

Trigonometrical Equations and Inequalities,
Properties of Triangles, Height and Distance

SET Self Evaluation Test - 11

- The solution of the equation $\cos^2 x - 2\cos x = 4\sin x - \sin 2x$, ($0 \leq x \leq \pi$) is [DCE 2001]

(a) $\pi - \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ (b) $\pi - \tan^{-1}(2)$
 (c) $\pi + \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ (d) None of these
- If $\left(\frac{\sin\theta}{\sin\phi}\right)^2 = \frac{\tan\theta}{\tan\phi} = 3$, then the value of θ and ϕ are

(a) $\theta = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, \phi = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}$ (b) $\theta = n\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}, \phi = n\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$
 (c) $\theta = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \phi = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$ (d) None of these
- If $2(\sin x - \cos 2x) - \sin 2x(1 + 2\sin x)2\cos x = 0$ then [Karnataka CET 2002]

(a) $x = \frac{\pi}{6}(4n+1)$ or $x = \frac{\pi}{2}(4n-1)$
 (b) $x = \frac{\pi}{6}(4n-1)$ or $x = \frac{\pi}{2}(4n-1)$
 (c) $x = \frac{\pi}{6}(4n+1)$ or $x = \frac{\pi}{2}(4n+1)$
 (d) None of these
- The smallest positive values of x and y which satisfy $\tan(x-y) = 1$, $\sec(x+y) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ are

(a) $x = \frac{25\pi}{24}, y = \frac{19\pi}{24}$
 (b) $x = \frac{37\pi}{24}, y = \frac{7\pi}{24}$
 (c) $x = \frac{\pi}{4}, y = \frac{\pi}{2}$
 (d) $x = \frac{\pi}{3}, y = \frac{7\pi}{12}$
- If θ and ϕ are acute satisfying $\sin\theta = \frac{1}{2}$, $\cos\phi = \frac{1}{3}$, then $\theta + \phi \in$ [IIT Screening 2004]

(a) $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ (b) $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$
 (c) $\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$ (d) $\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}, \pi\right)$
- The number of solution of the equation $\tan x + \sec x = 2\cos x$ lying in the interval $(0, 2\pi)$ is [IIT 1993; Kurushetra CEE 1998; AIEEE 2002; MP PET 2000]

(a) 0 (b) 1
 (c) 2 (d) 3
- The number of integral values of k , for which the equation $7\cos x + 5\sin x = 2k+1$ has a solution, is [IIT Screening 2002]

(a) 4 (b) 8
 (c) 10 (d) 12
- Let $f(x) = \cos\sqrt{x}$, then which of the following is true [Kurushetra CEE 1998]

(a) $f(x)$ is periodic with period $\sqrt{2\pi}$
 (b) $f(x)$ is periodic with period $\sqrt{\pi}$
 (c) $f(x)$ is periodic with period $4\pi^2$
 (d) $f(x)$ is not a periodic function
- In a right angled triangle the hypotenuse is $2\sqrt{2}$ times the length of perpendicular drawn from the opposite vertex on the hypotenuse, then the other two angles are [MNR 1994]

(a) $\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{6}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}$
 (c) $\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{3\pi}{8}$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{5\pi}{12}$
- The sides of a triangle are $\sin\alpha, \cos\alpha$ and $\sqrt{1+\sin\alpha\cos\alpha}$ for some $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$. Then the greatest angle of the triangle is [AIEEE 2004]

(a) 150° (b) 90°
 (c) 120° (d) 60°
- In a $\triangle ABC$, $\sin A + \sin B + \sin C = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ and $\cos A + \cos B + \cos C = \sqrt{2}$ if the triangle is

(a) Equilateral (b) Isosceles
 (c) Right angled (d) Right angled isosceles
- In a triangle ABC , $\angle B = \frac{\pi}{3}$ and $\angle C = \frac{\pi}{4}$ and D divides BC internally in the ratio $1 : 3$. Then $\frac{\sin\angle BAD}{\sin\angle CAD}$ is equal to [IIT 1995; UPSEAT 2001, 03]

(a) $\frac{1}{3}$ (b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
 (c) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$ (d) $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$
- In a triangle ABC , angle A is greater than angle B . If the measures of angles A and B satisfy the

equation $3\sin x - 4\sin^3 x - k = 0, 0 < k < 1$, then the measure of angle C is [IIT 1990; DCE 2001]

- (a) $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{2}$
(c) $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ (d) $\frac{5\pi}{6}$

14. If ρ_1, ρ_2, ρ_3 are altitudes of a triangle ABC from the vertices A, B, C , and Δ , the area of the triangle, then $\rho_1^{-1} + \rho_2^{-1} - \rho_3^{-1}$ is equal to

- (a) $\frac{s-a}{\Delta}$ (b) $\frac{s-b}{\Delta}$
(c) $\frac{s-c}{\Delta}$ (d) $\frac{s}{\Delta}$

15. Which of the following pieces of data does not uniquely determine an acute angled $\triangle ABC$ (R = circum-radius)

[IIT Screening 2002]

- (a) $a, \sin A, \sin B$
(b) a, b, c
(c) $a, \sin B, R$
(d) $a, \sin A, R$

16. The upper $\frac{3}{4}$ th portion of a vertical pole subtends an angle $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)$ at a point in the

horizontal plane through its foot and at a distance 40 m from the foot. A possible height of the vertical pole is [AIEEE 2003]

- (a) 20 m (b) 40 m
(c) 60 m (d) 80 m

17. A spherical balloon of radius r subtends an angle α at the eye of an observer. If the angle of elevation of the centre of the balloon be β . The height of the centre of the balloon is

[IIT 1970]

- (a) $r \operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \sin \beta$ (b) $r \operatorname{cosec} \alpha \sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)$
(c) $r \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \operatorname{cosec} \beta$ (d) $r \sin \alpha \operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)$

18. In ambiguous case if a, b and A are given and if there are two possible values of third side, are c_1 and c_2 , then

[UPSEAT 1999]

- (a) $c_1 - c_2 = 2\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2 \sin^2 A)}$
(b) $c_1 - c_2 = 2\sqrt{(a^2 - b^2 \sin^2 A)}$
(c) $c_1 - c_2 = 4\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2 \sin^2 A)}$
(d) $c_1 - c_2 = 3\sqrt{(a^2 - b^2 \sin^2 A)}$

19. A tower AB leans towards west making an angle α with the vertical. The angular elevation of B , the top most point of the tower is β as observed from a point C due east of A at a distance d from A . If the angular elevation of B from a point D due east of C at a distance $2d$ from C is γ , then $2\tan \alpha$ can be given as [IIT 1994]

- (a) $3\cot \beta - 2\cot \gamma$ (b) $3\cot \gamma - 2\cot \beta$
(c) $3\cot \beta - \cot \gamma$ (d) $\cot \beta - 3\cot \gamma$

20. There exists a triangle ABC satisfying the conditions

[IIT 1986; Pb. CET 2003]

- (a) $b \sin A = a, A < \frac{\pi}{2}$
(b) $b \sin A > a, A > \frac{\pi}{2}$
(c) $b \sin A > a, A < \frac{\pi}{2}$
(d) None of these

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Answers and Solutions

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1. (c) Given equation is $\cos^2 x - 2\cos x = 4\sin x - \sin 2x$
 $\cos^2 x - 2\cos x = 4\sin x - 2\sin x \cos x$
 $\cos x(\cos x - 2) = 2\sin x(2 - \cos x)$
 $(\cos x - 2)(\cos x + 2\sin x) = 0$
 $\cos x + 2\sin x = 0, (\because \cos x \neq 2)$
 $\tan x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad x = n\pi + \tan^{-1}(-1/2), n \in \mathbb{I}$

As $0 \leq x \leq \pi$, therefore, $x = \pi + \tan^{-1}(-1/2)$.

2. (a) $\left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \phi}\right)^2 = \frac{\tan \theta}{\tan \phi}$
 $\Rightarrow \sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta = \sin \phi \cos \phi$
 $\Rightarrow \sin 2\theta = \sin 2\phi$

$$2\theta = \pi - 2\phi \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} - \phi$$

$$\text{But } \frac{\tan \theta}{\tan \phi} = 3 \Rightarrow \frac{\tan \theta}{\cot \theta} = 3 \Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, \text{ so that } \phi = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}.$$

Trick : Check with the options for $n = 0, 1$.

3. (a)

$$2(\sin x - \cos 2x) - \sin 2x(1 + 2\sin x) + 2\cos x = 0$$

$$2\sin x - 2 + 4\sin^2 x - 2\sin x \cos x - 4\sin^2 x \cos x + 2\cos x = 0$$

$$4\sin^2 x + 2\sin x - 2 - \cos x[4\sin^2 x + 2\sin x - 2] = 0$$

$$(1 - \cos x)(\sin x + 1)(4\sin x - 2) = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \sin x = -1 \text{ or } \cos x = 1 \text{ or } \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = (4n-1)\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ and } x = (4n+1)\frac{\pi}{6}.$$

4. (a,b) $\tan(x-y) = 1 \Rightarrow x-y = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$

(Considering values which lie between 0 and 2π)

$$\sec(x+y) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow x+y = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

(Consider values which lie between 0 and 2π)

Since x, y are positive, therefore $x+y > x-y$

$$\text{Thus we have } x+y = \frac{11\pi}{6} \text{ and } x-y = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{or } x+y = \frac{11\pi}{6} \text{ and } x-y = \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

Solving these two systems of equations, we get

$$x = \frac{25\pi}{24} \text{ and } y = \frac{19\pi}{24} \text{ or } x = \frac{37\pi}{24} \text{ and } y = \frac{7\pi}{24}.$$

5. (b) $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$

$$\cos \phi = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{3} < \phi < \frac{\pi}{2}. \text{ Thus, } \frac{\pi}{2} < (\theta + \phi) < \frac{2\pi}{3}.$$

6. (c) Given, $\tan x + \sec x = 2\cos x$ (i)

$$\Rightarrow (\sin x + 1) = 2\cos^2 x$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin x + 1) = 2(1 - \sin x)(1 + \sin x)$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$(1 + \sin x)[2(1 - \sin x) - 1] = 0 \Rightarrow 2(1 - \sin x) - 1 = 0$$

[$\because \sin x \neq -1$ otherwise $\cos x = 0$ and $\tan x, \sec x$ will be undefined]

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6} \text{ in } (0, 2\pi).$$

7. (b) $-\sqrt{7^2 + 5^2} \leq (7\cos x + 5\sin x) \leq \sqrt{7^2 + 5^2}$

$$\text{So, for solution } -\sqrt{74} \leq (2k+1) \leq \sqrt{74}$$

$$\text{or } -8.6 \leq (2k+1) \leq 8.6 \text{ or } -9.6 \leq 2k \leq 7.6$$

or $-4.8 \leq k \leq 3.8$. So, integral values of k are $-4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$ (eight values).

8. (d) If $f(x) = \cos \sqrt{x}$, then $f(x)$ is not a periodic function.

9. (c) Here $a^2 + b^2 = 8\rho^2$

$$\text{where } \rho = a \sin \theta = b \cos \theta$$

$$\text{By (i), } \rho^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \right) = 8\rho^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin^2 2\theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 2\theta = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{8}.$$

Here the other angle is $\frac{3\pi}{8}$.

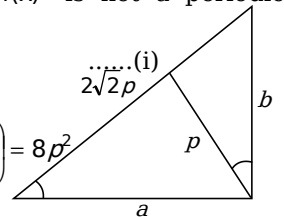
10. (c) $a = \sin \alpha, b = \cos \alpha, c = \sqrt{1 + \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}$

$$\cos C = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} = \frac{\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha - (1 + \sin \alpha \cos \alpha)}{2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{1 - 1 - \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}$$

$$\cos C = \frac{-1}{2} = \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} \quad C = \frac{2\pi}{3} = 120^\circ.$$

11. (d) **Trick :** If triangle is equilateral, then



$$\sin A + \sin B + \sin C = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

If triangle is isosceles, let
 $A = 30^\circ, B = 30^\circ, C = 120^\circ$.

$$\text{Then } \sin A + \sin B + \sin C = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

If triangle is right angled, let
 $A = 90^\circ, B = 30^\circ, C = 60^\circ$.

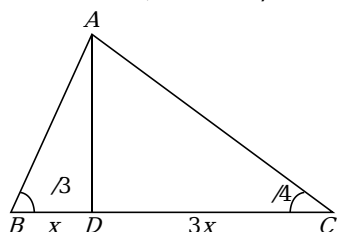
$$\text{Then } \sin A + \sin B + \sin C = \frac{3 + \sqrt{3}}{2}$$

If the triangle is right angled isosceles, then
 one of the angles is 90° and the remaining
 two are 45° each,

$$\text{so that } \sin A + \sin B + \sin C = 1 + \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{and } \cos A + \cos B + \cos C = \sqrt{2}.$$

12. (c) Let $\angle BAD = \alpha, \angle CAD = \beta$



In $\triangle ADB$, applying sine formula, we get

$$\frac{x}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{AD}{\sin(\pi/3)} \quad \dots(i)$$

In $\triangle ADC$, applying sine formula, we get

$$\frac{3x}{\sin \beta} = \frac{AD}{\sin(\pi/4)} \quad \dots(ii)$$

Dividing (i) by (ii), we get

$$\frac{x}{\sin \alpha} \times \frac{\sin \beta}{3x} = \frac{AD}{\sin(\pi/3)} \times \frac{\sin(\pi/4)}{AD}$$

$$\frac{\sin \beta}{3 \sin \alpha} = \frac{1/\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}/2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{\sin \beta}{\sin \alpha} = 3 \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sin \angle BAD}{\sin \angle CAD} = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}.$$

13. (c) According to the condition $\sin 3A = \sin 3B = k$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin \frac{3A-3B}{2} \cos \frac{3A+3B}{2} = 0$$

Either $A = B$. This ruled out as $A > B$

$$\text{or } \frac{3A+3B}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow A+B = \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow C = \frac{2\pi}{3}.$$

14. (c) We have, $\frac{1}{2}a\rho_1 = \Delta, \frac{1}{2}b\rho_2 = \Delta, \frac{1}{2}c\rho_3 = \Delta$

$$\rho_1 = \frac{2\Delta}{a}, \rho_2 = \frac{2\Delta}{b}, \rho_3 = \frac{2\Delta}{c}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\rho_1} + \frac{1}{\rho_2} + \frac{1}{\rho_3} &= \frac{a}{2\Delta} + \frac{b}{2\Delta} + \frac{c}{2\Delta} = \frac{a+b+c}{2\Delta} \\ &= \frac{2(s-c)}{2\Delta} = \frac{s-c}{\Delta}. \end{aligned}$$

15. (d) $\frac{a}{\sin A} = R$ and $b = 2R \sin B$. So, two sides and two angles are known. So, $\angle C$ is known. Therefore, two sides and included angle is known. So, Δ is uniquely known in case (a). If a, b, c are known the Δ is uniquely known in case (b). $b = 2R \sin B, \sin A = \frac{a}{2R}$. So, sides a, b and angle A, B are known. So, $\angle C$ is known. Therefore two sides and included angle is known. So, Δ is uniquely known in case (c).

$\frac{a}{\sin A} = R$. So, only a side and an angle is known. So, Δ is not uniquely known in case (d).

16. (b) $\theta = \alpha + \beta$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\tan \theta - \tan \alpha}{1 + \tan \theta \tan \alpha}$$

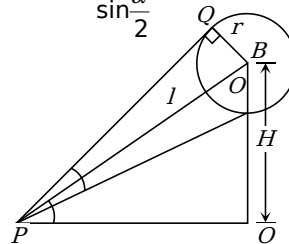
$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{\frac{h}{40} - \frac{h}{160}}{1 + \frac{h}{40} \cdot \frac{h}{160}}$$

$$h^2 - 200h + 6400 = 0$$

$$h = 40 \text{ or } 160 \text{ metre.}$$

\therefore Possible height = 40 metre.

17. (a) In $\triangle PQB, l = \frac{r}{\sin \frac{\alpha}{2}}$ and in $\triangle POB,$



$$H = l \sin \beta \Rightarrow H = r \sin \beta \operatorname{osec} \frac{\alpha}{2}.$$

18. (b) $\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$

or $c^2 - (2b \cos A)c + (b^2 - a^2) = 0$, which is quadratic equation in c . Let there be two roots c_1 and c_2 of above quadratic equation, then

$$c_1 + c_2 = 2b \cos A \text{ and } c_1 c_2 = b^2 - a^2$$

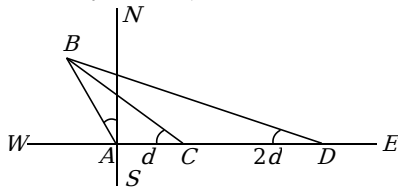
$$\therefore c_1 - c_2 = \sqrt{[(c_1 + c_2)^2 - 4c_1 c_2]}$$

$$= \sqrt{[(2b \cos A)^2 - 4(b^2 - a^2)]}$$

$$= \sqrt{[4a^2 - 4b^2(1 - \cos^2 A)]} = 2\sqrt{(a^2 - b^2 \sin^2 A)}.$$

19. (c) By $m-n$ theorem at C

$$(d+2d)\cot\beta = d\cot\gamma - 2d\cot(90^\circ + \alpha)$$



$$3d \cot\beta = d\cot\gamma + 2d\tan\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\cot\beta = \cot\gamma + 2\tan\alpha$$

$$\therefore 2\tan\alpha = 3\cot\beta - \cot\gamma.$$

20. (a) We have, $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} \Rightarrow a\sin B = b\sin A$

\therefore From option (a), $b\sin A = a \Rightarrow a\sin B = a$

$$\Rightarrow \sin B = 1 \Rightarrow B = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Since $A < \frac{\pi}{2}$, the $\triangle ABC$ is possible.

Now, from option (b), $b\sin A > a \Rightarrow a\sin B > a$

$\Rightarrow \sin B > 1$, which is impossible.

Similarly option (c) can be shown to be impossible.