

Combinatorial Identities: Table III: Binomial Identities Derived from Trigonometric and Exponential Series

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1 Basic Trigonometric Series

Remark 1.1 *Throughout this chapter, we assume n and a are nonnegative integers. We assume x and y are real or complex numbers.*

1.1 Telescoping Trigonometric Series

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sin \frac{2k+1}{2}x = \frac{\cos(n+1)x - \cos x}{-2 \sin \frac{x}{2}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.1)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sin \frac{2k+1}{2}x = \frac{\sin \frac{(n+2)x}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{nx}{2}}{\sin \frac{x}{2}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.2)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \cos \frac{2k+1}{2}x = \frac{\sin(n+1)x - \sin x}{2 \sin \frac{x}{2}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.3)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \cos \frac{2k+1}{2}x = \frac{\cos \frac{(n+2)x}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{nx}{2}}{\sin \frac{x}{2}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.4)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin \frac{k}{(k+1)!}x}{\cos \frac{x}{k!} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{(k+1)!}} = \tan x - \tan \frac{x}{(n+1)!}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.5)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \frac{k}{(k+1)!}x}{\cos \frac{x}{k!} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{(k+1)!}} = \tan x \quad (1.6)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\tan 2^k x}{\cos 2^{k+1} x} = \tan 2^{n+1} x - \tan 2x, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.7)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sec(k+1)x \cdot \sec kx = \frac{\tan(n+1)x - \tan x}{\sin x}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.8)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sin(x + (k-1)y) = \frac{\sin(x + \frac{n-1}{2}y) \cdot \sin \frac{ny}{2}}{\sin \frac{y}{2}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.9)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sin kx = \frac{\sin \frac{(n+1)x}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{nx}{2}}{\sin \frac{x}{2}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.10)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sin(2k-1)x = \frac{\sin^2 nx}{\sin x}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.11)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k \cos \frac{(2k+1)x}{2} = \frac{(n+1) \sin(n+1)x \cdot \sin \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{(n+2)x}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{(n+1)x}{2}}{2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} \quad (1.12)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \cos(x + (k-1)y) = \frac{\cos(x + \frac{n-1}{2}y) \cdot \sin \frac{ny}{2}}{\sin \frac{y}{2}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.13)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \cos kx = \frac{\cos \frac{(n+1)x}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{nx}{2}}{\sin \frac{x}{2}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.14)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \cos(2k-1)x = \frac{\sin 2nx}{2 \sin x}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.15)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \cos^3(x + ky) = \frac{\cos(3x + \frac{3ny}{2}) \sin(\frac{3y(n+1)}{2})}{4 \sin \frac{3y}{2}} + \frac{3 \cos(x + \frac{ny}{2}) \sin \frac{(n+1)y}{2}}{4 \sin \frac{y}{2}} \quad (1.16)$$

1.2 Sums and Products Based on Double Angle Formulas

$$\prod_{k=0}^n \cos 2^k x = \frac{\sin 2^{n+1} x}{2^{n+1} \sin x} \quad (1.17)$$

$$\prod_{k=1}^n \cos \frac{x}{2^k} = \frac{\sin x}{2^n \sin \frac{x}{2^n}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.18)$$

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \cos \frac{x}{2^k} = \frac{\sin x}{x} \quad (1.19)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sin^2 kx = \frac{n}{2} - \frac{\cos(n+1)x \cdot \sin nx}{2 \sin x}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.20)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \cos^2 kx = \frac{n}{2} + \frac{\cos(n+1)x \cdot \sin nx}{2 \sin x}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.21)$$

1.3 Sums Based on Half Angle Formulas

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \csc 2^{k-1} x = \cot \frac{x}{2} - \cot 2^{n-1} x, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.22)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \csc \frac{x}{2^k} = \cot \frac{x}{2^{n+1}} - \cot x \quad (1.23)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \tan \frac{x}{2^{k-1}} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \cot \frac{x}{2^{n-1}} - 2 \cot 2x, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.24)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \tan \frac{x}{2^{k-1}} = \frac{1}{x} - 2 \cot 2x \quad (1.25)$$

1.4 Miscellaneous Trigonometric Series

$$\sum_{k=a}^{n-1} 3^k \sin^3 \frac{x}{3^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{4} \left(3^n \sin \frac{x}{3^n} - 3^a \sin \frac{x}{3^a} \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.26)$$

$$\sum_{k=a}^{n-1} (-3)^k \cos^3 \frac{x}{3^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{4} \left((-3)^a \cos \frac{x}{3^a} - (-3)^n \cos \frac{x}{3^n} \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (1.27)$$

2 The Exponential Function with Trigonometric Series

Remark 2.1 Throughout this chapter, we assume n and r are nonnegative integers. We let x , y , and z denote real or complex numbers. Furthermore, we reserve $i \equiv \sqrt{-1}$. Finally if x is a real number, we let $[x]$ denote the floor of x .

2.1 Limit Definition for e

$$e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} \left(\frac{1}{n} \right)^r \quad (2.1)$$

2.2 The Exponential Series and Various Applications

2.2.1 The Exponential Series

$$e^z = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^r}{r!} \quad (2.2)$$

2.2.2 Series from $e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!} = \cos x \quad (2.3)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = \sin x \quad (2.4)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n \cos ny}{n!} = e^{x \cos y} \cos(x \sin y) \quad (2.5)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n \sin ny}{n!} = e^{x \cos y} \sin(x \sin y) \quad (2.6)$$

Remark 2.2 *The following identity is from Problem 415 of The Mathematics Magazine, May 1960. Solutions to this problem are found in The Mathematics Magazine, Vol. 34, No. 3, 1961, P. 178.*

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cos kx \cdot \sin(n-k)x = 2^{n-1} \sin nx \quad (2.7)$$

$$\cos^n x \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^k \binom{n}{2k} \tan^{2k} x = \cos nx \quad (2.8)$$

$$\cos^n x \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^k \binom{n}{2k+1} \tan^{2k+1} x = \sin nx, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (2.9)$$

2.3 Expansions of $(e^{ix} \pm 1)^n$

2.3.1 Expansions of $(e^{ix} + 1)^n$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cos kx = 2^n \cos \frac{nx}{2} \left(\cos \frac{x}{2} \right)^n \quad (2.10)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sin kx = 2^n \sin \frac{nx}{2} \left(\cos \frac{x}{2} \right)^n \quad (2.11)$$

2.3.2 Expansions of $(e^{ix} - 1)^n$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \cos kx = (-2)^n \cos \frac{n(x+\pi)}{2} \left(\sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^n \quad (2.12)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \sin kx = (-2)^n \sin \frac{n(x+\pi)}{2} \left(\sin \frac{x}{2}\right)^n \quad (2.13)$$

Inversion of Identity (2.12)

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} 2^k \left(\sin \frac{x}{2}\right)^k \cos \frac{k(x+\pi)}{2} + n = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n+1}{k+1} \cos kx \quad (2.14)$$

2.3.3 Applications of Equations (2.10), (2.11), (2.12), and (2.13)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} \cos kx = 2^{n-1} \left(\cos^n \left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \cos \left(\frac{nx}{4}\right) + (-1)^n \sin^n \left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \cos \left(\frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{nx}{4}\right) \right) \quad (2.15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k+1} \cos(2k+1)x &= 2^{n-1} \cos^n \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cos \left(\frac{nx}{2}\right) \\ &\quad - 2^{n-1} (-1)^n \sin^n \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cos \left(\frac{n(\pi+x)}{2}\right), \quad n \geq 1 \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} \sin kx = 2^{n-1} \left(\cos^n \left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \sin \left(\frac{nx}{4}\right) + (-1)^n \sin^n \left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \sin \left(\frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{nx}{4}\right) \right) \quad (2.17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k+1} \sin(2k+1)x &= 2^{n-1} \cos^n \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{nx}{2}\right) \\ &\quad - 2^{n-1} (-1)^n \sin^n \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{n(\pi+x)}{2}\right), \quad n \geq 1 \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

2.4 The Geometric Series $\sum_{k=1}^n (ye^{ix})^k$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n y^k \cos kx = \frac{y^{n+2} \cos nx - y^{n+1} \cos(n+1)x + y \cos x - y^2}{y^2 - 2y \cos x + 1}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (2.19)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n y^k \sin kx = \frac{y^{n+2} \sin nx - y^{n+1} \sin(n+1)x + y \sin x}{y^2 - 2y \cos x + 1}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (2.20)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y^k \cos kx = \frac{y \cos x - y^2}{y^2 - 2y \cos x + 1}, \quad |y| < 1 \quad (2.21)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y^k \sin kx = \frac{y \sin x}{y^2 - 2y \cos x + 1}, \quad |y| < 1 \quad (2.22)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{y^k \cos kx}{k} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1}{1 - 2y \cos x + y^2}, \quad |y| < 1, \quad (2.23)$$

if y is a complex number, use the principle value of $\ln y$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{y^k \sin kx}{k} = \arctan \frac{y \sin x}{1 - y \cos x}, \quad |y| < 1 \quad (2.24)$$

3 Advanced Trigonometric Series Expansions

Remark 3.1 Throughout this chapter, we assume n and j are nonnegative integers, while x and y are real or complex numbers. We also let $[x]$ denote the floor of x (for real x).

3.1 Two Identities Associated with Coefficients in Trigonometric Expansions

3.1.1 First Identity

$$\sum_{k=j}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n+1}{2k+1} \binom{k}{j} = 2^{n-2j} \binom{n-j}{j}, \quad j \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \quad (3.1)$$

Applications of Equation (3.1)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n+1}{2k+1} = 2^n \quad (3.2)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n+1}{2k+1} k = (n-1)2^{n-2}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.3)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{4n+1}{2n-2k} \binom{k+n}{n} = 2^{2n} \binom{3n}{n} \quad (3.4)$$

3.1.2 Second Identity

$$\sum_{k=j}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} \binom{k}{j} = 2^{n-2j} \binom{n-j}{j} - 2^{n-1-2j} \binom{n-1-j}{j}, \quad j \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \quad (3.5)$$

Restatement of Equation (3.5)

$$\sum_{k=j}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} \binom{k}{j} = \frac{n2^{n-2j-1}}{n-j} \binom{n-j}{j}, \quad j \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \quad (3.6)$$

Applications of Equation (3.5)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} = 2^{n-1} \quad (3.7)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} k = n2^{n-2}, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (3.8)$$

Applications of Equation (3.6)

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{4n}{2n-2k} \binom{k+n}{n} = \frac{2^{2n+1}}{3} \binom{3n}{n} \quad (3.9)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n-k}{k} \frac{x^k}{n-k} = \frac{(1 + \sqrt{4x+1})^n + (1 - \sqrt{4x+1})^n}{n2^n}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.10)$$

Applications of Equation (3.10)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n-k}{k} \frac{1}{n-k} = \frac{(1 + \sqrt{5})^n + (1 - \sqrt{5})^n}{n2^n}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.11)$$

Remark 3.2 The following identity is equivalent of Example 44, p. 445 of Hardy's Pure Mathematics.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^k \binom{n-k}{k} \frac{1}{n-k} = \begin{cases} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if } n \text{ is not a multiple of } 3 \\ (-1)^{\frac{n}{2}}, & \text{if } n \text{ is a multiple of } 3 \end{cases} \quad (3.12)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n-k}{k} \frac{6^k}{n-k} = \frac{3^n + (-1)^n 2^n}{n}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.13)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^k \binom{n-k}{k} \frac{4^{n-k}}{n-k} = \frac{2^{n+1}}{n}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.14)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^k \binom{n-k}{k} \frac{4^{n-k}}{k+1} = \frac{4^{n+1} - 2^{n+1}}{n+2} \quad (3.15)$$

3.2 Expansion of $\frac{\sin(n+1)x}{\sin x}$

$$\frac{\sin(n+1)x}{\sin x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^k \binom{n-k}{k} (2 \cos x)^{n-2k} \quad (3.16)$$

3.3 Expansion of $\cos nx$

$$\cos nx = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^k \cos^{n-2k} x \left(2^{n-2k} \binom{n-k}{k} - 2^{n-1-2k} \binom{n-k-1}{k} \right) \quad (3.17)$$

$$\cos nx = \frac{n}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^k \binom{n-k}{k} \frac{(2 \cos x)^{n-2k}}{n-k}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.18)$$

3.4 Expansions of $\cos 2nx$

3.4.1 Using $\sin^{2k} x$

$$\cos 2nx = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \sin^{2k} x \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{2n}{2j} \binom{n-k}{k-j} \quad (3.19)$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^k \binom{2n}{2j} \binom{n-j}{k-j} = \frac{2^{2k}}{(2k)!} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} (n^2 - j^2) = \frac{n}{n+k} \binom{n+k}{2k} 2^{2k} \quad (3.20)$$

Restatement of Equation (3.19)

$$\cos 2nx = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \frac{n}{n+k} \binom{n+k}{2k} 2^{2k} \sin^{2k} x, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.21)$$

3.4.2 Using $\cos^{2k} x$

$$\cos 2nx = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \frac{n}{n+k} \binom{n+k}{2k} 2^{2k} \cos^{2k} x, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.22)$$

3.4.3 Binomial Identities Resulting From the Coefficient of $\cos^{2k} x$ in Equation (3.22)

$$\sum_{k=j}^n (-1)^k \binom{k}{j} \frac{n}{n+k} \binom{n+k}{2k} 2^{2k} = (-1)^n \frac{n}{n+j} \binom{n+j}{2j} 2^{2j}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.23)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \frac{n}{n+k} \binom{n+k}{2k} 2^{2k} = (-1)^n, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.24)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \frac{2^{2k}}{(2k)!} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} (n^2 - j^2) = (-1)^n - 1, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.25)$$

Generalization of Equation (3.20)

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2x}{2k} \binom{x-k}{n-k} = \frac{2^{2n}}{(2n)!} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (n^2 - k^2) = \frac{x}{x+n} \binom{x+n}{2n} 2^{2n} \quad (3.26)$$

3.4.4 Applications of Equation (3.26)

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{2n}{n-k} \binom{2n+2k+1}{2k} = (-1)^n (n+1) 2^{2n} \quad (3.27)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \frac{2^{2k}}{\binom{2k}{k}} = \frac{1}{1-2n} \quad (3.28)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{x+k}{k} \frac{2^{2k}}{\binom{2k}{k} (x+k)} = (-1)^n \frac{\binom{2x}{2n}}{x \binom{x}{n}}, \quad x \neq 0 \quad (3.29)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k}{k} \frac{2^{2k}}{\binom{2k}{k} (n+k)} = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.30)$$

n^{th} Difference of the Harmonic Series

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{k} \sum_{j=1}^{2k} \frac{1}{j} = \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{2^{2n-1}}{n \binom{2n}{n}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.31)$$

Inversion of Equation (3.31)

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{k} \frac{2^{2k}}{k \binom{2k}{k}} = 2 \sum_{j=1}^{2n} \frac{1}{j} - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.32)$$

3.5 Expansions of $\frac{\sin(2n+1)x}{\sin x}$

3.5.1 Using $\sin^{2k} x$

$$\sin(2n+1)x = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \sin^{2k+1} x \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{2n+1}{2j+1} \binom{n-j}{k-j} \quad (3.33)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{2n+1}{2j+1} \binom{n-j}{k-j} &= \frac{2n+1}{(2k+1)!} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} ((2n+1)^2 - (2j+1)^2) \\ &= 2^{2k} \frac{2n+1}{n-k} \binom{n+k}{2k+1} \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{2n+1}{2k-2j+1} \binom{n-k+j}{j} &= \frac{2n+1}{(2k+1)!} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} ((2n+1)^2 - (2j+1)^2) \\ &= 2^{2k} \frac{2n+1}{n-k} \binom{n+k}{2k+1} \end{aligned} \quad (3.35)$$

Restatement of Equation (3.33)

$$\sin(2n+1)x = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k 2^{2k} \frac{2n+1}{n-k} \binom{n+k}{2k+1} \sin^{2k+1} x \quad (3.36)$$

3.5.2 Using $\cos^{2k} x$

$$\frac{\sin(2n+1)x}{\sin x} = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \cos^{2k} x \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{2n+1}{2k-2j} \binom{n-k+j}{j} \quad (3.37)$$

$$\frac{\sin(2n+1)x}{\sin x} = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \cos^{2k} x \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{2n+1}{2j} \binom{n-j}{k-j} \quad (3.38)$$

3.5.3 Binomial Identities Resulting From Coefficient of $\sin^{2k} x$ in Equation (3.36)

$$\sum_{k=j}^n (-1)^k 2^{2k} \frac{2n+1}{n-k} \binom{n+k}{2k+1} \binom{n}{j} = (-1)^n \sum_{r=0}^j \binom{2n+1}{2r} \binom{n-r}{j-r} \quad (3.39)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k 2^{2k} \frac{2n+1}{n-k} \binom{n+k}{2k+1} = (-1)^n \quad (3.40)$$

Generalization of Equation (3.34)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2x+1}{2k+1} \binom{x-k}{n-k} &= \frac{2x+1}{(2n+1)!} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} ((2x+1)^2 - (2k+1)^2) \\ &= 2^{2n} \frac{2x+1}{2n+1} \binom{x+n}{2n} \end{aligned} \quad (3.41)$$

3.5.4 Product Expansion for $\frac{\sin(2n+1)x}{\sin x}$

$$\frac{\sin(2n+1)x}{\sin x} = (2n+1) \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin^2 \frac{\pi k}{2n+1}} \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.42)$$

3.6 Series for $\cos^n x$

$$2^{n-1} \cos^n x = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} \cos(n-2k)x - \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^n + 1}{2} \cos x \quad (3.43)$$

3.6.1 Applications of Equation (3.43)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} = 2^{n-1} + \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^n + 1}{2} \quad (3.44)$$

$$\cos^{2n+1} x = \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2n+1}{k} \cos(2n+1-2k)x \quad (3.45)$$

$$\int \cos^{2n+1} x \, dx = \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2n+1}{k} \frac{\sin(2n+1-2k)x}{2n+1-2k} + C \quad (3.46)$$

$$\cos^{2n} x = \frac{1}{2^{2n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{2n}{k} \cos(2n-2k)x + \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \binom{2n}{n}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.47)$$

$$\int \cos^{2n} x \, dx = \frac{1}{2^{2n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{2n}{k} \frac{\sin(2n-2k)x}{2n-2k} + \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \binom{2n}{n} x + C, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.48)$$

$$\frac{\sin(2n+1)x}{\sin x} = 2 \sum_{k=0}^n \cos 2kx - 1 \quad (3.49)$$

3.7 Series for $\sin^n x$

$$2^{n-1} \sin^n x = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} \cos \left((n-2k)x - \frac{n-2k}{2} \pi \right) - \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^n + 1}{2} \quad (3.50)$$

3.7.1 Applications of Equation (3.50)

$$\sin^{2n} x = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{2n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} \cos(2n-2k)x + \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \binom{2n}{n}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.51)$$

$$\int \sin^{2n} x \, dx = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{2n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} \frac{\sin(2n-2k)x}{2n-2k} + \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \binom{2n}{n} x + C, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (3.52)$$

$$\sin^{2n+1} x = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{2n}} \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{2n+1}{k} \sin(2n+1-2k)x \quad (3.53)$$

$$\int \sin^{2n+1} x \, dx = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{2n}} \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{k+1} \binom{2n+1}{k} \frac{\cos(2n+1-2k)x}{2n+1-2k} + C \quad (3.54)$$

4 Advanced Trigonometric Product Expansions

Remark 4.1 For this chapter, we assume n is a nonnegative integer, while x , y , and z are real or complex numbers. We also assume, that whenever x is a real number, $[x]$ denotes the floor of x .

4.1 Product Expansion of $\cos nx - \cos ny$

$$\cos nx - \cos ny = 2^{n-1} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\cos x - \cos \left(y + \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right) \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.1)$$

4.1.1 Applications of Equation (4.1)

$$\cos nx + 1 = 2^{n-1} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\cos x - \cos \frac{2k+1}{n}\pi \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.2)$$

$$\prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \cos \left(y + \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left((-1)^{[\frac{n}{2}]} \frac{1 + (-1)^n}{2} - (-1)^n \cos ny \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.3)$$

$$\prod_{k=0}^{2n-1} \cos \left(y + \frac{k\pi}{n} \right) = \frac{(-1)^n - \cos 2ny}{2^{2n-1}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.4)$$

$$\prod_{k=0}^{2n} \cos \left(y + \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \right) = \frac{\cos(2n+1)y}{2^{2n}} \quad (4.5)$$

$$\prod_{k=0}^{2n} \cos \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} = \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \quad (4.6)$$

$$\prod_{k=0}^{2n} \cos \frac{2k+1}{2n+1} \pi = -\frac{1}{2^{2n}} \quad (4.7)$$

$$\prod_{k=0}^{4n+1} \cos \frac{k\pi}{2n+1} = -\frac{1}{2^{4n}} \quad (4.8)$$

4.1.2 Product Expansion of $\sin nx$

$$\sin nx = 2^{n-1} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \sin \left(x + \frac{k\pi}{n} \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.9)$$

Applications of Equation (4.9)

$$\sin^2 \frac{ny}{2} = 2^{2n-2} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \sin^2 \left(\frac{y}{2} + \frac{k\pi}{n} \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.10)$$

$$\prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \sin \left(\frac{k\pi + x}{n} \right) = \frac{\sin x}{2^{n-1}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.11)$$

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \cos \frac{k\pi}{n} = \frac{(-1)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}}{2^{n-1}} \left(\frac{1 - (-1)^n}{2} \right), \quad n \geq 2 \quad (4.12)$$

$$\prod_{k=1}^{2n} \cos \frac{k\pi}{2n+1} = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{2n}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.13)$$

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{k\pi}{n} = \frac{n}{2^{n-1}}, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (4.14)$$

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \Gamma \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) = \frac{(2\pi)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}}{\sqrt{n}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.15)$$

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \cot \frac{k\pi}{n} = \frac{(-1)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}}{n} \left(\frac{1 - (-1)^n}{2} \right), \quad n \geq 2 \quad (4.16)$$

$$n \cot nx = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \cot \left(x + \frac{k\pi}{n} \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.17)$$

$$n^2 \csc^2 nx = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \csc^2 \left(x + \frac{k\pi}{n} \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.18)$$

4.2 Various Product Expansions Involving Equations (4.11) and (4.14)

4.2.1 Expansions Involving Equation (4.14)

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(\sin \frac{k\pi}{n} \right)^k = \frac{\sqrt{n^n}}{2^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (4.19)$$

Remark 4.2 The following identity, proposed by J. E. Wilkins, Jr., is found in Problem E1044 of *The American Math. Monthly*, Vol. 59, No. 10, December 1952.

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(2 \sin \frac{k\pi}{n} \right)^k = \sqrt{n^n}, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (4.20)$$

4.2.2 Expansion Involving Equation (4.11)

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(\sin \frac{k\pi - x}{n} \sin \frac{k\pi + x}{n} \right)^k = \frac{1}{2^{n(n-1)}} \left(\frac{\sin x}{\sin \frac{x}{n}} \right)^n, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (4.21)$$

Applications of Equation (4.21)

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(\cos \frac{k\pi}{n} \right)^{2k} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}{2^{n(n-1)}} (-1)^{n[\frac{n}{2}]} \left(\frac{1 - (-1)^n}{2} \right)^n, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (4.22)$$

$$n^2 \cot x - n \cot \frac{x}{n} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \left(\cot \frac{k\pi + x}{n} - \cot \frac{k\pi - x}{n} \right), \quad n \geq 2 \quad (4.23)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \csc \frac{k\pi + x}{n} \cdot \csc \frac{k\pi - x}{n} = \frac{n \cot \frac{x}{n} - n^2 \cot x}{\sin \frac{2x}{n}}, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (4.24)$$

4.2.3 Product Expansion for $\tan x$

$$\tan x = \prod_{k=0}^{2n-1} \left(\sin \frac{k\pi + 2x}{2n} \right)^{(-1)^k}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.25)$$

Applications of Equation (4.25)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} (-1)^k \cot \frac{k\pi + 2x}{2n} = \frac{2n}{\sin 2x}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.26)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} (-1)^k \cot \frac{2k+1}{4n} \pi = 2n, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.27)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} (-1)^k \cot \frac{3k+1}{6n} \pi = \frac{4n\sqrt{3}}{3}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.28)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} (-1)^k \csc^2 \frac{k\pi + 2x}{2n} = 4n^2 \csc 2x \cdot \cot 2x, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.29)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} \cot \frac{4k+1}{4n} \pi = 2n, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.30)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \cot \frac{4k+1}{4n} \pi = n, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.31)$$

Remark 4.3 The following identity is Problem 4220 of *The American Math Monthly*, Vol. 58, No.1, May 1952.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (-1)^k \tan \frac{2k+1}{4n} \pi = (-1)^{n+1} n, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.32)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \tan \frac{4k+1}{4n} \pi = (-1)^{n+1} n, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.33)$$

4.3 Expansions of $\cot z$

$$\cot z = \frac{1}{2n+1} \cot \frac{z}{2n+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{2n+1} \cot \frac{z+k\pi}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+1} \cot \frac{z-k\pi}{2n+1} \right) \quad (4.34)$$

$$\cot z = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z+k\pi} + \frac{1}{z-k\pi} \right), \quad z \text{ not a multiple of } \pi \quad (4.35)$$

$$\pi \cot \pi z = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z+k} + \frac{1}{z-k} \right), \quad z \text{ not integral} \quad (4.36)$$

4.3.1 Applications of Equation (4.36)

$$\pi \csc \pi z = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{2z}{z^2 - k^2}, \quad z \text{ not integral} \quad (4.37)$$

$$\pi^2 \csc^2 \pi z = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(z-k)^2}, \quad z \text{ not integral} \quad (4.38)$$

$$\pi^3 \cot \pi z \csc^2 \pi z = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(z-k)^3}, \quad z \text{ not integral} \quad (4.39)$$

$$\pi^4 \left(\csc^4 \pi z - \frac{2}{3} \csc^2 \pi z \right) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(z-k)^4}, \quad z \text{ not integral} \quad (4.40)$$

$$\pi \tan \frac{\pi z}{2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{4z}{(2k+1)^2 - z^2} \quad (4.41)$$

$$\pi \sec \pi z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{2k+1}{\left(\frac{2k+1}{2}\right)^2 - z^2} \quad (4.42)$$

4.4 Expansions of $z \cot z$ via the Bernoulli Numbers

Remark 4.4 In this section, we let \mathcal{B}_n denote the n^{th} Bernoulli number.

$$z \cot z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{2^{2k} \mathcal{B}_{2k}}{(2k)!} z^{2k}, \quad |z| < \pi \quad (4.43)$$

$$z \cot z = 1 - 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2j}}{\pi^{2j}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{2j}}, \quad |z| < \pi \quad (4.44)$$

4.4.1 Applications of Equations (4.43) and (4.44)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{2n}} = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{2^{2n-1} \pi^{2n}}{(2n)!} \mathcal{B}_{2n}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.45)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^{2n}} = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(2^{2n}-1) \pi^{2n}}{2(2n)!} \mathcal{B}_{2n}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.46)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k^{2n}} = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(2^{2n}-1) \pi^{2n}}{(2n)!} \mathcal{B}_{2n}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.47)$$

$$\tan z = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{2^{2k} (2^{2k}-1) \mathcal{B}_{2k}}{(2k)!} z^{2k-1}, \quad |z| < \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (4.48)$$

$$\frac{z}{\sin z} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{2(1-2^{2k-1}) \mathcal{B}_{2k}}{(2k)!} z^{2k}, \quad |z| < \pi, \quad z \neq 0 \quad (4.49)$$

5 Series Associated with the Beta Function

Remark 5.1 We assume m, n, k , and r are nonnegative integers, while x, y , and t are real or complex numbers. If necessary, we use the Gamma function to evaluate $x!$ as $\Gamma(x) = (x-1)!$. Finally, recall that $[x]$ denotes the floor of x (for real x).

5.1 Formulas from $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^x t \cos^y t dt$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^x t \cos^y t dt = \frac{\pi}{2^{x+y+1}} \frac{x!y!}{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)!} \quad (5.1)$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2k} x \cos^{2n} x dx = \frac{\pi \binom{2k}{k} \binom{2n}{n}}{2^{2n+2k+1} \binom{n+k}{k}} \quad (5.2)$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^n x dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^n x dx = \frac{\pi}{2^{n+1}} \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}} \quad (5.3)$$

5.2 Applications of Equation (5.2)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{n+k}{k}} = 1 \quad (5.4)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{k} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{k} \frac{2^{2k}}{\binom{n+k}{k}} = 1 \quad (5.5)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{3n}{n+k} \binom{2k}{k} = \binom{3n}{n} \quad (5.6)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} \binom{3n}{2n-k} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{k} 2^{2k} = \binom{3n}{n} \quad (5.7)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2n+2k}{n+k} 3^{2n-k} = \binom{2n}{n} \quad (5.8)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{z^{2k}}{\binom{m+k}{k}} = \frac{2^{2m+1}}{\pi \binom{2m}{m}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (1 - 4z^2 \sin^2 x)^n \cos^{2m} x dx \quad (5.9)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{z^{2k}}{\binom{m+k}{k}} = \frac{2^{2m+1}}{\pi \binom{2m}{m}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (1 - 4z^2 \cos^2 x)^n \sin^{2m} x dx \quad (5.10)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{n+k}{k} 2^{2k}} = \frac{\binom{6n}{3n}}{2^{4n} \binom{2n}{n}} \quad (5.11)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{n+r+k}{k}} = \frac{2^{2n+2r+1}}{\pi \binom{2n+2r}{n+r}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2r} x (\cos 3x)^{2n} dx \quad (5.12)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{n+r+k}{k}} = \frac{2^{2n+2r+1}}{\pi \binom{2n+2r}{n+r}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2r} x (\sin 3x)^{2n} dx \quad (5.13)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{2^{2k}} = \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \binom{2n}{n} \quad (5.14)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} = (-1)^n \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} 3^{n-k} \quad (5.15)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{2^{2k} \binom{m+k}{k}} = \frac{\binom{2m+2n}{m+n}}{2^{2n} \binom{2m}{m}} \quad (5.16)$$

5.3 Generalization of Equation (5.12)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n+1} (-1)^k \binom{2n+1}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{n+r+k}{k}} = \frac{2^{2n+2r+1}}{\pi \binom{2n+2r}{n+r}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2r-1} x (\cos 3x)^{2n+1} dx \quad (5.17)$$

5.3.1 Various Applications of 5.17 and 5.12

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n+1} (-1)^k \binom{2n+1}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{n+1+k}{k}} = 0 \quad (5.18)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n+1} (-1)^k \binom{2n+1}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{n+2+k}{k}} = \frac{n+2}{2(2n+3)} \quad (5.19)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n+1} (-1)^k \binom{2n+1}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{n+k}{k}} = -1 \quad (5.20)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{n+1+k}{k}} = \frac{n+1}{2n+1} \quad (5.21)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{n+2+k}{k}} = \frac{3(n+1)(n+2)}{2(2n+1)(2n+3)} \quad (5.22)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{n-1+k}{k}} = 3, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (5.23)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n+1} (-1)^k \binom{2n+1}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{n-1+k}{k}} = -\frac{5n+2}{n}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (5.24)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{[\frac{n-2}{2}]+k}{k}} = 3 - \left(8 + \frac{4}{n-1}\right) \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{2}, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (5.25)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{[\frac{n-1}{2}]+k}{k}} = 2(-1)^n + 1, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (5.26)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{[\frac{n}{2}]+k}{k}} = (-1)^n \quad (5.27)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{\binom{[\frac{n+1}{2}]+k}{k}} = \frac{(-1)^n + 1}{2} \quad (5.28)$$

5.3.2 Application of Equation (5.21)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2n+2k}{n+k} \frac{3^{2n-k}}{n+k+1} = \binom{2n}{n} \quad (5.29)$$

5.3.3 Application of Equation (5.20)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{2k+1}{\binom{n+k}{k}(n+k+1)} = 1 \quad (5.30)$$

6 Complex Roots of Unity in Series

Remark 6.1 Throughout this chapter, we let $i \equiv \sqrt{-1}$. We assume, unless otherwise specified, that n and k are nonnegative integers, while x , y and z denote real or complex numbers. We also let $[x]$ denote the floor of x (x real).

6.1 Definition of w_n and Basic Orthogonality Relations

6.1.1 Definition of n^{th} Roots of Unity

Let

$$w_n = \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n}. \quad (6.1)$$

The n^{th} roots of unity are

$$w_n^k = \cos \frac{2\pi k}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi k}{n}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1. \quad (6.2)$$

6.1.2 Orthogonality Relations

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w_n^{kr} = \begin{cases} 1, & r = \alpha n \\ 0, & r \neq \alpha n, \end{cases} \quad n \geq 2, \quad r \text{ and } \alpha \text{ integers} \quad (6.3)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (-1)^k w_n^{rk} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is even, } n \geq 1 \\ \frac{2}{1+w_n^r} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad r \text{ an integer} \quad (6.4)$$

Applications of Equation (6.3)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{kn}}{(kn)!} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{xw_n^k}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (6.5)$$

Remark 6.2 Let z be a complex number. We let \bar{z} denote the conjugate of z .

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w_n^{k\alpha} \bar{w}_n^{k\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha - \beta \end{pmatrix}, \quad n \geq 2, \quad 0 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq n-1 \quad (6.6)$$

α and β are nonnegative integers

Let $f_n(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} a_j x^j$. Then,

$$f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \bar{w}_n^{kj} f_n(x w_n^k), \quad n \geq 2 \quad (6.7)$$

6.2 Complex Roots of Unity in Evaluation of Series

6.2.1 Evaluation of $\sum_{k=0}^n f(kr)$

Remark 6.3 In this section, we assume r is a positive integer. We also assume f is a real or complex valued function whose domain contains the set of nonnegative integers.

$$\sum_{k=0}^n f(kr) = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{k=0}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^r w_r^{jk} f(k) \quad (6.8)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n f(kr) = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{k=0}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^r \cos \frac{2\pi jk}{r} f(k), \quad f \text{ real valued} \quad (6.9)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{r} \rfloor} \binom{n}{rk} f(kr) = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{j=1}^r \binom{n}{k} \cos \frac{2\pi jk}{r} f(k), \quad f \text{ real valued} \quad (6.10)$$

6.2.2 Applications of Equation (6.8)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{r} \rfloor} \binom{n}{rk} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{k=1}^r (1 + w_r^k)^n \quad (6.11)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} = \begin{cases} 2^{n-1}, & n \geq 1 \\ 1, & n = 0 \end{cases} \quad (6.12)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{r} \rfloor} \binom{n}{rk} = \frac{2^n}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\cos \frac{\pi j}{r} \right)^n \cos \frac{n\pi j}{r} \quad (6.13)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor} \binom{n}{3k} = \frac{1}{3} \left(2^n + 2 \cos \frac{n\pi}{3} \right) \quad (6.14)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{3n}{3k} = \frac{1}{3} (2^{3n} + 2(-1)^n) \quad (6.15)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor} \binom{n}{4k} = \frac{1}{4} \left(2^n + 2^{\frac{n}{2}+1} \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} \right) \quad (6.16)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{4n}{4k} = \frac{1}{4} (2^{4n} + (-1)^n 2^{2n+1}) \quad (6.17)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \left(\cos \frac{\pi k}{n} \right)^n = \frac{n}{2^{n-1}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (6.18)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{r} \rfloor} \binom{n}{rk} x^{rk} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{k=1}^r (1 + xw_r^k)^n \quad (6.19)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-a}{r} \rfloor} \binom{n}{a+kr} x^{a+kr} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{k=1}^r (w_r^k)^{-a} (1 + xw_r^k)^n, \quad 0 \leq a \leq n, \quad a \leq r-1, \quad a \text{ an integer} \quad (6.20)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-a}{r} \rfloor} \binom{n}{a+kr} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{k=1}^r \left(2 \cos \frac{\pi k}{r} \right)^n \cos \frac{(n-2a)k\pi}{r}, \quad (6.21)$$

$0 \leq a \leq n, \quad a \leq r-1, \quad a \text{ an integer}$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{3} \rfloor} \binom{n}{3k+1} = \frac{1}{3} \left(2^n + 2 \cos \frac{(n-2)\pi}{3} \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (6.22)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \rfloor} \binom{n}{3k-n} = \frac{2^n + 2(-1)^n}{3} \quad (6.23)$$

Remark 6.4 The following identity is W. J. Taylor's Problem 4152 Page 163 of *The American Math. Monthly*, 1945.

$$\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \left(2 \cos \frac{\pi k}{2n} \right)^{2n} \cos \frac{\alpha k \pi}{n} = \binom{2n}{n-\alpha}, \quad n \text{ and } \alpha \text{ integers, } n \geq 1, -n < \alpha < n \quad (6.24)$$

$$\frac{2^{2n}}{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \left(\cos \frac{k\pi}{2n} \right)^{2n} = \binom{2n}{n}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (6.25)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\cos \frac{k\pi}{n} \right)^{2n} = \frac{n}{2^{2n}} \left(\binom{2n}{n} + 2 \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (6.26)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\cos \frac{(2k-1)\pi}{2n} \right)^{2n} = \frac{n}{2^{2n}} \left(\binom{2n}{n} - 2 \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad (6.27)$$

6.2.3 Convolution Formula via Equation (6.8)

Remark 6.5 In this section, we assume g is a real or complex valued function whose domain contains the set of nonnegative integers. We will also assume r is a nonnegative integer.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^{rk} f(k) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} x^j g(j) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{r} \rfloor} f(k) g(j-rk) \quad (6.28)$$

$$e^x \left(e^{\frac{x^n}{n}} - 1 \right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x^j \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{n} \rfloor} \frac{1}{n^k k! (j-kn)!}, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (6.29)$$