

TRIGONOMETRIC IDENTITIES

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ABSTRACT: I present the proof of Trigonometric Identities involving **Sin(x)** and **Cos(x)**.

1. INTRODUCTION

We are aware of the following identities;

$$2\sin x \cos x = \sin 2x$$

$$2\cos^2 x = 1 + \cos 2x$$

The question is have we ever been aware of the fact that the above two identities are special cases of some other identities? Well, they actually are, and i will try to show that.

2. NEW IDENTITIES

$$2\cos^n x \sin(n)x = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sin 2kx$$

$$2\cos^n x \cos(n)x = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cos 2kx$$

$$\sin(n)x \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cos 2kx = \cos(n)x \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sin 2kx$$

3. PROOF OF THE NEW IDENTITIES

Using binomial expansion, we see that;

$$(1 + e^{2ix})^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} e^{2ikx} \tag{1}$$

Now, let's try to manipulate LHS and RHS of (1);

LHS;

$$(1 + e^{2ix})^n = (e^{ix}(e^{-ix} + e^{ix}))^n$$

$$(1 + e^{2ix})^n = (2e^{ix} \left(\frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}\right))^n$$

We know that;

$$\cos x = \left(\frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}\right)$$

So,

$$(1 + e^{2ix})^n = 2e^{inx} \cos^n x$$

We know that;

$$e^{inx} = \cos nx + i \sin nx$$

Therefore;

$$(1 + e^{2ix})^n = 2(\cos nx + i \sin nx) \cos^n x$$

$$(1 + e^{2ix})^n = 2\cos^n x \cos nx + i(2\cos^n x \sin nx) \quad (2)$$

RHS;

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} e^{2ikx} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (\cos 2kx + i \sin 2kx)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} e^{2ikx} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cos 2kx + i \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sin 2kx \quad (3)$$

We see from (2) and (3) that;

$$2\cos^n x \cos nx + i(2\cos^n x \sin nx) = \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cos 2kx \right) + i \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sin 2kx \right) \quad (4)$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts of (4), we see that;

$$2\cos^n x \sin nx = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sin 2kx \quad (5)$$

$$2\cos^n x \cos nx = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cos 2kx \quad (6)$$

Dividing (6) by (5), we see that;

$$\sin nx \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cos 2kx = \cos nx \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sin 2kx \quad (7)$$

4. GENERALIZATION OF THE NEW IDENTITIES

- $2\cos^n x \sin(n+m)x = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sin(2k+m)x$
- $2\cos^n x \cos(n+m)x = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cos(2k+m)x$

- $\sin(n+m)x \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cos(2k+m)x = \cos(n+m)x \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sin(2k+m)x$

5. SOME OTHER NEW IDENTITIES

- $2\sin^n x \sin(n+m)x = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k \sin(2k+m)x \quad (n \text{ is even})$

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