

Prove that

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right) = \frac{n}{2^{n-1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S &= \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right) \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{k\pi}{n}i} - e^{-\frac{k\pi}{n}i}}{2i} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2i)^{n-1}} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} e^{-\frac{k\pi}{n}i} \left(e^{\frac{2k\pi}{n}i} - 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2i)^{n-1}} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} e^{-\frac{k\pi}{n}i} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(e^{\frac{2k\pi}{n}i} - 1 \right) \dots\dots\dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} e^{-\frac{k\pi}{n}i} &= e^{-\frac{\pi i}{n}(1+2+3+\dots\dots\dots+n-1)} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\pi}{n} \frac{n(n-1)}{2}i} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\pi(n-1)}{2}i} \\ &= e^{\frac{\pi}{2}i} \cdot e^{-\frac{\pi n}{2}i} \\ &= ie^{-\frac{\pi n}{2}i} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } n &= 1 \dots\dots\dots e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}i} = -i = (-1)^1(i)^1 \\ \text{if } n &= 2 \dots\dots\dots e^{-\frac{2\pi}{2}i} = -1 = (-1)^2(i)^2 \\ \text{if } n &= 3 \dots\dots\dots e^{-\frac{3\pi}{2}i} = i = (-1)^3(i)^3 \\ \text{if } n &= 4 \dots\dots\dots e^{-\frac{4\pi}{2}i} = 1 = (-1)^4(i)^4 \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ \text{if } n &= n \dots\dots\dots e^{-\frac{n\pi}{2}i} = .. = (-1)^n(i)^n \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right) = (-1)^n i^{n+1}$$

from(1) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right) &= \frac{1}{(2i)^{n-1}} (-1)^n i^{n+1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(e^{\frac{2k\pi}{n}i} - 1\right) \\
&= 2^{1-n} (-1)^{n+1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(e^{\frac{2k\pi}{n}i} - 1\right) \\
&= (-2)^{1-n} (-1)^{n-1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(1 - e^{\frac{2k\pi}{n}i}\right) \\
&= 2^{1-n} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(1 - e^{\frac{2k\pi}{n}i}\right) \dots\dots\dots (2)
\end{aligned}$$

considering roots of $z^n = 1$

$$z^n = e^{2k\pi i} \dots\dots k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1 \text{ (a total of } n \text{ roots)}$$

So, the roots are

$$z = e^{\frac{2k\pi i}{n}} \dots\dots\dots k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (n-1)$$

$$z^n - 1 = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (z - e^{\frac{2k\pi i}{n}})$$

Using binomial theorem, we get

$$(z-1)(1+z+z^2+\dots+z^{n-1}) = (z-1) \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (z - e^{\frac{2k\pi i}{n}})$$

$$1+z+z^2+\dots\dots\dots+z^{n-1} = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (z - e^{\frac{2k\pi i}{n}})$$

putting $z = 1$

$$n = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (z - e^{\frac{2k\pi i}{n}})$$

from.....(2) we get

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