

Trigonometric Identities

Exercise 10.3 (Solution) for Class XI

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Question # 1 Find the values of $\sin 2\alpha$, $\cos 2\alpha$ and $\tan 2\alpha$ when:

(i) $\sin \alpha = \frac{12}{13}$ (ii) $\cos \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$ where $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$

Solution

(i) $\sin \alpha = \frac{12}{13}$; $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\cos \alpha = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \alpha}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{144}{169}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{25}{169}} \Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \frac{5}{13}$$

Since $\cos \alpha = \pm \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \alpha}$ As α is in the first quadrant so value of cos is +ive

and $\tan \alpha = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = \frac{12/13}{5/13} \Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \frac{12}{5}$

Now $\sin 2\alpha = 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{12}{13}\right) \left(\frac{5}{13}\right) \Rightarrow \boxed{\sin 2\alpha = \frac{120}{169}}$$

$$\cos 2\alpha = \cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha$$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{13}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{25}{169} - \frac{144}{169} \Rightarrow \boxed{\cos 2\alpha = \frac{119}{169}}$$

$$\tan 2\alpha = \frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1 - \tan^2 \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{2 \left(\frac{12}{5}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{12}{5}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{24/5}{1 - 144/25}$$

$$= \frac{24/5}{-119/25}$$

$$= -\frac{24}{5} \cdot \frac{25}{119} \Rightarrow \boxed{\tan 2\alpha = \frac{120}{119}}$$

(iii) Let $\theta = 54^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow 5\theta = 270^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\theta + 2\theta = 270^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\theta = 270^\circ - 3\theta$$

$$\sin 2\theta = \sin(270 - 3\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 2\theta = \sin(3(90) - 3\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 2\theta = -\cos 3\theta$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin \theta \cos \theta = -4\cos^3 \theta + 3\cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin \theta = -4\cos^2 \theta + 3$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin \theta = -4 + 4\sin^2 \theta + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin \theta = 4\sin^2 \theta - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\sin^2 \theta - 2\sin \theta - 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore \cos 3\theta = 4\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \sin 2\theta = 2\sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \theta = 54^\circ$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sin 54^\circ = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{4}}$$

$$\text{Now } \cos^2 54^\circ = 1 - \sin^2 54^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 54^\circ = 1 - \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{4}\right)^2$$

$$\cos^2 54^\circ = 1 - \frac{(\sqrt{5})^2 + 2\sqrt{5} + 1}{16}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{5 + 2\sqrt{5} + 1}{16}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{6 + 2\sqrt{5}}{16}$$

$$= \frac{16 - 6 - \sqrt{5}}{16}$$

$$= \frac{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 54^\circ = \sqrt{\frac{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}{16}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{\cos 54^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{4}}$$

(iii) Now $\sin(90 - 36) = \cos 36^\circ$

Method

$$\therefore \sin(90 - \theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 54^\circ = \cos 36^\circ$$

And $\Rightarrow \boxed{\sin 54^\circ = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{4}}$

$$\cos(90 - 36) = \sin 36^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 54^\circ = \sin 36^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\cos 54^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{4}}$$

(iv) Now $\sin(90 - 18) = \cos 18^\circ$

$$\therefore \sin(90 - \theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 72^\circ = \cos 18^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sin 72^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}}{4}}$$

and $\cos(90 - 18) = \sin 18^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 72^\circ = \sin 18^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\cos 72^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{4}}$$

(ii) $\cos \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$; $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$

Hint: First find $\sin \alpha$ and $\tan \alpha$ then solve as above



Question # 2 $\cot \alpha - \tan \alpha = 2 \cot 2\alpha$ **Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S} &= \cot \alpha - \tan \alpha \\
 &= \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} - \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \\
 &= \frac{\cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha}{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha} \\
 &= \frac{2(\cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha)}{2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha} \\
 &= \frac{2 \cos 2\alpha}{\sin 2\alpha} \\
 &= 2 \cot 2\alpha = \text{R.H.S}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question # 3 $\frac{\sin 2\alpha}{1 + \cos 2\alpha} = \tan \alpha$ **Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{1 + \cos 2\alpha} \\
 &= \frac{2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{2 \cos^2 \alpha} \\
 &= \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \\
 &= \tan \alpha = \text{R.H.S}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \cos^2 \alpha = \frac{1 + \cos 2\alpha}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2 \cos^2 \alpha = 1 + \cos 2\alpha$$

Question # 4 $\frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} = \tan \frac{\alpha}{2}$ **Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \\
 &= \frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{\sin \frac{\alpha}{2}}{\cos \frac{\alpha}{2}} \\
 &= \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} = \text{R.H.S}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2 \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} = 1 - \cos \alpha$$

$$\sin \alpha = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

Question # 5 $\frac{\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha} = \sec 2\alpha - \tan 2\alpha$ **Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha} \\
 &= \frac{\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha} \times \frac{\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha} \\
 &= \frac{(\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha)^2}{\cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha} \\
 &= \frac{\cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha - 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{\cos 2\alpha} \\
 &= \frac{1 - \sin 2\alpha}{\cos 2\alpha} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos 2\alpha} - \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{\cos 2\alpha} \\
 &= \sec 2\alpha - \tan 2\alpha = \text{R.H.S}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question # 6 $\sqrt{\frac{1+\sin \alpha}{1-\sin \alpha}} = \frac{\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} + \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}}{\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} - \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}}$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \sqrt{\frac{1+\sin \alpha}{1-\sin \alpha}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} - 2 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\left(\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} + \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^2}{\left(\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} - \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} + \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}}{\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} - \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}} = \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

$$\because \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} = 1$$

$$\sin \alpha = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

Question # 7 $\frac{\operatorname{cosec} \theta + 2 \operatorname{cosec} 2\theta}{\sec \theta} = \cot \frac{\theta}{2}$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{\operatorname{cosec} \theta + 2 \operatorname{cosec} 2\theta}{\sec \theta} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{\sin \theta} + \frac{2}{\sin 2\theta}}{\frac{1}{\cos \theta}} \\ &= \cos \theta \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} + \frac{2}{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta} \right) \\ &= \cos \theta \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \right) \\ &= \cos \theta \left(\frac{\cos \theta + 1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \right) \\ &= \frac{\cos \theta + 1}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}} \\ &= \cot \frac{\theta}{2} = \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

Question # 8 $1 + \tan \alpha \tan 2\alpha = \sec 2\alpha$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= 1 + \tan \alpha \tan 2\alpha \\ &= 1 + \left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \right) \left(\frac{\sin 2\alpha}{\cos 2\alpha} \right) \\ &= \frac{\cos \alpha \cos 2\alpha + \sin \alpha \sin 2\alpha}{\cos \alpha \cos 2\alpha} \\ &= \frac{\cos(2\alpha - \alpha)}{\cos \alpha \cos 2\alpha} \\ &= \frac{\cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha \cos 2\alpha} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos 2\alpha} \\ &= \sec 2\alpha = \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

Question # 9 $\frac{2 \sin \theta \sin 2\theta}{\cos \theta + \cos 3\theta} = \tan 2\theta \tan \theta$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{2 \sin \theta \sin 2\theta}{\cos \theta + \cos 3\theta} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin \theta \sin 2\theta}{\cos \theta + 4\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin \theta \sin 2\theta}{4\cos^3 \theta - 2\cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin \theta \sin 2\theta}{2\cos \theta (2\cos^2 \theta - 1)} \\ &= \frac{\sin \theta \sin 2\theta}{\cos \theta \cos 2\theta} \\ &= \tan \theta \tan 2\theta \\ &= \tan 2\theta \tan \theta = \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

$$\because \cos 3\theta = 4\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta$$

$$\because \cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2\cos^2 \theta - 1 = \cos 2\theta$$

Question # 10 $\frac{\sin 3\theta}{\sin \theta} - \frac{\cos 3\theta}{\cos \theta} = 2$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{\sin 3\theta}{\sin \theta} - \frac{\cos 3\theta}{\cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin 3\theta \cos \theta - \cos 3\theta \sin \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin (3\theta - \theta)}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= 2 = \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

Question # 11 $\frac{\cos 3\theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\sin 3\theta}{\sin \theta} = 4\cos 2\theta$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{\cos 3\theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\sin 3\theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{\cos 3\theta \sin \theta + \sin 3\theta \cos \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin (\theta + 3\theta)}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin 4\theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{2(2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) \cos 2\theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= 4\cos 2\theta = \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

Question # 12 $\frac{\tan \frac{\theta}{2} + \cot \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cot \frac{\theta}{2} - \tan \frac{\theta}{2}} = \sec \theta$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{\tan \frac{\theta}{2} + \cot \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cot \frac{\theta}{2} - \tan \frac{\theta}{2}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}}{\frac{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} - \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}}{\frac{\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \\ &= \sec \theta = \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

Question # 13 $\frac{\sin 3\theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos 3\theta}{\sin \theta} = 2 \cot 2\theta$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{\sin 3\theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos 3\theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin 3\theta \sin \theta + \cos 3\theta \cos \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{\cos(3\theta - \theta)}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{\cos 2\theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{2 \cos 2\theta}{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{2 \cos 2\theta}{\sin 2\theta} \\ &= 2 \cot 2\theta = \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

Question # 14 Reduce $\sin^4 \theta$ to an expression involving only functions of multiples of θ raised to the first power.

Solution

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

Question # 15 Find the values of $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$, without using table or calculator, when θ

(i) 18°

(ii) 36°

(iii) 54°

(iv) 72°

Solution

(i) Let $\theta = 18^\circ$

$\Rightarrow 5\theta = 90^\circ$

$\Rightarrow 3\theta + 2\theta = 90^\circ$

$\Rightarrow 2\theta = 90^\circ - 3\theta$

$\sin 2\theta = \sin(90 - 3\theta)$

$\Rightarrow \sin 2\theta = \cos 3\theta$

$\Rightarrow 2\sin \theta \cos \theta = 4\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta$

$\Rightarrow 2\sin \theta = 4\cos^2 \theta - 3$

$\Rightarrow 2\sin \theta = 4(1 - \sin^2 \theta) - 3$

$\Rightarrow 2\sin \theta = 4 - 4\sin^2 \theta - 3$

$\Rightarrow 2\sin \theta = 1 - 4\sin^2 \theta$

$\Rightarrow 4\sin^2 \theta + 2\sin \theta - 1 = 0$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{(2)^2 - 4(4)(-1)}}{2(4)}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4+16}}{8}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{20}}{8}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{8}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{4}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sin 18^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4}}$$

Now $\cos^2 18^\circ = 1 - \sin^2 18^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 18^\circ = 1 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 18^\circ = 1 - \frac{(\sqrt{5})^2 - 2\sqrt{5} + 1}{16}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{5 - 2\sqrt{5} + 1}{16}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{6 - 2\sqrt{5}}{16}$$

$$= \frac{16 - 6 + \sqrt{5}}{16}$$

$$= \frac{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 18^\circ = \sqrt{\frac{10+2\sqrt{5}}{16}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\cos 18^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{4}}$$

$$\therefore \cos 3\theta = 4\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \sin 2\theta = 2\sin \theta \cos \theta$$

This is quadratic in $\sin \theta$

$a = 4, b = 1 \text{ and } c = -1$

Since $\theta = 18^\circ$ lies in the first quadrant so value of sin can not be negative therefore

$$\therefore \theta = 18^\circ$$

(ii) Since $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$

$$2 \cos^2 \theta = 1 + \cos 2\theta$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos 2(18) = 2 \cos^2(18) - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 36 = 2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}}{4} \right)^2 - 1$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}{16} \right) - 1$$

$$= \frac{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}{8} - 1$$

$$= \frac{10 + 2\sqrt{5} - 8}{8}$$

$$= \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{5}}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\cos 36^\circ = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{4}}$$

$$\sin^2 36 = 1 - \cos^2 36$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{4} \right)^2$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1 + 2\sqrt{5} + (\sqrt{5})^2}{16}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1 + 2\sqrt{5} + 5}{16}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{6 + 2\sqrt{5}}{16}$$

$$= \frac{16 - 6 - 2\sqrt{5}}{16}$$

Now

$$= \frac{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 36^\circ = \sqrt{\frac{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}{16}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sin 36^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{4}}$$