

Trigonometrical Function Expansion using Complex Numbers – The Working Out

cos Expansions: $2^n \cos^n \theta = (z + z^{-1})^n = \sum_{r=0}^n C_r^n \cdot (z)^{n-r} \cdot (z^{-1})^r = \sum_{r=0}^n C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r}$

When $n = 2k + 1$ where k is an integer (i.e. n is odd),

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^n \cos^n \theta &= \sum_{r=0}^k C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=k+1}^n C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^k C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^{n-(k+1)} C_{r+(k+1)}^n \cdot z^{n-2[r+(k+1)]} \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^k C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^k C_{(k-r)+(k+1)}^n \cdot z^{n-2[(k-r)+(k+1)]} \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^k C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^k C_{(2k+1)-r}^n \cdot z^{n-2[(2k+1)-r]} \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^k C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^k C_{n-r}^n \cdot z^{n-2[n-r]} \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^k C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^k C_r^n \cdot z^{-(n-2r)} \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^k C_r^n \cdot \left(z^{(n-2r)} + z^{-(n-2r)} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^k C_r^n \cdot 2 \cos(n-2r)\theta \\
 \therefore 2^n \cos^n \theta &= \sum_{r=0}^k C_r^n \cdot 2 \cos(n-2r)\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos^n \theta = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{r=0}^k C_r^n \cdot \cos(n-2r)\theta, \quad \text{where } n = 2k + 1.$$

e.g. $n = 3, k = 1$: $\cos^3 \theta = \frac{1}{2^{3-1}} \sum_{r=0}^1 C_r^3 \cdot \cos(3-2r)\theta = \frac{1}{4} (\cos 3\theta + 3 \cos \theta)$, $\cos 3\theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta$

$n = 5, k = 2$: $\cos^5 \theta = \frac{1}{2^{5-1}} \sum_{r=0}^2 C_r^5 \cdot \cos(5-2r)\theta = \frac{1}{16} (\cos 5\theta + 5 \cos 3\theta + 10 \cos \theta)$

$n = 7, k = 3$: $\cos^7 \theta = \frac{1}{2^{7-1}} \sum_{r=0}^3 C_r^7 \cdot \cos(7-2r)\theta = \frac{1}{64} (\cos 7\theta + 7 \cos 5\theta + 21 \cdot \cos 3\theta + 35 \cos \theta)$

When $n = 2k$ where k is an integer (i.e. n is even),

$$\begin{aligned}
2^n \cos^n \theta &= \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + C_k^n \cdot z^{n-2k} + \sum_{r=k+1}^n C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} \\
&= \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + C_k^n \cdot z^0 + \sum_{r=0}^{n-(k+1)} C_{r+(k+1)}^n \cdot z^{n-2[r+(k+1)]} \\
&= \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_{(k-1-r)+(k+1)}^n \cdot z^{n-2[(k-1-r)+(k+1)]} \\
&= C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_{2k-r}^n \cdot z^{n-2[2k-r]} \\
&= C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_{n-r}^n \cdot z^{n-2[n-r]} \\
&= C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_r^n \cdot z^{-(n-2r)} \\
&= C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_r^n \cdot \left(z^{(n-2r)} + z^{-(n-2r)} \right) \\
&= C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_r^n \cdot 2 \cos(n-2r)\theta \\
\therefore 2^n \cos^n \theta &= C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_r^n \cdot 2 \cos(n-2r)\theta
\end{aligned}$$

$$\cos^n \theta = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left(\frac{1}{2} C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} C_r^n \cdot \cos(n-2r)\theta \right), \quad \text{where } n = 2k.$$

e.g. $n = 2, k = 1$: $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2^{2-1}} \left(\frac{1}{2} C_1^2 + \sum_{r=0}^0 C_r^2 \cdot \cos(2-2r)\theta \right) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2\theta), \quad \cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$

$n = 4, k = 2$: $\cos^4 \theta = \frac{1}{2^{4-1}} \left(\frac{1}{2} C_2^4 + \sum_{r=0}^1 C_r^4 \cdot \cos(4-2r)\theta \right) = \frac{1}{8} (3 + \cos 4\theta + 4 \cos 2\theta)$

$n = 6, k = 3$: $\cos^6 \theta = \frac{1}{2^{6-1}} \left(\frac{1}{2} C_3^6 + \sum_{r=0}^2 C_r^6 \cdot \cos(6-2r)\theta \right) = \frac{1}{32} (10 + \cos 6\theta + 6 \cos 4\theta + 15 \cos 2\theta)$

$$\sin \text{ Expansions: } 2^n i^n \sin^n \theta = (z - z^{-1})^n = \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot (z)^{n-r} \cdot (z^{-1})^r = \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r}$$

When $n = 2k + 1$ where k is an integer (i.e. n is odd),

$$\begin{aligned} 2^n i^n \sin^n \theta &= \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=k+1}^n (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} \\ 2^n i^{2k+1} \sin^n \theta &= \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^{n-(k+1)} (-1)^{r+(k+1)} C_{r+(k+1)}^n \cdot z^{n-2[r+(k+1)]} \\ 2^n (i^2)^k i \sin^n \theta &= \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^{(k-r)+(k+1)} C_{(k-r)+(k+1)}^n \cdot z^{n-2[(k-r)+(k+1)]} \\ 2^n (-1)^k i \sin^n \theta &= \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^{(2k+1)-r} C_{(2k+1)-r}^n \cdot z^{n-2[(2k+1)-r]} \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^{n-r} C_{n-r}^n \cdot z^{n-2[n-r]} \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^{n-r} C_r^n \cdot z^{-(n-2r)} \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot \left(z^{(n-2r)} + (-1)^{n-2r} z^{-(n-2r)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot \left(z^{(n-2r)} - z^{-(n-2r)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot 2i \sin(n-2r)\theta \\ \therefore 2^n \sin^n \theta &= (-1)^k \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot 2 \sin(n-2r)\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin^n \theta = \frac{(-1)^k}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot \sin(n-2r)\theta, \quad \text{where } n = 2k + 1.$$

$$\text{e.g. } n = 3, k = 1: \quad \sin^3 \theta = \frac{(-1)^1}{2^{3-1}} \sum_{r=0}^1 (-1)^r C_r^3 \cdot \sin(3-2r)\theta = \frac{1}{4} (-\sin 3\theta + 3 \sin \theta), \quad \sin 3\theta = 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta$$

$$n = 5, k = 2: \quad \sin^5 \theta = \frac{(-1)^2}{2^{5-1}} \sum_{r=0}^2 (-1)^r C_r^5 \cdot \sin(5-2r)\theta = \frac{1}{16} (\sin 5\theta - 5 \sin 3\theta + 10 \sin \theta)$$

$$n = 7, k = 3: \quad \sin^7 \theta = \frac{(-1)^3}{2^6} \sum_{r=0}^3 (-1)^r C_r^7 \cdot \sin(7-2r)\theta = \frac{1}{64} (-\sin 7\theta + 7 \sin 5\theta - 21 \sin 3\theta + 35 \sin \theta)$$

When $n = 2k$ where k is an integer (i.e. n is even),

$$\begin{aligned}
2^n i^n \sin^n \theta &= \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + (-1)^k C_k^n \cdot z^{n-2k} + \sum_{r=k+1}^n (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} \\
2^n i^{2k} \sin^n \theta &= \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + (-1)^k C_k^n \cdot z^0 + \sum_{r=0}^{n-(k+1)} (-1)^{r+(k+1)} C_{r+(k+1)}^n \cdot z^{n-2[r+(k+1)]} \\
2^n (i^2)^k \sin^n \theta &= \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + (-1)^k C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^{(k-1-r)+(k+1)} C_{(k-1-r)+(k+1)}^n \cdot z^{n-2[(k-1-r)+(k+1)]} \\
2^n (-1)^k \sin^n \theta &= (-1)^{k-1} C_{k-1}^n + \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^{2k-r} C_{2k-r}^n \cdot z^{n-2[2k-r]} \\
&= (-1)^k C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^{n-r} C_{n-r}^n \cdot z^{n-2[n-r]} \\
&= (-1)^k C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot z^{n-2r} + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^{n-r} C_r^n \cdot z^{-(n-2r)} \\
&= (-1)^k C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot \left(z^{(n-2r)} + (-1)^{n-2r} z^{-(n-2r)} \right) \\
&= (-1)^k C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot \left(z^{(n-2r)} + z^{-(n-2r)} \right) \\
&= (-1)^k C_k^n + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot 2 \cos(n-2r)\theta \\
\therefore 2^n \sin^n \theta &= C_k^n + (-1)^k \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot 2 \cos(n-2r)\theta
\end{aligned}$$

$$\sin^n \theta = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left(\frac{1}{2} C_k^n + (-1)^k \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} (-1)^r C_r^n \cdot \cos(n-2r)\theta \right), \quad \text{where } n = 2k + 1.$$

$$\text{e.g. } n = 2, k = 1: \quad \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2^{2-1}} \left(\frac{1}{2} C_1^2 + (-1)^1 \sum_{r=0}^0 (-1)^r C_r^2 \cdot \cos(2-2r)\theta \right) = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2\theta), \quad \cos 2\theta = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$n = 4, k = 2: \quad \sin^4 \theta = \frac{1}{2^{4-1}} \left(\frac{1}{2} C_2^4 + (-1)^2 \sum_{r=0}^1 (-1)^r C_r^4 \cdot \cos(4-2r)\theta \right) = \frac{1}{8} (3 + \cos 4\theta - 4 \cos 2\theta)$$

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