

New Expansions in Series for Tangent and Secant Functions

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, the author proved new expansions in series for tangent and secant functions.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, I demonstrated the new expansion in series for the tangent function

$$\pi \tan(\pi x) = x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{4}{n+2x} + \frac{4}{n-2x} - \frac{1}{n+x} - \frac{1}{n-x} \right)$$

and secant function

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^2 \sec^2(\pi x) = & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left[\frac{4}{n+2x} + \frac{4}{n-2x} - \frac{1}{n+x} - \frac{1}{n-x} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{8x}{(n-2x)^2} - \frac{8x}{(n+2x)^2} + \frac{x}{(n+x)^2} - \frac{x}{(n-x)^2} \right], \end{aligned}$$

provided that $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Lemma 1. For $x \in \mathbb{C} - \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$, then

$$\cos(\pi x) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 - 4x^2}{n^2 - x^2},$$

where $\cos(x)$ denotes the cosine function.

Proof. I know the double-angle formula for sine function [1]

$$2 \cos(\pi x) \sin(\pi x) = \sin(2\pi x) \Rightarrow \cos(\pi x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin(2\pi x)}{\sin(\pi x)}. \quad (1)$$

On the other hand, I know that [2]

$$\frac{\sin((x-y)\pi)}{(x-y)\pi} = \binom{x}{y} \cdot \binom{y}{x} \Rightarrow \sin((x-y)\pi) = (x-y)\pi \cdot \binom{x}{y} \cdot \binom{y}{x}. \quad (2)$$

Using (2) into (1), and putting $x = 4x$ and $y = 2x$, $x = 2x$ and $y = x$, respectively, I encounter

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(\pi x) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2x\pi \cdot \binom{4x}{2x} \cdot \binom{2x}{4x}}{x\pi \cdot \binom{2x}{x} \cdot \binom{x}{2x}} \\ &\Rightarrow \cos(\pi x) = \frac{\binom{4x}{2x} \cdot \binom{2x}{4x}}{\binom{2x}{x} \cdot \binom{x}{2x}} = \frac{\Gamma(1-x)\Gamma(1+x)}{\Gamma(1-2x)\Gamma(1+2x)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The Euler's infinite product representation for gamma function [3] is given by

$$\Gamma(1+x) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{1+\frac{x}{n}} \right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^x, \quad (4)$$

provided that $x \in \mathbb{C} - \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$.

From (3) and (4), I conclude that

$$\cos(\pi x) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 - 4x^2}{n^2 - x^2},$$

which is the desired result. \square

3. THEOREM AND COROLLARY

Theorem 2. For $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\pi \tan(\pi x) = x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{4}{n+2x} + \frac{4}{n-2x} - \frac{1}{n+x} - \frac{1}{n-x} \right),$$

where $\tan(x)$ denotes the tangent function.

Proof. The logarithmic differentiation of the Lemma 1, give me

$$\begin{aligned} -\pi \tan(\pi x) &= -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6n^2x}{n^4 - 5n^2x^2 + 4x^4} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\pi \tan(\pi x)}{6x} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(n+x)(n-x)(n+2x)(n-2x)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\pi \tan(\pi x)}{x} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{4}{n+2x} + \frac{4}{n-2x} - \frac{1}{n+x} - \frac{1}{n-x} \right), \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired result. \square

Corollary 3. For $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^2 \sec^2(\pi x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left[\frac{4}{n+2x} + \frac{4}{n-2x} - \frac{1}{n+x} - \frac{1}{n-x} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{8x}{(n-2x)^2} - \frac{8x}{(n+2x)^2} + \frac{x}{(n+x)^2} - \frac{x}{(n-x)^2} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where $\sec(x)$ is the secant function.

Proof. The differentiation of the previous Theorem, get me

$$\frac{\pi^2 \sec^2(\pi x)}{x} - \frac{\pi \tan(\pi x)}{x^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left[\frac{8}{(n-2x)^2} - \frac{8}{(n+2x)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+x)^2} - \frac{1}{(n-x)^2} \right]. \quad (5)$$

From Theorem 2 and (5), I obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi^2 \sec^2(\pi x)}{x} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{nx} \left(\frac{4}{n+2x} + \frac{4}{n-2x} - \frac{1}{n+x} - \frac{1}{n-x} \right) &= \\ = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left[\frac{8}{(n-2x)^2} - \frac{8}{(n+2x)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+x)^2} - \frac{1}{(n-x)^2} \right] & \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2 \sec^2(\pi x)}{x} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{4}{n+2x} + \frac{4}{n-2x} - \frac{1}{n+x} - \frac{1}{n-x} \right) \right. & \\ \left. + \left[\frac{8}{(n-2x)^2} - \frac{8}{(n+2x)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+x)^2} - \frac{1}{(n-x)^2} \right] \right\}, & \end{aligned}$$

wich is the desired result. \square

- [1] en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_trigonometric_identities, available in December 14, 2016.
- [2] en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binomial_coefficient, available in December 14, 2016.
- [3] en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gamma_function, available in December 14, 2016.