Questions: Trigonometric identities (degrees)

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Summary

A selection of questions on trigonometric identities, where angles are measured in degrees.

Before attempting these questions, it is recommended that you read Guide: Trigonometric identities (degrees).

Q1

Using trigonometric identities, find the values of the following expressions:

1.1. $2(6\sin^2(\theta)) + 3(4\cos^2(\theta))$.

1.2. $10(7\sin^2(\theta)) + 14(5\cos^2(\theta))$.

1.3. $5\left(\dfrac{6}{\csc^2(\theta)}\right) + 15\left(\dfrac{2}{\sec^2(\theta)}\right)$.

1.4. $(\cos^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta))^2 + 4sin^2(\theta)\cos^2(\theta)$

1.5. $2\sin(30)\cos(15) + 2\cos(30)\sin(15)$

1.6. $3\cos(45)\cos(15) - 3\sin(45)\sin(15)$

1.7. $\sin(150) + \sin(30)$

1.8. $\cos(150) + \cos(30)$

Q2

Simplify the following expressions:

2.1. $\tan(\theta)\cos(-\theta)$

2.2 $\tan(-\theta)\csc(-\theta)\sec(-\theta)$

2.3. $\tan^2(\theta) + \sin^2(\theta) + \cos^2(\theta)$

2.4. $\dfrac{2\sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)(1-\tan^2(\theta))}$

2.5. $\dfrac{\sin(7\theta) + \sin(3\theta)}{\cos(7\theta) - \cos(3\theta)}$

2.6. $\dfrac{\sin(5\theta) - \sin(\theta)}{\cos(5\theta) + \cos(\theta)}$

Q3

Using trigonometric identities, answer the following questions:

3.1. What is the value of $\cos(210^\circ)$?

3.2. What are the values of $\sin(135^\circ)$ and $\sin(225^\circ)$?

3.3. If $\sin(50^\circ)$ has the value 0.766 (to 3 decimal places), what is the value of $\cos(130^\circ)$ to three decimal places?

Q4

Using trigonometric identities, find **exact** values of the following:

4.1. $\sin(15)$

4.2. $\cos(15)$

4.3. $\tan(15)$

4.4. $\sin(75)$

4.5. $\cos(75)$

4.6. $\tan(75)$

After attempting the questions above, please click this link to find the answers.

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