

MATHEMATICS  
Trigonometric Ratios & Identities

Basic Questions

1. Express  $\tan\theta$  in terms of  $\cos\theta$ .
2. Prove that  $2(\sin^6\theta + \cos^6\theta) - 3(\sin^4\theta + \cos^4\theta) + 1 = 0$ .
3. Prove that  $(\sin\theta + \operatorname{cosec}\theta)^2 + (\cos\theta + \sec\theta)^2 \geq 9$ .
4. If  $\tan^2\theta = 1 - e^2$  then show that  $\sec\theta + \tan^3\theta \operatorname{cosec}\theta = (2 - e^2)^{3/2}$ .

Trigonometric Ratios of any Angle

5. Find the general value of  $\theta$  satisfying both  $\sin\theta = -1/2$  and  $\tan\theta = 1/\sqrt{3}$ .
6. (i) Find the value of  $\tan 1^\circ \tan 2^\circ \tan 3^\circ \dots \tan 89^\circ$ .
- (ii) Prove that  $\sin^2 5^\circ + \sin^2 10^\circ + \dots + \sin^2 90^\circ = 19/2$ .

Trigonometric Ratios of Compound Angles

7. Prove that  $\tan 70^\circ = 2\tan 50^\circ + \tan 20^\circ$ .
8. If  $A+B=45^\circ$ , show that  $(1+\tan A)(1+\tan B) = 2$ .
9. (i) Show that  $\cot(\pi/4+x) \cot(\pi/4-x) = 1$
- ii) Give  $n^3 \tan\alpha \tan\beta = 1$ , show that  $2\cos(\alpha+\beta) = \cos(\alpha-\beta)$
- iii) Eliminate  $\theta$  if  $\tan(\theta-\alpha) = a$  and  $\tan(\theta+\alpha) = b$ .

Trigonometry Ratios of Multiples of an Angle.

10. Find the values of (i)  $\sin 18^\circ$  (ii)  $\tan 15^\circ$ .
11. Find the values of  $\sin 67 \frac{1^\circ}{2}$
12. (i) Prove that  $2 \sin^2 \theta + 4\cos(\theta+\alpha)\sin\alpha \cdot \sin\theta + \cos 2(\theta+\alpha)$  is independent of  $\theta$ .
- (ii) If  $\tan\theta = b/a$ , then find the value of  $a\cos 2\theta + b\sin 2\theta$ .
13. If  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are in A.P., show that  $\cot \beta = \frac{\sin\alpha - \sin\gamma}{\cos\gamma - \cos\alpha}$
14. Show that  $\sin 12^\circ \cdot \sin 48^\circ \cdot \sin 54^\circ = 1/8$ .
15. If  $\sin x + \sin y = \sqrt{3}(\cos y - \cos x)$  show that  $\sin 3x + \sin 3y = 0$ .
16. If  $\frac{\cos(A-B)}{\cos(A+B)} + \frac{\cos(C+D)}{\cos(C-D)} = 0$ , then prove that  $\tan A \cdot \tan B \cdot \tan C \cdot \tan D = -1$ .
17. If  $\frac{\sin(\theta+\alpha)}{\cos(\theta-\alpha)} = \frac{1-m}{1+m}$ , prove that  $\tan(\pi/4 - \theta) \tan(\pi/4 - \alpha) = m$ .
18. Prove that  $(\cos\alpha - \cos\beta)^2 + (\sin\alpha - \sin\beta)^2 = 4\sin^2 \alpha - \left[ \frac{\beta}{2} \right]$
19. Prove that  $\sin\alpha + \sin(\alpha+2\pi/3) + \sin(\alpha+4\pi/3) = 0$ .
20. Find the value of  $\cos 22 \frac{1^\circ}{2}$

IDENTITIES

1. If  $A+B+C = \pi$ , prove that  $\frac{\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C}{\cos A + \cos B + \cos C - 1} = 8\cos A/2 \cos B/2 \cos C/2$ .
2. If  $A, B$  and  $C$  are the angles of a triangle, show that  $\tan^2 A/2 + \tan^2 B/2 + \tan^2 C/2 \geq 1$ .
3. Find the maximum and minimum values of  $a \cos\theta + b \sin\theta$ .
4. (i) If  $A+B+C = \pi$ , then prove that  $\sin(B+2C) + \sin(C+2A) + \sin(A+2B) = 4\sin \frac{(B-C)}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{(C-A)}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{(A-B)}{2}$ .
- (ii) If  $A+B+C = \pi$ , then find the minimum value of  $\cot^2 A + \cot^2 B + \cot^2 C$ .

SOME USEFUL FORMULE

- 1. Simplify the product  $\cos A \cos 2A \cdot \cos 2^2 A \dots \cos 2^{n-1} A$ .
- 2. Prove that  $\cos \pi/65 \cos 2\pi/65 \cos 4\pi/65 \cos 8\pi/65 \cos 16\pi/65 \cos 32\pi/65 = 1/64$ .
- 3. Prove that  $\cos 6^\circ \cdot \cos 42^\circ \cdot \cos 66^\circ \cdot \cos 78^\circ = 1/16$ .

PROBLEMS

- 1. Let  $0 < A, B < \pi/2$  satisfy the equations  $3\sin^2 A + 2\sin^2 B = 1$  and  $3\sin 2A - 2\sin 2B = 0$ . Prove that  $A + 2B = \pi/2$ .
- 2. Prove that  $\cos 2\pi/15 \cdot \cos 4\pi/15 \cos 8\pi/15 \cdot \cos 16\pi/15 = 1/16$ .
- 3. If  $\cos A = m \cos B$ , then prove that  $\cot \frac{A+B}{2} = \frac{m+1}{m-1} \tan \frac{B-A}{2}$
- 4. If a  $\cos 2\theta + b \sin 2\theta = c$  has  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  as its solutions, then prove that :  

$$\tan \alpha + \tan \beta = \frac{2b}{(c+a)}, \tan \alpha \tan \beta = \frac{(c-a)}{(c+a)}$$
- 5. Prove that  $5\cos \theta + 3\cos(\theta + \pi/3) + 3$  lies between -4 and 10.
- 6. (i) For all  $\theta$  in  $[0, \pi/2]$ , show that  $\cos(\sin \theta) > \sin(\cos \theta)$ .  
 ii) Find the smallest positive number  $p$  for which the equation  $\cos(p \sin x) = \sin(p \cos x)$  has a solution  $x \in [0, 2\pi]$ .
- 7. If ABC is a triangle and  $\tan A/2, \tan B/2, \tan C/2$  are in H.P., then find the minimum value of  $\cot B/2$ .
- 8. Let  $\cos A + \cos B + \cos C = 3/2$  in a triangle ABC. Show that the triangle is equilateral.
- 9. Prove that  $1 + \cot \theta \leq \cot \theta/2$  for  $0 < \theta < \pi$ . Find  $\theta$  when equality sign holds.

OBJECTIVE

Multiple Choice (Single Correct)

- 1. If  $3\sin \theta + 5\cos \theta = 5$ , then the value of  $5\sin \theta - 3\cos \theta$  is equal to  
 a) 5                      b) 3                      c) 4                      d) none of these
- 2. If  $\tan \theta = \sqrt{n}$  for some non - square natural number  $n$ , then  $\sec 2\theta$  is  
 a) a rational number                      b) an irrational number  
 c) a positive number                      d) none of these
- 3. The minimum value of  $\cos(\cos x)$  is  
 a) 0                      b)  $-\cos 1$                       c)  $\cos 1$                       d) -1
- 4. If  $\sin x = \cos^2 x$ , then  $\cos^2 x(1 + \cos^2 x)$  is equal to  
 a) 0                      b) 1                      c) 2                      d) none of these
- 5. The maximum value of  $4 \sin^2 x + 3\cos^2 x + \sin x/2 + \cos x/2$  is.  
 a)  $4 + \sqrt{2}$                       b)  $3 + \sqrt{2}$                       c) 9                      d) 4.
- 6. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the solutions of  $\sin^2 x + a \sin x + b = 0$  as well as that of  $\cos^2 x + c \cos x + d = 0$ , then  $\sin(\alpha + \beta)$  is equal to.  
 a)  $\frac{2bd}{b^2 + d^2}$                       b)  $\frac{a^2 + c^2}{2ac}$                       c)  $\frac{b^2 + d^2}{2bd}$                       d)  $\frac{2ac}{a^2 + c^2}$
- 7. If  $\sin \alpha, \sin \beta$  and  $\cos \alpha$  are in G.P, then roots of the equation  $x^2 + 2x \cot \beta + 1 = 0$  are always  
 a) equal                      b) real                      c) imaginary                      d) greater than 1
- 8. If in a triangle ABC,  $\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C = 2$ , then the triangle is always  
 a) isosceles triangle                      b) right angled                      c) acute angled  
 d) obtuse angled
- 9. If  $\theta \neq (2n+1) \pi/2, n \in \mathbb{N}$  then the least value of  $(\sin \theta + \operatorname{cosec} \theta)^2 + (\cos \theta + \sec \theta)^2$  is  
 a) 2                      b) 4                      c) 8                      d) 9.
- 10. If  $4n\alpha = \pi$ , then  $\cot \alpha \cot 2\alpha \cot 3\alpha \dots \cot(2n - 1)\alpha$  is equal to  
 a) 0                      b) 1                      c)  $n$                       d) none of these
- 11. If  $\cos 5\theta = a \cos \theta + b \cos^3 \theta + c \cos^5 \theta + d$ , then  
 a)  $a = 20$                       b)  $b = -30$                       c)  $a + b + c = 2$                       d)  $a + b + c + d = 1$

12. If in a triangle ABC  $(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C)(\sin A + \sin B - \sin C) = 3 \sin A \sin B$ , then angle C is equal to  
a)  $30^\circ$       b)  $45^\circ$       c)  $60^\circ$       d)  $75^\circ$

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**Section - I**

**Part - A**

**Level - I**

1. Prove the following:

i)  $\cos^2 \theta + \cos^2(\theta + 120^\circ) + \cos^2(\theta - 120^\circ) = 3/2$ .

ii)  $(\sec A - \operatorname{cosec} A)(1 + \tan A + \cot A) = \tan A \sec A - \cot A \operatorname{cosec} A$ .

iii)  $(\operatorname{cosec} \theta - \sec \theta)(\cot \theta - \tan \theta) = (\operatorname{cosec} \theta + \sec \theta)(\sec \theta \operatorname{cosec} \theta - 2)$ .

2. In a  $\Delta ABC$ , prove that  $(\sin A + \sin B)(\sin B + \sin C)(\sin C + \sin A) > \sin A \sin B \sin C$ .

3. If  $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y + \tan^{-1} z = \pi/2$  and  $(x - y)^2 + (y - z)^2 + (z - x)^2 = 0$ ,

Then prove that  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ .

4. Prove that  $2 \cos x - \cos 3x - \cos 5x = 16 \cos^3 x \sin^2 x$ .

5. Find the value of  $\sin^4 \pi/8 + \sin^4 3\pi/8 + \sin^4 5\pi/8 + \sin^4 7\pi/8$ .

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