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\documentclass[11pt]{article}
%Options: draft shows overfull lines, reqno-legno puts eq numbers on right/left
%\documentclass[11pt,draft, reqno,a4paper,psamsfonts]{amsart}

\usepackage{amsmath}
\usepackage{amssymb}
\usepackage{graphicx}          % to include graphics

%          *** CHANGE DIMENSIONS ***
\voffset=-0.3truein          % LaTeX has too much space at page top
\addtolength{\textheight}{0.3truein}
\addtolength{\textheight}{\topmargin}
\addtolength{\topmargin}{-\topmargin}
\textwidth 6.0in           % LaTeX article default 360pt=4.98''
%\parindent=20pt

%          *** MACROS ***
%MATH Macros
\newcommand{\R}{\mathbb{R}} %blackboard bold R
\newcommand{\C}{\mathbb{C}}
\newcommand{\F}{\mathbb{F}}
\newcommand{\N}{\mathbb{N}}
\newcommand{\Z}{\mathbb{Z}}
\newcommand{\abs}[1]{\lvert #1 \rvert} % absolute value
\newcommand{\norm}[1]{\lVert #1 \rVert} % norm
\newcommand{\ip}[2]{\langle #1, #2 \rangle} % ip = inner product

%===== END PREAMBLE =====
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% Begin body of article here.
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{\large Math 202 \hfill Jerry L. Kazdan}

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\begin{center}
\fbbox{\large $\displaystyle\mathbf{\sin x + \sin 2x+\cdots+\sin nx =
\frac{\cos\frac{x}{2} - \cos(n+\frac{1}{2})x}{2\sin\frac{x}{2}}}$}
\end{center}

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The key to obtaining this formula is either to use some imaginative
trigonometric identities or else recall that  $e^{ix}=\cos x + i\sin x$ 
and then routinely sum a geometric series. I prefer the later. Thus
\begin{equation} \label{sum1}
\sin x + \sin 2x+\cdots+\sin nx
=\text{Im}\{e^{ix} + e^{i2x} + \cdots + e^{inx}\},
\end{equation}
where  $\text{Im}\{z\}$  means take the imaginary part of the complex number  $z=x+iy$ .
The sum on the right side is a (finite) geometric series  $t+t^2+\cdots t^n$ 

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where $t=e^{ix}$:

$$t+t^2+\cdots+t^n=\frac{t(1-t^n)}{1-t}.$$

Thus

$$\sin x + \sin 2x + \cdots + \sin nx = \operatorname{Im} \left(\frac{e^{ix}(1-e^{inx})}{1-e^{ix}} \right).$$

We need to find the imaginary part of the fraction on the right. The denominator is what needs work. By adding and subtracting

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\theta} &= \cos\theta + i\sin\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \text{and} \\ e^{-i\theta} &= \cos\theta - i\sin\theta \end{aligned}$$

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we obtain the important formulas

$$\begin{aligned} \cos\theta &= \frac{e^{i\theta}+e^{-i\theta}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{and} \\ \sin\theta &= \frac{e^{i\theta}-e^{-i\theta}}{2i}. \end{aligned}$$

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Thus

$$1-e^{ix}=e^{ix/2}\left(e^{-ix/2}-e^{ix/2}\right)=-2ie^{ix/2}\sin\frac{x}{2}$$

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so

$$\frac{e^{ix}(1-e^{inx})}{1-e^{ix}} = i \left[\frac{e^{i\frac{x}{2}}}{2} - e^{i(n+\frac{1}{2})x} \right] 2 \sin\frac{x}{2}$$

Consequently, from [\eqref{sum3}](#), taking the imaginary part of the right side (so the real part of $[\cdots]$) we obtain the desired formula:

$$\sin x + \sin 2x + \cdots + \sin nx = \frac{\cos\frac{1}{2}x - \cos(n+\frac{1}{2})x}{2\sin\frac{1}{2}x}$$

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{\sc Remark:} By taking the real part in [\eqref{sum3}](#) we obtain the related formula

$$\cos x + \cos 2x + \cdots + \cos nx = \frac{-\sin\frac{1}{2}x + \sin(n+\frac{1}{2})x}{2\sin\frac{1}{2}x}.$$

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{\sc Exercise:} Use $\sin(a+x)+\sin(a+2x)+\cdots+\sin(a+nx)$ to compute a formula for $\operatorname{Im}\{e^{ia}(e^{ix}+\cdots+e^{inx})\}$. [Taking the derivative of this formula with respect to a gives another route to the formula of the Remark just above.]

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