

### 3. Trigonometric Functions – I

#### Let us Recall

- A solution  $\alpha$  of a trigonometric equation is called a principal solution if  $0 \leq \alpha < 2\pi$ .
- The general solution of  $\sin \theta = \sin \alpha$  is  $\theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- The general solution of  $\cos \theta = \cos \alpha$  is  $\theta = 2n\pi \pm \alpha$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- The general solution of  $\tan \theta = \tan \alpha$  is  $\theta = n\pi + \alpha$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- The general solution of  $\sin^2 \theta = \sin^2 \alpha$  is  $\theta = n\pi \pm \alpha$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- The general solution of  $\cos^2 \theta = \cos^2 \alpha$  is  $\theta = n\pi \pm \alpha$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- The general solution of  $\tan^2 \theta = \tan^2 \alpha$  is  $\theta = n\pi \pm \alpha$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- **The Sine Rule :** In  $\Delta ABC$ ,  $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} = 2R$ , where  $R$  is the circumradius of  $\Delta ABC$ .

Following are the different forms of the Sine rule.

- (i)  $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} = 2R$
- (ii)  $a = 2R \sin A, b = 2R \sin B, c = 2R \sin C$
- (iii)  $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c} = k$
- (iv)  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{\sin A}{\sin B}, \frac{b}{c} = \frac{\sin B}{\sin C}$
- (v)  $b \sin A = a \sin B, c \sin B = b \sin C, c \sin A = a \sin C$

- **The Cosine Rule :** In  $\Delta ABC$ ,

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A, b^2 = c^2 + a^2 - 2ca \cos B, c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

- **The Projection Rule :** In  $\Delta ABC$ ,

$$a = b \cos C + c \cos B, b = c \cos A + a \cos C, c = a \cos B + b \cos A$$

- **Half angle formulae :** In  $\Delta ABC$ , if  $a+b+c=2s$  then

$$(i) \sin \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{bc}}, \sin \frac{B}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-c)}{ac}}, \sin \frac{C}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-a)}{ab}}$$

$$(ii) \cos \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{bc}}, \cos \frac{B}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{s(s-b)}{ac}}, \cos \frac{C}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{s(s-c)}{ab}}$$

$$(iii) \tan \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{s(s-a)}}, \tan \frac{B}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-c)}{s(s-b)}}, \tan \frac{C}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{s(s-c)}}$$



**Ex. (1)** In  $\Delta ABC$ , prove that  $a^3 \sin(B-C) + b^3 \sin(C-A) + c^3 \sin(A-B) = 0$ .

**Solution : Method I**

We know that by Sine Rule, in  $\Delta ABC$ ,  $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} = 2R$

$$\therefore \frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c} = k$$

$$\therefore \sin A = ak, \sin B = bk, \sin C = ck$$

By Cosine Rule,  $b^2 + c^2 - a^2 = 2bc \cos A$ ,

$$c^2 + a^2 - b^2 = 2ca \cos B,$$

$$a^2 + b^2 - c^2 = 2ab \cos C$$

Consider the expression,  $a^3 \sin(B-C)$ ,

$$a^3 \sin(B-C) = a^3 (\sin B \cos C - \cos B \sin C)$$

$$= a^3 (bk \cos C - ck \cos B) = ka^2 (ab \cos C - ac \cos B)$$

$$= \frac{ka^2}{2} (2ab \cos C - 2ac \cos B) = \frac{ka^2}{2} ((a^2 + b^2 - c^2) - (c^2 + a^2 - b^2))$$

$$= \frac{ka^2}{2} (2b^2 - 2c^2) = ka^2 b^2 - ka^2 c^2$$

$$\therefore a^3 \sin(B-C) = k^2 b^2 - k^2 c^2 \quad \dots(1)$$

Similarly we can prove that

$$b^3 \sin(C-A) = k^2 c^2 - k^2 a^2 \quad \dots(2)$$

$$c^3 \sin(A-B) = k^2 a^2 - k^2 b^2 \quad \dots(3)$$

Adding (1), (2) and (3), we get

$$a^3 \sin(B-C) + b^3 \sin(C-A) + c^3 \sin(A-B) = 0$$

**Method II :** By using identity  $\sin(A+B)\sin(A-B) = \sin^2 A - \sin^2 B$

Consider the expression,  $a^3 \sin(B-C)$ ,

$$a^3 \sin(B-C) = a^2 a \sin(B-C)$$

$$= a^2 k \sin A \sin(B-C)$$

$$= a^2 k \sin(B+C) \sin(B-C)$$

$$= a^2 k (b^2 - c^2)$$

$$\therefore a^3 \sin(B-C) = ka^2 b^2 - ka^2 c^2 \quad \dots(1)$$



Similarly we can prove that

$$b^3 \sin(C-A) = kc^2b^2 - ka^2b^2 \dots (2)$$

$$c^3 \sin(A-B) = ka^2c^2 - kb^2c^2 \dots (3)$$

Adding (1), (2) and (3), we get

$$a^3 \sin(B-C) + b^3 \sin(C-A) + c^3 \sin(A-B) = 0$$

**Ex. (2)** In  $\Delta ABC$  prove that :

$$(c^2 + b^2 - a^2) \tan A = (a^2 + c^2 - b^2) \tan B = (b^2 + a^2 - c^2) \tan C$$

**Solution :** By Cosine Rule,  $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$

$$b^2 = c^2 + a^2 - 2ca \cos B$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

Consider the expression  $(c^2 + b^2 - a^2) \tan A$ ,

$$(c^2 + b^2 - a^2) \tan A = 2bc \cos A \times \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}$$

$$= 2bc \times \sin A$$

$$= 2bc \times ak \text{ (by Sine Rule)}$$

$$= 2abck$$

$$\therefore (c^2 + b^2 - a^2) \tan A = 2abck \dots (1)$$

Similarly we can prove that

$$(a^2 + c^2 - b^2) \tan B = 2abck \dots (2)$$

$$(b^2 + a^2 - c^2) \tan C = 2abck \dots (3)$$

From (1), (2) and (3), we get

$$(c^2 + b^2 - a^2) \tan A = (a^2 + c^2 - b^2) \tan B = (b^2 + a^2 - c^2) \tan C$$

**Ex.(3)** In  $\Delta ABC$ , prove that  $\cot\left(\frac{A}{2}\right) + \cot\left(\frac{B}{2}\right) + \cot\left(\frac{C}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{a+b+c}{b+c-a}\right) \cot\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)$

**Solution :** We know that  $\tan \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{s(s-a)}}$ ,  $\tan \frac{B}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-c)}{s(s-b)}}$ ,

$$\tan \frac{C}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{s(s-c)}}$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2}$$



$$= \frac{1}{\tan \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\tan \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{(s-b)(s-c)}} + \sqrt{\frac{s(s-b)}{(s-a)(s-c)}} + \sqrt{\frac{s(s-c)}{(s-a)(s-b)}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)^2}{(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}} + \sqrt{\frac{s(s-b)^2}{(s-a)(s-c)(s-b)}} + \sqrt{\frac{s(s-c)^2}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{s}{(s-b)(s-a)(s-c)}} \left\{ \sqrt{(s-a)^2} + \sqrt{(s-b)^2} + \sqrt{(s-c)^2} \right\}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{s}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}} \left\{ (s-a) + (s-b) + (s-c) \right\}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{s}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}} \{ 3s - (a+b+c) \}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{s}{(s-b)(s-a)(s-c)}} \{ 3s - 2s \}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{s}{(s-b)(s-a)(s-c)}} \times s$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{s}{(s-b)(s-c)}} \times \frac{s}{s-a}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{(s-b)(s-c)}} \times \frac{s}{s-a}$$

$$= \frac{2s}{(2s-2a)} \times \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{(s-b)(s-c)}}$$

$$= \frac{a+b+c}{(a+b+c-2a)} \times \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{(s-b)(s-c)}}$$

$$= \frac{a+b+c}{b+c-a} \cot \frac{A}{2}$$

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$



**Ex.(4)** If  $0 < 2x < 1$  and  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} 2x = \frac{\pi}{3}$  then find  $x$ .

**Solution :** Let  $\sin^{-1} x = \theta$

$$\therefore \sin \theta = x \text{ and } \cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\text{As } \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} 2x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\sin^{-1} 2x = \frac{\pi}{3} - \sin^{-1} x$$

$$\therefore \sin^{-1} 2x = \frac{\pi}{3} - \theta$$

$$\therefore 2x = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta\right)$$

$$\therefore 2x = \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \cos \theta - \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore 2x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore 4x = \sqrt{3} \cos \theta - \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore 4x = \sqrt{3} \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta} - x$$

$$\therefore 5x = \sqrt{3(1 - x^2)}$$

$$\therefore 25x^2 = 3 - 3x^2$$

$$\therefore 28x^2 = 3$$

$$\therefore x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{28}}$$

$$\text{But } 0 < 2x < 1, \therefore x = \sqrt{\frac{3}{28}}$$

**Ex.(5)** Find the general solution of (a)  $\sin \theta + \cos \theta + 1 = 0$  (b)  $\tan^3 \theta - 3 \tan \theta = 0$

**Solution :** (a) Given  $\sin \theta + \cos \theta + 1 = 0 \therefore \sin \theta + \cos \theta = -1$

**Solution :**

① Given  $\sin \theta + \cos \theta + 1 = 0$

$$\therefore \sin \theta + \cos \theta = -1$$

multiplying b.s. by  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{4} \cos \theta + \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \sin \theta = -\cos \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\cos\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\therefore -\cos \theta = \cos(\pi - \theta)$$

$$\therefore \cos\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\cos \theta = \cos \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = 2n\pi \pm \alpha, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore \theta - \frac{\pi}{4} = 2n\pi \pm \frac{3\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore \theta - \frac{\pi}{4} = 2n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\textcircled{\text{or}} \theta - \frac{\pi}{4} = 2n\pi - \frac{3\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$



$$\therefore \theta = 2n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = 2n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore \theta = 2n\pi + \pi \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = 2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(b)  $\tan^3 \theta - 3 \tan \theta = 0$

$$\therefore \tan \theta (\tan^2 \theta - 3) = 0$$

**Solution :**

Given  $\tan^3 \theta - 3 \tan \theta = 0$

$$\therefore \tan \theta (\tan^2 \theta - 3) = 0$$

$$\tan \theta = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \tan^2 \theta - 3 = 0$$

consider  $\tan \theta = 0$

$$\tan \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

consider  $\tan^2 \theta - 3 = 0$

$$\tan^2 \theta = 3$$

$$\tan^2 \theta = (\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$\tan^2 \theta = \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\tan^2 \theta = \tan^2 \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = m\pi \pm \alpha, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore \theta = m\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore$  The required general sol<sup>n</sup>

are  $\theta = n\pi$  or  $\theta = m\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$   
 $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Ex. (6)** Using Cosine rule prove the Sine rule.

**Solution :**  $\left(\frac{\sin A}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{\sin^2 A}{a^2}$

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

$$= \frac{1 - \left[\frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}\right]^2}{a^2}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \frac{(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)^2}{(2bc)^2}}{a^2}$$

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

$$= \frac{(2bc + b^2 + c^2 - a^2)(2bc - b^2 - c^2 + a^2)}{4a^2 b^2 c^2}$$

$$= \frac{(b^2 + 2bc + c^2 - a^2)(a^2 - (b^2 - 2bc + c^2))}{4a^2 b^2 c^2}$$

$$= \frac{[(b+c)^2 - a^2][a^2 - (b-c)^2]}{4a^2 b^2 c^2}$$

$$= \frac{(a+b+c)(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(a-b+c)}{4a^2 b^2 c^2}$$

— (1)

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{\sin B}{b}\right)^2 &= \frac{\sin^2 B}{b^2} = \frac{1 - \cos^2 B}{b^2} \\
 &= \frac{1 - \left[\frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2ca}\right]^2}{b^2} \\
 &= \frac{(2ca)^2 - (c^2 + a^2 - b^2)^2}{(2ca)^2 b^2} \\
 &= \frac{(2ca + c^2 + a^2 - b^2)(2ca - c^2 - a^2 + b^2)}{4a^2 b^2 c^2} \\
 &= \frac{[(c+a-b)(c+a+b)(b+c-a)(b-c+a)]}{4a^2 b^2 c^2} \\
 &= \frac{(a+b+c)(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(a-b+c)}{4a^2 b^2 c^2} \quad \text{--- (II)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Similarly} \\
 \left(\frac{\sin C}{c}\right)^2 &= \frac{(a+b+c)(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(a-b+c)}{4a^2 b^2 c^2} \quad \text{--- (III)}
 \end{aligned}$$

from (I) (II) and (III)

$$\left(\frac{\sin A}{a}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sin B}{b}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sin C}{c}\right)^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$

**Ex. (7)** Write principal solutions of  $\tan 5\theta = -1$

**Solution :**

$$\tan 5\theta = -1$$

$$\tan 5\theta = -\tan \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\tan 5\theta = -\tan\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$[\because -\tan \theta = \tan(\pi - \theta)]$$

$$\therefore \tan 5\theta = \tan \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\tan \theta = \tan \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi + \alpha, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore 5\theta = n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{n\pi}{5} + \frac{3\pi}{20}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Put } n=0, \theta = \frac{3\pi}{20} \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\text{Put } n=1, \theta = \frac{\pi}{5} + \frac{3\pi}{20} = \frac{7\pi}{20} \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\text{Put } n=2, \theta = \frac{2\pi}{5} + \frac{3\pi}{20} = \frac{11\pi}{20} \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\text{Put } n=3, \theta = \frac{3\pi}{5} + \frac{3\pi}{20} = \frac{3\pi}{4} \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\text{Put } n=4, \theta = \frac{4\pi}{5} + \frac{3\pi}{20} = \frac{19\pi}{20} \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\text{Put } n=5, \theta = \frac{5\pi}{5} + \frac{3\pi}{20} = \frac{23\pi}{20} \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\text{Put } n=6, \theta = \frac{6\pi}{5} + \frac{3\pi}{20} = \frac{27\pi}{20} \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\text{Put } n=7, \theta = \frac{7\pi}{5} + \frac{3\pi}{20} = \frac{31\pi}{20} \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\text{Put } n=8, \theta = \frac{8\pi}{5} + \frac{3\pi}{20} = \frac{35\pi}{20} \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\text{Put } n=9, \theta = \frac{9\pi}{5} + \frac{3\pi}{20} = \frac{39\pi}{20} \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\text{Put } n=10, \theta = \frac{10\pi}{5} + \frac{3\pi}{20} = \frac{43\pi}{20} \notin [0, 2\pi]$$

$\therefore$  The principal solutions of  $\tan 5\theta = -1$

$$\text{is } \left\{ \frac{3\pi}{20}, \frac{7\pi}{20}, \frac{11\pi}{20}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{19\pi}{20}, \frac{23\pi}{20}, \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{27\pi}{20}, \frac{31\pi}{20}, \frac{7\pi}{4}, \frac{39\pi}{20} \right\}$$

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