

PAST EXAMINATION QUESTIONS : TRIG IDENTITIES + EQNS

1. Calculate the maximum and minimum values of $3 \sin x + \cos x$. (J60/P2/2)
2. (i) If A is an acute angle whose tangent is $\frac{15}{8}$ and B is an obtuse angle whose sine is $\frac{12}{13}$, find, without using tables or calculators, the values of (a) $\tan 2A$; (b) $\cos 2B$; (c) $\sin(B - A)$; (d) $\tan(A + B)$.
(ii) Prove that $\frac{1 + \sin 2x + \cos 2x}{\cos x + \sin x} = 2 \cos x$. (J60/P2/5)
3. (i) If A is an acute angle whose cosine is $\frac{3}{5}$ and B is an obtuse angle whose sine is $\frac{7}{25}$, find, without using tables or calculators, the values of (a) $\cos(A + B)$; (b) $\cos 2A$; (c) $\tan(B - A)$.
(ii) If $\cos 2x = \tan^2 y$, prove that $\cos 2y = \tan^2 x$. (N60/P2/5)
4. (a) Write down a formula for $\cos 2\theta$ in terms of $\sin \theta$.
(b) Without using tables or calculators, obtain an expression for $\sin 15^\circ$. (N61/P1/7ii)
5. Write down the expansions of $\sin(A + B)$ and $\cos(A + B)$. Hence show that $\tan(A + B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$. Deduce an expression for $\tan 2A$ in terms of $\tan A$. Hence, assuming that $\tan 30^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, obtain a quadratic equation for $\tan 15^\circ$. Find the value of $\tan 15^\circ$ in surd form. (J62/P1/6)
6. ABC is an acute-angled triangle inscribed in a circle of radius 5 cm and centre O . The sine of the angle A is equal to $\frac{3}{5}$. Calculate, without using tables or calculators, (a) the length of BC ; (b) $\sin OBC$; (c) $\sin BOC$; (d) $\cos BOC$. (N62/P1B/8)
7. Write down the expansion of $\cos(A + B)$. Write $90 - C$ for A in this expansion and thus find the corresponding expansion for $\sin(B - C)$. If A is an acute angle such that $\sin A = \frac{3}{5}$ and if B is an obtuse angle such that $\cos B = -\frac{5}{13}$, calculate, without using tables or calculators, the values of $\sin B + \sin A \cos(A + B) + \cos A \sin(A - B)$. (N62/P2/8)
8. Given that $\tan(A + B) = 1$ and that $\tan(A - B) = \frac{1}{7}$, find, without using tables or calculators, the values of $\tan A$ and $\tan B$. (J63/P1/6)
9. Tables and calculators may NOT be used in this question.
(i) Given that $\tan A = \frac{1}{5}$, find the values of $\tan 2A$, $\tan 4A$ and $\tan(45^\circ - 4A)$.
(ii) Find a formula for $\cos 3\alpha$ in terms of $\cos \alpha$. (Formulae for $\cos 2\alpha$ and $\sin 2\alpha$ may be used without proof.) Use your result to find the exact value of $8 \cos^3 20^\circ - 6 \cos 20^\circ$. (N63/P1/6)
10. Given that $\tan 2A = \frac{3}{4}$ and that the angle A is acute, calculate, without using tables or calculators, the values of (a) $\cos 2A$; (b) $\sin A$; (c) $\tan A$; (d) $\tan 3A$. (J64/P1/6)
11. (i) Given that $A = B + C$, prove that $\tan A - \tan B - \tan C = \tan A \tan B \tan C$.
(ii) Prove that $\sin(\alpha + 30^\circ) = \cos \alpha + \sin(\alpha - 30^\circ)$. (N64/P1/7)
12. It is given that $\tan A$ and $\tan B$ are the roots of the equation $t^2 - pt + q = 0$. Find, in terms of p and q , expressions for (a) $\tan(A + B)$; (b) $\sin^2(A + B)$; (c) $\cos 2(A + B)$. (J65/P1/6)
13. If $A + B = 45^\circ$, show that $\tan A + \tan B + \tan A \tan B = 1$. Hence, or otherwise, express $\tan 22.5^\circ$ in surd form. (J66/P1/6)

1. Maximum value = $3 \cdot 16$
Minimum value = $-3 \cdot 16$
2. (i) (a) $-\frac{240}{161}$
(b) $-\frac{119}{169}$
(c) $\frac{171}{221}$
(d) $-\frac{21}{220}$
3. (a) $-\frac{4}{5}$
(b) $-\frac{7}{25}$
(c) $-\frac{117}{44}$
4. (a) $1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta$
(b) $\frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{2}}$
5. $\sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B,$
 $\cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B;$
 $\tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A},$
 $\tan^2 15 + 2\sqrt{3} \tan 15 - 1 = 0, 2 - \sqrt{3}$
6. (a) 6 cm
(b) $\frac{4}{5}$
(c) $\frac{24}{25}$
(d) $\frac{7}{25}$
7. $\cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B,$
 $\sin B \cos C - \cos B \sin C; -\frac{24}{65}$
8. $\tan A = \frac{1}{2}, \tan B = \frac{1}{3};$ or
 $\tan A = -2, \tan B = -3$
9. (i) $\frac{5}{12}, \frac{120}{119}, -\frac{1}{239}$
(ii) $4 \cos^2 \alpha - 3 \cos \alpha, 1$
10. (a) $\frac{4}{5}$
(b) $\sqrt{0 \cdot 1}$
(c) $\frac{1}{3}$
(d) $\frac{13}{9}$
12. (a) $\frac{p}{1-q}$
(b) $\frac{p^2}{p^2 + (1-q)^2}$
(c) $\frac{(1-q)^2 - p^2}{(1-q)^2 + p^2}$
13. $\sqrt{2} - 1$