

# Proof of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n = -\frac{1}{2}$

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First,  $\pm\infty$  is constant at any observation point (position).

If a set of real numbers is  $R$ , then,

$$\begin{aligned} R \times (\pm\infty) &= \pm\infty \\ R + (\pm\infty) &= \pm\infty \\ (-1) \times (\pm\infty) &\neq \mp\infty \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, when  $x (\in R)$  is taken on a number line, the absolute value  $X$  becomes larger toward  $\pm\infty$  as the absolute value  $X$  is expanded.

Similarly, as the size decreases, the absolute value  $X$  decreases toward 0. Furthermore,  $\times (-1)$  represents the reversal of the direction of the axis.

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\pm\infty} &= (-1) \cdot (\pm\infty) = i \\ (\pm\infty) \cdot i - 1 &= 0 \end{aligned}}$$

$$(-1) \cdot (\pm\infty) = \frac{1}{\pm\infty}$$

$$i^2 = (\pm\infty)^2 \rightarrow i = \pm(\pm\infty)$$

$$\therefore i = -(\pm\infty) = (-1)(\pm\infty) = \frac{1}{\pm\infty}, (\because i \neq \pm(\pm\infty))$$

Next,

$$\boxed{\pi = \frac{2}{\pi} + 2 \arctan \left( \frac{1}{\tan \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)} \right), (\because x \geq \frac{1}{\pi})}$$

$$x = \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \geq \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$\pi = \frac{2}{\left( \frac{2}{\pi} \right)} + 2 \arctan \left( \frac{1}{\tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right)} \right) = \pi + 2 \arctan \left( \frac{1}{\pm\infty} \right)$$

$$\arctan \left( \frac{1}{\pm\infty} \right) = \arctan(i) = 0$$

$$\therefore \tan 0 = \frac{1}{\pm\infty} = (-1)(\pm\infty) = i$$

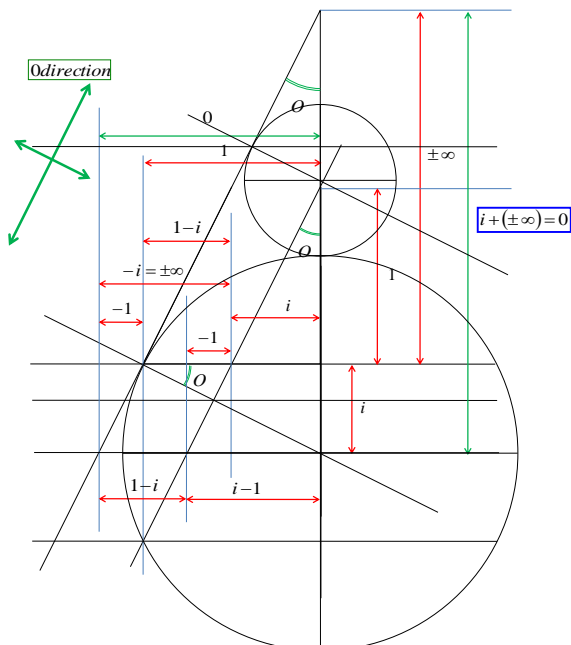


Fig.1

Second, we consider the figure below.

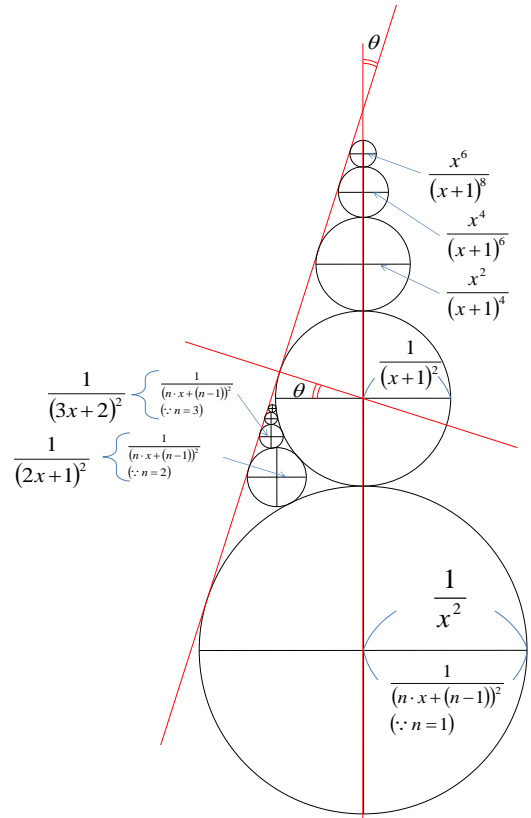


Fig.2

From the figure above, I got the following equation.

$$\theta = \arcsin \left( \frac{1}{\frac{2 \cdot (x+1)^2}{2x+1} - 1} \right)$$

Here, when take  $\pm\infty$  to the consideration,

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \tan \theta &= \frac{2x+1}{2x(x+1)} = i = (-1) \cdot (\pm\infty) = \frac{1}{\pm\infty} \\ \therefore x &= -\frac{1}{2}(1+i) \end{aligned}}$$

Here, when we consider the figure above,

$$\frac{x^2}{(x+1)^2} = -1$$

So, when we put  $x=1$ ,  $1/(x^2)=1$ .

Here, from Fig.1,  $i + (\pm\infty) = 0$ .

$$1 + 2 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot (1) + 2 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot (1) + \dots = i + (\pm\infty) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + ((-1) + (1) + (-1) + (-1) + (1) + \dots) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n = 0$$

$$\boxed{\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n = -\frac{1}{2}}$$