

A9 Mini-Tex Project

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1 Introduction

Prove that if $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and when $\sin \neq 0$,

$$(\cos(\theta))(\cos(2\theta))(\cos(4\theta))(\cos(8\theta))\dots(\cos(2^{n-1}(\theta))) = \frac{\sin 2^n(\theta)}{2^n \sin(\theta)}$$

2 Proof

Base Case: P(1) must be true:

$$(\cos(2^0(\theta))) = \frac{\sin(2^1(\theta))}{2^1 \sin(\theta)}$$

Recall the Ptolemy's Identities: $\sin(\theta + \theta) = \sin(2\theta) = 2(\sin(\theta)\cos(\theta))$

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{2(\sin(\theta)\cos(\theta))}{2\sin(\theta)}$$

$$\cos(\theta) = \cos(\theta)$$

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Hypothesis:

$$(\cos(\theta))(\cos(2\theta))(\cos(4\theta))(\cos(8\theta))\dots(\cos(2^{k-1}(\theta))) = \frac{\sin 2^k(\theta)}{2^k \sin(\theta)}$$

Proof(k+1) =

$$(\cos(\theta))(\cos(2\theta))(\cos(4\theta))(\cos(8\theta))\dots(\cos(2^{k-1}(\theta))\cos(2^k(\theta))) = \frac{\sin 2^{k+1}(\theta)}{2^{k+1} \sin(\theta)}$$

$$= \frac{\sin 2^k(\theta)}{2^k \sin(\theta)} (\cos 2^k(\theta))$$

Recall the Double Angle Formula: $2\sin(\alpha)\cos(\alpha) = \sin 2(\alpha)$

$$= \frac{\sin(2 \cdot 2^k(\theta))}{2 \cdot 2^k \sin(\theta)}$$

$$= \frac{\sin(2^{k+1}(\theta))}{2^{k+1} \sin(\theta)}$$

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Using Proof by Induction, I was able to prove that there exists a positive number that supports the proof question.