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- 1** Let α be an arbitrary angle and let $x = \cos\alpha, y = \cos n\alpha$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$).
i) Prove that to each value $x \in [-1, 1]$ corresponds one and only one value of y .
Thus we can write y as a function of $x, y = T_n(x)$.
Compute $T_1(x), T_2(x)$ and prove that $T_{n+1}(x) = 2xT_n(x) - T_{n-1}(x)$.
From this it follows that $T_n(x)$ is a polynomial of degree n .
ii) Prove that the polynomial $T_n(x)$ has n distinct roots in $[-1, 1]$.
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- 3** ABC is a triangle. U is a point on the line BC . I is the midpoint of BC . The line through C parallel to AI meets the line AU at E . The line through E parallel to BC meets the line AB at F . The line through E parallel to AB meets the line BC at H . The line through H parallel to AU meets the line AB at K . The lines HK and FG meet at T . V is the point on the line AU such that A is the midpoint of UV . Show that V, T and I are collinear.
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- 4** Let $ABCD$ be a regular tetrahedron with side a . Take E, E' on the edge AB, F, F' on the edge AC and G, G' on the edge AD so that $AE = a/6, AE' = 5a/6, AF = a/4, AF' = 3a/4, AG = a/3, AG' = 2a/3$. Compute the volume of $EFG E' F' G'$ in term of a and find the angles between the lines AB, AC, AD and the plane EFG .
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