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Trigonometric Equation

1. Trigonometric Equation :

An equation involving one or more trigonometric ratios of an unknown angle is called a trigonometric equation.

2. Solution of Trigonometric Equation :

A solution of trigonometric equation is the value of the unknown angle that satisfies the equation.

e.g. if $\sin\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ $\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{9\pi}{4}, \frac{11\pi}{4}, \dots$

Thus, the trigonometric equation may have infinite number of solutions (because of their periodic nature) and can be classified as :

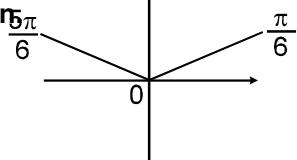
- (i) Principal solution (ii) General solution.

2.1 Principal solutions:

The solutions of a trigonometric equation which lie in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ are called **Principal solutions**.

e.g Find the Principal solutions of the equation $\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$.

Solution:



$$\therefore \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

\therefore there exists two values

i.e. $\frac{\pi}{6}$ and $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ which lie in $[0, 2\pi]$ and whose sine is $\frac{1}{2}$

\therefore Principal solutions of the equation $\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$ are $\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$ **Ans.**

2.2 General Solution :

The expression involving an integer 'n' which gives all solutions of a trigonometric equation is called **General solution**.

General solution of some standard trigonometric equations are given below.

3. General Solution of Some Standard Trigonometric Equations :

(i) If $\sin \theta = \sin \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha$ where $\alpha \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right], n \in I$.

(ii) If $\cos \theta = \cos \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = 2n\pi \pm \alpha$ where $\alpha \in [0, \pi], n \in I$.

(iii) If $\tan \theta = \tan \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi + \alpha$ where $\alpha \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), n \in I$.

(iv) If $\sin^2 \theta = \sin^2 \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi \pm \alpha, n \in I$.

(v) If $\cos^2 \theta = \cos^2 \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi \pm \alpha, n \in I$.

(vi) If $\tan^2 \theta = \tan^2 \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi \pm \alpha, n \in I$. **[Note:** α is called the principal angle **]**

Some Important deductions :

(i) $\sin \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi, n \in I$

(ii) $\sin \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = (4n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \in I$

(iii) $\sin \theta = -1 \Rightarrow \theta = (4n-1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \in I$

(iv) $\cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \in I$

(v) $\cos \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 2n\pi, n \in I$

(vi) $\cos \theta = -1 \Rightarrow \theta = (2n+1)\pi, n \in I$

(vii) $\tan \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi, n \in I$

Solved Example # 1

Solve $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \sin \theta &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \Rightarrow \sin \theta &= \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \\ \therefore \theta &= n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{3}, n \in \mathbb{I} \quad \text{Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

Solved Example # 2

Solve $\sec 2\theta = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \sec 2\theta &= -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \Rightarrow \cos 2\theta &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow \cos 2\theta = \cos \frac{5\pi}{6} \\ \Rightarrow 2\theta &= 2n\pi \pm \frac{5\pi}{6}, n \in \mathbb{I} \\ \Rightarrow \theta &= n\pi \pm \frac{5\pi}{12}, n \in \mathbb{I} \quad \text{Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

Solved Example # 3

Solve $\tan \theta = 2$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \tan \theta &= 2 \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)} \\ \text{Let } 2 &= \tan \alpha \\ \Rightarrow \tan \theta &= \tan \alpha \\ \Rightarrow \theta &= n\pi + \alpha, \text{ where } \alpha = \tan^{-1}(2), n \in \mathbb{I}\end{aligned}$$

Self Practice Problems:

1. Solve $\cot \theta = -1$

2. Solve $\cos 3\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$

Ans. (1) $\theta = n\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{I}$ (2) $\frac{2n\pi}{3} \pm \frac{2\pi}{9}, n \in \mathbb{I}$

Solved Example # 4

Solve $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \cos^2 \theta &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta &= \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \Rightarrow \theta &= n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{I} \quad \text{Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

Solved Example # 5

Solve $4 \tan^2 \theta = 3 \sec^2 \theta$

Solution.

$$\therefore 4 \tan^2 \theta = 3 \sec^2 \theta \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)}$$

For equation (i) to be defined $\theta \neq (2n+1) \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{I}$

\therefore equation (i) can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4 \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} &= \frac{3}{\cos^2 \theta} \quad \because \theta \neq (2n+1) \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{I} \\ \Rightarrow 4 \sin^2 \theta &= 3 \\ \Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2\theta = \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Self Practice Problems :

- 1.** Solve $7\cos^2\theta + 3\sin^2\theta = 4$.

- 2.** Solve $2 \sin^2 x + \sin^2 2x = 2$

Ans. (1) $n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$, $n \in I$ (2) $(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$, $n \in I$ or $n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{4}$, $n \in I$

Types of Trigonometric Equations :

Type -1

Trigonometric equations which can be solved by use of factorization.

Solved Example # 6

$$\text{Solve } (2\sin x - \cos x)(1 + \cos x) = \sin^2 x.$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (2\sin x - \cos x)(1 + \cos x) = \sin^2 x \\
 \Rightarrow & (2\sin x - \cos x)(1 + \cos x) - \sin^2 x = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & (2\sin x - \cos x)(1 + \cos x) - (1 - \cos^2 x)(1 + \cos x) = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & (1 + \cos x)(2\sin x - 1) = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & 1 + \cos x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2\sin x - 1 = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & \cos x = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad \sin x = \frac{1}{2} \\
 \Rightarrow & x = (2n + 1)\pi, n \in I \quad \text{or} \quad \sin x = \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \Rightarrow x = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in I \\
 \therefore & \text{Solution of given equation is}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(2n + 1)\pi, n \in \mathbb{I} \quad \text{or} \quad n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in \mathbb{I} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Self Practice Problems :

1. Solve $\cos^3x + \cos^2x - 4\cos^2\frac{x}{2} = 0$

- 2.** Solve $\cot^2\theta + 3\operatorname{cosec}\theta + 3 = 0$

Ans. (1) $(2n + 1)\pi$, $n \in I$

$$(2) \quad 2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in I \text{ or } n\pi + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in I$$

Type - 2

Trigonometric equations which can be solved by reducing them in quadratic equations.

Solved Example # 7

$$\text{Solve } 2 \cos^2 x + 4 \cos x = 3 \sin^2 x$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore & 2\cos^2 x + 4\cos x - 3\sin^2 x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & 2\cos^2 x + 4\cos x - 3(1 - \cos^2 x) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & 5\cos^2 x + 4\cos x - 3 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \left\{ \cos x - \left(\frac{-2 + \sqrt{19}}{5} \right) \right\} \left\{ \cos x - \left(\frac{-2 - \sqrt{19}}{5} \right) \right\} = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(ii) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \cos x \in [-1, 1] \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\cos x \neq \frac{-2-\sqrt{19}}{3}$$

$$\cos x = \frac{-2 + \sqrt{19}}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = \cos \alpha, \text{ where } \cos \alpha = \frac{-2 + \sqrt{19}}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2n\pi \pm \alpha \quad \text{where} \quad \alpha = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-2 + \sqrt{19}}{5} \right), n \in \mathbb{I}$$

Self Practice Problems : 1. Solve $\cos 2\theta - (\sqrt{2} + 1) \left(\cos \theta - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = 0$

2. Solve $4\cos \theta - 3\sec \theta = \tan \theta$

Ans. (1) $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, n \in I$ or $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$

(2) $n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha$ where $\alpha = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{-1-\sqrt{17}}{8} \right), n \in I$

or $n\pi + (-1)^n \beta$ where $\beta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{-1+\sqrt{17}}{8} \right), n \in I$

Type - 3

Trigonometric equations which can be solved by transforming a sum or difference of trigonometric ratios into their product.

Solved Example # 8

Solve $\cos 3x + \sin 2x - \sin 4x = 0$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow \cos 3x + \sin 2x - \sin 4x = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \cos 3x - 2\cos 3x \cdot \sin x = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \cos 3x = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow \cos 3x + 2\cos 3x \cdot \sin(-x) = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \cos 3x (1 - 2\sin x) = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow 1 - 2\sin x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = (2n+1) \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in I$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = (2n+1) \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in I \quad \text{or} \quad x = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in I$$

∴ solution of given equation is

$$(2n+1) \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in I \quad \text{or} \quad n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in I \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Self Practice Problems :

1. Solve $\sin 7\theta = \sin 3\theta + \sin \theta$

2. Solve $5\sin x + 6\sin 2x + 5\sin 3x + \sin 4x = 0$

3. Solve $\cos \theta - \sin 3\theta = \cos 2\theta$

Ans. (1) $\frac{n\pi}{3}, n \in I$ or $\frac{n\pi}{2} \pm \frac{\pi}{12}, n \in I$

(2) $\frac{n\pi}{2}, n \in I$ or $2n\pi \pm \frac{2\pi}{3}, n \in I$

(3) $\frac{2n\pi}{3}, n \in I$ or $2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in I$ or $n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$

Type - 4

Trigonometric equations which can be solved by transforming a product of trigonometric ratios into their sum or difference.

Solved Example # 9

Solve $\sin 5x \cdot \cos 3x = \sin 6x \cdot \cos 2x$

Solution.

$$\because \sin 5x \cdot \cos 3x = \sin 6x \cdot \cos 2x \Rightarrow 2\sin 5x \cdot \cos 3x = 2\sin 6x \cdot \cos 2x$$

$$\sin 8x + \sin 2x = \sin 8x + \sin 4x \Rightarrow \sin 4x - \sin 2x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin 2x \cdot \cos 2x - \sin 2x = 0 \Rightarrow \sin 2x (2\cos 2x - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 2x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2\cos 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = n\pi, n \in I \quad \text{or} \quad \cos 2x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{n\pi}{2}, n \in I \quad \text{or} \quad 2x = 2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, n \in I$$

$$\Rightarrow x = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in I$$

∴ Solution of given equation is

$$\frac{n\pi}{2}, n \in I \quad \text{or} \quad n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in I \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Type - 5

Trigonometric Equations of the form $a \sin x + b \cos x = c$, where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$, can be solved by dividing both sides of the equation by $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$.

Solved Example # 10

$$\text{Solve } \sin x + \cos x = \sqrt{2}$$

Solution.

\therefore divide both sides of equation (i) by $\sqrt{2}$, we get

$$\sin x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos x \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x - \frac{\pi}{4} = 2n\pi, n \in I$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$$

∴ Solution of given equation is

$$2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{I} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Note : Trigonometric equation of the form $a \sin x + b \cos x = c$ can also be solved by changing **sinx** and **cosx** into their **corresponding tangent of half the angle**.

Solved Example # 11

Solve $3\cos x + 4\sin x = 5$

Solution.

$$\therefore \cos x = \frac{1 - \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}} \quad \text{&} \quad \sin x = \frac{2 \tan \frac{x}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}}$$

\therefore equation (i) becomes

$$\Rightarrow 3 \left(\frac{1 - \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}} \right) + 4 \left(\frac{2 \tan \frac{x}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}} \right) = 5 \quad \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$\text{Let } \tan \frac{x}{2} = t$$

∴ equation (ii) becomes

$$3 \left(\frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2} \right) + 4 \left(\frac{2t}{1+t^2} \right) = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \quad & 4t^2 - 4t + 1 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \quad & (2t - 1)^2 = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \frac{x}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \frac{x}{2} = \tan \alpha, \text{ where } \tan \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} = n\pi + \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2n\pi + 2\alpha \quad \text{where } \alpha = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right), n \in I \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Self Practice Problems :

1. Solve $\sqrt{3} \cos x + \sin x = 2$

2. Solve $\sin x + \tan \frac{x}{2} = 0$

Ans. (1) $2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in I$ (2) $x = 2n\pi, n \in I$

Type - 6

Trigonometric equations of the form $P(\sin x \pm \cos x, \sin x \cos x) = 0$, where $p(y, z)$ is a polynomial, can be solved by using the substitution $\sin x \pm \cos x = t$.

Solved Example # 12

Solve $\sin x + \cos x = 1 + \sin x \cos x$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} & \because \sin x + \cos x = 1 + \sin x \cos x \quad \dots \dots \text{(i)} \\ & \text{Let } \sin x + \cos x = t \\ & \Rightarrow \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x + 2 \sin x \cos x = t^2 \\ & \Rightarrow \sin x \cos x = \frac{t^2 - 1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Now put $\sin x + \cos x = t$ and $\sin x \cos x = \frac{t^2 - 1}{2}$ in (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & t = 1 + \frac{t^2 - 1}{2} \\ & \Rightarrow t^2 - 2t + 1 = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow t = 1 \quad \therefore t = \sin x + \cos x \\ & \Rightarrow \sin x + \cos x = 1 \quad \dots \dots \text{(ii)} \end{aligned}$$

divide both sides of equation (ii) by $\sqrt{2}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow \sin x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ & \Rightarrow \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \\ & \Rightarrow x - \frac{\pi}{4} = 2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{4} \\ & \text{(i) if we take positive sign, we get} \\ & \qquad x = 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in I \quad \text{Ans.} \\ & \text{(ii) if we take negative sign, we get} \\ & \qquad x = 2n\pi, n \in I \quad \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

Self Practice Problems:

1. Solve $\sin 2x + 5 \sin x + 1 + 5 \cos x = 0$

2. Solve $3 \cos x + 3 \sin x + \sin 3x - \cos 3x = 0$

3. Solve $(1 - \sin 2x)(\cos x - \sin x) = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x$.

Ans. (1) $n\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$ (2) $n\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$
 (3) $2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in I$ or $2n\pi, n \in I$ or $n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$

Type - 7

Trigonometric equations which can be solved by the use of boundness of the trigonometric ratios $\sin x$ and $\cos x$.

Solved Example # 13

Solve $\sin x \left(\cos \frac{x}{4} - 2 \sin x \right) + \left(1 + \sin \frac{x}{4} - 2 \cos x \right) \cos x = 0$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} & \because \sin x \left(\cos \frac{x}{4} - 2 \sin x \right) + \left(1 + \sin \frac{x}{4} - 2 \cos x \right) \cos x = 0 \quad \dots \dots \text{(i)} \\ & \Rightarrow \sin x \cos \frac{x}{4} - 2 \sin^2 x + \cos x + \sin \frac{x}{4} \cos x - 2 \cos^2 x = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \left(\sin x \cos \frac{x}{4} + \sin \frac{x}{4} \cos x \right) - 2 (\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x) + \cos x = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \sin \frac{5x}{4} + \cos x = 2 \quad \dots \dots \text{(ii)} \end{aligned}$$

Now equation (ii) will be true if

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \frac{5x}{4} &= 1 & \text{and } \cos x = 1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{5x}{4} &= 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in I & \text{and } x = 2m\pi, m \in I \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{(8n+2)\pi}{5}, n \in I \quad \dots \dots \text{(iii)} & \text{and } x = 2m\pi, m \in I \quad \dots \dots \text{(iv)} \end{aligned}$$

Now to find general solution of equation (i)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(8n+2)\pi}{5} &= 2m\pi \\ \Rightarrow 8n+2 &= 10m \\ \Rightarrow n &= \frac{5m-1}{4} \\ \text{if } m &= 1 \quad \text{then } n = 1 \\ \text{if } m &= 5 \quad \text{then } n = 6 \\ \dots \dots &\dots \dots \dots \dots \\ \text{if } m &= 4p-3, p \in I \quad \text{then } n = 5p-4, p \in I \end{aligned}$$

\therefore general solution of given equation can be obtained by substituting either $m = 4p - 3$ in equation (iv) or $n = 5p - 4$ in equation (iii)

\therefore general solution of equation (i) is
(8p - 6) π , $p \in I$ **Ans.**

Self Practice Problems :

1. Solve $\sin 3x + \cos 2x = -2$

2. Solve $\sqrt{3 \sin 5x - \cos^2 x - 3} = 1 - \sin x$

Ans. (1) $(4p-3) \frac{\pi}{2}, p \in I$ (2) $2m\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, m \in I$

SHORT REVISION

TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATIONS & INEQUALITIES

THINGS TO REMEMBER :

1. If $\sin \theta = \sin \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha$ where $\alpha \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right], n \in I$.
2. If $\cos \theta = \cos \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = 2n\pi \pm \alpha$ where $\alpha \in [0, \pi], n \in I$.
3. If $\tan \theta = \tan \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi + \alpha$ where $\alpha \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), n \in I$.
4. If $\sin^2 \theta = \sin^2 \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi \pm \alpha$.
5. $\cos^2 \theta = \cos^2 \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi \pm \alpha$.
6. $\tan^2 \theta = \tan^2 \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi \pm \alpha$. [Note : α is called the principal angle]
7. **TYPES OF TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATIONS :**

- (a) Solutions of equations by factorising. Consider the equation ;
 $(2 \sin x - \cos x)(1 + \cos x) = \sin^2 x$; $\cot x - \cos x = 1 - \cot x \cos x$
- (b) Solutions of equations reducible to quadratic equations. Consider the equation :
 $3 \cos^2 x - 10 \cos x + 3 = 0$ and $2 \sin^2 x + \sqrt{3} \sin x + 1 = 0$
- (c) Solving equations by introducing an Auxilliary argument. Consider the equation :
 $\sin x + \cos x = \sqrt{2}$; $\sqrt{3} \cos x + \sin x = 2$; $\sec x - 1 = (\sqrt{2} - 1) \tan x$
- (d) Solving equations by Transforming a sum of Trigonometric functions into a product.
Consider the example : $\cos 3x + \sin 2x - \sin 4x = 0$;
 $\sin^2 x + \sin^2 2x + \sin^2 3x + \sin^2 4x = 2$; $\sin x + \sin 5x = \sin 2x + \sin 4x$
- (e) Solving equations by transforming a product of trigonometric functions into a sum.

Consider the equation :

$$\sin 5x \cdot \cos 3x = \sin 6x \cdot \cos 2x ; 8 \cos x \cos 2x \cos 4x = \frac{\sin 6x}{\sin x} ; \sin 3\theta = 4 \sin \theta \sin 2\theta \sin 4\theta$$

(f) Solving equations by a change of variable :

(i) Equations of the form of $a \cdot \sin x + b \cdot \cos x + d = 0$, where $a, b & d$ are real numbers & $a, b \neq 0$ can be solved by changing $\sin x & \cos x$ into their corresponding tangent of half the angle. Consider the equation $3 \cos x + 4 \sin x = 5$.

(ii) Many equations can be solved by introducing a new variable . eg. the equation $\sin^4 2x + \cos^4 2x = \sin 2x \cdot \cos 2x$ changes to

$$2(y+1) \left(y - \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0 \text{ by substituting , } \sin 2x \cdot \cos 2x = y.$$

(g) Solving equations with the use of the Boundness of the functions $\sin x & \cos x$ or by making two perfect squares. Consider the equations :

$$\sin x \left(\cos \frac{x}{4} - 2 \sin x \right) + \left(1 + \sin \frac{x}{4} - 2 \cos x \right) \cdot \cos x = 0 ;$$

$$\sin^2 x + 2 \tan^2 x + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \tan x - \sin x + \frac{11}{12} = 0$$

TRIGONOMETRIC INEQUALITIES : There is no general rule to solve a Trigonometric inequations and the same rules of algebra are valid except the domain and range of trigonometric functions should be kept in mind.

Consider the examples : $\log_2 \left(\sin \frac{x}{2} \right) < -1 ; \sin x \left(\cos x + \frac{1}{2} \right) \leq 0 ; \sqrt{5 - 2 \sin 2x} \geq 6 \sin x - 1$

EXERCISE-I

Q.1 Solve the equation for x , $5^{\frac{1}{2}} + 5^{\frac{1}{2} + \log_5(\sin x)} = 15^{\frac{1}{2} + \log_{15} \cos x}$

Q.2 Find all the values of θ satisfying the equation; $\sin \theta + \sin 5\theta = \sin 3\theta$ such that $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$.

Q.3 Find all value of θ , between $0 & \pi$, which satisfy the equation; $\cos \theta \cdot \cos 2\theta \cdot \cos 3\theta = 1/4$.

Q.4 Solve for x , the equation $\sqrt{13 - 18 \tan x} = 6 \tan x - 3$, where $-2\pi < x < 2\pi$.

Q.5 Determine the smallest positive value of x which satisfy the equation, $\sqrt{1 + \sin 2x} - \sqrt{2} \cos 3x = 0$.

Q.6 $2 \sin \left(3x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \sqrt{1 + 8 \sin 2x \cdot \cos^2 2x}$

Q.7 Find the general solution of the trigonometric equation $3^{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \log_3(\cos x + \sin x) \right)} - 2^{\log_2(\cos x - \sin x)} = \sqrt{2}$.

Q.8 Find all values of θ between $0^\circ & 180^\circ$ satisfying the equation;
 $\cos 6\theta + \cos 4\theta + \cos 2\theta + 1 = 0$.

Q.9 Find the solution set of the equation, $\log_{\frac{-x^2-6x}{10}} (\sin 3x + \sin x) = \log_{\frac{-x^2-6x}{10}} (\sin 2x)$.

Q.10 Find the value of θ , which satisfy $3 - 2 \cos \theta - 4 \sin \theta - \cos 2\theta + \sin 2\theta = 0$.

Q.11 Find the general solution of the equation, $\sin \pi x + \cos \pi x = 0$. Also find the sum of all solutions in $[0, 100]$.

Q.12 Find the least positive angle measured in degrees satisfying the equation
 $\sin^3 x + \sin^3 2x + \sin^3 3x = (\sin x + \sin 2x + \sin 3x)^3$.

- Q.13 Find the general values of θ for which the quadratic function $(\sin\theta)x^2 + (2\cos\theta)x + \frac{\cos\theta + \sin\theta}{2}$ is the square of a linear function.
- Q.14 Prove that the equations (a) $\sin x \cdot \sin 2x \cdot \sin 3x = 1$ (b) $\sin x \cdot \cos 4x \cdot \sin 5x = -1/2$ have no solution.
- Q.15 Let $f(x) = \sin^6x + \cos^6x + k(\sin^4x + \cos^4x)$ for some real number k . Determine
 (a) all real numbers k for which $f(x)$ is constant for all values of x .
 (b) all real numbers k for which there exists a real number ' c ' such that $f(c) = 0$.
 (c) If $k = -0.7$, determine all solutions to the equation $f(x) = 0$.
- Q.16 If α and β are the roots of the equation, $a\cos\theta + b\sin\theta = c$ then match the entries of **column-I** with the entries of **column-II**.

Column-I

- (A) $\sin\alpha + \sin\beta$
 (B) $\sin\alpha \cdot \sin\beta$
 (C) $\tan\frac{\alpha}{2} + \tan\frac{\beta}{2}$
 (D) $\tan\frac{\alpha}{2} \cdot \tan\frac{\beta}{2} =$

Column-II

- (P) $\frac{2b}{a+c}$
 (Q) $\frac{c-a}{c+a}$
 (R) $\frac{2bc}{a^2+b^2}$
 (S) $\frac{c^2-a^2}{a^2+b^2}$

- Q.17 Find all the solutions of, $4\cos^2x \sin x - 2\sin^2x = 3\sin x$.
- Q.18 Solve for x , $(-\pi \leq x \leq \pi)$ the equation; $2(\cos x + \cos 2x) + \sin 2x(1 + 2\cos x) = 2\sin x$.
- Q.19 Solve the inequality $\sin 2x > \sqrt{2} \sin^2x + (2 - \sqrt{2})\cos^2x$.
- Q.20 Find the set of values of 'a' for which the equation, $\sin^4x + \cos^4x + \sin 2x + a = 0$ possesses solutions. Also find the general solution for these values of 'a'.
- Q.21 Solve: $\tan^2 2x + \cot^2 2x + 2 \tan 2x + 2 \cot 2x = 6$.
- Q.22 Solve: $\tan^2 x \cdot \tan^2 3x \cdot \tan 4x = \tan^2 x - \tan^2 3x + \tan 4x$.
- Q.23 Find the set of values of x satisfying the equality
 $\sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \cos\left(x + \frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = 1$ and the inequality $\frac{2\cos 7x}{\cos 3 + \sin 3} > 2^{\cos 2x}$.
- Q.24 Let S be the set of all those solutions of the equation,
 $(1+k)\cos x \cos(2x - \alpha) = (1+k\cos 2x)\cos(x - \alpha)$ which are independent of k & α . Let H be the set of all such solutions which are dependent on k & α . Find the condition on k & α such that H is a non-empty set, state S . If a subset of H is $(0, \pi)$ in which $k = 0$, then find all the permissible values of α .
- Q.25 Solve for x & y , $\begin{cases} x \cos^3 y + 3x \cos y \sin^2 y = 14 \\ x \sin^3 y + 3x \cos^2 y \sin y = 13 \end{cases}$
- Q.26 Find the value of α for which the three elements set $S = \{\sin\alpha, \sin 2\alpha, \sin 3\alpha\}$ is equal to the three element set $T = \{\cos\alpha, \cos 2\alpha, \cos 3\alpha\}$.
- Q.27 Find all values of 'a' for which every root of the equation, $a \cos 2x + |a| \cos 4x + \cos 6x = 1$ is also a root of the equation, $\sin x \cos 2x = \sin 2x \cos 3x - \frac{1}{2} \sin 5x$, and conversely, every root

$$\text{Q.21} \quad x = \frac{n\pi}{4} + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{8} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{n\pi}{4} + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{\pi}{24}$$

Q.22 $\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{4}$, $k\pi$, where $n, k \in I$

Q.23 $x = 2n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{4}$, $n \in \mathbb{I}$

Q.24 (i) $|k \sin \alpha| \leq 1$ (ii) $S = n\pi$, $n \in I$ (iii) $\alpha \in (-m\pi, 2\pi - m\pi)$ $m \in I$

$$\mathbf{Q.25} \quad x = \pm 5\sqrt{5} \quad \& \quad y = n\pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \quad \mathbf{Q.26} \quad \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{8}$$

Q.27 $a = 0$ or $a < -1$ **Q.28** (A) S; (B) P; (C) Q; (D) R

EXERCISE-II

Q.1 $x = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{6}$ and $y = m\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}$ where m & n are integers.

Q.2 B **Q.3** D **Q.4** A **Q.5** C

Exercise - 1

(Objective Questions)

Part : (A) Only one correct option

1. The solution set of the equation $4\sin\theta \cdot \cos\theta - 2\cos\theta - 2\sqrt{3}\sin\theta + \sqrt{3} = 0$ in the interval $(0, 2\pi)$ is

(A) $\left\{\frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}\right\}$ (B) $\left\{\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}\right\}$ (C) $\left\{\frac{3\pi}{4}, \pi, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}\right\}$ (D) $\left\{\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}\right\}$

2. All solutions of the equation, $2\sin\theta + \tan\theta = 0$ are obtained by taking all integral values of m and n in:

(A) $2n\pi + \frac{2\pi}{3}$, $n \in \mathbb{I}$ (B) $n\pi$ or $2m\pi \pm \frac{2\pi}{3}$ where $n, m \in \mathbb{I}$
 (C) $n\pi$ or $m\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$ where $n, m \in \mathbb{I}$ (D) $n\pi$ or $2m\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$ where $n, m \in \mathbb{I}$

3. If $20\sin^2\theta + 21\cos\theta - 24 = 0$ & $\frac{7\pi}{4} < \theta < 2\pi$ then the values of $\cot\frac{\theta}{2}$ is:

(A) 3 (B) $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}$ (C) $-\frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}$ (D) -3

4. The general solution of $\sin x + \sin 5x = \sin 2x + \sin 4x$ is:

(A) $2n\pi$; $n \in \mathbb{I}$ (B) $n\pi$; $n \in \mathbb{I}$ (C) $n\pi/3$; $n \in \mathbb{I}$ (D) $2n\pi/3$; $n \in \mathbb{I}$

5. A triangle ABC is such that $\sin(2A + B) = \frac{1}{2}$. If A, B, C are in A.P. then the angle A, B, C are respectively.

(A) $\frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}$ (B) $\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{12}$ (C) $\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{12}$ (D) $\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{\pi}{4}$

6. The maximum value of $3\sin x + 4\cos x$ is

(A) 3 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 7

7. If $\sin\theta + 7\cos\theta = 5$, then $\tan(\theta/2)$ is a root of the equation

(A) $x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$ (B) $6x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ (C) $6x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ (D) $x^2 - x + 6 = 0$

8. $\frac{\sin^3 \theta - \cos^3 \theta}{\sin \theta - \cos \theta} - \frac{\cos \theta}{\sqrt{1 + \cot^2 \theta}} - 2 \tan \theta \cot \theta = -1$ if:
- (A) $\theta \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ (B) $\theta \in \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ (C) $\theta \in \left(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$ (D) $\theta \in \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right)$
9. The number of integral values of a for which the equation $\cos 2x + a \sin x = 2a - 7$ possesses a solution is
- (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 4 (D) 5
10. The principal solution set of the equation, $2 \cos x = \sqrt{2 + 2 \sin 2x}$ is
- (A) $\left\{\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{13\pi}{8}\right\}$ (B) $\left\{\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{13\pi}{8}\right\}$ (C) $\left\{\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{13\pi}{10}\right\}$ (D) $\left\{\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{13\pi}{10}\right\}$
11. The number of all possible triplets (a_1, a_2, a_3) such that: $a_1 + a_2 \cos 2x + a_3 \sin^2 x = 0$ for all x is
- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) infinite
12. If $2\tan^2 x - 5 \sec x - 1 = 0$ has 7 different roots in $\left[0, \frac{n\pi}{2}\right]$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then greatest value of n is
- (A) 8 (B) 10 (C) 13 (D) 15
13. The solution of $|\cos x| = \cos x - 2 \sin x$ is
- (A) $x = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$ (B) $x = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{I}$
 (C) $x = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{I}$ (D) $(2n+1)\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{I}$
14. The arithmetic mean of the roots of the equation $4\cos^3 x - 4\cos^2 x - \cos(\pi + x) - 1 = 0$ in the interval $[0, 315]$ is equal to
- (A) 49π (B) 50π (C) 51π (D) 100π
15. Number of solutions of the equation $\cos 6x + \tan^2 x + \cos 6x \cdot \tan^2 x = 1$ in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ is :
- (A) 4 (B) 5 (C) 6 (D) 7
- Part : (B) May have more than one options correct**
16. $\sin x - \cos^2 x - 1$ assumes the least value for the set of values of x given by:
- (A) $x = n\pi + (-1)^{n+1} (\pi/6), n \in \mathbb{I}$ (B) $x = n\pi + (-1)^n (\pi/6), n \in \mathbb{I}$
 (C) $x = n\pi + (-1)^n (\pi/3), n \in \mathbb{I}$ (D) $x = n\pi - (-1)^n (\pi/6), n \in \mathbb{I}$
17. $\cos 4x \cos 8x - \cos 5x \cos 9x = 0$ if
- (A) $\cos 12x = \cos 14x$ (B) $\sin 13x = 0$
 (C) $\sin x = 0$ (D) $\cos x = 0$
18. The equation $2\sin \frac{x}{2} \cdot \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cdot \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x$ has a root for which
- (A) $\sin 2x = 1$ (B) $\sin 2x = -1$ (C) $\cos x = \frac{1}{2}$ (D) $\cos 2x = -\frac{1}{2}$
19. $\sin^2 x + 2 \sin x \cos x - 3 \cos^2 x = 0$ if
- (A) $\tan x = 3$ (B) $\tan x = -1$
 (C) $x = n\pi + \pi/4, n \in \mathbb{I}$ (D) $x = n\pi + \tan^{-1}(-3), n \in \mathbb{I}$
20. $\sin^2 x - \cos 2x = 2 - \sin 2x$ if
- (A) $x = n\pi/2, n \in \mathbb{I}$ (B) $x = n\pi - \pi/2, n \in \mathbb{I}$
 (C) $x = (2n+1)\pi/2, n \in \mathbb{I}$ (D) $x = n\pi + (-1)^n \sin^{-1}(2/3), n \in \mathbb{I}$

Exercise - 2

(Subjective Questions)

1. Solve $\cot\theta = \tan 8\theta$
2. Solve $\cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \cot x$
3. Solve $\cot^2\theta + \left(\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\cot\theta + 1 = 0$.
4. Solve $\cos 2\theta + 3 \cos\theta = 0$.
5. Solve the equation: $\sin 6x = \sin 4x - \sin 2x$.
6. Solve: $\cos\theta + \sin\theta = \cos 2\theta + \sin 2\theta$.
7. Solve $4 \sin x \cdot \sin 2x \cdot \sin 4x = \sin 3x$.
8. Solve $\sin^2 n\theta - \sin^2(n-1)\theta = \sin^2\theta$, where n is constant and $n \neq 0, 1$
9. Solve $\tan\theta + \tan 2\theta + \sqrt{3} \tan\theta \tan 2\theta = \sqrt{3}$.
10. Solve: $\sin^3 x \cos 3x + \cos^3 x \sin 3x + 0.375 = 0$
11. Solve the equation, $\frac{\sin^3 \frac{x}{2} - \cos^3 \frac{x}{2}}{2 + \sin x} = \frac{\cos x}{3}$.
12. Solve the equation: $\sin 5x = 16 \sin^5 x$.
13. If $\tan\theta + \sin\phi = \frac{3}{2}$ & $\tan^2\theta + \cos^2\phi = \frac{7}{4}$ then find the general value of θ & ϕ .
14. Solve for x , the equation $\sqrt{13 - 18 \tan x} = 6 \tan x - 3$, where $-2\pi < x < 2\pi$.
15. Find the general solution of $\sec 4\theta - \sec 2\theta = 2$.
16. Solve the equation $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin x - \cos x = \cos^2 x$.
17. Solve for x : $2 \sin\left(3x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sqrt{1 + 8 \sin 2x \cdot \cos^2 2x}$.
18. Solve the equation for $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$; $(\sin 2\theta + \sqrt{3} \cos 2\theta)^2 - 5 = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - 2\theta\right)$.
19. Solve: $\tan^2 x \cdot \tan^2 3x \cdot \tan 4x = \tan^2 x - \tan^2 3x + \tan 4x$.
20. Find the values of x , between 0 & 2π , satisfying the equation; $\cos 3x + \cos 2x = \sin \frac{3x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2}$.

21. Solve: $\cos \frac{2x}{3} \cos 6x = -1$.

22. Solve the equation, $\sin^2 4x + \cos^2 x = 2 \sin 4x \cos^4 x$.

Answers

EXERCISE # 1

1. D 2. B 3. D 4. C 5. B 6. C 7. B

8. B 9. D 10. A 11. D 12. D 13. D 14. C 10. $x = \frac{n\pi}{4} + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{\pi}{24}$, $n \in I$

15. D 16. AD 17. ABC 18. ABCD 19. CD

20. BC

9. $\left(n + \frac{1}{3}\right) \frac{\pi}{3}$, $n \in I$

11. $x = (4n + 1) \frac{\pi}{2}$, $n \in I$

EXERCISE # 2

1. $\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\pi}{9}$, $n \in I$

2. $x = 4n\pi \pm \frac{2\pi}{3}$, $n \in I$

3. $\theta = n\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$, $n \in I$ or $n\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$, $n \in I$

4. $2n\pi \pm \alpha$ where $\alpha = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{17}-3}{4} \right)$, $n \in I$

5. $\frac{n\pi}{4}$, $n \in I$ or $n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}$, $n \in I$

6. $2n\pi$, $n \in I$ or $\frac{2n\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{6}$, $n \in I$

7. $x = n\pi$, $n \in I$ or $\frac{n\pi}{3} \pm \frac{\pi}{9}$, $n \in I$

8. $m\pi$, $m \in I$ or $\frac{m\pi}{n-1}$, $m \in I$ or $\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\pi}{n}$, $m \in I$

12. $x = n\pi$; $x = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}$, $n \in I$

13. $\theta = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}$, $\phi = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{6}$, $n \in I$

14. $\alpha - 2\pi$; $\alpha - \pi$, α , $\alpha + \pi$, where $\tan \alpha = \frac{2}{3}$

15. $\frac{2n\pi}{5} \pm \frac{\pi}{10}$ or $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$, $n \in I$

16. $x = (2n + 1)\pi$, $n \in I$ or $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$, $n \in I$

17. $(24\ell + 1) \frac{\pi}{12}$, $\ell \in I$ or $x = (24k - 7) \frac{\pi}{12}$, $k \in I$

18. $\theta = \frac{7\pi}{12}, \frac{19\pi}{12}$

19. $\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{4}$, $k\pi$, where $n, k \in I$

20. $\frac{\pi}{7}, \frac{5\pi}{7}, \pi, \frac{9\pi}{7}, \frac{13\pi}{7}$

22. $x = (2n + 1) \frac{\pi}{2}$, $n \in I$