

If  $0 \leq x \leq 1, n \geq 1$  then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \int_0^1 (\cos x)^{k-1} \cdot (\sin x)^k dx < 2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^n} \right)$$

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$$x \in [0, 1] \subset \left[ 0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \Rightarrow \sin x \geq 0, \cos x > 0$$

$$(\cos x)^{k-1} \cdot (\sin x)^k = \sin x \cdot (\cos x)^{k-1} \cdot (\sin x)^{k-1} =$$

$$= \sin x \cdot (\sin x \cdot \cos x)^{k-1} = \sin x \cdot (\sin^2 x \cdot \cos^2 x)^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \leq$$

$$\leq \sin x \cdot \left( \left( \frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{2} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{k-1}{2}} = \sin x \cdot \left( \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{k-1}{2}} = \sin x \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{k-1} < \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{k-1}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \int_0^1 (\cos x)^{k-1} \cdot (\sin x)^k dx < \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{k-1} = \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n - 1}{\frac{1}{2} - 1} = 2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^n} \right)$$