

Question 440 : Nested Radicals and Trigonometric Formulas

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abstract

This note presents some trigonometric formulas that involving nested radicals.

1. INTRODUCTION. An formula

$$\sqrt[3]{7+7\sqrt[3]{7+7\sqrt[3]{7+\dots}}} = \sqrt{7-\frac{7}{\sqrt{7-\frac{7}{\sqrt{7-\dots}}}}} + \left\{1+\frac{1}{7}\left(1+\frac{1}{7}(1+\dots)^3\right)^3\right\} \quad (1)$$

2. SOME FORMULAS FOR PI.

$$\pi = 6 \arcsin \left(\frac{\sqrt{21}}{14} \sqrt{7-\frac{7}{\sqrt{7-\frac{7}{\sqrt{7-\dots}}}}} \right) - 2 \arcsin \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{28}} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\pi = 6 \arcsin \left(\frac{\sqrt{21}}{14} \left\{1+\frac{1}{7}\left(1+\frac{1}{7}(1+\dots)^3\right)^3\right\} \right) + 2 \arcsin \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{28}} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$\pi = 3 \arcsin \left(\frac{\sqrt{21}}{14} \sqrt[3]{7+7\sqrt[3]{7+7\sqrt[3]{7+\dots}}} \right) - \arcsin \left(\frac{9}{2\sqrt{21}} \right) \quad (4)$$

$$\pi = 3 \arcsin \left(\frac{\sqrt{21}}{14} \sqrt{7-\frac{7}{\sqrt{7-\frac{7}{\sqrt{7-\dots}}}}} \right) + 3 \arcsin \left(\frac{\sqrt{21}}{14} \left\{1+\frac{1}{7}\left(1+\frac{1}{7}(1+\dots)^3\right)^3\right\} \right) \quad (5)$$

3. SOME TRIGONOMETRIC FORMULAS.

$$\begin{aligned}
 35 + 21\sqrt[3]{7 + 7\sqrt[3]{7 + 7\sqrt[3]{7 + \dots}}} &= -128 \left(\sin \frac{4\pi}{7} \right)^6 \cos \frac{8\pi}{7} = -128 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{14} \right)^6 \cos \frac{8\pi}{7} = \\
 &= 128 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{14} \right)^6 \cos \frac{\pi}{7} = 128 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{14} \right)^6 \sin \frac{5\pi}{14} = 128 \left(\sin \frac{4\pi}{7} \right)^6 \sin \frac{5\pi}{14}
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 35 - 21 \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{7} \left(1 + \frac{1}{7} (1 + \dots)^3 \right)^3 \right\} &= -128 \left(\sin \frac{2\pi}{7} \right)^6 \cos \frac{4\pi}{7} = \\
 &= -128 \left(\cos \frac{3\pi}{14} \right)^6 \cos \frac{4\pi}{7} = 128 \left(\sin \frac{2\pi}{7} \right)^6 \sin \frac{\pi}{14} = 128 \left(\cos \frac{3\pi}{14} \right)^6 \sin \frac{\pi}{14}
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 -35 + 21 \sqrt{7 - \frac{7}{\sqrt{7 - \frac{7}{\sqrt{7 - \dots}}}}} &= 128 \left(\sin \frac{8\pi}{7} \right)^6 \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} = 128 \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{7} \right)^6 \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} = \\
 &= 128 \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{7} \right)^6 \sin \frac{3\pi}{14} = 128 \left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{14} \right)^6 \sin \frac{3\pi}{14} = 128 \left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{14} \right)^6 \cos \frac{2\pi}{7}
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 5 + 21\sqrt[3]{7 + 7\sqrt[3]{7 + 7\sqrt[3]{7 + \dots}}} &= 52 \cos \frac{\pi}{7} + 32 \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} + 12 \cos \frac{3\pi}{7} + 2 \cos \frac{4\pi}{7} = \\
 &= 10 \sin \frac{\pi}{14} + 32 \sin \frac{3\pi}{14} + 52 \sin \frac{5\pi}{14}
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 -5 + 21 \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{7} \left(1 + \frac{1}{7} (1 + \dots)^3 \right)^3 \right\} &= 32 \cos \frac{\pi}{7} - 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} + 52 \cos \frac{4\pi}{7} - 12 \cos \frac{5\pi}{7} = \\
 &= -52 \sin \frac{\pi}{14} + 10 \sin \frac{3\pi}{14} + 32 \sin \frac{5\pi}{14}
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
-5 + 21 \sqrt{7 - \frac{7}{\sqrt{7 - \frac{7}{\sqrt{7 - \dots}}}}} &= 52 \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} - 32 \cos \frac{4\pi}{7} + 12 \cos \frac{6\pi}{7} - 2 \cos \frac{8\pi}{7} = \\
&= 32 \sin \frac{\pi}{14} + 52 \sin \frac{3\pi}{14} - 10 \sin \frac{5\pi}{14}
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

4. EQUATIONS.

$$u = \sqrt[3]{7 + 7\sqrt[3]{7 + 7\sqrt[3]{7 + \dots}}} \Rightarrow u^3 - 7u - 7 = 0 \tag{12}$$

$$v = 1 + \frac{1}{7} \left(1 + \frac{1}{7} \left(1 + \frac{1}{7} (1 + \dots)^3 \right)^3 \right)^3 \Rightarrow v^3 - 7v + 7 = 0 \tag{13}$$

$$w = \sqrt{7 - \frac{7}{\sqrt{7 - \frac{7}{\sqrt{7 - \dots}}}}} \Rightarrow w^3 - 7w + 7 = 0 \tag{14}$$

5. FORMULAS WITH u, v, w .

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} + \frac{7}{30}u - \frac{2}{5}v - \frac{1}{15}w = \sin \frac{\pi}{14} \\ -\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{15}u + \frac{7}{30}v + \frac{2}{5}w = \sin \frac{3\pi}{14} \\ \frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{5}u - \frac{1}{15}v - \frac{7}{30}w = \sin \frac{5\pi}{14} \end{cases} \tag{15}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}u - \frac{1}{6}v + \frac{1}{3}w = \sin \frac{\pi}{14} + \sin \frac{3\pi}{14} \\ \frac{1}{3}u + \frac{1}{6}v + \frac{1}{6}w = \sin \frac{3\pi}{14} + \sin \frac{5\pi}{14} \\ \frac{1}{6}u + \frac{1}{3}v - \frac{1}{6}w = -\sin \frac{\pi}{14} + \sin \frac{5\pi}{14} \end{cases} \tag{16}$$

$$\frac{u}{w} = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{7}, \quad \frac{w}{v} = 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{7}, \quad \frac{v}{u} = 2 \cos \frac{3\pi}{7} \tag{17}$$

$$u = 2\left(\sin \frac{3\pi}{14} + \sin \frac{5\pi}{14}\right), v = 2\left(-\sin \frac{\pi}{14} + \sin \frac{5\pi}{14}\right), w = 2\left(\sin \frac{\pi}{14} + \sin \frac{3\pi}{14}\right) \quad (18)$$

$$u = v + w, \quad u^2 - vw = 7, \quad uvw = 7 \quad (19)$$

$$u^2 + v^2 = 7 + uv, \quad u^2 + w^2 = 7 + uw, \quad v^2 + vw + w^2 = 7 \quad (20)$$

$$(u+1)(v-1)(w-1) = 1, \quad \frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{w} - \frac{1}{u} = 1 \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt[3]{u+1} = \sqrt[3]{v-1} + \sqrt[3]{w-1} \\ \sqrt{1+\frac{1}{u}} = \sqrt{1-\frac{1}{v}} + \sqrt{1-\frac{1}{w}} \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

$$\sqrt[3]{\sin \frac{\pi}{7} \sin \frac{2\pi}{7} - \frac{1}{4}} + \sqrt[3]{\sin \frac{\pi}{7} \sin \frac{3\pi}{7} - \frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[3]{\sin \frac{2\pi}{7} \sin \frac{3\pi}{7} + \frac{1}{4}} \quad (23)$$

$$\sqrt{4 - \csc \frac{\pi}{7} \csc \frac{2\pi}{7}} + \sqrt{4 - \csc \frac{\pi}{7} \csc \frac{3\pi}{7}} = \sqrt{4 + \csc \frac{2\pi}{7} \csc \frac{3\pi}{7}} \quad (24)$$

$$\pi = 4 \arctan \frac{1}{v} + 4 \arctan \frac{1}{w} - 4 \arctan \frac{1}{u} - 4 \arctan \frac{1}{15} \quad (25)$$

$$\sqrt[6]{1 - \frac{7}{4u^2}} + \sqrt[6]{1 - \frac{7}{4v^2}} - \sqrt[6]{1 - \frac{7}{4w^2}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3\sqrt[3]{7}-5}{2}} \quad (26)$$

$$u = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \csc \frac{8\pi}{7}, \quad v = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \csc \frac{4\pi}{7}, \quad w = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \csc \frac{2\pi}{7} \quad (27)$$

$$\pi = 4 \arctan \frac{1}{u} + 4 \arctan \left(\frac{11}{3} - \frac{2}{3} \sqrt[3]{7 + 21\sqrt[3]{7 + 21\sqrt[3]{7 + \dots}}} \right) \quad (28)$$

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