

# TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATION

## 1. TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATION :

An equation involving one or more trigonometrical ratios of unknown angles is called a trigonometrical equation.

## 2. SOLUTION OF TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATION :

A value of the unknown angle which satisfies the given equation is called a solution of the trigonometric equation.

- (a) **Principal solution** :- The solution of the trigonometric equation lying in the interval  $[0, 2\pi)$ .
- (b) **General solution** :- Since all the trigonometric functions are many one & periodic, hence there are infinite values of  $\theta$  for which trigonometric functions have the same value. All such possible values of  $\theta$  for which the given trigonometric function is satisfied is given by a general formula. Such a general formula is called general solution of trigonometric equation.
- (c) **Particular solution** :- The solution of the trigonometric equation lying in the given interval.

## 3. GENERAL SOLUTIONS OF SOME TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATIONS (TO BE REMEMBERED) :

- (a) If  $\sin \theta = 0$ , then  $\theta = n\pi$ ,  $n \in I$  (set of integers)
- (b) If  $\cos \theta = 0$ , then  $\theta = (2n+1) \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $n \in I$
- (c) If  $\tan \theta = 0$ , then  $\theta = n\pi$ ,  $n \in I$
- (d) If  $\sin \theta = \sin \alpha$ , then  $\theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha$  where  $\alpha \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ ,  $n \in I$
- (e) If  $\cos \theta = \cos \alpha$ , then  $\theta = 2n\pi \pm \alpha$ ,  $n \in I$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, \pi]$
- (f) If  $\tan \theta = \tan \alpha$ , then  $\theta = n\pi + \alpha$ ,  $n \in I$ ,  $\alpha \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
- (g) If  $\sin \theta = 1$ , then  $\theta = 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} = (4n+1) \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $n \in I$
- (h) If  $\cos \theta = 1$  then  $\theta = 2n\pi$ ,  $n \in I$
- (i) If  $\sin^2 \theta = \sin^2 \alpha$  or  $\cos^2 \theta = \cos^2 \alpha$  or  $\tan^2 \theta = \tan^2 \alpha$ , then  $\theta = n\pi \pm \alpha$ ,  $n \in I$
- (j) For  $n \in I$ ,  $\sin n\pi = 0$  and  $\cos n\pi = (-1)^n$ ,  $n \in I$   
 $\sin(n\pi + \theta) = (-1)^n \sin \theta$        $\cos(n\pi + \theta) = (-1)^n \cos \theta$
- (k)  $\cos n\pi = (-1)^n$ ,  $n \in I$

If  $n$  is an odd integer, then  $\sin \frac{n\pi}{2} = (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$ ,  $\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} = 0$ ,

$$\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2} + \theta\right) = (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \cos \theta$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2} + \theta\right) = (-1)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \sin \theta$$

**Illustration 1 :** Find the set of values of  $x$  for which  $\frac{\tan 3x - \tan 2x}{1 + \tan 3x \cdot \tan 2x} = 1$ .

**Solution :** We have,  $\frac{\tan 3x - \tan 2x}{1 + \tan 3x \cdot \tan 2x} = 1 \Rightarrow \tan(3x - 2x) = 1 \Rightarrow \tan x = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x = \tan \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow x = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I \quad \{\text{using } \tan \theta = \tan \alpha \Leftrightarrow \theta = n\pi + \alpha\}$$

But for this value of  $x$ ,  $\tan 2x$  is not defined.

Hence the solution set for  $x$  is  $\phi$ .

**Ans.**

Do yourself-1 :

(i) Find general solutions of the following equations :

(a)  $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$

(b)  $\cos\left(\frac{3\theta}{2}\right) = 0$

(c)  $\tan\left(\frac{3\theta}{4}\right) = 0$

(d)  $\cos^2 2\theta = 1$

(e)  $\sqrt{3} \sec 2\theta = 2$

(f)  $\operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = -1$

**4. IMPORTANT POINTS TO BE REMEMBERED WHILE SOLVING TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATIONS :**

- (a) For equations of the type  $\sin \theta = k$  or  $\cos \theta = k$ , one must check that  $|k| \leq 1$ .
- (b) Avoid squaring the equations, if possible, because it may lead to extraneous solutions. Reject extra solutions if they do not satisfy the given equation.
- (c) Do not cancel the common variable factor from the two sides of the equations which are in a product because we may lose some solutions.
- (d) The answer should not contain such values of  $\theta$ , which make any of the terms undefined or infinite.
- (i) Check that denominator is not zero at any stage while solving equations.
- (ii) If  $\tan \theta$  or  $\sec \theta$  is involved in the equations,  $\theta$  should not be odd multiple of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .
- (iii) If  $\cot \theta$  or  $\operatorname{cosec} \theta$  is involved in the equation,  $\theta$  should not be multiple of  $\pi$  or 0.

**5. DIFFERENT STRATEGIES FOR SOLVING TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATIONS :**

(a) Solving trigonometric equations by factorisation.

e.g.  $(2 \sin x - \cos x)(1 + \cos x) = \sin^2 x$

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

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

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

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

$\Rightarrow \cos x = -1 = \cos \pi \Rightarrow x = 2n\pi + \pi = (2n + 1)\pi, n \in I$

or  $\sin x = \frac{1}{2} = \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \Rightarrow x = k\pi + (-1)^k \frac{\pi}{6}, k \in I$

**Illustration 2 :** If  $\frac{1}{6} \sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$  and  $\tan \theta$  are in G.P. then the general solution for  $\theta$  is -

(A)  $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$

(B)  $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}$

(C)  $n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$

(D) none of these

**Solution :** Since,  $\frac{1}{6} \sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$ ,  $\tan \theta$  are in G.P.

$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{6} \sin \theta \cdot \tan \theta \Rightarrow 6\cos^3 \theta + \cos^2 \theta - 1 = 0$

$\therefore (2\cos \theta - 1)(3\cos^2 \theta + 2\cos \theta + 1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (other values of } \cos \theta \text{ are imaginary)}$

$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \theta = 2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, n \in I.$

**Ans. (A)**

(b) Solving of trigonometric equation by reducing it to a quadratic equation.

e.g.  $6 - 10\cos x = 3\sin^2 x$

$$\therefore 6 - 10\cos x = 3 - 3\cos^2 x \Rightarrow 3\cos^2 x - 10\cos x + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3\cos x - 1)(\cos x - 3) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos x = \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } \cos x = 3$$

Since  $\cos x = 3$  is not possible as  $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$

$$\therefore \cos x = \frac{1}{3} = \cos\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{1}{3}\right) \Rightarrow x = 2n\pi \pm \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right), n \in \mathbb{I}$$

**Illustration 3 :** Solve  $\sin^2 \theta - \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4}$  for  $\theta$  and write the values of  $\theta$  in the interval  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ .

**Solution :** The given equation can be written as

$$1 - \cos^2 \theta - \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta + \cos \theta - 3/4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\cos^2 \theta + 4\cos \theta - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow (2\cos \theta - 1)(2\cos \theta + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}$$

Since,  $\cos \theta = -3/2$  is not possible as  $-1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \theta = 2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, n \in \mathbb{I}$$

For the given interval,  $n = 0$  and  $n = 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

**Ans.**

**Illustration 4 :** Find the number of solutions of  $\tan x + \sec x = 2\cos x$  in  $[0, 2\pi]$ .

**Solution :** Here,  $\tan x + \sec x = 2\cos x \Rightarrow \sin x + 1 = 2\cos^2 x$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin^2 x + \sin x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{1}{2}, -1$$

But  $\sin x = -1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$  for which  $\tan x + \sec x = 2\cos x$  is not defined.

$$\text{Thus } \sin x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$\Rightarrow$  number of solutions of  $\tan x + \sec x = 2\cos x$  is 2.

**Ans.**

**Illustration 5 :** Solve the equation  $5\sin^2 x - 7\sin x \cos x + 16\cos^2 x = 4$

**Solution :** To solve this equation we use the fundamental formula of trigonometric identities,

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

writing the equation in the form,

$$5\sin^2 x - 7\sin x \cos x + 16\cos^2 x = 4(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 x - 7\sin x \cos x + 12\cos^2 x = 0$$

dividing by  $\cos^2 x$  on both side we get,

$$\tan^2 x - 7\tan x + 12 = 0$$

Now it can be factorized as :

$$(\tan x - 3)(\tan x - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x = 3, 4$$

$$\text{i.e., } \tan x = \tan(\tan^{-1}3) \text{ or } \tan x = \tan(\tan^{-1}4)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = n\pi + \tan^{-1}3 \text{ or } x = n\pi + \tan^{-1}4, n \in \mathbb{I}$$

**Ans.**

**Illustration 6 :** If  $x \neq \frac{n\pi}{2}$ ,  $n \in I$  and  $(\cos x)^{\sin^2 x - 3\sin x + 2} = 1$ , then find the general solutions of  $x$ .

**Solution :** As  $x \neq \frac{n\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \cos x \neq 0, 1, -1$

$$\text{So, } (\cos x)^{\sin^2 x - 3\sin x + 2} = 1 \Rightarrow \sin^2 x - 3\sin x + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (\sin x - 2)(\sin x - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \sin x = 1, 2$$

where  $\sin x = 2$  is not possible and  $\sin x = 1$  which is also not possible as  $x \neq \frac{n\pi}{2}$

$\therefore$  no general solution is possible.

**Ans.**

**Illustration 7 :** Solve the equation  $\sin^4 x + \cos^4 x = \frac{7}{2} \sin x \cdot \cos x$ .

**Solution :**  $\sin^4 x + \cos^4 x = \frac{7}{2} \sin x \cdot \cos x \Rightarrow (\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)^2 - 2\sin^2 x \cos^2 x = \frac{7}{2} \sin x \cdot \cos x$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{2}(\sin 2x)^2 = \frac{7}{4}(\sin 2x) \Rightarrow 2\sin^2 2x + 7\sin 2x - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2\sin 2x - 1)(\sin 2x + 4) = 0 \Rightarrow \sin 2x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \sin 2x = -4 \text{ (which is not possible)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in I$$

$$\text{i.e., } x = \frac{n\pi}{2} + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{12}, n \in I$$

**Ans.**

**Do yourself-2 :**

(i) Solve the following equations :

(a)  $3\sin x + 2\cos^2 x = 0$

(b)  $\sec^2 2\alpha = 1 - \tan 2\alpha$

(c)  $7\cos^2 \theta + 3\sin^2 \theta = 4$

(d)  $4\cos \theta - 3\sec \theta = \tan \theta$

(ii) Solve the equation :  $2\sin^2 \theta + \sin^2 2\theta = 2$  for  $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi)$ .

(c) **Solving trigonometric equations by introducing an auxilliary argument.**

Consider,  $a \sin \theta + b \cos \theta = c$  ..... (i)

$$\therefore \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin \theta + \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos \theta = \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

equation (i) has a solution only if  $|c| \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

$$\text{let } \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \cos \phi, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \sin \phi \text{ \& } \phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a}$$

by introducing this auxilliary argument  $\phi$ , equation (i) reduces to

$$\sin(\theta + \phi) = \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \quad \text{Now this equation can be solved easily.}$$

**Illustration 8 :** Find the number of distinct solutions of  $\sec x + \tan x = \sqrt{3}$ , where  $0 \leq x \leq 3\pi$ .

**Solution :** Here,  $\sec x + \tan x = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow 1 + \sin x = \sqrt{3} \cos x$

$$\text{or } \sqrt{3} \cos x - \sin x = 1$$

dividing both sides by  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  i.e.  $\sqrt{4} = 2$ , we get

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos \frac{\pi}{6} \cos x - \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \sin x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \cos \left( x + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

As  $0 \leq x \leq 3\pi$

$$\frac{\pi}{6} \leq x + \frac{\pi}{6} \leq 3\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}, \frac{7\pi}{3} \Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{13\pi}{6}$$

But at  $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ ,  $\tan x$  and  $\sec x$  is not defined.

$\therefore$  Total number of solutions are 2.

**Ans.**

**Illustration 9 :** Prove that the equation  $k \cos x - 3 \sin x = k + 1$  possess a solution iff  $k \in (-\infty, 4]$ .

**Solution :** Here,  $k \cos x - 3 \sin x = k + 1$ , could be re-written as :

$$\frac{k}{\sqrt{k^2 + 9}} \cos x - \frac{3}{\sqrt{k^2 + 9}} \sin x = \frac{k+1}{\sqrt{k^2 + 9}}$$

$$\text{or } \cos(x + \phi) = \frac{k+1}{\sqrt{k^2 + 9}}, \text{ where } \tan \phi = \frac{3}{k}$$

which possess a solution only if  $-1 \leq \frac{k+1}{\sqrt{k^2 + 9}} \leq 1$

$$\text{i.e., } \left| \frac{k+1}{\sqrt{k^2 + 9}} \right| \leq 1$$

$$\text{i.e., } (k+1)^2 \leq k^2 + 9$$

$$\text{i.e., } k^2 + 2k + 1 \leq k^2 + 9$$

$$\text{or } k \leq 4$$

$\Rightarrow$  The interval of  $k$  for which the equation  $(k \cos x - 3 \sin x = k + 1)$  has a solution is  $(-\infty, 4]$ .

**Ans.**

**Do yourself-3 :**

(i) Solve the following equations :

(a)  $\sin x + \sqrt{2} = \cos x.$

(b)  $\operatorname{cosec} \theta = 1 + \cot \theta.$

(d) Solving trigonometric equations by transforming sum of trigonometric functions into product.

e.g.  $\cos 3x + \sin 2x - \sin 4x = 0$

$$\cos 3x - 2 \sin x \cos 3x = 0$$

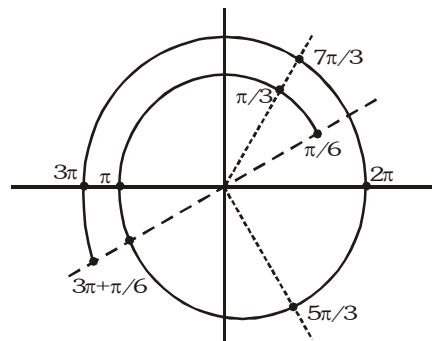
$$\Rightarrow (\cos 3x) (1 - 2 \sin x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 3x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 3x = 0 = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \sin x = \frac{1}{2} = \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = 2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = m\pi + (-1)^m \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2n\pi}{3} \pm \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad x = m\pi + (-1)^m \frac{\pi}{6}; (n, m \in \mathbb{I})$$



**Illustration 10 :** Solve :  $\cos\theta + \cos3\theta + \cos5\theta + \cos7\theta = 0$

**Solution :** We have  $\cos\theta + \cos7\theta + \cos3\theta + \cos5\theta = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2\cos4\theta\cos3\theta + 2\cos4\theta\cos\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \cos4\theta(\cos3\theta + \cos\theta) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \cos4\theta(2\cos2\theta\cos\theta) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Either  $\cos\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = (2n_1 + 1)\pi/2, n_1 \in I$   
 or  $\cos2\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = (2n_2 + 1)\frac{\pi}{4}, n_2 \in I$   
 or  $\cos4\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = (2n_3 + 1)\frac{\pi}{8}, n_3 \in I$

**Ans.**

**(e) Solving trigonometric equations by transforming a product into sum.**

e.g.  $\sin5x \cdot \cos3x = \sin6x \cdot \cos2x$   
 $\sin8x + \sin2x = \sin8x + \sin4x$   
 $\therefore 2\sin2x \cdot \cos2x - \sin2x = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin2x(2\cos2x - 1) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin2x = 0$  or  $\cos2x = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin2x = 0 = \sin0$  or  $\cos2x = \frac{1}{2} = \cos\frac{\pi}{3}$   
 $\Rightarrow 2x = n\pi + (-1)^n \cdot 0, n \in I$  or  $2x = 2m\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, m \in I$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{n\pi}{2}, n \in I$  or  $x = m\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}, m \in I$

**Illustration 11 :** Solve :  $\cos\theta \cos2\theta \cos3\theta = \frac{1}{4}$ ; where  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ .

**Solution :**  $\frac{1}{2}(2\cos\theta \cos3\theta) \cos2\theta = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow (\cos2\theta + \cos4\theta) \cos2\theta = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}[2\cos^2 2\theta + 2\cos4\theta \cos2\theta] = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 1 + \cos4\theta + 2\cos4\theta \cos2\theta = 1$   
 $\therefore \cos4\theta(1 + 2\cos2\theta) = 0$   
 $\cos4\theta = 0$  or  $(1 + 2\cos2\theta) = 0$   
 Now from the first equation :  $2\cos4\theta = 0 = \cos(\pi/2)$   
 $\therefore 4\theta = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi \Rightarrow \theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{8}, n \in I$   
 for  $n = 0, \theta = \frac{\pi}{8}; n = 1, \theta = \frac{3\pi}{8}; n = 2, \theta = \frac{5\pi}{8}; n = 3, \theta = \frac{7\pi}{8}$  ( $\because 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ )  
 and from the second equation :  
 $\cos2\theta = -\frac{1}{2} = -\cos(\pi/3) = \cos(\pi - \pi/3) = \cos(2\pi/3)$   
 $\therefore 2\theta = 2k\pi \pm 2\pi/3 \therefore \theta = k\pi \pm \pi/3, k \in I$   
 again for  $k = 0, \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}; k = 1, \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$  ( $\because 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ )  
 $\therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{3\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{7\pi}{8}$

**Ans.**

**Do yourself-4 :**

(i) Solve  $4\sin\theta \sin 2\theta \sin 4\theta = \sin 3\theta$ .

(ii) Solve for  $x$  :  $\sin x + \sin 3x + \sin 5x = 0$ .

**(f) Solving equations by a change of variable :**

- (i) Equations of the form  $P(\sin x \pm \cos x, \sin x \cdot \cos x) = 0$ , where  $P(y, z)$  is a polynomial, can be solved by the substitution :

$$\cos x \pm \sin x = t \Rightarrow 1 \pm 2 \sin x \cdot \cos x = t^2.$$

e.g.  $\sin x + \cos x = 1 + \sin x \cdot \cos x$ .

put  $\sin x + \cos x = t$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x + 2 \sin x \cdot \cos x = t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin x \cos x = t^2 - 1 \quad (\because \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x \cdot \cos x = \left( \frac{t^2 - 1}{2} \right)$$

Substituting above result in given equation, we get :

$$t = 1 + \frac{t^2 - 1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t = t^2 + 1 \Rightarrow t^2 - 2t + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (t - 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow t = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x + \cos x = 1$$

Dividing both sides by  $\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2}$  i.e.  $\sqrt{2}$ , we get

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \cos x \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \sin x \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \left( x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow x - \frac{\pi}{4} = 2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2n\pi \text{ or } x = 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} = (4n + 1) \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in I$$

- (ii) Equations of the form of  $a \sin x + b \cos x + d = 0$ , where  $a, b$  &  $d$  are real numbers can be solved by changing  $\sin x$  &  $\cos x$  into their corresponding tangent of half the angle.

e.g.  $3 \cos x + 4 \sin x = 5$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \left( \frac{1 - \tan^2 x/2}{1 + \tan^2 x/2} \right) + 4 \left( \frac{2 \tan x/2}{1 + \tan^2 x/2} \right) = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3 - 3 \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}} + \frac{8 \tan \frac{x}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 - 3 \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} + 8 \tan \frac{x}{2} = 5 + 5 \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} \Rightarrow 8 \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} - 8 \tan \frac{x}{2} + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} - 4 \tan \frac{x}{2} + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \left( 2 \tan \frac{x}{2} - 1 \right)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \tan \frac{x}{2} - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \tan \frac{x}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = \tan \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} = n\pi + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right), n \in I \Rightarrow x = 2n\pi + 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}, n \in I$$

(iii) Many equations can be solved by introducing a new variable.

e.g.  $\sin^4 2x + \cos^4 2x = \sin 2x \cdot \cos 2x$

substituting  $\sin 2x \cdot \cos 2x = y \quad \therefore (\sin^2 2x + \cos^2 2x)^2 = \sin^4 2x + \cos^4 2x + 2\sin^2 2x \cdot \cos^2 2x$

$\Rightarrow \sin^4 2x + \cos^4 2x = 1 - 2\sin^2 2x \cdot \cos^2 2x$  substituting above result in given equation :

$1 - 2y^2 = y$

$\Rightarrow 2y^2 + y - 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow 2(y+1)\left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$

$\Rightarrow y = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad y = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \sin 2x \cdot \cos 2x = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad \sin 2x \cdot \cos 2x = \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow 2\sin 2x \cdot \cos 2x = -2 \quad \text{or} \quad 2\sin 2x \cdot \cos 2x = 1$

$\Rightarrow \sin 4x = -2$  (which is not possible) or  $2\sin 2x \cdot \cos 2x = 1$

$\Rightarrow \sin 4x = 1 = \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \Rightarrow 4x = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{I} \Rightarrow x = \frac{n\pi}{4} + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{8}, n \in \mathbb{I}$

**Illustration 12 :** Find the general solution of equation  $\sin^4 x + \cos^4 x = \sin x \cos x$ .

**Solution :** Using half-angle formulae, we can represent given equation in the form :

$$\left(\frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}\right)^2 = \sin x \cos x$$

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

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

$\Rightarrow \sin^2 2x + \sin 2x = 2$

$\Rightarrow \sin 2x = 1$  or  $\sin 2x = -2$  (which is not possible)

$\Rightarrow 2x = 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{I}$

$\Rightarrow x = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{I}$

**Ans.**

**(g) Solving trigonometric equations with the use of the boundness of the functions involved.**

e.g.  $\sin x \left( \cos \frac{x}{4} - 2 \sin x \right) + \left( 1 + \sin \frac{x}{4} - 2 \cos x \right) \cdot \cos x = 0$

$\therefore \sin x \cos \frac{x}{4} + \cos x \sin \frac{x}{4} + \cos x = 2$

$\therefore \sin \left( \frac{5x}{4} \right) + \cos x = 2$

$\Rightarrow \sin \left( \frac{5x}{4} \right) = 1 \quad \& \quad \cos x = 1 \quad (\text{as } \sin \theta \leq 1 \quad \& \quad \cos \theta \leq 1)$

Now consider

$\cos x = 1 \Rightarrow x = 2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi, 8\pi, \dots$

and  $\sin \frac{5x}{4} = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{2\pi}{5}, \frac{10\pi}{5}, \frac{18\pi}{5}, \dots$

Common solution to above APs will be the AP having

First term =  $2\pi$



Common difference = LCM of  $2\pi$  and  $\frac{8\pi}{5} = \frac{40\pi}{5} = 8\pi$

$\therefore$  General solution will be general term of this AP i.e.  $2\pi + (8\pi)n, n \in \mathbb{I}$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 2(4n + 1)\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$

**Illustration 13 :** Solve the equation  $(\sin x + \cos x)^{1+\sin 2x} = 2$ , when  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

**Solution :** We know,  $-\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \leq a \sin \theta + b \cos \theta \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  and  $-1 \leq \sin \theta \leq 1$ .

$\therefore (\sin x + \cos x)$  admits the maximum value as  $\sqrt{2}$

and  $(1 + \sin 2x)$  admits the maximum value as 2.

Also  $(\sqrt{2})^2 = 2$ .

$\therefore$  the equation could hold only when,  $\sin x + \cos x = \sqrt{2}$  and  $1 + \sin 2x = 2$

$$\text{Now, } \sin x + \cos x = \sqrt{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2n\pi + \pi/4, n \in \mathbb{I} \quad \dots\dots (i)$$

$$\text{and } 1 + \sin 2x = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sin 2x = 1 = \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = m\pi + (-1)^m \frac{\pi}{2}, m \in \mathbb{I} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = \frac{m\pi}{2} + (-1)^m \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \dots\dots (ii)$$

The value of  $x$  in  $[0, \pi]$  satisfying equations (i) and (ii) is  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$  (when  $n = 0$  &  $m = 0$ ) **Ans.**

**Note :**  $\sin x + \cos x = -\sqrt{2}$  and  $1 + \sin 2x = 2$  also satisfies but as  $x \geq 0$ , this solution is not in domain.

**Illustration 14 :** Solve for  $x$  and  $y$  :  $2^{\frac{1}{\cos^2 x}} \sqrt{y^2 - y + 1/2} \leq 1$

**Solution :**  $2^{\frac{1}{\cos^2 x}} \sqrt{y^2 - y + 1/2} \leq 1 \quad \dots\dots (i)$

$$2^{\frac{1}{\cos^2 x}} \sqrt{\left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \leq 1$$

Minimum value of  $2^{\frac{1}{\cos^2 x}} = 2$

Minimum value of  $\sqrt{\left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Minimum value of } 2^{\frac{1}{\cos^2 x}} \sqrt{y^2 - y + \frac{1}{2}} \text{ is } 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (i) \text{ is possible when } 2^{\frac{1}{\cos^2 x}} \sqrt{\left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x = 1 \text{ and } y = 1/2 \Rightarrow \cos x = \pm 1 \Rightarrow x = n\pi, \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{I}$$

Hence  $x = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$  and  $y = 1/2$ .

**Ans.**

**Illustration 15 :** The number of solution(s) of  $2\cos^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\sin^2x = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq \pi/2$ , is/are -

- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) infinite (D) none of these

**Solution :** Let  $y = 2\cos^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\sin^2x = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} \Rightarrow y = (1 + \cos x)\sin^2x$  and  $y = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$   
 when  $y = (1 + \cos x)\sin^2x = (\text{a number} < 2)(\text{a number} \leq 1) \Rightarrow y < 2$  ..... (i)  
 and when  $y = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + 2 \geq 2 \Rightarrow y \geq 2$  ..... (ii)

No value of  $y$  can be obtained satisfying (i) and (ii), simultaneously

$\Rightarrow$  No real solution of the equation exists.

**Ans. (A)**

**Note:** If L.H.S. of the given trigonometric equation is always less than or equal to  $k$  and RHS is always greater than  $k$ , then no solution exists. If both the sides are equal to  $k$  for same value of  $\theta$ , then solution exists and if they are equal for different values of  $\theta$ , then solution does not exist.

**Do yourself-5 :**

(i) If  $x^2 - 4x + 5 - \sin y = 0$ ,  $y \in [0, 2\pi]$ , then -

- (A)  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 0$  (B)  $x = 1$ ,  $y = \pi/2$  (C)  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 0$  (D)  $x = 2$ ,  $y = \pi/2$

(ii) If  $\sin x + \cos x = \sqrt{y + \frac{1}{y}}$ ,  $y > 0$ ,  $x \in [0, \pi]$ , then find the least positive value of  $x$  satisfying the given condition.

## 6. TRIGONOMETRIC INEQUALITIES :

There is no general rule to solve trigonometric inequations and the same rules of algebra are valid provided the domain and range of trigonometric functions should be kept in mind.

**Illustration 16 :** Find the solution set of inequality  $\sin x > 1/2$ .

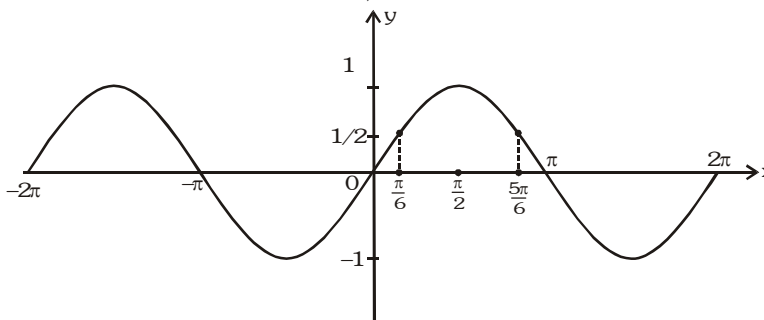
**Solution :** When  $\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$ , the two values of  $x$  between  $0$  and  $2\pi$  are  $\pi/6$  and  $5\pi/6$ .

From the graph of  $y = \sin x$ , it is obvious that between  $0$  and  $2\pi$ ,

$$\sin x > \frac{1}{2} \text{ for } \pi/6 < x < 5\pi/6$$

Hence,  $\sin x > 1/2$

$$\Rightarrow 2n\pi + \pi/6 < x < 2n\pi + 5\pi/6, n \in \mathbb{I}$$



Thus, the required solution set is  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \left(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}, 2n\pi + \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$

**Ans.**

**Illustration 17 :** Find the value of  $x$  in the interval  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$  for which  $\sqrt{2} \sin 2x + 1 \leq 2 \sin x + \sqrt{2} \cos x$

**Solution :** We have,  $\sqrt{2} \sin 2x + 1 \leq 2 \sin x + \sqrt{2} \cos x \Rightarrow 2\sqrt{2} \sin x \cos x - 2 \sin x - \sqrt{2} \cos x + 1 \leq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2 \sin x (\sqrt{2} \cos x - 1) - 1(\sqrt{2} \cos x - 1) \leq 0 \Rightarrow (2 \sin x - 1)(\sqrt{2} \cos x - 1) \leq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \left(\sin x - \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\cos x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \leq 0$

Above inequality holds when :

**Case-I :**  $\sin x - \frac{1}{2} \leq 0$  and  $\cos x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sin x \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\cos x \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Now considering the given interval of  $x$  :

for  $\sin x \leq \frac{1}{2}$  :  $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{6}\right] \cup \left[\frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$  and for  $\cos x \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  :  $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$

For both to simultaneously hold true :  $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{6}\right]$

**Case-II :**  $\sin x - \frac{1}{2} \geq 0$  and  $\cos x \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Again, for the given interval of  $x$  :

for  $\sin x \geq \frac{1}{2}$  :  $x \in \left[\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right]$  and for  $\cos x \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  :  $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{4}\right] \cup \left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$

For both to simultaneously hold true :  $x \in \left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right]$

$\therefore$  Given inequality holds for  $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{6}\right] \cup \left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right]$

**Ans.**

**Illustration 18 :** Find the values of  $\alpha$  lying between 0 and  $\pi$  for which the inequality :  $\tan \alpha > \tan^3 \alpha$  is valid.

**Solution :** We have :  $\tan \alpha - \tan^3 \alpha > 0 \Rightarrow \tan \alpha (1 - \tan^2 \alpha) > 0$

$\Rightarrow (\tan \alpha)(\tan \alpha + 1)(\tan \alpha - 1) < 0$

So  $\tan \alpha < -1$ ,  $0 < \tan \alpha < 1$

$\therefore$  Given inequality holds for  $\alpha \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$

**Ans.**

**Do yourself - 6 :**

(i) Find the solution set of the inequality :  $\cos x \geq -1/2$ .

(ii) Find the values of  $x$  in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  for which  $4\sin^2 x - 8\sin x + 3 \leq 0$ .

**Miscellaneous Illustration :**

**Illustration 19 :** Solve the following equation :  $\tan^2 \theta + \sec^2 \theta + 3 = 2(\sqrt{2} \sec \theta + \tan \theta)$

**Solution :** We have  $\tan^2 \theta + \sec^2 \theta + 3 = 2\sqrt{2} \sec \theta + 2 \tan \theta$

$\Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta - 2 \tan \theta + \sec^2 \theta - 2\sqrt{2} \sec \theta + 3 = 0$

$\Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta + 1 - 2 \tan \theta + \sec^2 \theta - 2\sqrt{2} \sec \theta + 2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (\tan \theta - 1)^2 + (\sec \theta - \sqrt{2})^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \tan \theta = 1$  and  $\sec \theta = \sqrt{2}$

As the periodicity of  $\tan\theta$  and  $\sec\theta$  are not same, we get

$$\theta = 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{I}$$

Ans.

**Illustration 20 :** Find the solution set of equation  $5^{(1 + \log_5 \cos x)} = 5/2$ .

**Solution :** Taking log to base 5 on both sides in given equation :

$$(1 + \log_5 \cos x) \cdot \log_5 5 = \log_5 (5/2) \Rightarrow \log_5 5 + \log_5 \cos x = \log_5 5 - \log_5 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_5 \cos x = -\log_5 2 \Rightarrow \cos x = 1/2 \Rightarrow x = 2n\pi \pm \pi/3, n \in \mathbb{I}$$

Ans.

**Illustration 21 :** If the set of all values of  $x$  in  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  satisfying  $|4 \sin x + \sqrt{2}| < \sqrt{6}$  is  $\left(\frac{a\pi}{24}, \frac{b\pi}{24}\right)$  then find the

value of  $\left|\frac{a-b}{3}\right|$ .

**Solution :**

$$|4 \sin x + \sqrt{2}| < \sqrt{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sqrt{6} < 4 \sin x + \sqrt{2} < \sqrt{6} \Rightarrow -\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2} < 4 \sin x < \sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2})}{4} < \sin x < \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4} \Rightarrow -\frac{5\pi}{12} < x < \frac{\pi}{12} \text{ for } x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Comparing with  $\frac{a\pi}{24} < x < \frac{b\pi}{24}$ , we get,  $a = -10, b = 2$

$$\therefore \left|\frac{a-b}{3}\right| = \left|\frac{-10-2}{3}\right| = 4$$

Ans.

**Illustration 22 :** Find the values of  $x$  in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  which satisfy the inequality :  $3|2 \sin x - 1| \geq 3 + 4 \cos^2 x$ .

**Solution :** The given inequality can be written as :

$$3|2 \sin x - 1| \geq 3 + 4(1 - \sin^2 x) \Rightarrow 3|2 \sin x - 1| \geq 7 - 4 \sin^2 x$$

Let  $\sin x = t \Rightarrow 3|2t - 1| \geq 7 - 4t^2$

**Case I :** For  $2t - 1 \geq 0$  i.e.  $t \geq 1/2$  we have,  $|2t - 1| = (2t - 1)$

$$\Rightarrow 3(2t - 1) \geq 7 - 4t^2 \Rightarrow 6t - 3 \geq 7 - 4t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4t^2 + 6t - 10 \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2t^2 + 3t - 5 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (t-1)(2t+5) \geq 0 \Rightarrow t \leq -\frac{5}{2} \text{ and } t \geq 1$$

Now for  $t \geq \frac{1}{2}$ , we get  $t \geq 1$  from above conditions i.e.  $\sin x \geq 1$

The inequality holds true only for  $x$  satisfying the equation  $\sin x = 1 \therefore x = \frac{\pi}{2}$  (for  $x \in [0, 2\pi]$ )

**Case II :** For  $2t - 1 < 0 \Rightarrow t < \frac{1}{2}$

we have,  $|2t - 1| = -(2t - 1)$

$$\Rightarrow -3(2t - 1) \geq 7 - 4t^2 \Rightarrow -6t + 3 \geq 7 - 4t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4t^2 - 6t - 4 \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2t^2 - 3t - 2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (t-2)(2t+1) \geq 0 \Rightarrow t \leq -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } t \geq 2$$

Again, for  $t < \frac{1}{2}$  we get  $t \leq -\frac{1}{2}$  from above conditions

i.e.  $\sin x \leq -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{7\pi}{6} \leq x \leq \frac{11\pi}{6}$  (for  $x \in [0, 2\pi]$ )

Thus,  $x \in \left[\frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}\right] \cup \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$

Ans.

**Illustration 23 :** Find the values of  $\theta$ , for which  $\cos 3\theta + \sin 3\theta + (2 \sin 2\theta - 3)(\sin \theta - \cos \theta)$  is always positive.

**Solution :**

Given expression can be written as :

$$4\cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta + 3\sin\theta - 4\sin^3\theta + (2\sin 2\theta - 3)(\sin\theta - \cos\theta)$$

Applying given condition, we get

$$\Rightarrow -4(\sin^3\theta - \cos^3\theta) + 3(\sin\theta - \cos\theta) + (\sin\theta - \cos\theta)(2\sin 2\theta - 3) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4(\sin\theta - \cos\theta)(\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta + \sin\theta\cos\theta) + 3(\sin\theta - \cos\theta) + (\sin\theta - \cos\theta)(2\sin 2\theta - 3) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4(\sin\theta - \cos\theta)(1 + \sin\theta\cos\theta) + 3(\sin\theta - \cos\theta) + (\sin\theta - \cos\theta)(4\sin\theta\cos\theta - 3) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin\theta - \cos\theta)\{-4 - 4\sin\theta\cos\theta + 3 + 4\sin\theta\cos\theta - 3\} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4(\sin\theta - \cos\theta) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4\sqrt{2}\sin\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) > 0 \Rightarrow \sin\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) < 0 \Rightarrow 2n\pi - \pi < \theta - \frac{\pi}{4} < 2n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n\pi - \frac{3\pi}{4} < \theta < 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \theta \in \left(2n\pi - \frac{3\pi}{4}, 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}\right), n \in \mathbb{I}$$

**Ans.**

**Illustration 24 :** The number of values of  $x$  in the interval  $[0, 5\pi]$  satisfying the equation  $3\sin^2 x - 7\sin x + 2 = 0$

is -

(A) 0

(B) 5

(C) 6

(D) 10

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**Solution :**

$$3\sin^2 x - 7\sin x + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3\sin x - 1)(\sin x - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore \sin x \neq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{1}{3} = \sin \alpha \text{ (say)}$$

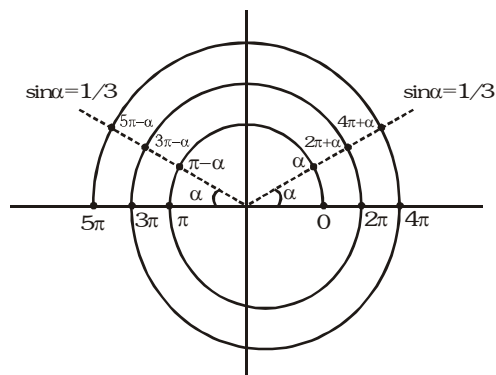
where  $\alpha$  is the least positive value of  $x$

$$\text{such that } \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Clearly  $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . We get the solution,

$$x = \alpha, \pi - \alpha, 2\pi + \alpha, 3\pi - \alpha, 4\pi + \alpha \text{ and } 5\pi - \alpha.$$

Hence total six values in  $[0, 5\pi]$



**Ans.(C)**

### ANSWERS FOR DO YOURSELF

- 1 : (i) (a)  $\theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in \mathbb{I}$  (b)  $\theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{3}, n \in \mathbb{I}$  (c)  $\theta = \frac{4n\pi}{3}, n \in \mathbb{I}$   
 (d)  $\theta = \frac{n\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{I}$  (e)  $\theta = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{12}, n \in \mathbb{I}$  (f)  $\theta = 2n\pi + (-1)^{n+1}\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$
- 2 : (i) (a)  $x = n\pi + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in \mathbb{I}$  (b)  $\alpha = \frac{n\pi}{2}$  or  $\alpha = \frac{k\pi}{2} + \frac{3\pi}{8}, n, k \in \mathbb{I}$   
 (c)  $\theta = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, n \in \mathbb{I}$  (d)  $\theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha$ , where  $\alpha = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{17}-1}{8}\right)$  or  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-1-\sqrt{17}}{8}\right), n \in \mathbb{I}$
- (ii)  $\theta = \left\{-\frac{\pi}{4}, -\frac{3\pi}{4}, -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$
- 3 : (i) (a)  $x = 2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{I}$  (b)  $2m\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, m \in \mathbb{I}$
- 4 : (i)  $\theta = n\pi$  or  $\theta = \frac{m\pi}{3} \pm \frac{\pi}{9}; n, m \in \mathbb{I}$  (ii)  $x = \frac{n\pi}{3}, n \in \mathbb{I}$  and  $k\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, k \in \mathbb{I}$
- 5 : (i) D (ii)  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$
- 6 : (i)  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \left[2n\pi - \frac{2\pi}{3}, 2n\pi + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right]$  (ii)  $\left[\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right]$

**EXERCISE - 01****CHECK YOUR GRASP****SELECT THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE (ONLY ONE CORRECT ANSWER)**

- The number of solutions of the equation  $\frac{\sec x}{1 - \cos x} = \frac{1}{1 - \cos x}$  in  $[0, 2\pi]$  is equal to -  
 (A) 3 (B) 2 (C) 1 (D) 0
- The number of solutions of equation  $2 + 7\tan^2\theta = 3.25 \sec^2\theta$  ( $0 < \theta < 360^\circ$ ) is -  
 (A) 2 (B) 4 (C) 6 (D) 8
- The number of solutions of the equation  $\tan^2 x - \sec^{10} x + 1 = 0$  in  $(0, 10)$  is -  
 (A) 3 (B) 6 (C) 10 (D) 11
- If  $(\cos\theta + \cos 2\theta)^3 = \cos^3\theta + \cos^3 2\theta$ , then the least positive value of  $\theta$  is equal to -  
 (A)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  (B)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (C)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  (D)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- The number of solution(s) of  $\sin 2x + \cos 4x = 2$  in the interval  $(0, 2\pi)$  is -  
 (A) 0 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4
- The complete solution of the equation  $7\cos^2 x + \sin x \cos x - 3 = 0$  is given by -  
 (A)  $n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}; (n \in \mathbb{I})$  (B)  $n\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}; (n \in \mathbb{I})$   
 (C)  $n\pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3}; (n \in \mathbb{I})$  (D)  $n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{4}, k\pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3}; (n, k \in \mathbb{I})$
- If  $\cos(\sin x) = 0$ , then  $x$  lies in -  
 (A)  $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$  (B)  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}, 0\right)$  (C)  $\left(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$  (D) null set
- If  $0 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 90^\circ$  and  $\tan(\alpha + \beta) = 3$  and  $\tan(\alpha - \beta) = 2$  then value of  $\sin 2\alpha$  is -  
 (A)  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (D) none of these
- If  $\tan A$  and  $\tan B$  are the roots of  $x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$ , then  $\sin^2(A+B)$  is -  
 (A) 1 (B)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (D) 0
- If  $\cos 2x - 3\cos x + 1 = \frac{\operatorname{cosec} x}{\cot x - \cot 2x}$ , then which of the following is true ?  
 (A)  $x = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{I}$  (B)  $x = 2n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$   
 (C)  $x = 2n\pi \pm \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{5}\right), n \in \mathbb{I}$  (D) no real  $x$
- The solutions of the equation  $\sin x + 3\sin 2x + \sin 3x = \cos x + 3\cos 2x + \cos 3x$  in the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ , are ;  
 (A)  $\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{2\pi}{3}$  (B)  $\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{9\pi}{8}, \frac{13\pi}{8}$  (C)  $\frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{9\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{13\pi}{8}$  (D)  $\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{9\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}$
- If  $x \in \left[-\frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}\right]$ , then the greatest positive solution of  $1 + \sin^4 x = \cos^2 3x$  is -  
 (A)  $\pi$  (B)  $2\pi$  (C)  $\frac{5\pi}{2}$  (D) none of these

13. Number of values of 'x' in  $(-2\pi, 2\pi)$  satisfying the equation  $2^{\sin^2 x} + 4 \cdot 2^{\cos^2 x} = 6$  is -  
 (A) 8 (B) 6 (C) 4 (D) 2
14. General solution for  $|\sin x| = \cos x$  is -  
 (A)  $2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$  (B)  $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$  (C)  $n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$  (D) none of these
15. The most general solution of  $\tan \theta = -1, \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  is -  
 (A)  $n\pi + \frac{7\pi}{4}, n \in I$  (B)  $n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{7\pi}{4}, n \in I$  (C)  $2n\pi + \frac{7\pi}{4}, n \in I$  (D) none of these

**SELECT THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVES (ONE OR MORE THAN ONE CORRECT ANSWERS)**

16. The solution(s) of the equation  $\cos 2x \sin 6x = \cos 3x \sin 5x$  in the interval  $[0, \pi]$  is/are -  
 (A)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  (B)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (C)  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  (D)  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$
17. The equation  $4\sin^2 x - 2(\sqrt{3} + 1)\sin x + \sqrt{3} = 0$  has -  
 (A) 2 solutions in  $(0, \pi)$  (B) 4 solutions in  $(0, 2\pi)$  (C) 2 solutions in  $(-\pi, \pi)$  (D) 4 solutions in  $(-\pi, \pi)$
18. If  $\cos^2 2x + 2\cos^2 x = 1, x \in (-\pi, \pi)$ , then x can take the values -  
 (A)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{2}$  (B)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{4}$  (C)  $\pm \frac{3\pi}{4}$  (D) none of these
19. The solution(s) of the equation  $\sin 7x + \cos 2x = -2$  is/are -  
 (A)  $x = \frac{2k\pi}{7} + \frac{3\pi}{14}, k \in I$  (B)  $x = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$  (C)  $x = 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in I$  (D) none of these
20. Set of values of x in  $(-\pi, \pi)$  for which  $|4\sin x - 1| < \sqrt{5}$  is given by -  
 (A)  $\left(\frac{\pi}{10}, \frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$  (B)  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{10}, \frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$  (C)  $\left(\frac{\pi}{10}, -\frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$  (D)  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{10}, -\frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$

CHECK YOUR GRASP					ANSWER KEY			EXERCISE-1		
Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ans.	D	B	A	B	A	D	D	B	C	D
Que.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Ans.	B	B	C	B	C	A,B,D	B,D	A,B,C	C	B

**EXERCISE - 02****BRAIN TEASERS****SELECT THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVES (ONE OR MORE THAN ONE CORRECT ANSWERS)**

- If  $\cos^2 x + \cos^2 2x + \cos^2 3x = 1$  then -  
 (A)  $x = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$  (B)  $x = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \in I$  (C)  $x = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in I$  (D) none of these
- If  $4\cos^2 \theta + \sqrt{3} = 2(\sqrt{3} + 1)\cos \theta$ , then  $\theta$  is -  
 (A)  $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, n \in I$  (B)  $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$  (C)  $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in I$  (D) none of these
- Set of values of ' $\alpha$ ' in  $[0, 2\pi]$  for which  $m = \log_{\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)}(2\sin \alpha - 1) \leq 0$ , is -  
 (A)  $\left[\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right]$  (B)  $\left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$  (C)  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \cup \left(\frac{5\pi}{6}, \pi\right)$  (D)  $\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$
- If  $(a + 2)\sin \alpha + (2a - 1)\cos \alpha = (2a + 1)$ , then  $\tan \alpha =$   
 (A)  $3/4$  (B)  $4/3$  (C)  $\frac{2a}{a^2 + 1}$  (D)  $\frac{2a}{a^2 - 1}$
- If  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4$  are the roots of the equation  $\sin(\theta + \alpha) = k \sin 2\theta$ , no two of which differ by a multiple of  $2\pi$ , then  $\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4$  is equal to -  
 (A)  $2n\pi, n \in Z$  (B)  $(2n + 1)\pi, n \in Z$  (C)  $n\pi, n \in Z$  (D) none of these
- The number of solution(s) of the equation  $\cos 2\theta = (\sqrt{2} + 1)\left(\cos \theta - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ , in the interval  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$ , is -  
 (A) 4 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 3
- The value(s) of  $\theta$  lying between  $0$  &  $2\pi$  satisfying the equation :  $r \sin \theta = \sqrt{3}$  &  $r + 4\sin \theta = 2(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  is/are -  
 (A)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  (B)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  (C)  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  (D)  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$
- The value(s) of  $\theta$ , which satisfy  $3 - 2\cos \theta - 4\sin \theta - \cos 2\theta + \sin 2\theta = 0$  is/are -  
 (A)  $\theta = 2n\pi; n \in I$  (B)  $2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}; n \in I$  (C)  $2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}; n \in I$  (D)  $n\pi; n \in I$
- Given that A, B are positive acute angles and  $\sqrt{3} \sin 2A = \sin 2B$  &  $\sqrt{3} \sin^2 A + \sin^2 B = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}$ , then A or B may take the value(s) -  
 (A) 15 (B) 30 (C) 45 (D) 75
- The solution(s) of  $4\cos^2 x \sin x - 2\sin^2 x = 3\sin x$  is/are -  
 (A)  $n\pi; n \in I$  (B)  $n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{10}; n \in I$   
 (C)  $n\pi + (-1)^n \left(-\frac{3\pi}{10}\right); n \in I$  (D) none of these
- If  $\left(\frac{1 - a \sin x}{1 + a \sin x}\right) \sqrt{\frac{1 + 2a \sin x}{1 - 2a \sin x}} = 1$ , where  $a \in R$  then -  
 (A)  $x \in \phi$  (B)  $x \in R \forall a$   
 (C)  $a = 0, x \in R$  (D)  $a \in R, x \in n\pi$ , where  $n \in I$



12. The general solution of the following equation :  $2(\sin x - \cos 2x) - \sin 2x(1 + 2\sin x) + 2\cos x = 0$  is/are -

- (A)  $x = 2n\pi$  ;  $n \in I$  (B)  $n\pi + (-1)^n \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  ;  $n \in I$   
(C)  $x = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{6}$  ;  $n \in I$  (D)  $x = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{4}$  ;  $n \in I$

13. The value(s) of  $\theta$ , which satisfy the equation :  $2\cos^3 3\theta + 3\cos 3\theta + 4 = 3\sin^2 3\theta$  is/are -

- (A)  $\frac{2n\pi}{3} + \frac{2\pi}{9}$ ,  $n \in I$  (B)  $\frac{2n\pi}{3} - \frac{2\pi}{9}$ ,  $n \in I$  (C)  $\frac{2n\pi}{5} + \frac{2\pi}{5}$ ,  $n \in I$  (D)  $\frac{2n\pi}{5} - \frac{2\pi}{5}$ ,  $n \in I$

14. If  $x \neq \frac{k\pi}{2}$ ,  $k \in I$  and  $(\cos x)^{\sin^2 x - 4 \sin x + 3} = 1$ , then all solutions of  $x$  are given by -

- (A)  $n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{2}$  ;  $n \in I$  (B)  $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$  ;  $n \in I$  (C)  $(2n+1)\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}$  ;  $n \in I$  (D) none of these

15. Using four values of  $\theta$  satisfying the equation  $8 \cos^4 \theta + 15 \cos^2 \theta - 2 = 0$  in the interval  $(0, 4\pi)$ , an arithmetic progression is formed, then :

- (A) The common difference of A.P. may be  $\pi$ . (B) The common difference of A.P. may be  $2\pi$ .  
(C) Two such different A.P. can be formed. (D) Four such different A.P. can be formed.

BRAIN TEASERS					ANSWER KEY		EXERCISE-2			
Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ans.	A,B,C	A,C	B	B,D	B	C	A,B,C,D	A,B	A,B	A,B,C
Que.	11	12	13	14	15					
Ans.	C,D	A,B,C	A,B	D	A,D					

**EXERCISE - 03****MISCELLANEOUS TYPE QUESTIONS****TRUE / FALSE**

- For all  $\theta$  in  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ ,  $\cos(\sin \theta) > \sin(\cos \theta)$ .
- Number of solutions of the equation  $\cos(x^2) = 2^{|x|}$  is two.

**FILL IN THE BLANKS**

- Number of values of  $\theta$  in  $[0, 2\pi]$  for which vectors  $\vec{v}_1 = (2\cos\theta)\vec{i} - (\cos\theta)\vec{j} + \vec{k}$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = (\cos\theta)\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$  are perpendicular is .....
- The solution set of the system of equations,  $x + y = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ ,  $\cos x + \cos y = \frac{3}{2}$ , where  $x$  &  $y$  are real, is .....
- If  $\operatorname{cosec}\theta + \cot\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\theta$  lies in ..... quadrant.
- Number of solutions of the equation  $\sin 5\theta \cos 3\theta = \sin 9\theta \cos 7\theta$  in  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$  is .....

**MATCH THE COLUMN**

Following question contains statements given in two columns, which have to be matched. The statements in **Column-I** are labelled as A, B, C and D while the statements in **Column-II** are labelled as p, q, r and s. Any given statement in **Column-I** can have correct matching with **ONE** statement in **Column-II**.

- On the left, equation with interval is given and on the right number of solutions are given, match the column.

Column-I		Column-II	
(A)	$n \sin x  = m \cos x $ in $[0, 2\pi]$ where $n > m$ and are positive integers	(p)	2
(B)	$\sum_{r=1}^5 \cos rx = 5$ in $[0, 2\pi]$	(q)	4
(C)	$2^{1+ \cos x + \cos x ^2+\dots+\infty} = 4$ in $(-\pi, \pi)$	(r)	3
(D)	$\tan\theta + \tan 2\theta + \tan 3\theta = \tan\theta \tan 2\theta \tan 3\theta$ in $(0, \pi)$	(s)	1

**ASSERTION & REASON**

These questions contains, Statement-I (assertion) and Statement-II (reason).

- (A) Statement-I is true, Statement-II is true ; Statement-II is correct explanation for Statement-I.  
 (B) Statement-I is true, Statement-II is true ; Statement-II is NOT a correct explanation for Statement-I.  
 (C) Statement-I is true, Statement-II is false.  
 (D) Statement-I is false, Statement-II is true.

- Statement-I** : For any real value of  $\theta \neq (2n+1)\pi$  or  $(2n+1)\pi/2$ ,  $n \in I$ , the value of the expression  $y = \frac{\cos^2 \theta - 1}{\cos^2 \theta + \cos \theta}$  is  $y \leq 0$  or  $y \geq 2$  (either less than or equal to zero or greater than or equal to two)

**Because**

**Statement-II** :  $\sec \theta \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$  for all real values of  $\theta$ .

- (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D

- Statement-I** : The equation  $\sqrt{3} \cos x - \sin x = 2$  has exactly one solution in  $[0, 2\pi]$ .

**Because**

**Statement-II** : For equations of type  $a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta = c$  to have real solutions in  $[0, 2\pi]$ ,  $|c| \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  should hold true.

- (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D

**COMPREHENSION BASED QUESTIONS**

**Comprehension # 1 :**

Let  $S_1$  be the set of all those solutions of the equation  $(1 + a)\cos\theta \cos(2\theta - b) = (1 + a \cos 2\theta) \cos(\theta - b)$  which are independent of  $a$  and  $b$  and  $S_2$  be the set of all such solutions which are dependent on  $a$  and  $b$ .

**On the basis of above information, answer the following questions :**

1. The sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are given by -

(A)  $\{n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and  $\{m\pi + (-1)^m \sin^{-1}(a \sin b), m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

(B)  $\left\{\frac{n\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}$  and  $\{m\pi + (-1)^m \sin^{-1}(a \sin b), m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

(C)  $\left\{\frac{n\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}$  and  $\{m\pi + (-1)^m \sin^{-1}((a/2)\sin b), m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

(D) none of these

2. Condition that should be imposed on  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $S_2$  is non-empty -

(A)  $\left|\frac{a}{2} \sin b\right| < 1$

(B)  $\left|\frac{a}{2} \sin b\right| \leq 1$

(C)  $|a \sin b| \leq 1$

(D) none of these

3. All the permissible values of  $b$ , if  $a = 0$  and  $S_2$  is a subset of  $(0, \pi)$  is -

(A)  $b \in (-n\pi, 2n\pi) ; n \in \mathbb{Z}$

(B)  $b \in (-n\pi, 2\pi - n\pi) ; n \in \mathbb{Z}$

(C)  $b \in (-n\pi, n\pi) ; n \in \mathbb{Z}$

(D) none of these

MISCELLANEOUS TYPE QUESTION	ANSWER KEY	EXERCISE -3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>True / False</b> <p>1. T                      2. F</p> </li> <li><b>Fill in the Blanks</b> <p>1. 2                      2. <math>\phi</math>                      3. II quadrant                      4. 5</p> </li> <li><b>Match the Column</b> <p>1. (A) <math>\rightarrow</math> (q), (B) <math>\rightarrow</math> (p), (C) <math>\rightarrow</math> (q), (D) <math>\rightarrow</math> (p)</p> </li> <li><b>Assertion &amp; Reason</b> <p>1. D                      2. B</p> </li> <li><b>Comprehension Based Questions</b> <p>Comprehension #1 : 1. D                      2. C                      3. B</p> </li> </ul>		

**EXERCISE - 04 [A]****CONCEPTUAL SUBJECTIVE EXERCISE**

- If  $\sin A = \sin B$  &  $\cos A = \cos B$ , find the values of  $A$  in terms of  $B$ .
- Solve the equation :  $1 + 2\operatorname{cosec} x = -\frac{\sec^2 \frac{x}{2}}{2}$ .
- Solve the equation :  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin x - \cos x = \cos^2 x$ .
- Solve the equation :  $\cot x - 2\sin 2x = 1$ .
- If  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$  satisfy the equation,  $a\cos 2\theta + b\sin 2\theta = c$  then prove that :  $\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta = \frac{a^2 + ac + b^2}{a^2 + b^2}$ .
- Solve for  $x$ ,  $\sqrt{13 - 18 \tan x} = 6 \tan x - 3$ , where  $-2\pi < x < 2\pi$ .
- Find all the values of  $\theta$  satisfying the equation :  $\sin \theta + \sin 5\theta = \sin 3\theta$  such that  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ .
- Solve :  $\cot \theta + \operatorname{cosec} \theta = \sqrt{3}$  for values of  $\theta$  between  $0$  &  $360$ .
- Solve :  $\sin 5x = \cos 2x$  for all values of  $x$  between  $0$  &  $180$ .
- Solve the equation :  $(1 - \tan \theta)(1 + \sin 2\theta) = 1 + \tan \theta$ .
- Find the general solution of  $\sec 4\theta - \sec 2\theta = 2$ .
- Solve the equation :  $\cos 3x \cdot \cos^3 x + \sin 3x \cdot \sin^3 x = 0$ .
- Solve for  $x$  :  $\sin 3\alpha = 4\sin \alpha \sin(x + \alpha) \sin(x - \alpha)$  where  $\alpha$  is a constant  $\neq n\pi$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{I}$ .
- Solve the inequality :  $\sin 3x < \sin x$ .
- Solve the inequality :  $\tan^2 x - (\sqrt{3} + 1) \tan x + \sqrt{3} < 0$ .
- Find the smallest positive value of  $x$  and  $y$  satisfying the equations :  $x - y = \frac{\pi}{4}$  &  $\cot x + \cot y = 2$ .
- Find the value(s) of  $k$  for which the equation  $\sin x + \cos(k + x) + \cos(k - x) = 2$  has real solutions.
- Solve :  $\tan \theta + \tan\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \tan\left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = 3$ .
- Solve :  $\sin 2\theta = \cos 3\theta$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 360$ .
- Find all values of  $\theta$  satisfying the equation  $\sin 7\theta = \sin \theta + \sin 3\theta$ , where  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ .

CONCEPTUAL SUBJECTIVE EXERCISE		ANSWER KEY	EXERCISE-4(A)
1. $A = 2n\pi + B$ , $n \in \mathbb{I}$	2. $x = 2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}$ , $n \in \mathbb{I}$	3. $x = 2n\pi \pm \pi$ or $2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$ , $n \in \mathbb{I}$	
4. $x = \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{K\pi}{2}$ or $x = \frac{3\pi}{4} + K\pi$ , $K \in \mathbb{I}$		6. $\alpha - 2\pi$ ; $\alpha - \pi$ , $\alpha$ , $\alpha + \pi$ , where $\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3}$	
7. $0, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$ & $\pi$	8. $\theta = 60$	9. $\frac{90^\circ}{7}, 30, \frac{450^\circ}{7}, \frac{810^\circ}{7}, 150, \frac{1170^\circ}{7}$	
10. $n\pi$ or $\left(n\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ , $n \in \mathbb{I}$	11. $\theta = \frac{2n\pi}{5} \pm \frac{\pi}{10}$ or $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ , $n \in \mathbb{I}$	12. $(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{4}$ , $n \in \mathbb{I}$	13. $n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$ , $n \in \mathbb{I}$
14. $x \in \left(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, 2n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{4}\right) \cup \left(2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}, 2n\pi\right) \cup \left(2n\pi + \pi, 2n\pi + \frac{5\pi}{4}\right)$ , $n \in \mathbb{I}$		15. $n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} < x < n\pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$ , $n \in \mathbb{I}$	
16. $x = \frac{5\pi}{12}$ , $y = \frac{\pi}{6}$	17. $n\pi - \frac{\pi}{6} \leq k \leq n\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}$ , $n \in \mathbb{I}$	18. $\theta = (4n+1)\frac{\pi}{12}$ ; $n \in \mathbb{I}$	
19. $\theta = 18, 90, 162, 234, 270, 306$		20. $0, \frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{7\pi}{12}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{11\pi}{12}, \pi$	

## EXERCISE - 04 [B]

## BRAIN STORMING SUBJECTIVE EXERCISE

1. Find all values of  $\theta$ , between 0 &  $\pi$ , which satisfy the equation  $\cos\theta\cos2\theta\cos3\theta = 1/4$ .

2. Find the general solution of the trigonometric equation :

$$\sqrt{16\cos^4 x - 8\cos^2 x + 1} + \sqrt{16\cos^4 x - 24\cos^2 x + 9} = 2.$$

3. Find the principal solution of the trigonometric equation :

$$\sqrt{\cot 3x + \sin^2 x - \frac{1}{4}} + \sqrt{\sqrt{3}\cos x + \sin x - 2} = \sin \frac{3x}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}.$$

4. Solve :  $2\sin\left(3x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sqrt{1 + 8\sin 2x \cdot \cos^2 2x}$ .

5. Solve for  $x$ ,  $(-\pi \leq x \leq \pi)$  the equation :  $2(\cos x + \cos 2x) + \sin 2x(1 + 2\cos x) = 2\sin x$ .

6. Solve :  $\log_{\frac{-x^2-6x}{10}}(\sin 3x + \sin x) = \log_{\frac{-x^2-6x}{10}}(\sin 2x)$ .

7. Find the set of values of 'a' for which the equation,  $\sin^4 x + \cos^4 x + \sin 2x + a = 0$  possesses solutions. Also find the general solution for these values of 'a'.

8. Solve :  $\cos(\pi \cdot 3^x) - 2\cos^2(\pi \cdot 3^x) + 2\cos(4\pi \cdot 3^x) - \cos(7\pi \cdot 3^x)$   
 $= \sin(\pi \cdot 3^x) + 2\sin^2(\pi \cdot 3^x) - 2\sin(4\pi \cdot 3^x) + 2\sin(\pi \cdot 3^{x+1}) - \sin(7\pi \cdot 3^x)$

9. Find the least positive angle measured in degrees satisfying the equation :

$$\sin^3 x + \sin^3 2x + \sin^3 3x = (\sin x + \sin 2x + \sin 3x)^3.$$

10. Solve for  $x, y$  : 
$$\begin{cases} \sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{4} \\ 3 \tan x = \tan y \end{cases}$$

BRAIN STORMING SUBJECTIVE EXERCISE			ANSWER KEY	EXERCISE-4(B)
1.	$\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{3\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{7\pi}{8}$	2.	$x \in \left[n\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}, n\pi + \frac{\pi}{3}\right] \cup \left[n\pi + \frac{2\pi}{3}, n\pi + \frac{5\pi}{6}\right], n \in I$	
3.	$x = \pi/6$ only	4.	$x = 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{12}$ or $2n\pi + \frac{17\pi}{12}; n \in I$	5. $\left\{-\pi, -\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \pi\right\}$
6.	$x = -\frac{5\pi}{3}$	7.	$\frac{1}{2} \left[n\pi + (-1)^n \sin^{-1}(1 - \sqrt{2a+3})\right]$ where $n \in I$ and $a \in \left[-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$	
8.	$x = \log_3\left(\frac{2k}{3} - \frac{1}{6}\right), k \in N; x = \log_3\left(\frac{n}{2}\right), n \in N; x = \log_3\left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{m}{2}\right), m \in N \cup \{0\}$			
9.	72	10.	$\begin{cases} x = (4k+1)\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{n\pi}{2} + (-1)^{n+1}\frac{\pi}{12} \\ y = (4k+1)\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{n\pi}{2} - (-1)^{n+1}\frac{\pi}{12} \end{cases}, n \in I$	

**EXERCISE - 05 [A]****JEE-[MAIN] : PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS**

1. Find the no. of roots of the equation  $\tan x + \sec x = 2 \cos x$  in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  - [AIEEE 2002, IIT 1993]  
 (1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (4) 4
2. General solution of  $\tan 5\theta = \cot 2\theta$  is- [AIEEE 2002]  
 (1)  $\theta = \frac{n\pi}{7} + \frac{\pi}{14}$  (2)  $\theta = \frac{n\pi}{7} + \frac{\pi}{5}$  (3)  $\theta = \frac{n\pi}{7} + \frac{\pi}{2}$  (4)  $\theta = \frac{n\pi}{7} + \frac{\pi}{3}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$
3. The number of values of  $x$  in the interval  $[0, 3\pi]$  satisfying the equation  $2 \sin^2 x + 5 \sin x - 3 = 0$  is- [AIEEE 2006]  
 (1) 6 (2) 1 (3) 2 (4) 4
4. If  $0 < x < \pi$ , and  $\cos x + \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\tan x$  is - [AIEEE 2006]  
 (1)  $(4 - \sqrt{7})/3$  (2)  $-(4 + \sqrt{7})/3$  (3)  $(1 + \sqrt{7})/4$  (4)  $(1 - \sqrt{7})/4$
5. Let A and B denote the statements  
**A** :  $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma = 0$   
**B** :  $\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma = 0$   
 If  $\cos(\beta - \gamma) + \cos(\gamma - \alpha) + \cos(\alpha - \beta) = -\frac{3}{2}$ , then :- [AIEEE 2009]  
 (1) Both **A** and **B** are true (2) Both **A** and **B** are false  
 (3) **A** is true and **B** is false (4) **A** is false and **B** is true
6. The possible values of  $\theta \in (0, \pi)$  such that  $\sin(\theta) + \sin(4\theta) + \sin(7\theta) = 0$  are: [AIEEE 2011]  
 (1)  $\frac{2\pi}{9}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{4\pi}{9}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{8\pi}{9}$  (2)  $\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{8\pi}{9}$   
 (3)  $\frac{2\pi}{9}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{35\pi}{36}$  (4)  $\frac{2\pi}{9}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{8\pi}{9}$

PREVIOUS YEARS QUESTIONS				ANSWER KEY			EXERCISE-5 [A]			
Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6				
Ans.	2	1	4	2	1	1				

**EXERCISE - 05 [B]**

**JEE-[ADVANCED] : PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS**

1. The number of integral values of  $k$  for which the equation  $7\cos x + 5\sin x = 2k + 1$  has a solution is  
(A) 4 (B) 8 (C) 10 (D) 12  
[JEE 2002 (Screening), 3]
2.  $\cos(\alpha - \beta) = 1$  and  $\cos(\alpha + \beta) = 1/e$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in [-\pi, \pi]$ , numbers of pairs of  $\alpha, \beta$  which satisfy both the equations is  
(A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 4  
[JEE 2005 (Screening)]
3. If  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ , then the intervals of values of  $\theta$  for which  $2\sin^2\theta - 5\sin\theta + 2 > 0$ , is  
(A)  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \cup \left(\frac{5\pi}{6}, 2\pi\right)$  (B)  $\left(\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$  (C)  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{8}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$  (D)  $\left(\frac{41\pi}{48}, \pi\right)$   
[JEE 2006, 3]
4. The number of solutions of the pair of equations  
 $2\sin^2\theta - \cos 2\theta = 0$   
 $2\cos^2\theta - 3\sin\theta = 0$   
in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  is  
(A) zero (B) one (C) two (D) four  
[JEE 2007, 3]
5. The number of values of  $\theta$  in the interval  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  such that  $\theta \neq \frac{n\pi}{5}$  for  $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$  and  $\tan\theta = \cot 5\theta$  as well as  $\sin 2\theta = \cos 4\theta$ , is  
[JEE 2010, 3]
6. The positive integer value of  $n > 3$  satisfying the equation  
 $\frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)} = \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right)} + \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{n}\right)}$  is  
[JEE 2011, 4]
7. Let  $\theta, \varphi \in [0, 2\pi]$  be such that  
 $2\cos\theta(1 - \sin\varphi) = \sin^2\theta\left(\tan\frac{\theta}{2} + \cot\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\cos\varphi - 1$ ,  $\tan(2\pi - \theta) > 0$  and  $-1 < \sin\theta < -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .  
Then  $\varphi$  **cannot** satisfy-  
[JEE 2012, 4]  
(A)  $0 < \varphi < \frac{\pi}{2}$  (B)  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \varphi < \frac{4\pi}{3}$  (C)  $\frac{4\pi}{3} < \varphi < \frac{3\pi}{2}$  (D)  $\frac{3\pi}{2} < \varphi < 2\pi$

PREVIOUS YEARS QUESTIONS

ANSWER KEY

EXERCISE-5 [B]

1. B 2. D 3. A 4. C 5. 3 6. 7 7. A,C,D