



Foundation Algebra (CELEN036)

Problem Sheet 4

Topics: Trigonometry II

Topic 1: Addition and Factor formulae

1. Prove the following results:

(i) $\cos(270^\circ - \theta) = -\sin \theta.$

(ii) $\cot x + \cot y = \csc x \csc y \sin(x + y).$

(iii) $\sin(n + 1)A \cos(n + 2)A - \cos(n + 1)A \sin(n + 2)A = -\sin A.$

(iv) $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \alpha\right) = \frac{\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha}.$

(v) $\tan 63^\circ = \frac{\cos 18^\circ + \sin 18^\circ}{\cos 18^\circ - \sin 18^\circ}.$

(vi) $\frac{\cos 11^\circ - \sin 11^\circ}{\cos 11^\circ + \sin 11^\circ} = \tan 34^\circ.$

(vii) $\cot 5^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3} \cos 25^\circ + \sin 25^\circ}{\cos 25^\circ - \sqrt{3} \sin 25^\circ}.$

2. Given $3 \sin(x - y) - \sin(x + y) = 0$. Show that $\tan x = 2 \tan y$.

3. Prove that $A + B = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow (1 + \tan A)(1 + \tan B) = 2$. Hence deduce the value of $\tan \frac{45^\circ}{2}$.

4. Prove the following results:

(i) $\frac{\sin 6\theta - \sin 4\theta}{\sin \theta} = 2 \cos 5\theta.$

(ii) $\frac{\sin 80^\circ + \sin 20^\circ}{\cos 20^\circ - \cos 80^\circ} = \sqrt{3}.$

(iii) $\frac{\sin 75^\circ - \cos 75^\circ}{\cos 75^\circ + \sin 75^\circ} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}.$

$$(iv) \quad \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{8}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{8}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right) = 0.$$

$$(v) \quad \frac{\sin \theta + \sin 3\theta + \sin 5\theta + \sin 7\theta}{\cos \theta + \cos 3\theta + \cos 5\theta + \cos 7\theta} = \tan 4\theta.$$

$$(vi) \quad \cos 80^\circ + \sin 50^\circ = \cos 20^\circ.$$

$$(vii) \quad \sin 19^\circ + \cos 11^\circ = \sqrt{3}(\cos 19^\circ - \sin 11^\circ).$$

Topic 2: Multi-angle formulae

5. Prove the following results:

$$(i) \quad \cos^4 A - \sin^4 A = \cos 2A.$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{\tan \theta}{1 + \tan^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta.$$

$$(iii) \quad \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta + \sin 2\theta}{1 + \cos 2\theta + \sin 2\theta} = \tan \theta.$$

$$(iv) \quad \sin 3A - \cos 3A = (\sin A + \cos A)(4 \sin A \cos A - 1).$$

$$(v) \quad 1 + \frac{4 \tan^2 \theta}{(1 - \tan^2 \theta)^2} = \frac{1}{1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta}.$$

$$(vi) \quad 16 \sin^2 \theta \cos^3 \theta = 2 \cos \theta - \cos 3\theta - \cos 5\theta.$$

6. Simplify: $\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + 2 \cos 4\theta}}$ (Take $\sqrt{X^2} = X$)

7. Prove that $\cos \theta = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \cos 4\theta}}$ (Take $\sqrt{X^2} = X$)

Topic 3: Inverse Trigonometric functions

8. Without using a calculator, find the values of:

$$(i) \quad \cos \left[\sin^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$(ii) \quad \tan \left[\cos^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$(iii) \quad \sin^{-1} \left[\sin \left(\frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \right]$$

$$(iv) \quad \sin \left[2 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right]$$

Topic 4: Expressing $a \cos x + b \sin x$ in the form $r \cos(x - \theta)$

9. Given that $5 \sin \theta + 12 \cos \theta \equiv R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$, find R ($R > 0$) and $\alpha \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$.
10. Given that $2 \sin \theta - \sqrt{5} \cos \theta \equiv -3 \cos(\theta + \alpha)$, where $0 < \alpha < 90^\circ$, find the value of α .
11. Show that $\sqrt{3} \sin 2\theta - \cos 2\theta \equiv 2 \sin\left(2\theta - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$.
12. Express $5 \sin x + 12 \cos x$ in the form $R \sin(x + \theta)$, where R and θ are to be determined.
13. Express $2 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$, and $0 < \alpha < 90^\circ$. Hence solve the equation $2 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta = 3$ ($0 < \theta < 360^\circ$).
14. Show that $\cos \theta - \sqrt{3} \sin \theta$ can be written in the form $R \cos(\theta + \alpha)$ where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$. Hence sketch the graph of $f(\theta) = \cos \theta - \sqrt{3} \sin \theta$ ($0 < \theta < 2\pi$).

Answers

3. $\sqrt{2} - 1$

8. (i) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (ii) $-\sqrt{3}$ (iii) $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (iv) 1

9. $R = 13$, $\alpha = 0.3948$ radians

10. 41.81°

12. $R = 13$, $\theta = 1.18$ radians or 67.38°

13. $R = 2$, $\alpha = 86.2^\circ$, Roots $\theta = 124.35^\circ$ or 12.05°

14. $R = 2$, $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$