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Trigonometric Ratios and Identities

(Solved examples) :-

Additional Solved Examples

1. $\sqrt{3} \operatorname{cosec} 20^\circ - \sec 20^\circ = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 3

(D) 4

Solution:

$$\frac{4 \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos 20^\circ - \frac{1}{2} \sin 20^\circ \right)}{2 \sin 20^\circ \cos 20^\circ} = 4 \cdot \frac{\sin 60^\circ \cos 20^\circ - \cos 60^\circ \sin 20^\circ}{\sin 40^\circ} = 4$$

Hence, the correct answer is option (D).

2. $\tan A + 2 \tan 2A + 4 \tan 4A + 8 \cot 8A = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

(A) $\cot A$

(B) $\tan 6A$

(C) $\cot 4A$

(D) None of these

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \tan A + 2 \tan 2A + 4 \tan 4A + 8 \cot 8A \\ &= \tan A + 2 \tan 2A + 4 \tan 4A + 8 \frac{1 - \tan^2 4A}{2 \tan 4A} \\ &= \tan A + 2 \tan 2A + 4 \cot 4A = \tan A + 2 \tan 2A + 4 \frac{1 - \tan^2 2A}{2 \tan 2A} \\ &= \tan A + 2 \cot 2A = \tan A + \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{\tan A} = \cot A \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the correct answer is option (A).

3. The value of $\sin 12^\circ \cdot \sin 48^\circ \cdot \sin 54^\circ = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

(A) $1/8$

(B) $1/6$

(C) $1/4$

(D) $1/2$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sin 12^\circ \cdot \sin 48^\circ \cdot \sin 54^\circ \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\cos 36^\circ - \cos 60^\circ] \sin 54^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos 36^\circ \sin 54^\circ - \frac{1}{2} \sin 54^\circ \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} [2 \cos 36^\circ \sin 54^\circ - \sin 54^\circ] = \frac{1}{4} [\sin 90^\circ + \sin 18^\circ - \sin 54^\circ] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} [1 - (\sin 54^\circ - \sin 18^\circ)] = \frac{1}{4} [1 - 2 \sin 18^\circ \cos 36^\circ] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[1 - 2 \frac{\sin 18^\circ \cos 18^\circ \cos 36^\circ}{\cos 18^\circ} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \left[1 - \frac{\sin 36^\circ \cos 36^\circ}{\cos 18^\circ} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[1 - \frac{2 \sin 36^\circ \cos 36^\circ}{2 \cos 18^\circ} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \left[1 - \frac{\sin 72^\circ}{2 \cos 18^\circ} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \right] = \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Alternative Method

Let $\theta = 12^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 12^\circ \cdot \sin 48^\circ \cdot \sin 54^\circ &= \frac{\sin 12^\circ \sin 48^\circ \sin 72^\circ \sin 54^\circ}{\sin 72^\circ} \\ &= \frac{\sin(3 \cdot 12^\circ) \sin 54^\circ}{4 \sin 72^\circ} = \frac{\sin(36^\circ) \sin 54^\circ}{8 \sin(36^\circ) \cos(36^\circ)} = \frac{\cos 36^\circ}{8 \cos(36^\circ)} = \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the correct answer is option (A).

4. If $\sin \theta = 3 \sin(\theta + 2\alpha)$, then the value of $\tan(\theta + \alpha) + 2 \tan \alpha$ is
 (A) 0 (B) 2
 (C) 4 (D) 1

Solution: Given $\sin \theta = 3 \sin(\theta + 2\alpha)$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(\theta + \alpha - \alpha) &= 3 \sin(\theta + \alpha + \alpha) \\ \Rightarrow \sin(\theta + \alpha) \cos \alpha - \cos(\theta + \alpha) \sin \alpha &= 3 \sin(\theta + \alpha) \cos \alpha + 3 \cos(\theta + \alpha) \sin \alpha \\ \Rightarrow -2 \sin(\theta + \alpha) \cos \alpha &= 4 \cos(\theta + \alpha) \sin \alpha \\ \Rightarrow \frac{-\sin(\theta + \alpha)}{\cos(\theta + \alpha)} &= \frac{2 \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \\ \Rightarrow \tan(\theta + \alpha) + 2 \tan \alpha &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the correct answer is option (A).

5. The minimum value of $3 \tan^2 \theta + 12 \cot^2 \theta$ is
 (A) 6 (B) 8
 (C) 10 (D) None of these

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{A.M.} \geq \text{G.M.} &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (3 \tan^2 \theta + 12 \cot^2 \theta) \geq 6 \\ \Rightarrow 3 \tan^2 \theta + 12 \cot^2 \theta &\text{ has minimum value } 12. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the correct answer is option (D).

6. Prove that $3(\sin x - \cos x)^4 + 4(\sin^6 x - \cos^6 x) + 6(\sin x + \cos x)^2 = 13$.

Solution: Let t_1, t_2, t_3 denote the three expressions on the left.

$$\begin{aligned} t_1 &= 3[(\sin x - \cos x)^2]^2 = 3(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x - 2 \sin x \cos x)^2 \\ &= 3(1 - 2 \sin x \cos x)^2 = 3(1 + 4 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x - 4 \sin x \cos x) \\ t_2 &= 4(\sin^6 x - \cos^6 x) = 4(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)(\sin^4 x + \cos^4 x - \sin^2 x \cos^2 x) \\ &= 4[(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)^2 - 2 \cos^2 x \sin^2 x - \sin^2 x \cos^2 x] \\ &= 4(1 - 3 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x) \\ t_3 &= 6(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x + 2 \sin x \cos x) = 6(1 + 2 \sin x \cos x) \\ \text{Therefore, } t_1 + t_2 + t_3 &= 3 + 4 + 6 = 13 \end{aligned}$$

7. Prove that $\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{8} + \sin^2 \frac{3\pi}{8} + \sin^2 \frac{5\pi}{8} + \sin^2 \frac{7\pi}{8} = 2$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \frac{7\pi}{8} &= \sin \left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{8} \right) = \sin \frac{\pi}{8} \\ \sin \frac{5\pi}{8} &= \sin \left(\pi - \frac{3\pi}{8} \right) = \sin \frac{3\pi}{8} \\ \sin \frac{3\pi}{8} &= \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8} \right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{8} \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{8} + \sin^2 \frac{3\pi}{8} + \sin^2 \frac{5\pi}{8} + \sin^2 \frac{7\pi}{8} &= 2 \left(\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{8} + \sin^2 \frac{3\pi}{8} \right) \\ &= 2 \left(\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{8} + \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{8} \right) = 2 \end{aligned}$$

8. Prove the identity:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cos A + \cos B) (\cos 2A + \cos 2B) (\cos 2^2 A + \cos 2^2 B) \cdots (\cos 2^{n-1} A \\ & + \cos 2^{n-1} B) = \frac{(\cos 2^n A - \cos 2^n B)}{2^n (\cos A - \cos B)}. \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (\cos A - \cos B) (\cos A + \cos B) &= \cos^2 A - \cos^2 B = \frac{1}{2} [(1 + \cos 2A) - (1 + \cos 2B)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2A - \cos 2B) \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cos A - \cos B) (\cos A + \cos B) (\cos 2A + \cos 2B) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [(\cos 2A - \cos 2B) (\cos 2A + \cos 2B)] = \frac{1}{2^2} (\cos 2^2 A - \cos 2^2 B) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(\cos A - \cos B) (\cos A + \cos B) (\cos 2A + \cos 2B) (\cos 2^2 A + \cos 2^2 B)$$

Proceeding in this manner, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cos A - \cos B) (\cos A + \cos B) (\cos 2A + \cos 2B) (\cos 2^2 A + \cos 2^2 B) \cdots \\ & (\cos 2^{n-1} A + \cos 2^{n-1} B) \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} (\cos 2^n A - \cos 2^n B) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the given identity follows.

9. Show that $\frac{\sin 8A}{2 \sin A} = \cos A + \cos 3A + \cos 5A + \cos 7A$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S.} &= (\cos A + \cos 3A) + (\cos 5A + \cos 7A) \\ &= [\cos(2A - A) + \cos(2A + A)] + [\cos(6A - A) + \cos(6A + A)] \\ &= 2 \cos A \cos 2A + 2 \cos A \cos 6A \\ &= 2 \cos A [\cos(4A - 2A) + \cos(4A + 2A)] = 2 \cos A \cdot 2 \cos 2A \cdot \cos 4A \\ &= \frac{(2 \sin A \cos A)}{\sin A} \cdot 2 \cos 2A \cdot \cos 4A \\ &= \frac{(2 \sin 2A \cdot \cos 2A) \cdot \cos 4A}{\sin A} = \frac{\sin 4A \cdot \cos 4A}{\sin A} = \frac{\sin 8A}{2 \sin A} \end{aligned}$$

10. Prove that $\cos^2 x + \cos^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + x \right) - \cos x \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + x \right)$ is independent of x .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \cos^2 x + \cos^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + x \right) - \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + x \right) \cos x \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(2 \cos^2 x + 2 \cos^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + x \right) - 2 \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + x \right) \cos x \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \cos \left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2x \right) + 1 + \cos 2x - 2 \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + x \right) \cos x \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(2 + \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + 2x \right) + \cos 2x + \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + 2x \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(2 - \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + 2x \right) \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + 2x \right) \right) \text{ since } \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \\
 &= \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + 2x \right) - \frac{1}{2} \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + 2x \right) = \frac{3}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

and this does not contain x . Hence proved.

11. If $\frac{\cos^4 x}{\cos^2 y} + \frac{\sin^4 x}{\sin^2 y} = 1$, then prove that $\frac{\cos^4 y}{\cos^2 x} + \frac{\sin^4 y}{\sin^2 x} = 1$.

Solution: The given condition is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos^4 x \sin^2 y + \sin^4 x \cos^2 y &= \sin^2 y \cos^2 y \\
 &= \sin^2 y (1 - \sin^2 y) = \sin^2 y - \sin^4 y
 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin^4 y &= \sin^2 y (1 - \cos^4 x) - \sin^4 x \cos^2 y \\
 &= \sin^2 y (1 - \cos^2 x) (1 + \cos^2 x) - \sin^4 x \cos^2 y \\
 &= \sin^2 y \sin^2 x (1 + \cos^2 x) - \sin^4 x \cos^2 y
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\sin^4 y}{\sin^2 x} = \sin^2 y + \sin^2 y \cos^2 x - \cos^2 y \sin^2 x \quad (2)$$

Similarly, on the R.H.S. of Eq. (1), replacing $\sin^2 y$ by $1 - \cos^2 y$ and simplifying as shown above, we get

$$\frac{\cos^4 y}{\cos^2 x} = \cos^2 y + \cos^2 y \sin^2 x - \cos^2 x \sin^2 y \quad (3)$$

By adding Eqs. (2) and (3), we get the desired result.

12. Prove that:

1. $\tan A + \cot A = 2 \operatorname{cosec} 2A$

2. $\cot A - \tan A = 2 \cot 2A$

Deduce that $\tan A + 2 \tan 2A + 4 \tan 4A + 8 \cot 8A = \cot A$ and more generally

$$\tan A + 2 \tan 2A + 2^2 \tan 2^2 A + \dots + 2^{n-1} \tan 2^{n-1} A + 2^n \cot 2^n A = \cot A$$

Solution:

1. $\tan A + \cot A = \tan A + \frac{1}{\tan A} = \frac{1 + \tan^2 A}{\tan A}$

$$= \frac{\sec^2 A}{\tan A} = \frac{2}{2 \tan A \cos^2 A} = \frac{2}{\sin 2A} = 2 \operatorname{cosec} 2A$$

2. $\cot A - \tan A = \frac{\cos A}{\sin A} - \frac{\sin A}{\cos A} = \frac{\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A}{\sin A \cos A} = \frac{2 \cos 2A}{\sin 2A} = 2 \cot 2A$

Therefore,

$$\tan A = \cot A - 2 \cot 2A \quad (1)$$

$$\tan 2A = \cot 2A - 2 \cot 4A \text{ [changing } A \text{ to } 2A \text{ in Eq. (1)]} \quad (2)$$

$$\tan 4A = \cot 4A - 2 \cot 8A \text{ [similar change]} \quad (3)$$

Multiplying Eqs. (1) – (3) by 1, 2, 2^2 and adding, we get

$$\tan A + 2 \tan 2A + 2^2 \tan 4A = \cot A - 8 \cot 8A$$

Hence,

$$\tan A + 2 \tan 2A + 2^2 \tan 2^2 A + 2^3 \cot 2^3 A = \cot A$$

The general result can be obtained by repeating the above sequence of steps n times.

13. If $A + B + C = \pi$, and

$$\tan \left(\frac{A+B-C}{4} \right) \tan \left(\frac{B+C-A}{4} \right) \tan \left(\frac{A+C-B}{4} \right) = 1$$

prove that $\sin A + \sin B + \sin C + \sin A \sin B \sin C = 0$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tan \left(\frac{A+B-C}{4} \right) &= \tan \left(\frac{\pi - 2C}{4} \right) = \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{C}{2} \right) = \frac{1 - \tan \frac{C}{2}}{1 + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{\left(\cos \frac{C}{2} - \sin \frac{C}{2} \right)^2}{\cos^2 \frac{C}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{1 - \sin C}{\cos C} = \frac{\cos C}{1 + \sin C}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\tan \left(\frac{B+C-A}{4} \right) = \frac{1 - \sin A}{\cos A} = \frac{\cos A}{1 + \sin A}$$

and

$$\tan \left(\frac{C+A-B}{4} \right) = \frac{1 - \sin B}{\cos B} = \frac{\cos B}{1 + \sin B}$$

The given condition implies

$$\left(\frac{1 - \sin A}{\cos A} \right) \left(\frac{1 - \sin B}{\cos B} \right) \left(\frac{1 - \sin C}{\cos C} \right) = 1 \quad (1)$$

as well as

$$\left(\frac{\cos A}{1 + \sin A} \right) \left(\frac{\cos B}{1 + \sin B} \right) \left(\frac{\cos C}{1 + \sin C} \right) = 1 \quad (2)$$

From Eqs. (1) and (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos A \cos B \cos C &= (1 - \sin A) (1 - \sin B) (1 - \sin C) \\
 &= (1 + \sin A) (1 + \sin B) (1 + \sin C)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 - \Sigma \sin A + \Sigma \sin A \sin B - \sin A \sin B \sin C \\
 = 1 + \Sigma \sin A + \Sigma \sin A \sin B + \sin A \sin B \sin C
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\Sigma \sin A + \sin A \sin B \sin C = 0$.

14. If $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, prove the inequality $\cos(\sin \theta) > \sin(\cos \theta)$.

Solution:

We have $\sin \theta + \cos \theta = \sqrt{2} \sin \left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \leq \sqrt{2}$ since the maximum value of $\sin \left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = 1$

But $\sqrt{2} < \pi/2$; ($\sqrt{2}$ is approximately 1.414 and $\pi/2$ is approximately 1.59). Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta + \cos \theta &< \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \Rightarrow \sin \theta &< \frac{\pi}{2} - \cos \theta\end{aligned}$$

$\cos(\sin \theta) > \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \cos \theta \right)$ since $\alpha < \beta \Rightarrow \cos \alpha > \cos \beta$

cosine being a decreasing function in first quadrant. That is

$$\cos(\sin \theta) > \sin(\cos \theta)$$

15. If $\tan(\pi/4 + y/2) = \tan^3(\pi/4 + x/2)$, prove that

$$\sin y = \sin x \left(\frac{3 + \sin^2 x}{1 + 3 \sin^2 x} \right)$$

Solution:

$$\tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{y}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{1 + \tan \frac{y}{2}}{1 - \tan \frac{y}{2}} \right)$$

Therefore, from the given condition,

$$\left(\frac{1 + \tan \frac{y}{2}}{1 - \tan \frac{y}{2}} \right) = \left(\frac{1 + \tan \frac{x}{2}}{1 - \tan \frac{x}{2}} \right)^3$$

Hence,

$$\left(\frac{\left(1 + \tan \frac{y}{2} \right) - \left(1 - \tan \frac{y}{2} \right)}{\left(1 + \tan \frac{y}{2} \right) + \left(1 - \tan \frac{y}{2} \right)} \right) = \left(\frac{\left(1 + \tan \frac{x}{2} \right)^3 - \left(1 - \tan \frac{x}{2} \right)^3}{\left(1 + \tan \frac{x}{2} \right)^3 + \left(1 - \tan \frac{x}{2} \right)^3} \right)$$

$$\left(\because \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \Rightarrow \frac{a-b}{a+b} = \frac{c-d}{c+d} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \frac{y}{2} = \left(\frac{3 \tan \frac{x}{2} + \tan^3 \frac{x}{2}}{1 + 3 \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \frac{y}{2} = \left(\frac{3t + t^3}{1 + 3t^2} \right) \quad \left(\text{where } \tan \frac{x}{2} = t \right)$$

$$\text{LHS} = \sin y = \frac{2 \tan \frac{y}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{y}{2}} = \frac{2 \left(\frac{3t + t^3}{1 + 3t^2} \right)}{1 + \left(\frac{3t + t^3}{1 + 3t^2} \right)^2} = \frac{2(3 + t^2)(1 + 3t^2)}{(1 + t^2)(1 + 14t^2 + t^4)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\cos x = \frac{1 - \tan^2 t}{1 + \tan^2 t} \Rightarrow t^2 = \frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \right) \\ = \sin x \frac{2 \left(3 + \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \right) \right) \left(1 + 3 \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \right) \right)}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \right) \right) \left(1 + 14 \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \right) + \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \right)^2 \right)} \\ = \sin x \frac{2(4 + 2 \cos x)(4 - 2 \cos x)}{((1 + \cos x)^2 + 14(1 + \cos x)(1 - \cos x) + (1 - \cos x)^2)} \\ = \sin x \frac{3 + \sin^2 x}{1 + 3 \sin^2 x} = \text{RHS}\end{aligned}$$

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