

APPLICATIONS OF WALLIS THEOREM

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Abstract: In this paper we present theorems and applications of Wallis theorem related to trigonometric integrals.

Let's recall Wallis Theorem:

Theorem 1. (Wallis, 1616-1703)

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n+1} x dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2n+1} x dx = \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n)}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n+1)}.$$

Proof: Using the integration by parts, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n+1} x dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} x \sin x dx = -\cos x \cdot \sin 2nx \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} + \\ &+ 2n \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n-1} x (1 - \sin^2 x) dx = 2n I_{n-1} - 2n I_n \end{aligned}$$

from where:

$$I_n = \frac{2n}{2n+1} I_{n-1}.$$

By multiplication, we obtain the statement.

We prove in the same manner for $\cos x$.

Theorem 2.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} x dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2n} x dx = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n)} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Proof: Same as the first theorem.

Theorem 3. If $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{2k} x^{2k}$, then

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} f(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} f(\cos x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} a_0 + \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{2k} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k)}.$$

Proof: In the function $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{2k} x^{2k}$ we substitute x by $\sin x$ and then integrate from 0 to $\frac{\pi}{2}$, and we use the second theorem.

Theorem 4. If $g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{2k+1} x^{2k+1}$, then

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} g(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} g(\cos x) dx = a_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{2k+1} \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k)}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k+1)}.$$

Theorem 5. If $h(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$, then

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} h(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} h(\cos x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} a_0 + a_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} a_{2k} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k)} + a_{2k+1} \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k)}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k+1)} \right).$$

Application 1.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(\cos x) dx = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{1}{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k+1)^2}$$

Proof: We use that $\sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$.

Application 2.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(\cos x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{4^k (k!)^2}.$$

Proof: We use that $\cos x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!}$.

Application 3.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} sh(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} sh(\cos x) dx = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k+1)^2}.$$

Proof: We use that $shx = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$

Application 4.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} ch(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} ch(\cos x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^k (k!)^2}.$$

Proof: We use that $chx = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!}$.

Application 5.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

Proof: In the expression of $\arcsin x = x + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k-1)x^{2k+1}}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k)(2k+1)}$ we substitute x by $\sin x$, and use theorem 4. It results that $\frac{\pi^2}{8} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2}$.

Because:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$$

we obtain:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

Application 6.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin x \operatorname{ctg}(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos x \operatorname{ctg}(\cos x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_k}{(k!)^2}$$

where B_k is the k -th Bernoulli type number (see [1]).

Proof: We use that $x \operatorname{ctg} x = 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^k B_k x^{2k}}{(2k)!}$.

Application 7.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \operatorname{arctg}(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \operatorname{arctg}(\cos x) dx = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k)}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k-1)(2k+1)^2}.$$

Proof: We use that $\operatorname{arctg} x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{2k+1}$.

Application 8.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \operatorname{arg th}(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \operatorname{arg th}(\cos x) dx = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k)}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k-1)(2k+1)^2}.$$

Proof: We use that $\operatorname{arg th} x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k+1}}{2k+1}$.

Application 9.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \arg sh(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \arg sh(\cos x) dx = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2}.$$

Proof: We use that $\arg sh x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k-1)x^{2k+1}}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k)(2k+1)}$.

Application 10.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \operatorname{tg}(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \operatorname{tg}(\cos x) dx = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2k-1}(4^k-1)B_k}{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k-1)^2 k}.$$

Proof: We use that $\operatorname{tg} x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2k}(4^k-1)B_k}{(2k)!} x^{2k-1}$.

Application 11.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin x}{\sin(\sin x)} dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{\sin(\cos x)} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{2k-1}-1)B_k}{2^{2k}(k!)^2}$$

Proof: We use that $\frac{x}{\sin x} = 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{2k-1}-1)B_k}{(2k)!} x^{2k}$.

Application 12.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin x}{sh(\sin x)} dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{sh(\cos x)} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{2k-1}-1)B_k}{2^{2k}(k!)^2}.$$

Proof: We use that $\frac{x}{sh x} = 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{(2^{2k-1}-1)B_k}{(2k)!} x^{2k}$.

Application 13.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sec(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sec(\cos x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{E_k}{2^{2k+1}(k!)^2},$$

where E_k is the k -th Euler type number (see [1]).

Proof: We use that $\sec x = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{E_k}{(2k)!} x^{2k}$

Application 14.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \operatorname{sech}(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \operatorname{sech}(\cos x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{E_k}{2^{2k+1}(k!)^2}.$$

Proof: We use that $\operatorname{sech} x = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{E_k}{(2k)!} x^{2k}$.

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