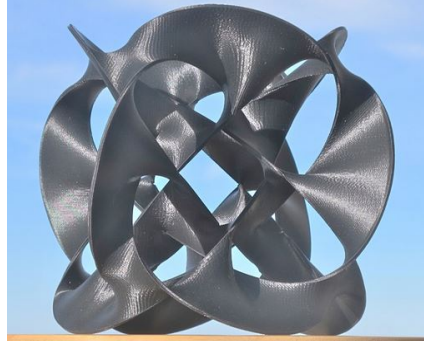


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$$x^{2n+1} + 1 = (x + 1) \prod_{k=1}^n (x^2 + a_k x + 1), \forall x \in \mathbb{C}$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^4, a_i \in \mathbb{C}, i \in \overline{1, n}$$

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*Solution 1 by Gabriel Ruddy Cruz Mendez-Lima-Peru*

$$8 \cos^4 x = 3 + 4 \cos(2x) + \cos(4x)$$

$$a_1^4 = \left(-2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2n+1}\right)\right)^4 = 16 \cos^4\left(\frac{\pi}{2n+1}\right) = 6 + 8 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{2n+1}\right) + 2 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{2n+1}\right)$$

$$a_2^4 = \left(-2 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2n+1}\right)\right)^4 = 16 \cos^4\left(\frac{3\pi}{2n+1}\right) = 6 + 8 \cos\left(\frac{6\pi}{2n+1}\right) + 2 \cos\left(\frac{12\pi}{2n+1}\right)$$

$$a_3^4 = \left(-2 \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2n+1}\right)\right)^4 = 16 \cos^4\left(\frac{5\pi}{2n+1}\right) = 6 + 8 \cos\left(\frac{10\pi}{2n+1}\right) + 2 \cos\left(\frac{20\pi}{2n+1}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n-1}^4 &= \left(-2 \cos\left(\frac{(2n-3)\pi}{2n+1}\right)\right)^4 = 16 \cos^4\left(\frac{(2n-3)\pi}{2n+1}\right) = \\ &= 6 + 8 \cos\left(\frac{2(2n-3)\pi}{2n+1}\right) + 2 \cos\left(\frac{4(2n-3)\pi}{2n+1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} a_n^4 &= \left( -2 \cos \left( \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2n+1} \right) \right)^4 = 16 \cos^4 \left( \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2n+1} \right) = \\ &= 6 + 8 \cos \left( \frac{2(2n-1)\pi}{2n+1} \right) + 2 \cos \left( \frac{4(2n-1)\pi}{2n+1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Sumando verticalmente  $a_n^4 = 6n + 8 \left[ \frac{2 \cos \left( \frac{2n\pi}{2n+1} \right) \sin \left( \frac{2n\pi}{2n+1} \right)}{2 \sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \right)} \right] + 2 \left[ \frac{2 \cos \left( \frac{4n\pi}{2n+1} \right) \sin \left( \frac{4n\pi}{2n+1} \right)}{2 \sin \left( \frac{4\pi}{2n+1} \right)} \right]$

$$a_n^4 = 6n + 8 \left[ \frac{\sin \left( \frac{4n\pi}{2n+1} \right)}{2 \sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \right)} \right] + 2 \left[ \frac{\sin \left( \frac{8n\pi}{2n+1} \right)}{2 \sin \left( \frac{4\pi}{2n+1} \right)} \right] \rightarrow a_n^4 = 6n + 4(-1) + (-1)$$

$$\therefore a_n^4 = 6n - 5$$

### Solution 2 by Le Van-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Lemma 1: According to Section 7 of Le Van(2019)

$$\begin{aligned} x^{2s+1} + 1 &= \prod_{j=0}^{2s} \left[ x - \exp \left( \frac{(2j+1)i\pi}{2s+1} \right) \right] = \prod_{j=0}^{2s} (x - \omega_j) \\ &= (x+1) \prod_{j=0}^{s-1} [(x - \omega_j)(x - \bar{\omega}_j)] \\ &= (x+1) \prod_{j=0}^{s-1} [x^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(\omega_j)x + 1] \end{aligned}$$

Which result in

$$a_j = -2\operatorname{Re}(\omega_j) = -2\cos \left( \frac{(2j+1)\pi}{2s+1} \right); (j = \overline{1, s-1})$$

Applying Vieta's theorem to the expansion

$x^{2s+1} + 1 = (x+1)(x^{2s} - x^{2s-1} + \dots - x + 1)$ , we get

$$\sum_{j=0, j \neq s}^{2s-1} \omega_j = 2 \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} \omega_j = \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} \operatorname{Re}(\omega_j) = - \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} a_j = 1$$

Lemma 2: Replacing  $\psi_j = \frac{(2j+1)\pi}{2s+1}$ , the following function is bijective

$$f: X = \{\cos \psi_j\}_{j=\overline{0, s-1}} \rightarrow Y = \{\cos 2\psi_j\}_{j=\overline{0, s-1}} \equiv -X = \{-\cos[\pi - \psi_j]\}_{j=\overline{1, s-1}}$$

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Firstly, we shall prove that  $f$  is injective function. Indeed, for two distinct numbers  $k$  and

$$l: |\pi - \psi_l| = |\pi - \psi_k| \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} \psi_l = \psi_k \\ \psi_l + \psi_k = 2\pi \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2s + 1 - 2(2k + 1) = 2s + 1 - 2(2l + 1) \\ 2(2k + 1) + 2(2l + 1) = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} k = l \\ 2(k + l + 1) = 1 \end{cases}$$

The above result is self-conflicted as  $k \neq l$  and  $k, l = \overline{0, s - 1}$ . Thus,  $k \neq l$  result in

$f(k) \neq f(l)$  which implies that  $f$  is an injection.

Secondly, we shall prove that  $f$  is a surjective function. For each given number  $\lambda_0 =$

$\overline{0, s - 1}$ , it is supposed to find number  $j_0 = \overline{0, s - 1}$  such that

$$\left| \pi - \frac{2\pi(2j_0 + 1)}{2s + 1} \right| = \frac{(2\lambda_0 + 1)\pi}{2s + 1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |2s + 1 - 2(2j_0 + 1)| = 2\lambda_0 + 1 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2s + 1 - 2(2j_0 + 1) = 2\lambda_0 + 1 \\ 2s + 1 - 2(2j_0 + 1) = -2\lambda_0 - 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2(2j_0 + 1) = 2s - 2\lambda_0 \\ 2(2j_0 + 1) = 2s + 2\lambda_0 + 2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2j_0 + 1 = s - \lambda_0 \\ 2j_0 + 1 = s + \lambda_0 + 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} j_0 = \mu = \frac{s - \lambda_0 - 1}{2} \\ j_0 = \nu = \frac{s + \lambda_0}{2} \end{cases}$$

The above implies that for every element  $\lambda_0$ , we are able to find  $j_0$  such that  $\cos \psi_{j_0} =$

$$-\cos \psi_{\lambda_0}$$

Exepli gratia, for  $s=3$ , the surjective property of function  $j$  is illustrated as follow:

$j_0$	$\cos \psi_j$	$\cos 2\psi_j$	$-\cos \psi_j$	$\lambda_0$	illustration
0	$\cos \frac{\pi}{7}$	$\cos \frac{2\pi}{7}$	$-\cos \frac{5\pi}{7}$	2	$j_1 = \frac{s - \lambda_1 - 1}{2} = \frac{3 - 2 - 1}{2} = 0$
1	$\cos \frac{3\pi}{7}$	$\cos \frac{6\pi}{7}$	$-\cos \frac{\pi}{7}$	0	$j_2 = \frac{s - \lambda_2 - 1}{2} = \frac{3 - 0 - 1}{2} = 1$
2	$\cos \frac{5\pi}{7}$	$\cos \frac{10\pi}{7}$	$-\cos \frac{3\pi}{7}$	1	$j_3 = \frac{s - \lambda_3}{2} = \frac{3 + 1}{2} = 2$

As either  $\mu$  or  $\nu$  is a natural number. Thus,  $f$  is a surjection, and consequently a bijection.

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**Lemma III:**

*Lemma II results in*

$$\sum_{j=0}^{s-1} \cos 2\psi_j = -\sum_{j=0}^{s-1} \cos \psi_j = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} \operatorname{Re}(\omega_j) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

*And therefore*

$$\sum_{j=0}^{s-1} (\cos \psi_j)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} (1 + \cos 2\psi_j) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} 1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} \cos 2\psi_j = \frac{2s-1}{4}$$

*For  $a_j = -2\cos \psi_j$ , we get*

$$\sum_{j=1}^{s-1} a_j = 1; \quad \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} a_j^2 = 2s-1$$

*The function  $f$  also result in the generalized cased(of which  $w$  is a natural number) as*

*follow:*

$$\sum_{j=1}^{s-1} \cos 2^w \psi_j = \frac{(-1)^w}{2}; \quad \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} (\cos 2^w \psi_j)^2 = \frac{2s-1}{4}$$

**Solution: Applying lemma III:**

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} a_j^4 = \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} [(-2\cos \psi_j)^2]^2 = 4 \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} (1 + \cos 2\psi_j)^2 \\ &= 4 \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} [1 + 2\cos 2\psi_j + (\cos 2\psi_j)^2] \end{aligned}$$

*Following the expansion*

$$\Omega = 4 \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} 1 + 8 \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} \cos 2\psi_j + 4 \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} (\cos 2\psi_j)^2 = 6s - 5$$

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