

## A PROOF OF TWO CONJECTURES OF CHAO-PING CHEN FOR INVERSE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

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*Abstract.* In this paper we prove two conjectures stated by Chao-Ping Chen in [Int. Trans. Spec. Funct. 23:12 (2012), 865–873], using a method for proving inequalities of mixed trigonometric polynomial functions.

Wilker in [3] formulated two problems. First one was to prove that

$$\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tan x}{x} > 2 \quad (1)$$

holds for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ; and second one was to find the largest constant  $c$  such that

$$\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tan x}{x} > 2 + cx^3 \tan x,$$

for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

Sumner, Jagers, Vowe, and Anglesio in [4] gave an improvement of the inequality (1) in the form of

$$2 + \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^4 x^3 \tan x < \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tan x}{x} < 2 + \frac{8}{45} x^3 \tan x,$$

where the constants  $\left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^4$  and  $\frac{8}{45}$  were the best possible. Huygens in [2] presented the inequality

$$2 \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\tan x}{x} > 3, \quad (2)$$

for  $0 < |x| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

Neuman, and Sandor in [8] established the relation between inequalities (1) and (2). The relevant papers on the topic are also [5], [7], [10], [11] and [17]. The inverse trigonometric and inverse hyperbolic versions of Wilker and Huygens's inequalities were considered in [6], [8], [12] and [13]. Recently, the analogue inequalities for the generalized trigonometric functions [14] and different special functions [15] and [18] have been taken into consideration.

Chao-Ping Chen in [1] proved the following two theorems and proposed two open problems.

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THEOREM 1. *If  $0 < x < 1$ , then*

$$2 + \frac{17}{45} x^3 \arctan x < \left( \frac{\arcsin x}{x} \right)^2 + \frac{\arctan x}{x},$$

where the constant  $\frac{17}{45}$  is the best possible.

Considering the previous theorem, it was natural to ask what is the best possible constant  $c$  such that

$$\left( \frac{\arcsin x}{x} \right)^2 + \frac{\arctan x}{x} < 2 + c x^3 \arctan x$$

holds, for  $0 < x < 1$ . The choice of constant  $(\pi^2 + \pi - 8) / \pi$  is somehow motivated, since it is the limit at  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  of the function

$$x \mapsto \left( (\arcsin x / x)^2 + (\arctan x / x - 2) \right) / (x^3 \arctan x).$$

Therefore, Chao-Ping Chen in [1] stated the following conjecture.

CONJECTURE 1. *If  $0 < x < 1$ , then*

$$\left( \frac{\arcsin x}{x} \right)^2 + \frac{\arctan x}{x} < 2 + \frac{\pi^2 + \pi - 8}{\pi} x^3 \arctan x, \quad (3)$$

where the constant  $\frac{\pi^2 + \pi - 8}{\pi}$  is the best possible.

In the paper [1] one can also find the following theorem.

THEOREM 2. *If  $0 < x < 1$ , then*

$$3 + \frac{7}{20} x^3 \arctan x < 2 \left( \frac{\arcsin x}{x} \right) + \frac{\arctan x}{x},$$

where the constant  $\frac{7}{20}$  is the best possible.

And so, there is a matching conjecture.

CONJECTURE 2. *If  $0 < x < 1$ , then*

$$2 \left( \frac{\arcsin x}{x} \right) + \frac{\arctan x}{x} < 3 + \frac{5\pi - 12}{\pi} x^3 \arctan x, \quad (4)$$

where the constant  $\frac{5\pi - 12}{\pi}$  is the best possible.

The proofs of the previous two theorems are based on the usage of the appropriate infinite power series. In the proofs of the stated conjectures a method from [20] will be used and it is based on the usage of the appropriate approximations of some mixed trigonometric polynomials with finite Taylor series. This method presents continuation

of Mortici’s method from [9]. The method is also applied on inequalities closely related to presented ones, see [21], [22] and [23].

We follow the notation used in [20]. Let  $\varphi : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on a segment  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on a right at  $x = a$  an arbitrary number of times. Denote by  $T_m^{\varphi, a}(x)$  the Taylor polynomial of the order  $m$  of the function  $\varphi$  in the point  $x = a$ . If there is some  $\eta > 0$  such that  $T_m^{\varphi, a}(x) \geq \varphi(x)$  holds for  $x \in (a, a + \eta) \subset [a, b]$ , then we define  $\overline{T}_m^{\varphi, a}(x) = T_m^{\varphi, a}(x)$ , and  $\overline{T}_m^{\varphi, a}(x)$  presents an upward approximation of the order  $m$  of the function  $\varphi$  in the right neighborhood  $(a, a + \eta)$  of the point  $a$ . Analogously, if there is some  $\eta > 0$  such that  $T_m^{\varphi, a}(x) \leq \varphi(x)$  holds for  $x \in (a, a + \eta) \subset [a, b]$ , then we define  $\underline{T}_m^{\varphi, a}(x) = T_m^{\varphi, a}(x)$ , and  $\underline{T}_m^{\varphi, a}(x)$  presents a downward approximation of the order  $m$  of the function  $\varphi$  in the right neighborhood  $(a, a + \eta)$  of the point  $a$ . In the same manner, it is possible to define upward and downward approximations in the left neighborhood of a point.

### 1. Proof of the Conjecture 1

Let us first observe the inequality (3) of the Conjecture 1 written in the form

$$2 + \frac{\pi^2 + \pi - 8}{\pi} x^3 \arctan x - \frac{\arctan x}{x} - \left( \frac{\arcsin x}{x} \right)^2 > 0, \tag{5}$$

for  $x \in (0, 1)$ . Substituting  $x = \sin t$  into (5), for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , we obtain

$$2 + \frac{(\pi^2 + \pi - 8) \sin^4 t - \pi}{\pi \sin t} \arctan(\sin t) - \frac{t^2}{\sin^2 t} > 0. \tag{6}$$

It is enough to prove that

$$g(t) = 2\pi \sin^2 t + (\pi^2 + \pi - 8) \sin^5 t \arctan(\sin t) - \pi \sin t \arctan(\sin t) - \pi t^2 > 0, \tag{7}$$

for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . Let us notice that  $t = 0$  is zero of the sixth order and  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$  is the simple zero of the function  $g$ . Furthermore, we differentiate two cases:  $t \in (0, 1.1]$  or  $t \in (1.1, \pi/2)$ .

(I)  $t \in (0, 1.1]$  Let us start from the series  $\arctan x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{2k+1}$ , which holds for  $x \in [-1, 1]$ . Let us notice that  $\underline{T}_{3+4k_1}^{\arctan, 0}(x) < \arctan x < \overline{T}_{1+4k_2}^{\arctan, 0}(x)$  are true for  $x \in (0, 1]$  and  $k_{1,2} \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . By introducing the substitution  $x = \sin t$ , we can conclude that

$$\underline{T}_{3+4k_1}^{\arctan, 0}(\sin t) < \arctan(\sin t) < \overline{T}_{1+4k_2}^{\arctan, 0}(\sin t),$$

for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  and  $k_{1,2} \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . For the proof of the Conjecture 1 we will use previous inequalities for  $k_1 = 0$  and  $k_2 = 1$ , i.e. we will only need

$$\underline{T}_3^{\arctan, 0}(\sin t) < \arctan(\sin t) < \overline{T}_5^{\arctan, 0}(\sin t), \tag{8}$$

for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . It is also possible to prove the inequality (8) directly via differentiation. Next, since  $\underline{T}_3^{\arctan,0}(\sin t) > 0$  for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  and  $\pi^2 + \pi - 8 > 0$  we have

$$g(t) > 2\pi \sin^2 t + (\pi^2 + \pi - 8) \sin^5 t \underline{T}_3^{\arctan,0}(\sin t) - \pi \sin t \overline{T}_5^{\arctan,0}(\sin t) - \pi t^2,$$

for  $t \in (0, 1.1]$ . It remains to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= 2\pi \sin^2 t + (\pi^2 + \pi - 8) \sin^5 t \left( \sin t - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 t \right) \\ &\quad - \pi \sin t \left( \sin t - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 t + \frac{1}{5} \sin^5 t \right) - \pi t^2 > 0, \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \in (0, 1.1]$ . The function  $h$  is a mixed trigonometric polynomial function. For the proof of the inequality  $h(t) > 0$ , for  $t \in (0, 1.1]$ , we use method from the paper [20]. Using trigonometric multiple angle formulas, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= \left( -\frac{\pi^2}{384} - \frac{\pi}{384} + \frac{1}{48} \right) \cos 8t + \left( -\frac{\pi^2}{96} - \frac{\pi}{240} + \frac{1}{12} \right) \cos 6t \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{11\pi^2}{96} + \frac{19\pi}{160} - \frac{11}{12} \right) \cos 4t + \left( -\frac{31\pi^2}{96} - \frac{43\pi}{48} + \frac{31}{12} \right) \cos 2t \\ &\quad - \pi t^2 + \frac{85\pi^2}{384} + \frac{301\pi}{384} - \frac{85}{48}. \end{aligned}$$

Inequalities from the paper [20]:

$$\overline{T}_k^{\cos,0}(y) > \cos y \quad (k = 4, 12, 16) \quad \text{and} \quad \cos y > \underline{T}_{10}^{\cos,0}(y),$$

$y \in \left(0, \sqrt{(k+3)(k+4)}\right)$ , yield

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &> P_{16}(t) = \left( -\frac{\pi^2}{384} - \frac{\pi}{384} + \frac{1}{48} \right) \overline{T}_{16}^{\cos,0}(8t) \\ &\quad + \left( -\frac{\pi^2}{96} - \frac{\pi}{240} + \frac{1}{12} \right) \overline{T}_{12}^{\cos,0}(6t) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{11\pi^2}{96} + \frac{19\pi}{160} - \frac{11}{12} \right) \underline{T}_{10}^{\cos,0}(4t) \\ &\quad + \left( -\frac{31\pi^2}{96} - \frac{43\pi}{48} + \frac{31}{12} \right) \overline{T}_4^{\cos,0}(2t) \\ &\quad - \pi t^2 + \frac{85\pi^2}{384} + \frac{301\pi}{384} - \frac{85}{48}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \in (0, 1.1]$ . Hence we prove that

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{16}(t) = & \left( -\frac{67108864\pi^2}{1915538625} - \frac{67108864\pi}{1915538625} + \frac{536870912}{1915538625} \right) t^{16} \\
 & + \left( \frac{16777216\pi^2}{127702575} + \frac{16777216\pi}{127702575} - \frac{134217728}{127702575} \right) t^{14} \\
 & + \left( -\frac{945149\pi^2}{2245320} - \frac{11017201\pi}{28066500} + \frac{945149}{280665} \right) t^{12} \\
 & + \left( \frac{309929\pi^2}{340200} + \frac{27409\pi}{34020} - \frac{309929}{42525} \right) t^{10} \\
 & + \left( -\frac{20129\pi^2}{15120} - \frac{1609\pi}{1512} + \frac{20129}{1890} \right) t^8 \\
 & + \left( \frac{1049\pi^2}{1080} + \frac{293\pi}{540} - \frac{1049}{135} \right) t^6 > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

holds for  $t \in (0, 1.1]$ . Notice that  $P_{16}(t) = \frac{t^6}{30648618000} P_{10}(t)$  for

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{10}(t) = & (-1073741824\pi^2 - 1073741824\pi + 8589934592)t^{10} \\
 & + (4026531840\pi^2 + 4026531840\pi - 32212254720)t^8 \\
 & + (-12901283850\pi^2 - 12030783492\pi + 103210270800)t^6 \\
 & + (27921503610\pi^2 + 24692768100\pi - 223372028880)t^4 \\
 & + (-40801986225\pi^2 - 32614832250\pi + 326415889800)t^2 \\
 & + (29768889150\pi^2 + 16629713100\pi - 238151113200).
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us introduce substitution  $z = t^2$ , for  $z \in (0, 1.21]$ , and prove that  $P_5(z) = P_{10}(\sqrt{z}) > 0$ . According to the Ferrari's formulas, the derivative polynomial  $P'_5$  does not have real roots. Since  $P'_5(0) < 0$  we can assert that  $P'_5(z) < 0$ , for every  $z \in (0, 1.21]$ . Therefore,  $P_5$  is strictly decreasing function with unique real root  $z_1 = 1.233\dots > 1.21$ . So we have  $P_5(z) > 0$  for  $z \in (0, 1.21]$ , i.e.  $P_{10}(t) > 0$  for  $t \in (0, 1.1]$ . Finally, we conclude

$$g(t) > h(t) > P_{16}(t) = \frac{t^6}{30648618000} P_{10}(t) > 0,$$

for  $t \in (0, 1.1]$ .

(III)  $t \in (1.1, \pi/2)$  We transform the inequality (7), for  $t \in (1.1, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , to the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_2(t) = g\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - t\right) = & \left( (\pi^2 + \pi - 8)\cos^4 t - \pi \right) \cos t \arctan(\cos t) \\
 & - \pi \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - t \right)^2 + 2\pi\cos^2 t > 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.1\right) = (0, 0.470\dots)$ . Let us notice that  $(\pi^2 + \pi - 8)\cos^4 t - \pi > 0$  is true for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.1\right)$ . Furthermore, we consider the additional inequality

$$\arctan(\cos t) \geq \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{t}{2}, \tag{9}$$

for  $t \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ . Equality holds for  $t = 0$  or  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Obviously

$$(\arctan(\cos t))' = \frac{-\sin t}{\cos^2 t + 1} < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (\arctan(\cos t))'' = \frac{(\cos^2 t - 3)\cos t}{(\cos^2 t + 1)^2} < 0,$$

for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . Therefore, the inequality (9) is a consequence of the fact that is the decreasing concave curve above the secant line over segment  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ . Based on the inequality (9), we have

$$g_2(t) > h_2(t) = \left((\pi^2 + \pi - 8)\cos^4 t - \pi\right)\cos t \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{t}{2}\right) - \pi \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - t\right)^2 + 2\pi\cos^2 t,$$

for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.1\right)$ . Thus, we need to prove that

$$h_2(t) > 0,$$

for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.1\right)$ . Let us notice that  $h_2$  is one mixed trigonometric polynomial

$$h_2(t) = \left(\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2} + 4\right)t + \frac{\pi^3}{4} + \frac{\pi^2}{4} - 2\pi\right)\cos^5 t + 2\pi\cos^2 t + \left(\frac{\pi}{2}t - \frac{\pi^2}{4}\right)\cos t - \pi t^2 + \pi^2 t - \frac{\pi^3}{4}.$$

For the proof of the inequality  $h_2(t) > 0$ , for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.1\right)$ , we use method from the paper [20]. Using trigonometric multiple angle formulas, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} h_2(t) &= \left(\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{32} - \frac{\pi}{32} + \frac{1}{4}\right)t + \frac{\pi^3}{64} + \frac{\pi^2}{64} - \frac{\pi}{8}\right)\cos 5t \\ &+ \left(\left(-\frac{5\pi^2}{32} - \frac{5\pi}{32} + \frac{5}{4}\right)t + \frac{5\pi^3}{64} + \frac{5\pi^2}{64} - \frac{5\pi}{8}\right)\cos 3t \\ &+ \pi\cos 2t + \left(\left(-\frac{5\pi^2}{16} + \frac{3\pi}{16} + \frac{5}{2}\right)t + \frac{5\pi^3}{32} - \frac{3\pi^2}{32} - \frac{5\pi}{4}\right)\cos t \\ &- \pi t^2 + \pi^2 t - \frac{\pi^3}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.1\right)$  the following inequalities are true:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(-\frac{\pi^2}{32} - \frac{\pi}{32} + \frac{1}{4}\right)t + \frac{\pi^3}{64} + \frac{\pi^2}{64} - \frac{\pi}{8} &> 0, \\ \left(-\frac{5\pi^2}{32} - \frac{5\pi}{32} + \frac{5}{4}\right)t + \frac{5\pi^3}{64} + \frac{5\pi^2}{64} - \frac{5\pi}{8} &> 0, \\ \left(-\frac{5\pi^2}{16} + \frac{3\pi}{16} + \frac{5}{2}\right)t + \frac{5\pi^3}{32} - \frac{3\pi^2}{32} - \frac{5\pi}{4} &< 0. \end{aligned}$$

In the purpose of proving that  $h_2(t) > 0$ , for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.1\right)$ , we use the inequalities from [20]:

$$\overline{T}_k^{\cos, 0}(y) > \cos y \quad (k = 0) \quad \text{and} \quad \cos y > \underline{T}_k^{\cos, 0}(y) \quad (k = 2),$$

for  $y \in (0, \sqrt{(k+3)(k+4)})$ . Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned} h_2(t) > P_3(t) &= \left( \left( -\frac{\pi^2}{32} - \frac{\pi}{32} + \frac{1}{4} \right) t + \frac{\pi^3}{64} + \frac{\pi^2}{64} - \frac{\pi}{8} \right) \mathcal{I}_2^{\cos,0}(5t) \\ &\quad + \left( \left( -\frac{5\pi^2}{32} - \frac{5\pi}{32} + \frac{5}{4} \right) t + \frac{5\pi^3}{64} + \frac{5\pi^2}{64} - \frac{5\pi}{8} \right) \mathcal{I}_2^{\cos,0}(3t) \\ &\quad + \pi \mathcal{I}_2^{\cos,0}(2t) \\ &\quad + \left( \left( -\frac{5\pi^2}{16} + \frac{3\pi}{16} + \frac{5}{2} \right) t + \frac{5\pi^3}{32} - \frac{3\pi^2}{32} - \frac{5\pi}{4} \right) \overline{\mathcal{I}}_0^{\cos,0}(t) \\ &\quad - \pi t^2 + \pi^2 t + \pi - \frac{\pi^3}{4}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.1)$ . It is simple to prove that

$$P_3(t) = \left( \frac{35\pi^2}{32} + \frac{35\pi}{32} - \frac{35}{4} \right) t^3 + \left( -\frac{35\pi^3}{64} - \frac{35\pi^2}{64} + \frac{11\pi}{8} \right) t^2 + \left( \frac{\pi^2}{2} + 4 \right) t > 0$$

for  $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.1)$ . Therefore, we conclude that

$$g_2(t) > h_2(t) > P_3(t) > 0,$$

for  $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.1)$  and consequently that

$$g(t) > 0,$$

for  $t \in (1.1, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , which proves the inequality (6). The elementary calculus gives

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}-} \frac{(\arcsin x/x)^2 + (\arctan x/x) - 2}{x^3 \arctan x} = \frac{\pi^2 + \pi - 8}{\pi}.$$

The proof is completed.  $\square$

## 2. Proof of the Conjecture 2

Let us now observe the inequality (4) of the Conjecture 2 written in the form

$$3 + \frac{(5\pi - 12)x^3 \arctan x}{\pi} - \frac{\arctan x}{x} - 2 \left( \frac{\arctan x}{x} \right) > 0, \tag{10}$$

for  $x \in (0, 1)$ . Substituting  $x = \sin t$  into (10), for  $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , we obtain

$$3 + \frac{((5\pi - 12)\sin^4 t - \pi) \arctan(\sin t)}{\pi \sin t} - \frac{2t}{\sin t} > 0. \tag{11}$$

It is enough to prove that

$$g(t) = 3\pi \sin t + ((5\pi - 12)\sin^4 t - \pi) \arctan(\sin t) - 2\pi t > 0, \tag{12}$$

for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . Let us notice that  $t = 0$  is zero of the fifth order and  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$  is the simple zero of the function  $g$ . Furthermore, we differentiate two cases if  $t \in (0, 1.3]$  or  $t \in (1.3, \pi/2)$ .

(I)  $t \in (0, 1.3]$  Based on the inequality (8), it may be concluded that

$$g(t) > h(t) = 3\pi \sin t + (5\pi - 12) \sin^4 t \mathcal{T}_3^{\arctan, 0}(\sin t) - \pi \overline{\mathcal{T}}_5^{\arctan, 0}(\sin t) - 2\pi t,$$

for  $t \in (0, 1.3]$ . Therefore, we just need to prove

$$h(t) = 3\pi \sin t + (5\pi - 12) \sin^4 t \left( \sin t - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 t \right) - \pi \left( \sin t - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 t + \frac{1}{5} \sin^5 t \right) - 2\pi t > 0,$$

for  $t \in (0, 1.3]$ . The function  $h$  is a mixed trigonometric polynomial function. For the proof of the inequality  $h(t) > 0$ , for  $t \in (0, 1.3]$ , we use method from the paper [20]. Using trigonometric multiple angle formulas, we obtain

$$h(t) = \left( \frac{5\pi}{192} - \frac{1}{16} \right) \sin 7t + \left( \frac{113\pi}{960} - \frac{5}{16} \right) \sin 5t + \left( -\frac{199\pi}{192} + \frac{39}{16} \right) \sin 3t + \left( \frac{833\pi}{192} - \frac{85}{16} \right) \sin t - 2\pi t.$$

We also need inequalities from the paper [20]:

$$\overline{\mathcal{T}}_k^{\sin, 0}(y) > \sin y \quad (k = 9) \quad \text{and} \quad \sin y > \mathcal{T}_k^{\sin, 0}(y) \quad (k = 7, 15, 19),$$

for  $y \in \left(0, \sqrt{(k+3)(k+4)}\right)$ . Putting things together, we get

$$h(t) > P_{19}(t) = \left( \frac{5\pi}{192} - \frac{1}{16} \right) \mathcal{T}_{19}^{\sin, 0}(7t) + \left( \frac{113\pi}{960} - \frac{5}{16} \right) \mathcal{T}_{15}^{\sin, 0}(5t) + \left( -\frac{199\pi}{192} + \frac{39}{16} \right) \overline{\mathcal{T}}_9^{\sin, 0}(3t) + \left( \frac{833\pi}{192} - \frac{85}{16} \right) \mathcal{T}_7^{\sin, 0}(t) - 2\pi t,$$



for  $t \in (0, 1.3]$ . Hence, we only have to prove that

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{19}(t) = & \left( -\frac{232630513987207\pi}{95330037871411200} + \frac{232630513987207}{39720849113088000} \right) t^{19} \\
 & + \left( \frac{4747561509943\pi}{278742800793600} - \frac{4747561509943}{116142833664000} \right) t^{17} \\
 & + \left( -\frac{111034112797\pi}{1141243084800} + \frac{612518675071}{2615348736000} \right) t^{15} \\
 & + \left( \frac{25601647133\pi}{59779399680} - \frac{585184807}{566092800} \right) t^{13} \\
 & + \left( -\frac{549507467\pi}{383201280} + \frac{277683421}{79833600} \right) t^{11} \\
 & + \left( \frac{34570249\pi}{9953280} - \frac{9870319}{1161216} \right) t^9 \\
 & + \left( -\frac{473\pi}{84} + 14 \right) t^7 \\
 & + \left( \frac{93\pi}{20} - 12 \right) t^5 > 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \in (0, 1.3]$ . Let us notice that  $P_{19}(t) = \frac{t^5}{23355859278495744000} P_{14}(t)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{14}(t) = & (-56994475926865715\pi + 136786742224477716) t^{14} \\
 & + (397798178918123970\pi - 954715629403497528) t^{12} \\
 & + (-2272344207942188160\pi + 5469977974061251584) t^{10} \\
 & + (10002584016180806400\pi - 24143557388833935360) t^8 \\
 & + (-33492109086208281600\pi + 81238161686899875840) t^6 \\
 & + (81120783386638195200\pi - 198524461941501696000) t^4 \\
 & + (-131515731413434368000\pi + 326982029898940416000) t^2 \\
 & + 108604745645005209600\pi - 280270311341948928000.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us introduce substitution  $z = t^2$ , for  $z \in (0, 1.69]$  and prove  $P_7(z) = P_{14}(\sqrt{z}) > 0$ . It is enough to observe that the third-order derivative polynomial  $P_7'''$  does not have real roots according to the Ferrari's formula and  $P_7'''(0) < 0$  yields  $P_7'''(z) < 0$  for every  $z \in (0, 1.69]$ . Thus the second-order derivative polynomial  $P_7''$  is strictly decreasing function with unique real root  $z_1 = 1.834\dots > 1.69$ . From  $P_7''(1.69) > 0$  follows that  $P_7''(z) > 0$  for  $z \in (0, 1.69]$ , thus derivative polynomial  $P_7'$  is strictly increasing function for  $z \in (0, 1.69]$ . As  $P_7'(1.69) < 0$  then  $P_7'(z) < 0$  for every  $z \in (0, 1.69]$ . From  $P_7'(z) < 0$  follows that  $P_7$  is strictly decreasing function (with real root  $z_2 = 1.870\dots > 1.69$ ). As  $P_7(1.69) > 0$ , we conclude  $P_7(z) > 0$  for  $z \in (0, 1.69]$ , i.e.  $P_{14}(t) > 0$  for  $t \in (0, 1.3]$ . Finally, from

$$g(t) > h(t) > P_{19}(t) = \frac{t^5}{23355859278495744000} P_{14}(t)$$

follows that  $g(t) > 0$  for  $t \in (0, 1.3]$ .

(II)  $t \in (1.3, \pi/2)$  We transform the inequality (12), for  $t \in (1.3, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , to the inequality

$$g_2(t) = g\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - t\right) = ((5\pi - 12)\cos^4 t - \pi) \arctan(\cos t) + 3\pi \cos t - 2\pi \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - t\right) > 0,$$

for  $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.3) = (0, 0.270\dots)$ . Let us notice that  $(5\pi - 12)\cos^4 t - \pi > 0$  is true for  $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.3)$ . Based on the inequality (9) we have

$$g_2(t) > h_2(t) = ((5\pi - 12)\cos^4 t - \pi) \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{t}{2}\right) + 3\pi \cos t - 2\pi \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - t\right),$$

for  $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.3)$ ; so it should be proved

$$h_2(t) > 0,$$

for  $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.3)$ . Notice that  $h_2$  is one mixed trigonometric polynomial

$$h_2(t) = \left( (6 - \frac{5\pi}{2})t + \frac{5\pi^2}{4} - 3\pi \right) \cos^4 t + 3\pi \cos t + \frac{5\pi}{2}t - \frac{5\pi^2}{4}.$$

For the proof of the inequality  $h_2(t) > 0$ , for  $t \in (1.3, \pi/2)$ , we use method from the paper [20]. Using trigonometric multiple angle formulas, we obtain

$$h_2(t) = \left( \left( -\frac{5\pi}{16} + \frac{3}{4} \right) t + \frac{5\pi^2}{32} - \frac{3}{8}\pi \right) \cos 4t + \left( \left( -\frac{5\pi}{4} + 3 \right) t + \frac{5\pi^2}{8} - \frac{3\pi}{2} \right) \cos 2t + 3\pi \cos t + \left( \frac{25\pi}{16} + \frac{9}{4} \right) t - \frac{25\pi^2}{32} - \frac{9\pi}{8}.$$

For  $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.3)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left( -\frac{5\pi}{16} + \frac{3}{4} \right) t + \frac{5\pi^2}{32} - \frac{3\pi}{8} &> 0, \\ \left( -\frac{5\pi}{4} + 3 \right) t + \frac{5\pi^2}{8} - \frac{3\pi}{2} &> 0, \end{aligned}$$

Having in mind inequality from [20]:

$$\cos y > \underline{T}_2^{\cos, 0}(y),$$

for  $y \in (0, \sqrt{30})$ , we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} h_2(t) > P_3(t) &= \left( \left( -\frac{5\pi}{16} + \frac{3}{4} \right) t + \frac{5\pi^2}{32} - \frac{3\pi}{8} \right) \underline{T}_2^{\cos, 0}(4t) \\ &+ \left( \left( -\frac{5\pi}{4} + 3 \right) t + \frac{5\pi^2}{8} - \frac{3\pi}{2} \right) \underline{T}_2^{\cos, 0}(2t) \\ &+ 3\pi \underline{T}_2^{\cos, 0}(t) + \left( \frac{25\pi}{16} + \frac{9}{4} \right) t - \frac{25\pi^2}{32} - \frac{9\pi}{8}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.3\right)$ . It is simple to prove that

$$P_3(t) = (5\pi - 12)t^3 + \left(-\frac{5\pi^2}{2} + \frac{9\pi}{2}\right)t^2 + 6t > 0,$$

for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.3\right)$ . Therefore, we conclude that

$$g_2(t) > h_2(t) > P_3(t) > 0,$$

for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1.3\right)$  and consequently that

$$g(t) > 0,$$

for  $t \in \left(1.3, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , which proves the inequality (11). The elementary calculus proposes

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}-} \frac{2(\arcsin x/x) + (\arctan x/x) - 3}{x^3 \arctan x} = \frac{5\pi - 12}{\pi}.$$

Therefore, the proof of the second conjecture is also completed.  $\square$

### 3. Results, Discussion and Conclusions

Let us emphasize that the method from [20] was applied here for proving two conjectures stated by C.-P. Chen [1]. In the paper [20] the open problem was stated by Z.-J. Sun and L. Zhu [10] and in the paper [23] the open problem was stated by Y. Nishizawa [19] and they were proved in the same manner. We expect that the method will be useful in solving some others problems concerning inequalities which can be reduced to some mixed trigonometric inequalities.

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