

Euler's formula

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

Method 1 : Using Taylor series with pivot at zero

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\theta} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^n e^{i\theta} |_{\theta=0} (\theta-0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^n \theta^n \\ \cos \theta &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos(n\pi/2 + \theta) |_{\theta=0} (\theta-0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos(n\pi/2) \theta^n \\ \sin \theta &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi/2 + \theta) |_{\theta=0} (\theta-0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi/2) \theta^n \\ \cos \theta + i \sin \theta &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos(n\pi/2) \theta^n + i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi/2) \theta^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [\cos(n\pi/2) + i \sin(n\pi/2)] \theta^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since : for } n=4m \quad \cos(4m\pi/2) + i \sin(4m\pi/2) &= 1 = i^{4m} \\ \text{for } n=4m+1 \quad \cos((4m+1)\pi/2) + i \sin((4m+1)\pi/2) &= i = i^{4m+1} \\ \text{for } n=4m+2 \quad \cos((4m+2)\pi/2) + i \sin((4m+2)\pi/2) &= -1 = i^{4m+2} \\ \text{for } n=4m+3 \quad \cos((4m+3)\pi/2) + i \sin((4m+3)\pi/2) &= -i = i^{4m+3} \end{aligned}$$

Hence finally we have : $\cos \theta + i \sin \theta = e^{i\theta}$

Method 2 : Consider the following ratio

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta) &= (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) e^{-i\theta} \\ f'(\theta) &= -i(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) e^{-i\theta} + (-\sin \theta + i \cos \theta) e^{-i\theta} \\ &= (-i \cos \theta + \sin \theta - \sin \theta + i \cos \theta) e^{-i\theta} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $f'(\theta)=0$ for all θ , thus $f(\theta)$ is a constant. Lets find the value of the constant by putting θ with any value.

$$\begin{aligned} (\cos 0 + i \sin 0) e^{-i0} &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) e^{-i\theta} &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \cos \theta + i \sin \theta &= e^{i\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Method 3 : Consider the following differential equation

$$f'(\theta) = if(\theta) \text{ with initial condition } f(0)=1$$

We are going to prove that $\cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ is a specific solution.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(\theta) &= -\sin \theta + i \cos \theta = i(i \sin \theta + \cos \theta) = if(\theta) \\ f(0) &= \cos 0 + i \sin 0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

We are going to prove that $e^{i\theta}$ is a specific solution.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(\theta) &= ie^{i\theta} = if(\theta) \\ f(0) &= e^{i0} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Specific solution is not a general solution. Specific solution satisfies initial condition, and thus it is unique. Hence :

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta + i \sin \theta = e^{i\theta}$$