

Sum of squares of tangents and Chebishev Polynomials.

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Evaluate $\tan^2 \frac{\pi}{2022} + \tan^2 \frac{2\pi}{2022} + \tan^2 \frac{3\pi}{2022} + \dots + \tan^2 \frac{1010\pi}{2022} = ?$.

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We will find $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \tan^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n}, n \geq 2$. Since $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \tan^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n}} - 1 \right) =$
 $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n}} - n + 1$ then our problem reduced to calculation of the sum $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n}}$.

First note, that for any polynomial $P(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n$ ($a_0 \neq 0$) with non-zero roots x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n holds

$$(1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} = -\frac{P'(0)}{P(0)}.$$

Indeed, since $P(x) = a_0(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_n)$ then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x-x_i} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln(x-x_i))' = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x-x_i) \right)' = \left(\ln \frac{P(x)}{a_0} \right)' = \frac{P'(x)}{P(x)}.$$

$$\text{Hence, } \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} = -\frac{P'(0)}{P(0)}.$$

Let $U_n(x) := \frac{T'_{n+1}(x)}{n+1} = \frac{\sin(n+1)\varphi}{\sin \varphi}$ is Chebishev Polynomial of the Second Kind.

Then $U_n(x)$ satisfies to recurrence

$$U_{n+1}(x) = 2xU_n(x) - U_{n-1}(x), n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } U_0(x) = 1, U_1(x) = 2x.$$

Since $\frac{\sin n\varphi}{\sin \varphi} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \varphi = \frac{k\pi}{n}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ then $U_{n-1}(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \cos \frac{k\pi}{n}, k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

$$\text{and } U_{n-1}(x) = 2^{n-1} \left(x - \cos \frac{\pi}{n} \right) \left(x - \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} \right) \dots \left(x - \cos \frac{(n-1)\pi}{n} \right).$$

(If α_n is coefficient for x^n in $U_n(x)$ then α_n satisfies to recurrence $\alpha_{n+1} = 2\alpha_n, \alpha_0 = 1$).

$$\text{In particularly } U_{2n-1}(x) = 2^{2n-1} \prod_{k=1}^{2n-1} \left(x - \cos \frac{k\pi}{2n} \right) =$$

$$2^{2n-1} \left(x - \cos \frac{n\pi}{2n} \right) \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(x - \cos \frac{k\pi}{2n} \right) \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(x - \cos \frac{(2n-k)\pi}{2n} \right) = 2^{2n-1} x \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(x^2 - \cos^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n} \right).$$

$$\text{Let } P_n(x) := \frac{U_{2n-1}(\sqrt{x})}{2\sqrt{x}} \text{ then } P_n(x) = 4^{n-1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(x - \cos^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n} \right).$$

Note that $U_{2n-1}(x)$ can be directly defined by recurrence

$$U_{2n+1}(x) = 2(2x^2 - 1)U_{2n-1}(x) - U_{2n-3}(x), n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } U_{-1}(x) = 0, U_1(x) = 2x.$$

Since $U_{2n-1}(x)$ divisible by $2x$ then polynomial $P_n(x)$ satisfy to the recurrence

$$(2) \quad P_{n+1}(x) = 2(2x-1)P_n(x) - P_{n-1}(x), n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } P_0(x) = 0, P_1(x) = 1.$$

Thus, applying (1) to polynomial $P_n(x)$ we obtain $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n}} = -\frac{P'_n(0)}{P_n(0)}$.

In particular, from (2) follows the recurrence

$$(3) \quad P_{n+1}(0) + 2P_n(0) + P_{n-1}(0) = 0, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } P_0(0) = 0, P_1(0) = 1.$$

Let $b_n := \frac{P_n(0)}{(-1)^n}$ then (3) can be rewritten as

$$(4) \quad b_{n+1} - 2b_n + b_{n-1} = 0, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } b_0 = 0, b_1 = -1.$$

Since $b_{n+1} - b_n = b_n - b_{n-1}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ then $b_n - b_{n-1} = -1, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and, therefore,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - b_{k-1}) = -n \Leftrightarrow b_n - b_0 = -n \Leftrightarrow b_n = -n.$$

From the other hand, since $P'_{n+1}(x) = 2(2x-1)P'_n(x) + 4P_n(x) - P'_{n-1}(x), n \in \mathbb{N}$

with $P'_0(x) = 0, P'_1(x) = 0$, then

$$(5) \quad P'_{n+1}(0) + 2P'_n(0) + P'_{n-1}(0) = 4P_n(0), n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } P'_0(0) = 0, P'_1(0) = 0.$$

Let $a_n := \frac{P'_n(0)}{(-1)^n}, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ then $\frac{P_n(0)}{(-1)^{n+1}} = -b_n = n$ and (5) can be rewritten as

$$(6) \quad a_{n+1} - 2a_n + a_{n-1} = 4n, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } a_0 = a_1 = 0.$$

Since sequence $\left(\frac{2n(n^2-1)}{3}\right)$ is particular solution of nonhomogeneous recurrence (6)

then $a_n = \frac{2n(n^2-1)}{3} + \alpha n + \beta$ where $\alpha = \beta = 0$ because $a_0 = a_1 = 0$.

Thus $a_n = \frac{2n(n^2-1)}{3}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n}} = -\frac{P'_n(0)}{P_n(0)} = \frac{\frac{P'_n(0)}{(-1)^n}}{\frac{P_n(0)}{(-1)^{n+1}}} = \frac{a_n}{n} = \frac{2(n^2-1)}{3}.$$

Hence, $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \tan^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n} = \frac{2(n^2-1)}{3} - n + 1 = \frac{(n-1)(2n-1)}{3}$.

In particular, for $n = 1011$ we obtain $\sum_{k=1}^{1010} \tan^2 \frac{k\pi}{2022} = \frac{(1011-1)(2022-1)}{3} = \frac{2041210}{3}$.