

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

By de Moivre's theorem, we have

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^5 = \cos 5\theta + i \sin 5\theta$$

Now we can apply the Binomial Theorem.

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

We can equate $\sin 5\theta$ with the imaginary part of the equation.

$$\sin 5\theta = 5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta$$

Now we can substitute $1 - \cos^2 \theta$ for $\sin^2 \theta$.

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

We arrive at the equation

$$\boxed{\sin 5\theta = 16 \sin^5 \theta - 20 \sin^3 \theta + 5 \sin \theta}$$