1. Line segment  $\overline{AE}$  of length 17 bisects  $\overline{DB}$  iat a point C. If  $\overline{AB} = 5$ ,  $\overline{BC} = 6$  and  $\angle BAC = 78$  degrees, calculate  $\angle CDE$ .

## Answer: 39

## Solution:

We draw a diagram as follows:



We construct line  $\overline{EG}$  such that  $\angle EGC = \angle ABC = 78$ .

We see that  $\overline{EG} = \overline{GD} = 5$  so triangle  $\Delta EGD$  is isosceles. Therefore,  $2\angle GDE = \angle EGC$  and so  $\angle CDE = \angle GDE = \boxed{39}$  and we are done.

2. Points A, B, C are chosen on the boundary of a circle with center O so that  $\angle BAC$  encloses an arc of 120 degrees. Let D be chosen on  $\overline{BA}$  so that  $\angle AOD$  is a right angle. Extend  $\overline{CD}$  so that it intersects with O again at point P. What is the measure of the arc, in degrees, that is enclosed by  $\angle ACP$ ? Please use the tan<sup>-1</sup> function to express your answer.

Answer:  $2(\tan^{-1}(\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3}) - 30)$ 

**Solution:** We can draw line  $\overline{DO}$  past O, and draw the line from point C parallel to  $\overline{AO}$ , until they meet at point E. We can deduce that  $\angle AOC = 120$  degrees, and so  $\angle OCA = 30$ , and  $\triangle OEC$  is a 30-60-90 triangle, meaning that  $\overline{OE} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , and  $\overline{EC} = \frac{1}{2}$ . The measure of the arc we want will be  $2 \times \angle ACP$ , but we can get the measure of  $\angle ECP$  with the tan<sup>-1</sup> function, by taking the arctan of  $\overline{PE}$  over  $\overline{EC}$ , and get the measure of  $\angle ACP$  by subtracting 30 degrees off, to account for the extra angle given by  $\angle ACE$ . This gives us our answer of  $2(\tan^{-1}(\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3}) - 30)$ 

3. Consider a regular polygon with  $2^n$  sides, for  $n \ge 2$ , inscribed in a circle of radius 1. Denote the area of this polygon by  $A_n$ . Compute

$$\prod_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{A_i}{A_{i+1}}$$

Answer:  $\frac{2}{\pi}$  Solution: The limit as *n* goes to infinity of  $A_n$  is  $\pi r^2$  for polygons inscribed in a circle of radius *r*. Moreover  $A_2 = 2r^2$ . So

$$\lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{A_2}{A_j} = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

and since all the other terms telescope, we conclude that the infinite product tends to  $\pi$ .