

**1258.** For a positive integer  $n$ , show that

$$\left( \frac{\cos(1) + \cos(2) + \cos(3) + \cdots + \cos(n)}{\sin(1) + \sin(2) + \cdots + \sin(n)} \right)^2 = \frac{2}{1 - \cos(n+1)} - 1$$

**Solution.** Expressing the trigonometric functions as exponentials, we have:

$$\left( \frac{\cos(1) + \cos(2) + \cos(3) + \cdots + \cos(n)}{\sin(1) + \sin(2) + \cdots + \sin(n)} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{\sum_{1 \leq x \leq n} \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}}{\sum_{1 \leq x \leq n} \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}} \right)^2$$

Each geometric sum can be evaluated in separate, leading to:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{2i}{2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\sum_{1 \leq x \leq n} e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{\sum_{1 \leq x \leq n} e^{ix} - e^{-ix}} \right)^2 &= - \left( \frac{\frac{e^i (e^{in} - 1)}{e^i - 1} + \frac{e^{-in} (e^{in} - 1)}{e^i - 1}}{\frac{e^i (e^{in} - 1)}{e^i - 1} - \frac{e^{-in} (e^{in} - 1)}{e^i - 1}} \right)^2 \\ &= - \left( \frac{e^i + e^{-in}}{e^i - e^{-in}} \right)^2 \\ &= - \left( \frac{1 + e^{-i(n+1)}}{1 - e^{-i(n+1)}} \right)^2 \\ &= - \left( \frac{1 + 2e^{-i(n+1)} + e^{-2i(n+1)}}{1 - 2e^{-i(n+1)} + e^{-2i(n+1)}} \right) \\ &= - \left( \frac{e^{i(n+1)} + 2 + e^{-i(n+1)}}{e^{i(n+1)} - 2 + e^{-i(n+1)}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Converting the exponentials back to trigonometric functions:

$$\begin{aligned}
-\left(\frac{e^{i(n+1)} + 2 + e^{-i(n+1)}}{e^{i(n+1)} - 2 + e^{-i(n+1)}}\right) &= -\left(\frac{2 + 2\left(\frac{e^{i(n+1)} + e^{-i(n+1)}}{2}\right)}{-2 + 2\left(\frac{e^{i(n+1)} + e^{-i(n+1)}}{2}\right)}\right) \\
&= \frac{1 + \cos(n+1)}{1 - \cos(n+1)} \\
&= \frac{1 + \cos(n+1)}{1 - \cos(n+1)} + 1 - 1 \\
&= \left(\frac{1 + \cos(n+1) + 1 - \cos(n+1)}{1 - \cos(n+1)}\right) - 1 \\
&= \frac{2}{1 - \cos(n+1)} - 1
\end{aligned}$$

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