

The area of an n -gon inscribed in the unit circle is given by the equation $A = n \sin(\frac{180^\circ}{n}) \cos(\frac{180^\circ}{n})$. Since $180^\circ = \pi$ radians, $A = n \sin(\frac{\pi}{n}) \cos(\frac{\pi}{n})$. To prove that the sequence consisting of the areas of consecutive n -gons inscribed in the unit circle converges to π as $n \rightarrow \infty$ we will evaluate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A$.

Since $A = n \sin(\frac{\pi}{n}) \cos(\frac{\pi}{n})$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n \sin(\frac{\pi}{n}) \cos(\frac{\pi}{n})]$.

Since $\sin(x) \cos(y) = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(x+y) + \sin(x-y)]$,

$$\sin(\frac{\pi}{n}) \cos(\frac{\pi}{n}) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin(\frac{2\pi}{n}) + \sin(0)) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(\frac{2\pi}{n}).$$

Thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n \sin(\frac{\pi}{n}) \cos(\frac{\pi}{n})] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\frac{n}{2} \sin(\frac{2\pi}{n})] = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sin(\frac{2\pi}{n})$.

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin(2\pi n^{-1}) = 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} = 0$ L'Hopital's Rule applies.

$$\text{Thus } \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sin(\frac{2\pi}{n}) = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \frac{\cos(2\pi n^{-1})(-2\pi n^{-2})}{-n^{-2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cos(2\pi n^{-1}) = \pi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos(\frac{2\pi}{n}) = \pi$$

Therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A = \pi$