

## Answers - Trigonometric identities (page ??)

For each of the following, show that:

$$1. \text{ LHS} = \frac{\sin A + \cos A}{\sin A - \cos A} \times \frac{\sin A + \cos A}{\sin A + \cos A} \\ \frac{\sin^2 A + 2 \sin A \cos A + \cos^2 A}{\sin^2 A - \cos^2 A}$$

Using the  $\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$  and the  $\cos 2A$  identities:

$$\frac{1 + 2 \sin A \cos A}{1 - \cos^2 A} = \text{RHS as required}$$

$$2. \text{ LHS} = \frac{\sin 2A}{1 + \cos 2A}$$

Using cosine double angle rule:

$$= \frac{\sin 2A}{1 + 2 \cos^2 A - 1}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sin A \cos A}{2 \cos^2 A}$$

$$= \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}$$

$$= \tan A \text{ as required}$$

$$3. \text{ LHS} = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

$$\text{RHS} = \frac{\frac{2 \sin A}{\cos A}}{1 + \frac{\sin^2 A}{\cos^2 A}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2 \sin A}{\cos A}}{1 + \frac{\sin^2 A}{\cos^2 A}} \times \frac{\cos^2 A}{\cos^2 A}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sin A \cos A}{\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A}$$

$$= 2 \sin A \cos A = \text{RHS as required}$$

$$4. \frac{\sin 2A}{\sin A} - \frac{\cos 2A}{\cos A} = \sec A$$

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{2 \sin A \cos A}{\sin A} - \frac{2 \cos^2 A - 1}{\cos A}$$

$$= 2 \cos A - 2 \cos A + \frac{1}{\cos A}$$

$$= \sec A = \text{RHS as required}$$

$$5. (\sec A - \tan A)^2 = \frac{1 - \sin A}{1 + \sin A}$$

$$6. \tan A = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 2A}{1 + \cos 2A}}$$

$$7. \frac{\csc^2 A - 1}{\cos^2 A} + \frac{1}{1 - \sin^2 A} = \sec^2 A \csc^2 A$$

$$8. \frac{\cos A}{1 + \sin A} = \frac{1 - \sin A}{\cos A}$$

$$9. 2 \csc 4A + 2 \cot 4A = \cot A - \tan A$$

$$10. \frac{\sin 3A}{\sin 2A - \sin A} = 2 \cos A + 1$$

$$11. \frac{1 + \cos A}{1 - \cos A} = (\csc A + \cot A)^2$$

12.  $\cos 2A = \frac{1-\tan^2 A}{1+\tan^2 A}$
13.  $\cos 3A = 4 \cos^3 A - 3 \cos A$
14.  $\cos 4A = 1 - 8 \sin^2 A \cos^2 A$
15.  $\sin 5A = 16 \sin^5 A - 20 \sin^3 A + 5 \sin A$
16.  $\tan 3A = \frac{3 \tan A - \tan^3 A}{1 - 3 \tan^2 A}$
17.  $\tan 4A = \frac{4 \tan A - 4 \tan^3 A}{1 - 6 \tan^2 A + \tan^4 A}$
18.  $4 \sin^3 A \cos 3A + 4 \cos^3 A \sin 3A = 3 \sin 4A$

Harder problems (including old scholarship questions):

19.  $\frac{\csc A - \cot A}{\csc A + \cot A} + \frac{\csc A + \cot A}{\csc A - \cot A} \equiv 2 + 4 \cot^2 A$
20.  $\frac{1 - \sin A}{1 - \sec A} - \frac{1 + \sin A}{1 + \sec A} \equiv 2 \cot A (\cos A - \csc A)$
21.  $\frac{1 + \cos A}{1 - \cos A} \equiv (\csc A + \cot A)^2$
22.  $\frac{\sin(\pi - B) - \sin A}{\cos A + \cos(\pi - B)} \equiv \frac{\cos A + \cos B}{\sin B + \sin(\pi - A)}$
23.  $\frac{\csc A - \sec A}{\csc A + \sec A} (\cot A - \tan A) \equiv \sec A \csc A - 2$
24.  $(\sec A - 2 \sin A)(\csc A + 2 \cos A) \sin A \cos A \equiv (\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A)^2$
25. 2018 Scholarship exam:  

$$\frac{\cos \theta}{1 + \sin \theta} - \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} = \frac{2(\cos \theta - \sin \theta)}{1 + \sin \theta + \cos \theta}$$
26. 2017 Scholarship exam:  

$$\cos(5\theta) = 16 \cos^5 \theta - 20 \cos^3 \theta + 5 \cos \theta$$