

Solution (#78) We have from #77 that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \cos kx = \left(\sin \frac{(n+1)x}{2} \cos \frac{nx}{2} \right) \left(\sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^{-1}$$

Differentiating with respect to x by the product and quotient rules, the RHS becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2} \left(\frac{(n+1)}{2} \cos \frac{(n+1)x}{2} \cos \frac{nx}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \sin \frac{(n+1)x}{2} \sin \frac{nx}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2} \sin \frac{(n+1)x}{2} \cos \frac{nx}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} \\ &= \frac{n \sin \frac{x}{2} \left(\cos \frac{(n+1)x}{2} \cos \frac{nx}{2} - \sin \frac{(n+1)x}{2} \sin \frac{nx}{2} \right) + \left(\sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{(n+1)x}{2} - \cos \frac{x}{2} \sin \frac{(n+1)x}{2} \right) \cos \frac{nx}{2}}{2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} \\ &= \frac{n \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \left(\frac{2n+1}{2} \right) x - \sin \left(\frac{nx}{2} \right) x \cos \frac{nx}{2}}{2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} \\ &= \frac{n (\sin (n+1)x + \sin (-nx)) - \sin nx}{4 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} \\ &= \frac{n \sin (n+1)x - (n+1) \sin nx}{4 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$-\sum_{k=0}^n k \sin kx = \frac{n \sin (n+1)x - (n+1) \sin nx}{4 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}$$

and the result follows.