

A8 TRIGONOMETRY QUESTIONS

- 1 Solve the equation

$$\tan x \tan 2x = 1,$$

giving all solutions in the interval $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$.

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- 2 It is given that $\cos a = \frac{3}{5}$, where $0^\circ < a < 90^\circ$. Showing your working and without using a calculator to evaluate a ,

(i) find the exact value of $\sin(a - 30^\circ)$,

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(ii) find the exact value of $\tan 2a$, and hence find the exact value of $\tan 3a$.

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- 3 Solve the equation

$$\cos \theta + 4 \cos 2\theta = 3,$$

giving all solutions in the interval $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$.

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- 4 Solve the equation $\tan 2x = 5 \cot x$, for $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$.

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- 5 (i) Simplify $\sin 2\alpha \sec \alpha$.

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(ii) Given that $3 \cos 2\beta + 7 \cos \beta = 0$, find the exact value of $\cos \beta$.

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- 6 (i) By first expanding $\sin(2\theta + \theta)$, show that

$$\sin 3\theta = 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta.$$

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(ii) Show that, after making the substitution $x = \frac{2 \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}}$, the equation $x^3 - x + \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{3} = 0$ can be written in the form $\sin 3\theta = \frac{3}{4}$.

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(iii) Hence solve the equation

$$x^3 - x + \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{3} = 0,$$

giving your answers correct to 3 significant figures.

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- 7 Solve the equation $\cot 2x + \cot x = 3$ for $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$.

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- 8 By expressing the equation $\operatorname{cosec} \theta = 3 \sin \theta + \cot \theta$ in terms of $\cos \theta$ only, solve the equation for $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$.

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- 9 Express the equation $\sec \theta = 3 \cos \theta + \tan \theta$ as a quadratic equation in $\sin \theta$. Hence solve this equation for $-90^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$. [5]

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- 10 Express the equation $\cot 2\theta = 1 + \tan \theta$ as a quadratic equation in $\tan \theta$. Hence solve this equation for $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$. [6]

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- 11 (i) Express the equation $\cot \theta - 2 \tan \theta = \sin 2\theta$ in the form $a \cos^4 \theta + b \cos^2 \theta + c = 0$, where a , b and c are constants to be determined. [3]

- (ii) Hence solve the equation $\cot \theta - 2 \tan \theta = \sin 2\theta$ for $90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$. [2]

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- 12 Showing all necessary working, solve the equation $\cot 2\theta = 2 \tan \theta$ for $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$. [5]

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