

Class-X Maths Introduction to Trigonometry Solved Problems

1. Q. Prove that: $\sin^6 \theta + \cos^6 \theta = 1 - 3\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^6 \theta + \cos^6 \theta &= (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)^3 - 3(\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta)(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \quad [\text{since } a + b = (a+b)^3 - 3ab(a+b)] \\ &= 1 - 3\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \quad [\text{Since } \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1] \end{aligned}$$

2. Q. If $\sin A + \cos A = x$, prove that $\sin^6 A + \cos^6 A = [4 - 3(x^2 - 1)]/4$

$$\sin A + \cos A = x$$

$$\text{Squaring on both sides, we get } \sin^2 A + \cos^2 A + 2 \sin A \cos A = x^2$$

$$\sin A \cos A = (x^2 - 1)/2 \quad \text{----(i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^6 \theta + \cos^6 \theta &= (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)^3 - 3(\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta)(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \quad [\text{since } a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)^3 - 3ab(a+b)] \\ &= 1 - 3\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \quad [\text{Since } \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1] \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 - 3 \left\{ \frac{x^2 - 1}{2} \right\}^2$$

$$= 1 - [3(x^2 - 1)^2]/4$$

$$= [4 - 3(x^2 - 1)^2]/4$$

3. Q. if $\operatorname{cosec} A - \sin A = a^3$, $\sec A - \cos A = b^3$, prove that $a^2 b^2 (a^2 + b^2) = 1$

$$a^3 = \cos^2 A / \sin A$$

$$\sin A = \cos^2 A / a^3$$

$$b^3 = \sin^2 A / \cos A = \cos^4 A / a^6 \times 1 / \cos A$$

$$\text{so } \cos^3 A = b^3 a^6$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos A = b \cdot a^2$$

$$\text{similarly } \sin A = b^2 a$$

$$\text{so } \sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$$

$$= b^4 a^2 + b^2 a^4 = a^2 b^2 (a^2 + b^2) = 1$$

4. If $\sec A + \tan A = p$, then find the value of $\sec A - \tan A$

$$\text{Given } \sec A + \tan A = p$$

$$\text{Recall the identity, } \sec^2 A - \tan^2 A = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sec A + \tan A)(\sec A - \tan A) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow p \times (\sec A - \tan A) = 1$$

$$\therefore (\sec A - \tan A) = 1/p$$

5. f $(\sec A + \tan A)(\sec B + \tan B)(\sec C + \tan C) = (\sec A - \tan A)(\sec B - \tan B)(\sec C - \tan C)$, prove that each of the sides is equal to 1 or -1.

$$\text{Solution: } (\sec A + \tan A)(\sec B + \tan B)(\sec C + \tan C) = (\sec A - \tan A)(\sec B - \tan B)(\sec C - \tan C)$$

$$\text{Multiply both sides with } "(\sec A + \tan A)(\sec B + \tan B)(\sec C + \tan C)",$$

$$\text{we get } (\sec A + \tan A)^2 (\sec B + \tan B)^2 (\sec C + \tan C)^2$$

$$= (\sec^2 A - \tan^2 A)(\sec^2 B - \tan^2 B)(\sec^2 C - \tan^2 C) = (1)(1)(1) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [(\sec A + \tan A)(\sec B + \tan B)(\sec C + \tan C)]^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore (\sec A + \tan A)(\sec B + \tan B)(\sec C + \tan C) = \pm 1$$

Similarly, we get $(\sec A - \tan A)(\sec B - \tan B)(\sec C - \tan C) = \pm 1$

6. Prove $(1 + \cot A - \operatorname{cosec} A)(1 + \tan A + \sec A) = 2$

Solution: $(1 + \cot A - \operatorname{cosec} A)(1 + \tan A + \sec A)$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{1}{\tan A} - \operatorname{cosec} A\right)(1 + \tan A + \sec A)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\tan A + 1 - \frac{1}{\sin A} \times \sin A}{\tan A}\right)(1 + \tan A + \sec A)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\tan A} (1 + \tan A - \sec A)(1 + \tan A + \sec A)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\tan A} [(1 + \tan A)^2 - \sec^2 A] = \frac{1}{\tan A} [1 + 2 \tan A + \tan^2 A - \sec^2 A]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\tan A} [1 + 2 \tan A - 1] \quad [\text{Since } \sec^2 A - \tan^2 A = 1] = \frac{1}{\tan A} \times 2 \tan A = 2$$

7. If $\sin A + \sin^2 A + \sin^3 A = 1$, prove that $\cos^6 A - 4\cos^4 A + 8\cos^2 A = 4$.

Solution:

$$\text{Given } \sin A + \sin^2 A + \sin^3 A = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin A + \sin^3 A = 1 - \sin^2 A$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin A + \sin^3 A = \cos^2 A$$

Let's square on both the sides of the above equation, we get

$$(\sin A + \sin^3 A)^2 = (\cos^2 A)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 A + 2 \times \sin A \times \sin^3 A + \sin^6 A = \cos^4 A$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 A + 2 \sin^4 A + \sin^6 A = \cos^4 A$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \cos^2 A) + 2(\sin^2 A)^2 + (\sin^2 A)^3 = \cos^4 A$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \cos^2 A) + (2 - 4 \cos^2 A + 2 \cos^4 A) + (1 - 3 \cos^2 A + 3 \cos^4 A - \cos^6 A) = \cos^4 A$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 - 8 \cos^2 A + 5 \cos^4 A - \cos^6 A = \cos^4 A$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 - 8 \cos^2 A + 4 \cos^4 A - \cos^6 A = 0$$

$$\therefore \cos^6 A - 4 \cos^4 A + 8 \cos^2 A = 4$$

8. Show that $(1 - \sin A + \cos A)^2 = 2(1 + \cos A)(1 - \sin A)$

Solution: $(1 - \sin A + \cos A)^2 = [(1 - \sin A) + \cos A]^2$
 $= (1 - \sin A)^2 + \cos^2 A + 2(1 - \sin A)\cos A = 1 + \sin^2 A - 2\sin A + \cos^2 A + 2(1 - \sin A)\cos A$
 $= 1 + (\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A) - 2\sin A + 2(1 - \sin A)\cos A = 1 + 1 - 2\sin A + 2(1 - \sin A)\cos A$ [Since, $\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$]
 $= 2 - 2\sin A + 2(1 - \sin A)\cos A = 2(1 - \sin A) + 2(1 - \sin A)\cos A = 2(1 - \sin A)(1 + \cos A)$

9. Prove that $\sin \theta - \cos \theta + 1 / \sin \theta + \cos \theta - 1 = 1 / \sec \theta - \tan \theta$, using the identity $\sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$

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

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

$$= \frac{\tan \theta - 1 + \sec \theta}{\tan \theta + 1 - \sec \theta} = \frac{\tan \theta + \sec \theta - 1}{\tan \theta - \sec \theta + 1}$$

Put $1 = \sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta$ in the numerator

$$\frac{\tan \theta + \sec \theta - 1}{\tan \theta - \sec \theta + 1} = \frac{(\tan \theta + \sec \theta) - (\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta)}{\tan \theta - \sec \theta + 1}$$

$$= \frac{(\sec \theta + \tan \theta) - (\sec \theta + \tan \theta)(\sec \theta - \tan \theta)}{\tan \theta - \sec \theta + 1}$$

$$= \frac{(\sec \theta + \tan \theta)[1 - (\sec \theta - \tan \theta)]}{\tan \theta - \sec \theta + 1}$$

$$= \frac{(\sec \theta + \tan \theta)[1 - \sec \theta + \tan \theta]}{\tan \theta - \sec \theta + 1}$$

$$= \frac{(\sec \theta + \tan \theta)[\tan \theta - \sec \theta + 1]}{\tan \theta - \sec \theta + 1}$$

$$= \sec \theta + \tan \theta$$

10. write all other trigonometrical identities in form of cot A?

Consider, $\operatorname{cosec}^2 A - \cot^2 A = 1 \Rightarrow \operatorname{cosec}^2 A = 1 + \cot^2 A \Rightarrow \operatorname{cosec} A = \sqrt{1 + \cot^2 A}$

We know that $\sin A = \frac{1}{\operatorname{cosec} A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \cot^2 A}}$

$\cos A = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 A} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{1 + \cot^2 A}} \therefore \cos A = \sqrt{\frac{\cot^2 A}{1 + \cot^2 A}}$

We know that $\sec A = \frac{1}{\cos A} \therefore \sec A = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cot^2 A}{\cot^2 A}} \tan A = \frac{1}{\cot A}$