

Problem 7

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1 Problem Statement

Show that the determinant of A is an integer, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(1) & \cos(11) & \cdots & \cos(91) \\ \cos(2) & \cos(12) & \cdots & \cos(92) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \cos(10) & \cos(20) & \cdots & \cos(100) \end{bmatrix}$$

and the angles are in radians.

2 Solution

Consider $e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)$. Since cosine is even, $\cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta)$ and since sine is odd, $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)$.

Then, $e^{-i\theta} = e^{i(-\theta)} = \cos(-\theta) + i\sin(-\theta) = \cos(\theta) - i\sin(\theta)$.

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}) = \cosh(i\theta)$$

We will need a property of hyperbolic cosine:

$$\begin{aligned} 4\cosh(i\theta)\cosh(i) &= (e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta})(e^i + e^{-i}) \\ &= e^{i\theta+i} + e^{i\theta-i} + e^{-i\theta+i} + e^{-i\theta-i} \\ &= e^{i(\theta+1)} + e^{i(\theta-1)} + e^{-i(\theta-1)} + e^{-i(\theta+1)} \\ &= 2\cosh(i(\theta+1)) + 2\cosh(i(\theta-1)) \\ 2\cosh(i\theta)\cosh(i) &= \cosh(i(\theta+1)) + \cosh(i(\theta-1)) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\cos(\theta) = \cosh(i\theta)$,

$$\cos(\theta+1) = 2\cos(1)\cos(\theta) + (-1)\cos(\theta-1)$$

Equivalently,

$$\cos(u) = 2\cos(1)\cos(u-1) + (-1)\cos(u-2)$$

We can write the angle of any entry in A as $u = r + 10(j-1)$, where r is the row and j is the column. Therefore, we can subtract 1 from u to get the row above it as long as $r > 1$.

Let $u = 3 + 10(j-1)$ where $j = 1, 2, \dots, 10$. Then

$$A(3, j) = \cos(u)$$

We can get all of Row 2 by

$$A(2, j) = \cos(u-1)$$

and all of Row 1 by

$$A(1, j) = \cos(u-2)$$

We can write $\cos(u)$ as a linear combination of $\cos(u-1)$ and $\cos(u-2)$, where those are entries of Row 2 and Row 1, respectively. More generally, let $A(r)$ be the r^{th} row of A , $r \geq 3$,

$$A(r) = (2\cos(1))A(r-1) + (-1)A(r-2)$$

Therefore, Row 3 is a linear combination of Rows 1 and 2 and $\det A = 0$, which is an integer.