

Problem 20: Express $\cos 5\theta$ in terms of $\cos \theta$. (Source: AoPS Precalculus)

We can use De Moivre's theorem and the Binomial Theorem. We can also use the identity $\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta$.

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 5\theta + i \sin 5\theta &= (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^5 \\&= (\cos \theta)^5 + 5(\cos \theta)^4(i \sin \theta) + 10(\cos \theta)^3(i \sin \theta)^2 + 10(\cos \theta)^2(i \sin \theta)^3 + 5(\cos \theta)(i \sin \theta)^4 + (i \sin \theta)^5 \\&= \cos^5 \theta + 5i \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) - 10i \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 5 \cos \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^2 + i \sin^5 \theta\end{aligned}$$

Now we can equate the real parts.

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 5\theta &= \cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + 5 \cos \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^2 \\&= \cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta + 10 \cos^5 \theta + 5 \cos \theta (1 - 2 \cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta) \\&= \cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta + 10 \cos^5 \theta + 5 \cos \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta + 5 \cos^5 \theta \\&= \boxed{16 \cos^5 \theta - 20 \cos^3 \theta + 5 \cos \theta}\end{aligned}$$