

if $\tan \frac{x}{2} = \sec z$, prove that $\sin x = \frac{1 - \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}}$

Solution:

$$\sin x = \frac{\sin x}{1} = \frac{2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}} = \frac{2 \tan \frac{x}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}}$$

if $\tan \frac{x}{2} = \sec z$, then

$$\sin x = \frac{2 \sec z}{1 + \sec^2 z} = 2 \frac{\frac{1}{\cos z}}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{\cos z}\right)^2} = \frac{2 \cos z}{1 + \cos^2 z}$$

We use that

$$\cos z = \frac{1 - \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}}$$

Then

$$\sin x = \frac{2 \frac{1 - \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}}}{1 + \left(\frac{1 - \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}}\right)^2} = \frac{2 \left(1 - \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}\right) \left(1 + \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}\right)}{\left(1 + \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}\right)^2 + \left(1 - \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{2 \left(1 - \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}\right)}{2 \left(1 + \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}\right)} = \frac{1 - \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{z}{2}}$$

Now we have a trouble, because $\tan \frac{z}{2} \neq \tan \frac{z^4}{2}$. And right identity is $\sin x = \frac{1 - \tan^2 \frac{z^4}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{z^4}{2}}$.