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Question 2. Use De Moivre's formula for complex numbers to prove the following trigonometric identities:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 4\theta &= 8 \cos^4 \theta - 8 \cos^2 \theta + 1, \\ \sin 4\theta &= 4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta.\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

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$$\begin{aligned}\cos 4\theta + i \sin 4\theta &= (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4 = \\ &= \cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta + i(4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta)\end{aligned}$$

From this, equating real and imaginary parts, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 4\theta &= \cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta = \\ &= \cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^2 = \\ &= 8 \cos^4 \theta - 8 \cos^2 \theta + 1\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sin 4\theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta$$