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Sums of Series involving Complex Numbers

Question Paper

1. The infinite series C and S are defined by

$$C = \cos\theta + \frac{1}{2}\cos 5\theta + \frac{1}{4}\cos 9\theta + \frac{1}{8}\cos 13\theta + \ldots$$

$$S = \sin\theta + \frac{1}{2}\sin 5\theta + \frac{1}{4}\sin 9\theta + \frac{1}{8}\sin 13\theta + \ldots$$

Given that the series C and S are both convergent,

(a) show that

$$C + iS = \frac{2e^{i\theta}}{2 - e^{4i\theta}}$$

(4)

(b) Hence show that

$$S = \frac{4\sin\theta + 2\sin 3\theta}{5 - 4\cos 4\theta}$$

(4)

Question 1 continued

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2 Convergent infinite series C and S are defined by

$$C = 1 + \tfrac{1}{2}\cos\theta + \tfrac{1}{4}\cos 2\theta + \tfrac{1}{8}\cos 3\theta + \ \dots\ ,$$
$$S = \quad \tfrac{1}{2}\sin\theta + \tfrac{1}{4}\sin 2\theta + \tfrac{1}{8}\sin 3\theta + \ \dots\ .$$

(i) Show that $C + \mathrm{i}S = \dfrac{2}{2 - \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta}}$. **[4]**

(ii) Hence show that $C = \dfrac{4 - 2\cos\theta}{5 - 4\cos\theta}$, and find a similar expression for S. **[4]**

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3 The integrals C and S are defined by

$$C = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} e^{2x} \cos 3x \, dx \qquad \text{and} \qquad S = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} e^{2x} \sin 3x \, dx.$$

By considering $C + iS$ as a single integral, show that

$$C = -\tfrac{1}{13}\left(2 + 3e^{\pi}\right),$$

and obtain a similar expression for S. [8]

(You may assume that the standard result for $\int e^{kx} \, dx$ remains true when k is a complex constant, so that $\int e^{(a+ib)x} \, dx = \dfrac{1}{a + ib} e^{(a+ib)x}$.)

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4. (a) Given that $|z| < 1$, write down the sum of the infinite series

$$1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots$$

(1)

(b) Given that $z = \frac{1}{2}(\cos\theta + \mathrm{i}\sin\theta)$,

(i) use the answer to part (a), and de Moivre's theorem or otherwise, to prove that

$$\frac{1}{2}\sin\theta + \frac{1}{4}\sin 2\theta + \frac{1}{8}\sin 3\theta + \dots = \frac{2\sin\theta}{5 - 4\cos\theta}$$

(5)

(ii) show that the sum of the infinite series $1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots$ cannot be purely imaginary, giving a reason for your answer.

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5 Let $S = e^{i\theta} + e^{2i\theta} + e^{3i\theta} + \ldots + e^{10i\theta}$.

(i) (a) Show that, for $\theta \neq 2n\pi$, where n is an integer,

$$S = \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}i\theta}\left(e^{10i\theta} - 1\right)}{2i\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right)}.$$ **[4]**

(b) State the value of S for $\theta = 2n\pi$, where n is an integer. **[1]**

(ii) Hence show that, for $\theta \neq 2n\pi$, where n is an integer,

$$\cos\theta + \cos 2\theta + \cos 3\theta + \ldots + \cos 10\theta = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{21}{2}\theta\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right)} - \frac{1}{2}.$$ **[3]**

(iii) Hence show that $\theta = \frac{1}{11}\pi$ is a root of $\cos\theta + \cos 2\theta + \cos 3\theta + \ldots + \cos 10\theta = 0$ and find another root in the interval $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{4}\pi$. **[4]**

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6 **(i)** Show that, if $z \neq \pm 1$ and $z \neq 0$,

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n} z^{2r-1} = \frac{1-z^{2n}}{z^{-1}-z}.$$ **[2]**

(ii) Hence show that, if $\sin\theta \neq 0$,

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n} \sin(2r-1)\theta = \frac{\sin^2 n\theta}{\sin\theta}.$$ **[6]**

(iii) Hence find the exact value of

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{6}\pi} \frac{\sin^2 3\theta}{\sin\theta}\,\mathrm{d}\theta.$$ **[3]**