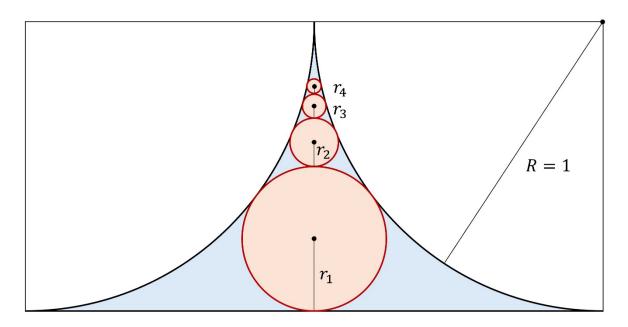
## **UC Merced Applied Math Problem of the Month**

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1. What is the radius  $r_1$  of the circle inscribed in the blue region (defined by two touching unit circles and their common tangent line)? 2. What is the radius  $r_2$  of the second inscribed circle touching the two unit circles as well as the first inscribed circle? 3. Let's consider the nth inscribed circle. Can you devise a method to obtain its radius  $r_n$ ?

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