

Trigonometry 2

1. Solve $\sin \theta \csc \frac{\theta}{2} - \cot \frac{\theta}{2} = 3 \left(1 - 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}\right)$ for $-360^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta \csc \frac{\theta}{2} - \cot \frac{\theta}{2} &= 3 \left(1 - 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} - \frac{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} = 3 \left(1 - 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \sin \theta - \cos \frac{\theta}{2} &= 3 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 - 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}\right) \Rightarrow 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = 3 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 - 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left(2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - 1\right) + 3 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left(2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - 1\right) &= 0 \Rightarrow \left(3 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \cos \frac{\theta}{2}\right) \left(2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - 1\right) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 3 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = 0 \text{ or } 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - 1 = 0 &\Rightarrow \tan \frac{\theta}{2} = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ or } \sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

For $\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = -\frac{1}{3}$, $\theta = 360^\circ n - 2(18.434948822922)$, where n is an integer.

Since $-360^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$, $\theta = -36.869897645844^\circ$ or 323.130102354156°

For $\sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$, $\theta = 720^\circ n + 60^\circ$ or $\theta = 720^\circ n + 300^\circ$, where n is an integer.

Since $-360^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$, $\theta = 60^\circ$ or 300° .

$\theta = -36.869897645844^\circ, 60^\circ, 300^\circ, 323.130102354156^\circ$

2. Show that for all values of θ ,

(a) $\cos \theta + \cos \left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi\right) + \cos \left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi\right) = 0$

(b) $\sin^2 \theta + \sin^2 \left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi\right) + \sin^2 \left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi\right) = \frac{3}{2}$

(c) $\cos^3 \theta + \cos^3 \left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi\right) + \cos^3 \left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi\right) = \frac{3}{4} \cos 3\theta$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \cos \theta + \cos \left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi\right) + \cos \left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi\right) &= \cos \theta - 2 \cos \frac{(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi) + (\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi)}{2} \cos \frac{(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi) - (\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi)}{2} \\ &= \cos \theta - 2 \cos (\theta + 2\pi) \cos \frac{\pi}{6} = \cos \theta + 2 \cos \theta \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } \sin^2 \theta + \sin^2 \left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi\right) + \sin^2 \left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi\right) &= \frac{1}{2} [1 - \cos 2\theta] + \frac{1}{2} [1 - \cos 2\left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi\right)] + \frac{1}{2} [1 - \cos 2\left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi\right)] \\ &= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} [\cos 2\theta + \cos \left(2\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi\right) + \cos \left(2\theta + \frac{8}{3}\pi\right)] \\ &= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} [\cos 2\theta + \cos \left(2\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi\right) + \cos \left(2\theta + \frac{8}{3}\pi - 2\pi\right)] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos 2\theta + \cos \left(2\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi \right) + \cos \left(2\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi \right) \right] = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} [0] \text{ , by (a), replace } \theta \text{ by } 2\theta$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}$$

(c) Consider:

$$4 \left[\cos^3 \theta + \cos^3 \left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi \right) + \cos^3 \left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi \right) \right] \text{ , and using (a)}$$

$$= 4 \left[\cos^3 \theta + \cos^3 \left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi \right) + \cos^3 \left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi \right) \right] - 3 \left[\cos \theta + \cos \left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi \right) + \cos \left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi \right) \right]$$

$$= [4\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta] + [4\cos^3 \left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi \right) - 3\cos \left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi \right)] + [4\cos^3 \left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi \right) - 3\cos \left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi \right)]$$

$$= \cos 3\theta + \cos 3 \left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi \right) + \cos 3 \left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi \right)$$

$$= \cos 3\theta + \cos (3\theta + 2\pi) + \cos (3\theta + 2\pi)$$

$$= \cos 3\theta + \cos 3\theta + \cos 3\theta$$

$$= 3\cos 3\theta$$

$$\text{Hence, } \cos^3 \theta + \cos^3 \left(\theta + \frac{2}{3}\pi \right) + \cos^3 \left(\theta + \frac{4}{3}\pi \right) = \frac{3}{4} \cos 3\theta$$

3. Prove $-\frac{1}{\sec 2x} \equiv \frac{2(\sin^3 x - \cos^3 x)}{\sin x + \cos x} + \frac{\cos 2x}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S.} &= \frac{2(\sin x - \cos x)(\sin^2 x + \sin x \cos x + \cos^2 x)}{\sin x + \cos x} + \frac{\cos 2x}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{2(\sin x + \cos x)(\sin x - \cos x)(1 + \sin x \cos x)}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} + \frac{\cos 2x}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{2(\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x)(1 + \sin x \cos x)}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} + \frac{\cos 2x}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{-2 \cos 2x(1 + \sin x \cos x)}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} + \frac{\cos 2x}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{-\cos 2x}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} [2(1 + \sin x \cos x) - 1] \\ &= \frac{-\cos 2x}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} [1 + 2 \sin x \cos x] \\ &= \frac{-\cos 2x}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} (\sin x + \cos x)^2 \\ &= -\cos 2x \\ &= \text{L.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

4. Given that $y = \frac{5+4 \cos \theta}{1+\sin \theta}$. Use the substitution $t = \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$,show that $y = \frac{9+t^2}{1+2t+t^2}$.

Hence, or otherwise, prove that $y \geq \frac{9}{10}$.

$$\text{Let } t = \tan \frac{\theta}{2}, \quad \sin \theta = 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} = \frac{2 \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}}}{\frac{\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} + 1} = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$$

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

$$y = \frac{5+4 \cos \theta}{1+\sin \theta} = \frac{5+4 \left(\frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2} \right)}{1+\frac{2t}{1+t^2}} = \frac{5(1+t^2)+4(1-t^2)}{1+t^2+2t} = \frac{9+t^2}{1+2t+t^2} \Rightarrow y(1+2t+t^2) = 9+t^2$$

$$(y-1)t^2 + (2y)t + y-9 = 0$$

$$\text{Since } t \text{ is real, } \Delta = (2y)^2 - 4(y-1)(y-9) \geq 0 \Rightarrow y \geq \frac{9}{10}$$

5. Sketch a graph $y = \cos 2\theta$ in the range $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$. Hence, find the set of values of θ , where $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, satisfying the inequality $4 \sin^2 \theta \geq 2 - \sqrt{3}$.

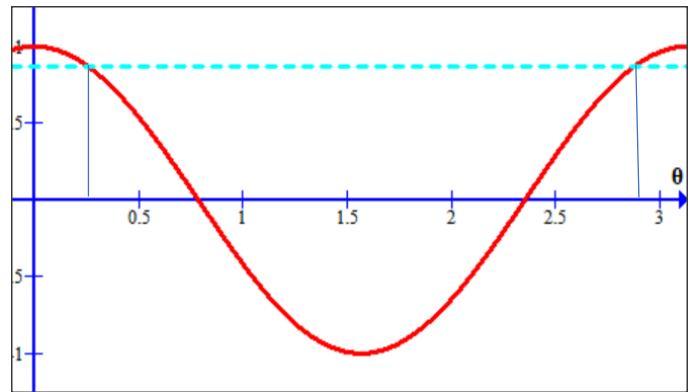
$$4 \sin^2 \theta \geq 2 - \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow 2(1 - \cos 2\theta) \geq 2 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \cos 2\theta \geq \frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow \cos 2\theta \leq 1 - \frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 2\theta \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{For the equation, } \cos 2\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{We get } 2\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad = \frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{11\pi}{12}.$$



By drawing the horizontal line $y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, we get the solution for $\cos 2\theta \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

and hence $4 \sin^2 \theta \geq 2 - \sqrt{3}$ is $\frac{\pi}{12} \leq \theta \leq \frac{11\pi}{12}$.

6. Solve $\sin 2\theta - 2 \sin \theta = 1$ for $\theta = 0^\circ$ to 360° .

$$\sin 2\theta - 2 \sin \theta = 1 \Rightarrow 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - 2 \sin \theta = 1$$

$$\text{Put } t = \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \text{ then } \sin \theta = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}, \cos \theta = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}$$

$$2\left(\frac{2t}{1+t^2}\right)\left(\frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}\right) - 2\left(\frac{2t}{1+t^2}\right) = 1$$

$$4t(1-t^2) - 4t(1+t^2) = (1+t^2)^2$$

$$(1+t^2)^2 + 4t(1+t^2) - 4t(1-t^2) = 0$$

$$t^4 + 8t^3 + 2t^2 + 1 = 0$$

Use numerical method such as Newton's method to solve for the real roots:

$$t \approx -7.73943 \text{ or } -0.621711$$

$$\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \approx -7.73943 \text{ or } -0.621711$$

$$\theta \approx 194.72^\circ \text{ or } 296.26^\circ$$

7. If $f(r) = \cos 2r\theta$, simplify $f(r) - f(r-1)$. Use your result to find the sum of the first n terms of the series $\sin 3\theta + \sin 5\theta + \sin 7\theta + \dots$.

$$f(r) - f(r-1) = \cos 2r\theta - \cos 2(r-1)\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{2r\theta + 2(r-1)\theta}{2} \sin \frac{2r\theta - 2(r-1)\theta}{2}$$

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

$$\sum_{r=2}^n [f(r) - f(r-1)] = -\frac{1}{2} \sin \theta \sum_{r=2}^n \sin(2r-1)\theta$$

$$f(n) - f(1) = -\frac{1}{2} \sin \theta [\sin 3\theta + \sin 5\theta + \sin 7\theta + \dots + \sin(2n-1)\theta]$$

$$\cos 2n\theta - \cos 2\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \sin \theta [\sin 3\theta + \sin 5\theta + \sin 7\theta + \dots + \sin(2n-1)\theta]$$

$$\sin 3\theta + \sin 5\theta + \sin 7\theta + \dots + \sin(2n-1)\theta = 2 \left(\frac{\cos 2\theta - \cos 2n\theta}{\sin \theta} \right)$$

Sum of the first n terms of the series $\sin 3\theta + \sin 5\theta + \sin 7\theta + \dots$

$$= \sin 3\theta + \sin 5\theta + \sin 7\theta + \dots + \sin(2n-1)\theta + \sin(2n+1)\theta = 2 \left[\frac{\cos 2\theta - \cos 2(n+1)\theta}{\sin \theta} \right]$$

8. Solve the equation $\cos^{-1} 2x + \sin^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

$$\cos[\cos^{-1} 2x + \sin^{-1} x] = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \cos[\cos^{-1} 2x + \sin^{-1} x] = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

By drawing right angled triangles, we have

$$(2x)(\sqrt{1-x^2}) - (\sqrt{1-4x^2})(x) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 4x\sqrt{1-x^2} - 2x\sqrt{1-4x^2} = 1 \dots (1)$$

$$[4x\sqrt{1-x^2} - 2x\sqrt{1-4x^2}][4x\sqrt{1-x^2} + 2x\sqrt{1-4x^2}] = 4x\sqrt{1-x^2} + 2x\sqrt{1-4x^2}$$

$$16x^2(1-x^2) - 4x^2(1-4x^2) = 4x\sqrt{1-x^2} + 2x\sqrt{1-4x^2}$$

$$\text{Therefore } 4x\sqrt{1-x^2} + 2x\sqrt{1-4x^2} = 12x^2 \dots (2)$$

$$(1) + (2), 8x\sqrt{1-x^2} = 12x^2 + 1$$

$$\text{Squaring, } 64x^2(1-x^2) = 144x^4 + 24x^2 + 1$$

$$208x^4 - 40x^2 + 1 = 0,$$

$$\text{Solving, } x^2 = \frac{5+2\sqrt{3}}{52}, \text{ using only the positive root.}$$

$$\therefore x = \sqrt{\frac{5+2\sqrt{3}}{52}}$$

9. Prove that $\frac{2 \sin 4\theta - \sin 6\theta - \sin 2\theta}{2 \sin 4\theta + \sin 6\theta + \sin 2\theta} = \tan^2 \theta$.

Hence, find the value of $\tan^2 15^\circ$, leaving your answer in surd form.

$$\frac{2 \sin 4\theta - \sin 6\theta - \sin 2\theta}{2 \sin 4\theta + \sin 6\theta + \sin 2\theta} = \frac{2 \sin 4\theta - 2 \sin\left(\frac{6\theta+2\theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{6\theta-2\theta}{2}\right)}{2 \sin 4\theta + 2 \sin\left(\frac{6\theta+2\theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{6\theta-2\theta}{2}\right)} = \frac{2 \sin 4\theta - 2 \sin 4\theta \cos 2\theta}{2 \sin 4\theta + 2 \sin 4\theta \cos 2\theta} = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{1 + \cos 2\theta} = \frac{2 \sin^2 \theta}{2 \cos^2 \theta} = \tan^2 \theta$$

$$\tan^2 15^\circ = \frac{2 \sin 60^\circ - \sin 90^\circ - \sin 30^\circ}{2 \sin 60^\circ + \sin 90^\circ + \sin 30^\circ} = \frac{2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) + 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{2\sqrt{3} - 2 - 1}{2\sqrt{3} + 2 + 1} = \frac{2\sqrt{3} - 3}{2\sqrt{3} + 3} = \frac{(2\sqrt{3} - 3)^2}{(2\sqrt{3} + 3)(2\sqrt{3} - 3)}$$

$$= \frac{12 - 12\sqrt{3} + 9}{3} = \frac{21 - 12\sqrt{3}}{3} = 7 - 4\sqrt{3}$$

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