

Exercise 11

(a) Use the binomial formula (Sec. 3) and de Moivre's formula (Sec. 7) to write

$$\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cos^{n-k} \theta (i \sin \theta)^k \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

Then define the integer m by means of the equations

$$m = \begin{cases} n/2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ (n-1)/2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

and use the above summation to show that [compare with Exercise 10(a)]

$$\cos n\theta = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{2k} (-1)^k \cos^{n-2k} \theta \sin^{2k} \theta \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

(b) Write $x = \cos \theta$ in the final summation in part (a) to show that it becomes a polynomial

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{2k} (-1)^k x^{n-2k} (1-x^2)^k$$

of degree n ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) in the variable x .*

[**TYPO: A space is needed between "n" and "is."** Oddly, this mistake wasn't in the 7th edition.]

*These are called Chebyshev polynomials and are prominent in approximation theory.