

PROOF OF EULER'S RELATION

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Eulers Relation can be derived from **Taylor's Series**, defined as:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} \cdot x^k \right)$$

Brook Taylor 1685 - 1731

note: $f^{(k)}(0)$ represents the k^{th} differential of the function f

also:

$$f(t) = \sin(t) \quad f(0) = 0$$

$$f^i(t) = \cos(t) \quad f'(0) = 1$$

$$f^{ii}(t) = -\sin(t) \quad f''(0) = 0$$

$$f^{iii}(t) = -\cos(t) \quad f'''(0) = -1$$

$$f^{iv}(t) = \sin(t) \quad f^{iv}(0) = 0$$

...

So:

$$(i) \sin(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} \right) \cdot x^{2k+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

and

$$(ii) \cos(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} \right) \cdot x^{2k} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

Notice that $\sin(x)$ has all odd denominators, while $\cos(x)$ has all even denominators. The series can be combined to create something that looks similar to Taylor's Series of e^x :

$$(iii) e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^k}{k!} \right) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

e^x is the only mathematical expression that is equal to its own differential.

Definition of Eulers Relation:

$$e^{ix} = \cos(x) + \sin(x) \cdot i$$

Where $i = \sqrt{-1}$

Note the following equalities: (iv)

$$i^{-2} = (-1)^{-1} = -1$$

$$i^{-1} = (-1)^{-1/2} = -i$$

$$i^0 = 1$$

$$i^1 = \sqrt{-1} = i$$

$$i^2 = (\sqrt{-1})^2 = -1$$

$$i^3 = i^2 \cdot i = -i$$

$$i^4 = i^2 \cdot i^2 = 1$$

$$i^5 = i^3 \cdot i^2 = i$$

$$i^6 = (i^2)^3 = -1$$

...

$$\dots \quad -1 \quad -i \quad 1 \quad i \quad \dots$$

Interestingly:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (i^{4k}) = 0$$

and for all positive integer values of n :

$$\sum_{k=-4n}^{4n} (i^k) = 0$$

PROOF

Substitute ix into the true equation shown in (iii):

$$e^{ix} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(ix)^k}{k!} \right) = 1 + ix + \frac{(ix)^2}{2!} + \frac{(ix)^3}{3!} + \frac{(ix)^4}{4!} + \frac{(ix)^5}{5!} \dots$$
$$e^{ix} = 1 + ix - \frac{x^2}{2!} - i \cdot \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + i \cdot \frac{x^5}{5!} \dots \text{ see (iv)}$$

Factor:

$$e^{ix} = \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \dots \right) + \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} \dots \right) \cdot i$$

Replace first term with equation (ii) and second term with equation (i):

$$e^{ix} = \cos(x) + \sin(x) \cdot i \text{ (v)}$$

Similarly:

$$e^{-ix} = \cos(x) - \sin(x) \cdot i \text{ (vi)}$$

Add (v) and (vi) to eliminate the $\sin(x) \cdot i$ terms

$$e^{ix} + e^{-ix} = 2 \cdot \cos(x)$$

$$\cos(x) = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} \text{ (vii)}$$

or subtract (v) from (vi) to eliminate the $\cos(x)$ terms:

$$e^{ix} - e^{-ix} = 2i \cdot \sin(x)$$

$$\sin(x) = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} \text{ (viii)}$$

$$\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$$

$$\tan(x) = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}} \cdot i$$

These equations can be substituted back into Euler's Relation (v) showing internal consistency:

$$e^{ix} = \left(\frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} \right) \cdot i \text{ } i\text{'s cancel}$$

$$e^{ix} = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix} + e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2} \text{ } e^{-ix} \text{ and } -e^{-ix} \text{ cancel}$$

$$e^{ix} = \frac{2 \cdot e^{ix}}{2}$$

Proof of: $i^i = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}}$

Substitute x with $\frac{\pi}{2}$ in Eulers Relation (v)

$$e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cdot i$$

$$e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} = 0 + 1 \cdot i = i$$

$$\frac{-1}{i} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{-1}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\sqrt{-1}} = -1 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{-1} = \sqrt{-1} = i$$

$$e^{\frac{\pi}{2i}} = i$$

$$\left[\left(e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{i}} \right]^i = i^i$$

$$\therefore i^i = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}} \approx 0.20787$$

Rearranging:

$$\pi = 2 \cdot \log_e(i^{-1}) \approx 3.1415926$$

$$e = i^{-\frac{2i}{\pi}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{k!} \right) \approx 2.718281 \quad \text{see (iii)}$$