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De Moivre's Theorem and its Applications

1.1. De Moivre's Theorem

Statement: (i) If n be any integer, positive or negative, then

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$$

and

(ii) If n be a fraction, positive or negative, then one of the values of $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n$ is $\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$.

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Proof. Case-I. Let n be a positive integer :

By actual multiplication, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1) (\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2) \\ &= \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + i \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + i^2 \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \\ &= (\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) + i (\sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) \\ &= \cos (\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin (\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly, } & (\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1) (\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2) (\cos \theta_3 + i \sin \theta_3) \\ &= [\cos (\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin (\theta_1 + \theta_2)] [\cos \theta_3 + i \sin \theta_3] \\ &= \cos (\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3) + i \sin (\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3) \end{aligned}$$

Proceeding in this way to n factors, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1) (\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2) \dots (\cos \theta_n + i \sin \theta_n) \\ &= \cos (\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n) + i (\sin \theta_1 + \sin \theta_2 + \dots + \sin \theta_n) \end{aligned}$$

Now, putting $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \dots = \theta_n = \theta$, on both sides, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \dots \text{to } n \text{ factors} \\ &= \cos (\theta + \theta + \dots \text{to } n \text{ terms}) + i \sin (\theta + \theta + \dots \text{to } n \text{ terms}) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta.$$

Case-II. Let n be a negative integer :

Suppose $n = -m$, where m is a positive integer.

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{-m} = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{-m}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^m} = \frac{1}{\cos m\theta + i \sin m\theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos m\theta + i \sin m\theta} \times \frac{\cos m\theta - i \sin m\theta}{\cos m\theta - i \sin m\theta}$$

$$= \frac{\cos m\theta - i \sin m\theta}{\cos^2 m\theta + \sin^2 m\theta} = \cos m\theta - i \sin m\theta$$

$$= \cos(-m\theta) + i \sin(-m\theta)$$

$$= \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$$

which proves the theorem for a negative integer.

Case-III. Let n be a fraction, positive or negative :

Suppose $n = \frac{p}{q}$ (where $q \neq 0$, is a positive integer and p is any integer, positive or negative)

It follows from case I, that

$$\left(\cos \frac{\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{q} \right)^q = \cos \left(q \cdot \frac{\theta}{q} \right) + i \sin \left(q \cdot \frac{\theta}{q} \right) = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

Taking q th root of both sides, we get

$$\cos \frac{\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{q} \text{ is one of the values of } (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{1/q}$$

Raising each of the quantities to the p th power,

$$\left(\cos \frac{\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{q} \right)^p \text{ is one of the values of } (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{p/q}$$

or

$$\left(\cos \frac{p}{q} \theta + i \sin \frac{p}{q} \theta \right) \text{ is one of the values of } (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{p/q}$$

Putting $\frac{p}{q} = n$, we get $(\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)$ is one of the values of $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n$.

Note

1. Total number of values in the case when n is a fraction [in lowest terms], positive or negative is equal to the denominator of the fraction n .
2. Even if n be irrational $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n$ has an infinite number of values, one of the infinite values being $\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$. The proof of this case is beyond the scope of this book.

Cor. 1. $(\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^n = [\cos(-\theta) + i \sin(-\theta)]^n$

$$= [\cos(-n\theta) + i \sin(-n\theta)] = \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta.$$

Cor. 2. $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{-n} = \cos(-n\theta) + i \sin(-n\theta) = \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta.$

Cor. 3. $\frac{1}{\cos \theta + i \sin \theta} = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{-1} = (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)$

Cor. 4. $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{mn} = (\cos m\theta + i \sin m\theta)^n = (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)^m.$

Caution : It is to be noted that

$(\sin \theta + i \cos \theta)^n \neq \sin n\theta + i \cos n\theta$, but

(i)

$$(\sin \theta + i \cos \theta)^n = \left[\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right) \right]^n$$

$$= \cos n \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right) + i \sin n \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right).$$

(ii)

$(\cos \alpha + i \sin \beta)^m \neq \cos m\alpha + i \sin m\beta$

Angle must be the same with cosine and sine.

Remark : We generally denote $(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)$ by $\text{cis } \alpha$. It can be easily proved that

(i) $\text{cis } \alpha \text{ cis } \beta = \text{cis } (\alpha + \beta)$

(ii) $\frac{\text{cis } \alpha}{\text{cis } \beta} = \text{cis } (\alpha - \beta)$

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Example 1.

Simplify:

(i) $\frac{(\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta)^3 (\cos 4\theta - i \sin 4\theta)^{-2}}{(\cos 5\theta + i \sin 5\theta)^{-4} (\cos 8\theta - i \sin 8\theta)^2}$

(ii) $\left(\frac{1 + \cos \theta + i \sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta - i \sin \theta} \right)^n$

(iii) $\left(\frac{\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha}{\sin \beta + i \cos \beta} \right)^3$

Solution. (i) $\frac{(\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta)^3 (\cos 4\theta - i \sin 4\theta)^{-2}}{(\cos 5\theta + i \sin 5\theta)^{-4} (\cos 8\theta - i \sin 8\theta)^2}$

$$= \frac{(\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta)^3 [\cos (-4\theta) + i \sin (-4\theta)]^{-2}}{(\cos 5\theta + i \sin 5\theta)^{-4} [\cos (-8\theta) + i \sin (-8\theta)]^2}$$

$$= \frac{(\cos 6\theta + i \sin 6\theta) (\cos 8\theta + i \sin 8\theta)}{[\cos (-20\theta) + i \sin (-20\theta)] [\cos (-16\theta) + i \sin (-16\theta)]}$$

$$= \frac{\cos 14\theta + i \sin 14\theta}{\cos (-36\theta) + i \sin (-36\theta)}$$

[Applying De Moivre's theorem]

$$(\cos (\alpha + \beta) + i \sin (\alpha + \beta))$$

$$= \cos [14 - (-36) \theta] + i \sin [14 - (-36) \theta]$$

$$\left[\because \frac{\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha}{\cos \beta + i \sin \beta} = \cos (\alpha - \beta) + i \sin (\alpha - \beta) \right]$$

$$1 = \cos 50\theta + i \sin 50\theta$$

Example 7.

If α, β be the roots of $x^2 - 2x + 4 = 0$, prove that $\alpha^n + \beta^n = 2^{n+1} \cos \frac{n\pi}{3}$.

[M.D.U. 2008]

Solution. The given equation is $x^2 - 2x + 4 = 0$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 16}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm i 2\sqrt{3}}{2} = 1 \pm i\sqrt{3}$$

Since α, β are the roots of the given equation

$$\text{Let } \alpha = 1 + i\sqrt{3} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = 1 - i\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{Put } 1 = r \cos \theta \text{ and } \sqrt{3} = r \sin \theta$$

$$\text{Squaring and adding, } r^2 = 4 \Rightarrow r = 2$$

[Taking +ve sign]

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \text{ which gives } \theta = 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Now,

$$\alpha^n + \beta^n = (1 + i\sqrt{3})^n + (1 - i\sqrt{3})^n$$

$$= (r \cos \theta + ir \sin \theta)^n + (r \cos \theta - ir \sin \theta)^n$$

$$= r^n [(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n + (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^n]$$

$$= r^n [\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta + \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta]$$

$$= r^n 2 \cos n\theta = 2^n \left[2 \cos n \cdot \frac{\pi}{3} \right] = 2^{n+1} \cos \frac{n\pi}{3}$$

Example 1.*Expand**(i) $\cos 8\theta$ in descending powers of $\cos \theta$.**(ii) $\frac{\sin 8\theta}{\cos \theta}$ in ascending powers of $\sin \theta$.***Solution.** $\cos 8\theta + i \sin 8\theta = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^8$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \cos^8 \theta + {}^8C_1 \cos^7 \theta i \sin \theta + {}^8C_2 \cos^6 \theta \cdot i^2 \sin^2 \theta \\ &\quad + {}^8C_3 \cos^5 \theta \cdot i^3 \sin^3 \theta + {}^8C_4 \cos^4 \theta \cdot i^4 \sin^4 \theta + {}^8C_5 \cos^3 \theta \cdot i^5 \sin^5 \theta \\ &\quad + {}^8C_6 \cos^2 \theta \cdot i^6 \sin^6 \theta + {}^8C_7 \cos \theta \cdot i^7 \sin^7 \theta + i^8 \sin^8 \theta \end{aligned}$$

[Expanding R.H.S. by Binomial theorem]

$$= \cos^8 \theta + i \cdot 8 \cos^7 \theta \sin \theta - 28 \cos^6 \theta \sin^2 \theta - i \cdot 56 \cos^5 \theta \sin^3 \theta \\ + 70 \cos^4 \theta \sin^4 \theta + i \cdot 56 \cos^3 \theta \sin^5 \theta - 28 \cos^2 \theta \sin^6 \theta - 8i \cos \theta \sin^7 \theta$$

Equating real and imaginary parts on both sides, we have

$$\cos 8\theta = \cos^8 \theta - 28 \cos^6 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 70 \cos^4 \theta \sin^4 \theta - 28 \cos^2 \theta \sin^6 \theta + \sin^8 \theta$$

$$\sin 8\theta = 8 \cos^7 \theta \sin \theta - 56 \cos^5 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 56 \cos^3 \theta \sin^5 \theta - 8 \cos \theta \sin^7 \theta$$

(i) Putting $\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta$ in (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 8\theta &= \cos^8 \theta - 28 \cos^6 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + 70 \cos^4 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^2 \\ &\quad - 28 \cos^2 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^3 + (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^4 \\ &= \cos^8 \theta - 28 \cos^6 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + 70 \cos^4 \theta (1 - 2\cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta) \\ &\quad - 28 \cos^2 \theta (1 - 3\cos^2 \theta + 3\cos^4 \theta - \cos^6 \theta) \\ &\quad + (1 - 4\cos^2 \theta + 6\cos^4 \theta - 4\cos^6 \theta + \cos^8 \theta) \\ &= 128 \cos^8 \theta - 256 \cos^6 \theta + 160 \cos^4 \theta - 32 \cos^2 \theta + 1 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Dividing (2) by $\cos \theta$, we get

$$\frac{\sin^8 \theta}{\cos \theta} = 8 \cos^6 \sin \theta - 56 \cos^4 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 56 \cos^2 \theta \sin^5 \theta - 8 \sin^7 \theta$$

Putting $\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \sin^2 \theta$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sin^8 \theta}{\cos \theta} &= 8 (1 - \sin^2 \theta)^3 \sin \theta - 56 (1 - \sin^2 \theta)^2 \sin^3 \theta + 56 (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \sin^5 \theta - 8 \sin^7 \theta \\ &= 8 (1 - 3 \sin^2 \theta + 3 \sin^4 \theta - \sin^6 \theta) \sin \theta - 56 (1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta) \sin^3 \theta \\ &\quad + 56 (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \sin^5 \theta - 8 \sin^7 \theta \\ &= 8 \sin \theta - 80 \sin^3 \theta + 192 \sin^5 \theta - 128 \sin^7 \theta. \end{aligned}$$

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Example 1.

Express the following in terms of cosines of multiples of θ .

(i) $\cos^6 \theta$

(ii) $\cos^7 \theta$

Solution. Let $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta + i \sin \theta} = \frac{\cos \theta - i \sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta - i^2 \sin^2 \theta} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \cos \theta \quad \dots(1)$$

Also $x^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$ and $\frac{1}{x^n} = \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta$

$$x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} = 2 \cos n\theta \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6 &= x^6 + {}^6C_1 x^5 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + {}^6C_2 x^4 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} + {}^6C_3 x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} \\ &\quad + {}^6C_4 x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^4} + {}^6C_5 x \cdot \frac{1}{x^5} + {}^6C_6 \frac{1}{x^6} \\ &= \left(x^6 + \frac{1}{x^6}\right) + 6 \left(x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4}\right) + 15 \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) + 20 \end{aligned}$$

Using (1) and (2), we get $(2 \cos \theta)^6 = 2 \cos 6\theta + 6 (2 \cos 4\theta) + 15 (2 \cos 2\theta) + 20$

Dividing by 2^6 , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \cos^6 \theta &= \frac{2}{2^6} [\cos 6\theta + 6 \cos 4\theta + 15 \cos 2\theta + 10] \\ &= \frac{1}{32} [\cos 6\theta + 6 \cos 4\theta + 15 \cos 2\theta + 10] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (ii) \quad \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^7 &= x^7 + {}^7C_1 x^6 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + {}^7C_2 x^5 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} + {}^7C_3 x^4 \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} \\
 &\quad + {}^7C_4 x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^4} + {}^7C_5 x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^5} + {}^7C_6 x \cdot \frac{1}{x^6} + \frac{1}{x^7} \\
 &= \left(x^7 + \frac{1}{x^7}\right) + 7\left(x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5}\right) + 21\left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right) + 35\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2), we get

$$(2 \cos \theta)^7 = 2 \cos 7\theta + 7(2 \cos 5\theta) + 21(2 \cos 3\theta) + 35(2 \cos \theta)$$

Dividing by 2^7 , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos^7 \theta &= \frac{2}{2^7} (\cos 7\theta + 7 \cos 5\theta + 21 \cos 3\theta + 35 \cos \theta) \\
 &= \frac{1}{64} [\cos 7\theta + 7 \cos 5\theta + 21 \cos 3\theta + 35 \cos \theta].
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 5.

If $\tan(\theta + i\phi) = \sin(x + iy)$, prove that $\coth y \cdot \sinh 2\phi = \cot x \cdot \sin 2\theta$.

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Solution. Given

$$\tan(\theta + i\phi) = \sin(x + iy)$$

Changing i into $-i$, we have

$$\tan(\theta - i\phi) = \sin(x - iy)$$

Adding (1) and (2), we have

$$\tan(\theta + i\phi) + \tan(\theta - i\phi) = \sin(x + iy) + \sin(x - iy)$$

$$\frac{\sin(\theta + i\phi)}{\cos(\theta + i\phi)} + \frac{\sin(\theta - i\phi)}{\cos(\theta - i\phi)} = 2 \sin x \cos iy$$

$$\frac{\sin(\theta + i\phi) \cos(\theta - i\phi) + \cos(\theta + i\phi) \sin(\theta - i\phi)}{\cos(\theta + i\phi) \cos(\theta - i\phi)} = 2 \sin x \cosh y$$

$$\frac{\sin(\theta + i\phi + \theta - i\phi)}{\cos(\theta + i\phi) \cos(\theta - i\phi)} = 2 \sin x \cosh y$$

$$\frac{\sin 2\theta}{\cos(\theta + i\phi) \cos(\theta - i\phi)} = 2 \sin x \cosh y$$

Again, subtracting (2) from (1), we have

$$\tan(\theta + i\phi) - \tan(\theta - i\phi) = \sin(x + iy) - \sin(x - iy)$$

$$\frac{\sin(\theta + i\phi)}{\cos(\theta + i\phi)} - \frac{\sin(\theta - i\phi)}{\cos(\theta - i\phi)} = 2 \cos x \sin iy$$

$$\frac{\sin(\theta + i\phi) \cos(\theta - i\phi) - \cos(\theta + i\phi) \sin(\theta - i\phi)}{\cos(\theta + i\phi) \cos(\theta - i\phi)} = 2 \cos x \sin iy$$

$$\frac{\sin(\theta + i\phi - \theta + i\phi)}{\cos(\theta + i\phi) \cos(\theta - i\phi)} = 2i \cos x \sinh y$$

$$\frac{\sin(2i\phi)}{\cos(\theta + i\phi) \cos(\theta - i\phi)} = 2i \cos x \sinh y$$

$$\frac{i \sinh 2\phi}{\cos(\theta + i\phi) \cos(\theta - i\phi)} = 2i \cos x \sinh y$$

$$\frac{\sinh 2\phi}{\cos(\theta + i\phi) \cos(\theta - i\phi)} = 2 \cos x \sinh y$$

Example 6.

If $\tan(\theta + i\phi) = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$, where the letters denote real quantities, prove that

$$(i) \quad \theta = \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}, \text{ where } n \text{ is an integer}$$

$$(ii) \quad e^{2\phi} = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$$

[K. U. 2007; M.D. U. 2005]

[K. U. 2007]

Solution. (i) If $\tan(\theta + i\phi) = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$...(1)

Then

$$\tan(\theta - i\phi) = \cos \alpha - i \sin \alpha$$

...(2)

Now,

$$\tan 2\theta = \tan[(\theta + i\phi) + (\theta - i\phi)]$$

$$= \frac{\tan(\theta + i\phi) + \tan(\theta - i\phi)}{1 - \tan(\theta + i\phi)\tan(\theta - i\phi)}$$

$$= \frac{(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) + (\cos \alpha - i \sin \alpha)}{1 - (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)(\cos \alpha - i \sin \alpha)}$$

[Using (1) and (2)]

$$= \frac{2 \cos \alpha}{1 - (\cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha)} = \frac{2 \cos \alpha}{0}$$

$$\tan 2\theta = \infty = \tan \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$2\theta = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\tan(2i\phi) = \tan[(\theta + i\phi) - (\theta - i\phi)]$$

$$= \frac{\tan(\theta + i\phi) - \tan(\theta - i\phi)}{1 + \tan(\theta + i\phi)\tan(\theta - i\phi)}$$

$$= \frac{(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) - (\cos \alpha - i \sin \alpha)}{1 + (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)(\cos \alpha - i \sin \alpha)}$$

[Using (1) and (2)]

$$i \tanh 2\phi = \frac{2i \sin \alpha}{1 + (\cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha)} = \frac{2i \sin \alpha}{2} = i \sin \alpha$$

$$\tanh 2\phi = \sin \alpha \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad \frac{e^{2\phi} - e^{-2\phi}}{e^{2\phi} + e^{-2\phi}} = \frac{\sin \alpha}{1}$$

Applying componendo and dividendo, we have

$$\frac{2e^{2\phi}}{2e^{-2\phi}} = \frac{1 + \sin \alpha}{1 - \sin \alpha} = \frac{\cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} - 2 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}}$$

Example 2.

Prove that :

$$(i) \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$$

$$(ii) \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} - 1}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} x$$

$$(iii) \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} + \sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2} - \sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x^2$$

Solution. (i) Let $x = a \sin \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$

Now,
$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = \frac{a \sin \theta}{\sqrt{a^2 - a^2 \sin^2 \theta}} = \frac{a \sin \theta}{a \cos \theta} = \tan \theta$$

$\therefore \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = \tan^{-1}(\tan \theta) = \theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$

(ii) Let $x = \tan \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} x$

Now,
$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} - 1}{x} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{1+\tan^2 \theta} - 1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta} - 1}{\tan \theta}$$

$$= \frac{\sec \theta - 1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}} = \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$\therefore \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} - 1}{x} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) = \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} x$

(iii) Let $x^2 = \cos 2\theta \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x^2$

Example 3.

Prove that $\log \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} i \right) = i \tan^{-1} (\sinh x)$

[K.U. 2011, 08, 04; M.D.U. 2011]

Solution. $\log \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} i \right) = \log \left(\frac{1 + \tan \frac{x}{2} i}{1 - \tan \frac{x}{2} i} \right)$

$$= \log \left(\frac{1 + i \tanh \frac{x}{2}}{1 - i \tanh \frac{x}{2}} \right) = \log \left(\frac{\cosh \frac{x}{2} + i \sinh \frac{x}{2}}{\cosh \frac{x}{2} - i \sinh \frac{x}{2}} \right)$$

$$= \log \left(\cosh \frac{x}{2} + i \sinh \frac{x}{2} \right) - \log \left(\cosh \frac{x}{2} - i \sinh \frac{x}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\cosh^2 \frac{x}{2} + \sinh^2 \frac{x}{2} \right) + i \tan^{-1} \left(\tanh \frac{x}{2} \right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\cosh^2 \frac{x}{2} + \sinh^2 \frac{x}{2} \right) + i \tan^{-1} \left(\tanh \frac{x}{2} \right)$$

$$= 2i \tan^{-1} \left(\tanh \frac{x}{2} \right) = i \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2 \tanh \frac{x}{2}}{1 - \tanh^2 \frac{x}{2}} \right) = i \tan^{-1} (\sinh x).$$

Example 3.*Find the sum of the series :* *$\sec \alpha \sec 2\alpha + \sec 2\alpha \sec 3\alpha + \sec 3\alpha \sec 4\alpha + \dots$ to n terms.*

Solution. We have $T_1 = \sec \alpha \cdot \sec 2\alpha = \frac{1}{\cos \alpha \cos 2\alpha}$

$$= \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha \cos 2\alpha \sin \alpha} = \frac{\sin (2\alpha - \alpha)}{\cos \alpha \cos 2\alpha \sin \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} \left[\frac{\sin 2\alpha \cos \alpha - \cos 2\alpha \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha \cos 2\alpha} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} [\tan 2\alpha - \tan \alpha]$$

Similarly,

$$T_2 = \sec 2\alpha \sec 3\alpha = \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} [\tan 3\alpha - \tan 2\alpha]$$

$$T_3 = \sec 3\alpha \sec 4\alpha = \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} [\tan 4\alpha - \tan 3\alpha]$$

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$$T_n = \sec n\alpha \cdot \sec (n+1)\alpha = \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} [\tan (n+1)\alpha - \tan n\alpha]$$

Adding vertically, we get

$$S = \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} [\tan (n+1)\alpha - \tan \alpha]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} \left[\frac{\sin (n+1)\alpha}{\cos (n+1)\alpha} - \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} \left[\frac{\sin (n+1)\alpha \cos \alpha - \cos (n+1)\alpha \sin \alpha}{\cos (n+1)\alpha \cos \alpha} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\sin [(n+1)\alpha - \alpha]}{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha \cos (n+1)\alpha}$$

Example 2.

Find the sum of the series : $\sin \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\alpha + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \sin 3\alpha + \dots$ to ∞ .

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Solution. Let $C = \cos \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\alpha + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \cos 3\alpha + \dots$ to ∞

and

$$S = \sin \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\alpha + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \sin 3\alpha + \dots \text{ to } \infty$$

$$\therefore C + iS = (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) + \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2\alpha + i \sin 2\alpha) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 (\cos 3\alpha + i \sin 3\alpha) + \dots \text{ to } \infty$$

$$= e^{i\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} e^{2i\alpha} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 e^{3i\alpha} + \dots \text{ to } \infty$$

$$= \frac{e^{i\alpha}}{1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{i\alpha}}$$

$$\left[\because S = \frac{a}{1-r} \right]$$

$$= \frac{e^{i\alpha}}{1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{i\alpha}} \times \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\alpha}}{1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\alpha}} = \frac{e^{i\alpha} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\alpha} \right]}{1 - \frac{1}{2} (e^{i\alpha} + e^{-i\alpha}) + \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{e^{i\alpha} - \frac{1}{2}}{1 - \cos \alpha + \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha - \frac{1}{2}}{1 - \cos \alpha + \frac{1}{4}}$$

Equating the imaginary parts, we have

$$S = \frac{\sin \alpha}{1 - \cos \alpha + \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{4 \sin \alpha}{5 - 4 \cos \alpha}.$$

Example 1.

Sum the series : $\cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta + \frac{1}{3} \cos 3\theta - \dots \infty$.

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Solution. Let $C = \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta + \frac{1}{3} \cos 3\theta - \dots \infty$

and

$$S = \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3\theta - \dots \infty$$

$$\therefore C + iS = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) - \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta) + \frac{1}{3} (\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta) - \dots \infty$$

$$= e^{i\theta} - \frac{1}{2} e^{2i\theta} + \frac{1}{3} e^{3i\theta} - \dots \infty$$

$$= z - \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{3} - \dots \infty, \text{ where } z = e^{i\theta}$$

$$= \log(1+z) = \log(1+e^{i\theta}) = \log(1+\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$= \log \sqrt{(1 + \cos \theta)^2 + \sin^2 \theta} + i \tan^{-1} \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}$$

$$\left[\because \log(x + iy) = \log \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + i \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} \right]$$

$$= \log \sqrt{1 + 2 \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta} + i \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)$$

$$= \log \sqrt{2(1 + \cos \theta)} + i \tan^{-1} \left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$= \log \sqrt{4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} + i \cdot \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$= \log \left(2 \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right) + i \cdot \frac{\theta}{2}$$

Equating real parts, we get

$$C = \log \left(2 \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$