



Trigonometry 2 (Addition, Double Angle & R Formulae) - Edexcel Past Exam Questions

1. (a) Starting from the formulae for $\sin(A + B)$ and $\cos(A + B)$, prove that

$$\tan(A + B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}. \quad (4)$$

- (b) Deduce that

$$\tan\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1 + \sqrt{3} \tan \theta}{\sqrt{3} - \tan \theta}. \quad (3)$$

- (c) Hence, or otherwise, solve, for $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$,

$$1 + \sqrt{3} \tan \theta = (\sqrt{3} - \tan \theta) \tan(\pi - \theta).$$

Give your answers as multiples of π . (6)

Jan 12 Q8

2. (a) Express $4 \operatorname{cosec}^2 2\theta - \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta$ in terms of $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$.

(2)

- (b) Hence show that

$$4 \operatorname{cosec}^2 2\theta - \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta. \quad (4)$$

- (c) Hence or otherwise solve, for $0 < \theta < \pi$,

$$4 \operatorname{cosec}^2 2\theta - \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta = 4$$

giving your answers in terms of π .

(3)
June 12 Q5



3. $f(x) = 7 \cos 2x - 24 \sin 2x.$

Given that $f(x) = R \cos (2x + \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < 90^\circ$,

(a) find the value of R and the value of α . (3)

(b) Hence solve the equation

$$7 \cos 2x - 24 \sin 2x = 12.5$$

for $0 \leq x < 180^\circ$, giving your answers to 1 decimal place. (5)

(c) Express $14 \cos^2 x - 48 \sin x \cos x$ in the form $a \cos 2x + b \sin 2x + c$, where a , b , and c are constants to be found. (2)

(d) Hence, using your answers to parts (a) and (c), deduce the maximum value of

$$14 \cos^2 x - 48 \sin x \cos x. \quad (2)$$

June 12 Q8

4. (a) Express $6 \cos \theta + 8 \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos (\theta - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Give the value of α to 3 decimal places. (4)

(b)
$$p(\theta) = \frac{4}{12 + 6 \cos \theta + 8 \sin \theta}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi.$$

Calculate

(i) the maximum value of $p(\theta)$,

(ii) the value of θ at which the maximum occurs. (4)

Jan 13 Q4

5. (i) Without using a calculator, find the exact value of

$$(\sin 22.5^\circ + \cos 22.5^\circ)^2.$$

You must show each stage of your working. (5)

(ii) (a) Show that $\cos 2\theta + \sin \theta = 1$ may be written in the form

$$k \sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta = 0, \text{ stating the value of } k. \quad (2)$$

(b) Hence solve, for $0 \leq \theta < 360^\circ$, the equation

$$\cos 2\theta + \sin \theta = 1. \quad (4)$$

Jan 13 Q6

6. $f(x) = 7\cos x + \sin x$

Given that $f(x) = R\cos(x - a)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < a < 90^\circ$,

(a) find the exact value of R and the value of a to one decimal place. (3)

(b) Hence solve the equation

$$7\cos x + \sin x = 5$$

for $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$, giving your answers to one decimal place. (5)

(c) State the values of k for which the equation

$$7\cos x + \sin x = k$$

has only one solution in the interval $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$. (2)

June 13(R) Q3

7. (i) Use an appropriate double angle formula to show that

$$\operatorname{cosec} 2x = \lambda \operatorname{cosec} x \sec x,$$

and state the value of the constant λ . (3)

(ii) Solve, for $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$, the equation

$$3\sec^2 \theta + 3 \sec \theta = 2 \tan^2 \theta$$

You must show all your working. Give your answers in terms of π . (6)

June 13(R) Q6

8. (a) Show that

$$\operatorname{cosec} 2x + \cot 2x = \cot x, \quad x \neq 90n^\circ, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (5)$$

(b) Hence, or otherwise, solve, for $0 \leq \theta < 180^\circ$,

$$\operatorname{cosec} (4\theta + 10^\circ) + \cot (4\theta + 10^\circ) = \sqrt{3}$$

You must show your working.

(Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.) (5)

June 14 Q7



9. (a) Express $2 \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta$ in the form $R \sin(\theta - \alpha)$, where R and α are constants, $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Give the value of α to 3 decimal places. (3)

$$H(\theta) = 4 + 5(2\sin 3\theta - 4\cos 3\theta)^2$$

Find

- (b) (i) the maximum value of $H(\theta)$,
(ii) the smallest value of θ , for $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, at which this maximum value occurs. (3)

Find

- (c) (i) the minimum value of $H(\theta)$,
(ii) the largest value of θ , for $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, at which this minimum value occurs. (3)

June 14 Q9

10. $g(\theta) = 4 \cos 2\theta + 2 \sin 2\theta$.

Given that $g(\theta) = R \cos(2\theta - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < 90^\circ$,

- (a) find the exact value of R and the value of α to 2 decimal places. (3)

(b) Hence solve, for $-90^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$,

$$4 \cos 2\theta + 2 \sin 2\theta = 1,$$

giving your answers to one decimal place. (5)

Given that k is a constant and the equation $g(\theta) = k$ has no solutions,

- (c) state the range of possible values of k . (2)

June 15 Q3

11. (a) Prove that

$$\sec 2A + \tan 2A \equiv \frac{\cos A + \sin A}{\cos A - \sin A}, \quad A \neq \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{4}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (5)$$

(b) Hence solve, for $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$,

$$\sec 2\theta + \tan 2\theta = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Give your answers to 3 decimal places.

(4)

June 15 Q8

12. (a) Express $2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta + \alpha)$, where R and α are constants, $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < 90^\circ$. Give the exact value of R and give the value of α to 2 decimal places. (3)

(b) Hence solve, for $0 \leq \theta < 360^\circ$,

$$\frac{2}{2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta - 1} = 15.$$

Give your answers to one decimal place.

(5)

(c) Use your solutions to parts (a) and (b) to deduce the smallest positive value of θ for which

$$\frac{2}{2 \cos \theta + \sin \theta - 1} = 15.$$

Give your answer to one decimal place.

(2)

June 16 Q3

13. (a) Prove that

$$2 \cot 2x + \tan x \equiv \cot x, \quad x \neq \frac{n\pi}{2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (4)$$

(b) Hence, or otherwise, solve, for $-\pi \leq x < \pi$,

$$6 \cot 2x + 3 \tan x = \operatorname{cosec}^2 x - 2.$$

Give your answers to 3 decimal places.

(Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.) (6)

June 16 Q8



14. (a) Write $5 \cos \theta - 2 \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos (\theta + \alpha)$, where R and α are constants,

$$R > 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Give the exact value of R and give the value of α in radians to 3 decimal places. (3)

- (b) Show that the equation

$$5 \cot 2x - 3 \operatorname{cosec} 2x = 2$$

can be rewritten in the form

$$5 \cos 2x - 2 \sin 2x = c$$

where c is a positive constant to be determined. (2)

- (c) Hence or otherwise, solve, for $0 \leq x < \pi$,

$$5 \cot 2x - 3 \operatorname{cosec} 2x = 2$$

giving your answers to 2 decimal places.

(Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.) (4)

June 17 Q4

15. (a) Prove that

$$\sin 2x - \tan x \equiv \tan x \cos 2x, \quad x \neq (2n + 1)90^\circ, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (4)$$

- (b) Given that $x \neq 90^\circ$ and $x \neq 270^\circ$, solve, for $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$,

$$\sin 2x - \tan x = 3 \tan x \sin x$$

Give your answers in degrees to one decimal place where appropriate.

(Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.) (5)

June 17 Q9
