

## Answer on Question #55954 - Math – Complex Analysis

If  $z = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$ , prove that when  $n$  is a natural number

$$\sin n\theta = \frac{1}{2j} \left( z^n - \frac{1}{z^n} \right).$$

### Solution

$$z = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta = e^{j\theta}$$

According to Euler's formula:

$$e^{jn\theta} = \cos(n\theta) + j \sin(n\theta)$$

$$e^{-jn\theta} = \cos(-n\theta) + j \sin(-n\theta) = \cos(n\theta) - j \sin(n\theta).$$

Subtracting the second formula from the first one and dividing by  $(2j)$  obtain

$$\sin(n\theta) = \frac{e^{jn\theta} - e^{-jn\theta}}{2j}.$$

On the other hand,

$$e^{jn\theta} - e^{-jn\theta} = (e^{j\theta})^n - (e^{j\theta})^{-n} = z^n - z^{-n} = z^n - \frac{1}{z^n}$$

Thus,

$$\sin n\theta = \frac{1}{2j} \left( z^n - \frac{1}{z^n} \right).$$