

- Simply expanding $(1 - x)(1 + x + x^2 + x^3)$:
 $(1 - x)(1 + x + x^2 + x^3) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 - x - x^2 - x^3 - x^4 = 1 - x^4$

Due to the terms cancelling out, we can see that the only terms remaining leave us with the generalized equation:

$$(1 - x)(1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n) = (1 - x^{n+1})$$

- Using the difference of two squares where $(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2$:

$$(1 - x)(1 + x)(1 + x^2)(1 + x^4) =$$

$$(1 - x^2)(1 + x^2)(1 + x^4) =$$

$$(1 - x^4)(1 + x^4) =$$

$$(1 - x^8)$$

Therefore when generalizing, because all the brackets can be factorized, the equation becomes:

$$(1 - x)(1 + x)(1 + x^2)(1 + x^4) \dots (1 + x^{2^n}) = 1 - x^{2^{n+1}}$$

- This requires the double angle formula where $\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$. First rearrange the equation and then simplify:

$$16 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{8}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{16}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x}{16}\right) =$$

$$8 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{8}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x}{8}\right) =$$

$$4 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) =$$

$$2 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) =$$

$$\sin x \therefore$$

$$16 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{8}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{16}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x}{16}\right) = \sin x \therefore$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{8}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{16}\right) = \frac{\sin x}{16 \sin\left(\frac{x}{16}\right)}$$

Generalizing, we can see that we can always factorize the expression using the double angle rule in the same way. Therefore:

$$\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{8}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{16}\right) \dots \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) = \frac{\sin x}{2^n \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)}$$