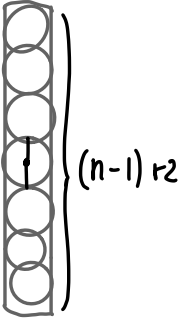



The sausage conjecture

Volume of a sausage packing



$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{\text{sausage}} &= V_{\text{cylinder}} + 2 V_{\text{Hemisphere}} \\
 &= \pi r h^2 + \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \\
 &= 2\pi (n-1)r^2 + \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Volume of Tetrahedon

$$V_T = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} a^3$$

(2)

Radius of inscribed sphere

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2\sqrt{3} r \quad (3)$$



x = number of spheres
in the row

Tetrahedron with x spheres in the row

$$a = 2((x-1) + \sqrt{6}) \cdot r \quad (4)$$

$$(4) \text{ in } (2) \Rightarrow V_{\text{cluster}} < \frac{\sqrt{2}}{12} \cdot (2(x-1) + \sqrt{6}) \cdot r)^3 \\ < \frac{2(x-1 + \sqrt{6})^3 \sqrt{2} \cdot r^3}{3}$$

n = numbers of spheres with
length x spheres in one row (Tetrahedron)

$$n = \sum_{i=1}^n \cdot \sum_{j=1}^i j = \frac{x(x+1)(x+2)}{6} \quad (5)$$

$$(5) \text{ in } (1): V_{\text{savage}} = \frac{x(x+1)(x+2) - 2}{3} \pi r^3$$