

Lagrange's Identity

Theorem

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \cos k\theta = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sin \left[(2n+1)\frac{\theta}{2} \right]}{2 \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)} = \frac{\sin \left[(n+1)\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \cos \left(n\frac{\theta}{2} \right)}{\sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)}$$
$$\sum_{k=0}^n \sin k\theta = \frac{\cot \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)}{2} - \frac{\cos \left[(2n+1)\frac{\theta}{2} \right]}{2 \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)} = \frac{\sin \left[(n+1)\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \sin \left(n\frac{\theta}{2} \right)}{\sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)}$$

Proof

Let $R = \sum_{k=0}^n \cos k\theta$

Let $I = \sum_{k=0}^n \sin k\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} R + iI &= \sum_{k=0}^n \cos k\theta + i \sum_{k=0}^n \sin k\theta \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n (\cos k\theta + i \sin k\theta) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n (e^{i\theta})^k \\ &= \frac{e^{i(n+1)\theta} - 1}{e^{i\theta} - 1} \\ &= \frac{e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} [e^{i(n+1)\theta} - 1]}{e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} (e^{i\theta} - 1)} \\ &= \frac{[e^{i(n\theta + \theta - \frac{\theta}{2})} - e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}}]}{e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} - e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{[e^{i(n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2})} - e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}}]}{2i \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)} \\ &= \frac{[\cos (n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}) + i \sin (n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2})] - (\cos \frac{\theta}{2} - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2})}{2i \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)} \\ &= \frac{[\cos (n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}) - \cos \frac{\theta}{2}] + i [\sin (n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}) + \sin \frac{\theta}{2}]}{2i \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)} \\ &= \frac{[\sin (n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}) + \sin \frac{\theta}{2}] - i [\cos (n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}) - \cos \frac{\theta}{2}]}{2 \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \cos(k\theta) = \operatorname{Re}(R + iI) = \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \sin \left(n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{2 \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sin \left[(2n+1)\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{2 \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \sin(k\theta) = \operatorname{Im}(R + iI) = \frac{\cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \cos \left(n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{2 \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} = \frac{\cot \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{2} - \frac{\cos \left[(2n+1)\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{2 \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}$$

Continuing:

$$\begin{aligned} R + iI &= \frac{\left[\sin \left(n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \sin \frac{\theta}{2}\right] - i \left[\cos \left(n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}\right) - \cos \frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{2 \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin \left(\frac{n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{\theta}{2}}{2}\right) \cos \left(\frac{n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2}}{2}\right) + i 2 \sin \left(\frac{n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{\theta}{2}}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2}}{2}\right)}{2 \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \\ &= \frac{\sin \left(\frac{n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{\theta}{2}}{2}\right) \cos \left(\frac{n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2}}{2}\right) + i \sin \left(\frac{n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{\theta}{2}}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{n\theta + \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2}}{2}\right)}{\sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \\ &= \frac{\sin \left(\frac{n\theta + \theta}{2}\right) \cos \left(\frac{n\theta}{2}\right) + i \sin \left(\frac{n\theta + \theta}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{n\theta}{2}\right)}{\sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \cos k\theta = \operatorname{Re}(R + iI) = \frac{\sin \left(\frac{n\theta + \theta}{2}\right) \cos \left(\frac{n\theta}{2}\right)}{\sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} = \frac{\sin \left[(n+1)\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \cos \left(n\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{\sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \sin k\theta = \operatorname{Im}(R + iI) = \frac{\sin \left(\frac{n\theta + \theta}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{n\theta}{2}\right)}{\sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} = \frac{\sin \left[(n+1)\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin \left(n\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{\sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}$$