
Problem 2.9 (Engel)

Using $\cos \theta = (e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta})/2$ and $\sin \theta = (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})/2i$, show the following

A. $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$

Solution.

$\cos^2 \theta =$

$$\text{Expand} \left[\left(\frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} \right)^2 \right]$$
$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^{-2i\theta}}{4} + \frac{e^{2i\theta}}{4}$$

$\sin^2 \theta =$

$$\text{Expand} \left[\left(\frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i} \right)^2 \right]$$
$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{e^{-2i\theta}}{4} - \frac{e^{2i\theta}}{4}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^{-2i\theta}}{4} + \frac{e^{2i\theta}}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{e^{-2i\theta}}{4} - \frac{e^{2i\theta}}{4} \right)$$

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B. $\frac{d \cos \theta}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta$

Solution.

$$\frac{de^{i\theta}}{d\theta} = ie^{i\theta}$$

$$\frac{de^{-i\theta}}{d\theta} = -ie^{-i\theta}$$

$$\frac{d \cos \theta}{d\theta} = \frac{ie^{i\theta} - ie^{-i\theta}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{i} = \frac{-e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2i} = -\left(\frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i} \right) = -\sin \theta$$

C. $\sin\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos \theta$

Solution.

$$\sin\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i(\theta + \pi/2)} - e^{-i(\theta + \pi/2)})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\theta} e^{i(\pi/2)} - e^{-i\theta} e^{-i(\pi/2)})$$

$$e^{i(\pi/2)}$$
$$i$$

$$e^{-i(\pi/2)}$$
$$-i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2i} i(e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta})$$

$$= (e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta})/2 = \cos \theta$$