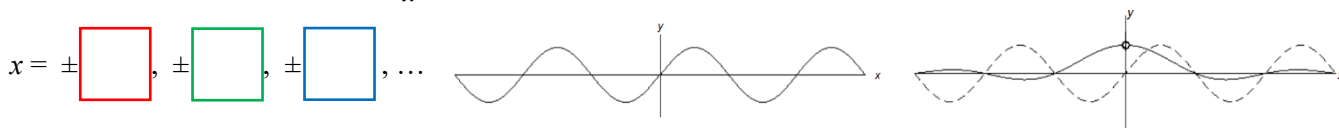


(+4) How Euler Astonished the World by Showing  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$  at the Age of 28

1. The functions  $y = \sin x$  and  $y = \frac{\sin x}{x}$  share infinitely many zeros. List those they share shown in the graph.



2. Write the first six terms of the Taylor polynomial for sine. Use factorial notation.

$$\sin x = \boxed{\phantom{0}} - \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} - \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} - \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \dots$$

3. Euler divided each term of the above Taylor polynomial by  $x$ . Complete the boxes to see what he found.

$$\frac{\sin x}{x} = \boxed{\phantom{0}} - \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} - \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} - \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \dots$$

4. Euler used what you wrote in #1 to write the infinite degree polynomial in #3 in *factored* form as a product. Complete the boxes with **positive** real numbers. Combine each of the pairs of factors of the same color. Use  $(A-B)(A+B) = A^2 - B^2$ .



Clever!

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sin x}{x} &= \left(1 - \frac{x}{\boxed{\phantom{0}}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{x}{\boxed{\phantom{0}}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{\boxed{\phantom{0}}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{x}{\boxed{\phantom{0}}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{\boxed{\phantom{0}}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{x}{\boxed{\phantom{0}}}\right) \dots \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\boxed{\phantom{0}}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\boxed{\phantom{0}}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\boxed{\phantom{0}}}\right) \dots \end{aligned}$$

5. Euler expanded the infinite product you reported in #4 and collected like terms to compare it with #3.

TIP: Notice the pattern of the coefficients of the  $x^2$  terms for several partial products of this form.

$$(1 - A^2x^2)(1 - B^2x^2) = 1 - (A^2 + B^2)x^2 + A^2B^2x^4.$$

$$(1 - A^2x^2)(1 - B^2x^2)(1 - C^2x^2) = 1 - (A^2 + B^2 + C^2)x^2 + (A^2B^2 + A^2C^2 + B^2C^2)x^4 - (A^2B^2C^2)x^6.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - A^2x^2)(1 - B^2x^2)(1 - C^2x^2)(1 - D^2x^2) &= 1 - (A^2 + B^2 + C^2 + D^2)x^2 \\ &\quad + (A^2B^2 + A^2C^2 + A^2D^2 + B^2C^2 + B^2D^2 + C^2D^2)x^4 \\ &\quad - (A^2B^2C^2 + A^2B^2D^2 + A^2C^2D^2 + B^2C^2D^2)x^6 \\ &\quad + (A^2B^2C^2D^2)x^8. \end{aligned}$$

For the infinite product in Question 4,  $\frac{\sin x}{x} = (1 - A^2x^2)(1 - B^2x^2)(1 - C^2x^2)(1 - D^2x^2) \dots$ , we would have

$$A = \boxed{\phantom{0}}, B = \boxed{\phantom{0}}, C = \boxed{\phantom{0}}, D = \boxed{\phantom{0}}, \text{ etc.}$$

6. Euler noticed some golden treasure with the **coefficient of the  $x^2$  term** of the *expanded* form of  $\frac{\sin x}{x}$ .

Report it in the box below. (It involves  $\pi$  and is itself *an infinite series*.)

Set what you reported in Question 6 to what is in the dashed box in Question 3

$$\frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 - \boxed{\phantom{0}}x^2 + \dots = 1 - \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \dots$$

7. Follow Euler's tip.



8. We have spent much of the course exploring infinite *sums*. In Question 5 we have an infinite *product*. There are similarities.

a. It has been convenient to use the capital Greek letter sigma (equivalent to our letter *S*) for a sum. Write the expanded form of  $\frac{\sin x}{x}$  using Sigma notation.

$$\frac{\sin x}{x} = \frac{x^0}{1!} - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{7!} + \frac{x^8}{9!} - \frac{x^{10}}{11!} + \dots = \sum_{k=\square}^{\infty} \square$$

b. It is also convenient use the capital Greek letter Pi (equivalent to our letter *P*) for a product. Write the factored form of  $\frac{\sin x}{x}$  using Pi notation.

$$\frac{\sin x}{x} = \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{9\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{16\pi^2}\right) \dots = \prod_{k=\square}^{\square} \square$$

c. Use Pi notation to report the leading coefficient of the *expanded* form of  $\frac{\sin x}{x}$  for the *n*th partial product.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{9\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{16\pi^2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{n^2\pi^2}\right) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x^2}{(k\pi)^2} + \dots + \prod_{k=\square}^{\square} \square \end{aligned}$$

See the TIP in Question 5

