

TRIGONOMETRY PROOFS

PURE MATHEMATICS

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Prove out the following

1. $\frac{\cos\theta}{1-\tan\theta} + \frac{\sin\theta}{1-\cot\theta} = \sin\theta + \cos\theta$
2. $\tan 2A = (\sec 2A + 1)\sqrt{\sec^2 A - 1}$
3. $\sin 3A + \sin 2A - \sin A = 4\sin A \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{3A}{2}$
4. $\cot A = \frac{1}{2} \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} - \tan \frac{A}{2} \right)$
5. $\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\sin\theta}{1+\cos\theta} + \frac{1+\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \right\} = \frac{1}{\sin\theta}$
6. $\frac{\tan^3 x}{1+\tan^2 x} + \frac{\cot^3 x}{1+\cot^2 x} = 2\operatorname{cosec} 2x - \sin 2x$
7. $\frac{\tan A}{1-\cot A} + \frac{\cot A}{1-\tan A} = 1 + \tan A + \cot A = 1 + 2\operatorname{cosec} A$
8. $(1 + \cos^2 2\theta) = 2(\cos^4 \theta + \sin^4 \theta)$
9. $\frac{1+\sin A - \cos A}{1+\sin A + \cos A} = \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos A}{1+\cos A}} = \tan \frac{A}{2}$
10. $\frac{\cos A}{1+\sin A} + \frac{1+\sin A}{\cos A} = 2\sec A$
11. $\cos(A + 15^\circ) - \tan(A - 15^\circ) = \frac{4\cos 2A}{1+2\sin 2A}$
12. $\operatorname{cosec} A - 2\cot 2A \cos A = 2\sin A$
13. $\frac{\sin(n+1)A + 2\sin nA + \sin(n-1)A}{\cos(n-1)A - \cos(n+1)A} = \cot \frac{A}{2}$
14. $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \theta\right) - \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right) = 2\tan 2\theta$
15. $\frac{\cos A - \sin A + 1}{\cos A + \sin A - 1} = \operatorname{cosec} A - \cot A$
16. $\sin^8 x - \cos^8 x = \frac{1}{4}(3 + \cos 4x)$
17. $\frac{\sin A + \cos A}{\sin A - \cos A} + \frac{\sin A - \cos A}{\sin A + \cos A} = -2\operatorname{cosec} 2A$
18. $\frac{\sin A}{\cot A + \operatorname{cosec} A} = 2 + 2\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = 3 - \cos A$
19. $\frac{1+\cos\theta+\sin\theta}{1+\cos\theta-\sin\theta} = \sec\theta + \tan\theta$
20. $2(\sin^6 \theta \cos 6\theta) - 3(\sin 4\theta + \cos 4\theta) = -1$
21. $\cot^4 \theta - 1 = \operatorname{cosec}^4 \theta - 2\operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta$
22. $(1 + \cot\theta)(1 + \tan\theta + \sec\theta) = 2$
23. $\frac{1-\cos A + \cos B - \cos(A+B)}{1+\cos A - \cos B - \cos(A+B)} = \tan \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2}$

24. $\frac{1+\sec A}{\sec A} = \frac{\sin 2A}{1-\cos A}$
25. $\sin(10^\circ) \sin(30^\circ) \sin(50^\circ) \sin(70^\circ) = \frac{1}{16}$
26. $\sin^6 \theta + \cos 6\theta + 3\sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta = 1$
27. $(\sin^8 \theta - \cos 8\theta) = (\sin 2\theta - \cos 2\theta)(1 - 2\sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta)$
28. $\cot(A + B) = \frac{\cot A \cot B - 1}{\cot A + \cot B}$
29. $\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta + \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta} = \tan \theta + \cot \theta = 2\operatorname{cosec} \theta$
30. $\frac{\cos 2(x+\beta) + \cos 2x + \cos 2\beta + 1}{\cos 2(x+\beta) - \cos 2x - \cos 2\beta + 1} = \cot x \cot \beta$
31. $\frac{\sin \theta \sin \varphi}{\cos \theta + \cos \varphi} = \frac{2 \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \tan\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right)}{1 - \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \tan^2\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right)}$
32. $(\operatorname{cosec} A - \sin A)(\sec A - \cos A) = \frac{1}{\tan A + \cot A}$
33. Show that; $\tan \frac{\pi}{8} = -1 + \sqrt{2}$

Given the pre-condition

34. If $\operatorname{cosec} \theta - \sin \theta = m$ and $\sec \theta - \cos \theta = n$, prove that;
 $(m^2 n)^{\frac{2}{3}} + (n^2 m)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 1$
35. The acute angles; x and y satisfy the following relationships;
 $2 \tan x = 1$ and $\sin(x + y) = \frac{7}{\sqrt{50}}$
 Show that the possible values of $\tan y$ are; **3** and $\frac{19}{3}$
36. Given that; 2nd, 3rd and 4th terms of a Geometric series are;
 $\cos \theta, \sqrt{2} \sin \theta$ and $\sqrt{3} \tan \theta$ respectively where $0^\circ < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$.
 Show clearly, that the sum of the first 6 terms of the series is;
 $\frac{43}{12}(6 + \sqrt{6})$
37. Given that; $\tan^{-1}(x) + \tan^{-1}(y) + \tan^{-1}(z) = \frac{\pi}{2}$, show that;
 $xy + yz + zx = 1$
38. Given that; θ and β satisfy the following simultaneous equations;
 $\frac{\sin 2\theta}{1 + \sin \theta} = 1 - \sin \beta$
 $\theta + \beta = \pi$
 Show that;
 a) $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{2}$
 b) $\tan(3\theta + 5\beta) = -\frac{4}{3}$

39. Given that; $\sin\theta = \frac{24}{25}$ and $\cos\beta = \frac{15}{17}$. If θ is obtuse and β is reflex, show clearly that; $\sec(\theta + \beta) = \frac{425}{87}$
40. Given that; $4\sin\theta + \cos\theta = 2$ for $0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$. Show that;

$$\cos\theta = \frac{2 \pm 4\sqrt{13}}{17}$$
41. If $\tan(x + y) = 2\tan(x - y)$, show that; $\frac{\sin 2x}{\sin 2y} = 3$
42. Show that; $\tan^{-1} \left[\frac{\cos 66^\circ - \sin 48^\circ}{\cos 48^\circ - \sin 66^\circ} \right] = -12^\circ$
43. Given that: $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sin^2 x + 3\sin x \cos x + 5\cos^2 x}$, show that; $\frac{2}{11} \leq f(x) \leq 2$
44. If $\tan\theta + \sin\theta = m$ and $\tan\theta - \sin\theta = n$, show that;

$$m^2 - n^2 = 4\sqrt{mn}$$
45. If $a\cos\theta - b\sin\theta = c$, prove that $(a\sin\theta + b\cos\theta) = \pm\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}$
46. If $\cos\theta + \sin\theta = \sqrt{2}\cos\theta$, prove that: $\cos\theta - \sin\theta = \sqrt{2}\sin\theta$
47. Given that; $8\sin(x - \beta) = 3\sin(x + \beta)$, prove that;

$$5\tan x = 11\tan\beta$$
48. If $\left(\frac{x}{a}\sin\theta - \frac{y}{b}\cos\theta\right) = 1$ and $\left(\frac{x}{a}\cos\theta + \frac{y}{b}\sin\theta\right) = 1$, prove that;

$$\left(\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}\right) = 2$$
49. If $(\tan\theta + \sin\theta) = m$ and $(\tan\theta - \sin\theta) = n$, prove that;

$$(m^2 - n^2)^2 = 16mn$$
50. If $\operatorname{cosec}\theta - \sin\theta = a^3$ and $\sec\theta - \cos\theta = b^3$, prove that;

$$a^2b^2(a^2 + b^2) = 1$$
51. Given that: $\sin(x + y)\sin(x - y) = \frac{5}{36}$ and $\cos x + \cos y = \frac{5}{6}$.
 Show that; $\cos(x - y) = \frac{(1 + \sqrt{6})}{6}$
52. If $a\cos^3\theta + 3a\sin^2\theta\cos\theta = m$ and $a\sin^3\theta + 3a\sin\theta\cos^2\theta = n$,
 prove that; $(m + n)^{\frac{2}{3}} + (m - n)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 2a^{\frac{2}{3}}$
53. If $\sec\theta = x + \frac{1}{4x}$, prove that; $\sec\theta + \tan\theta = 2x$ or $\frac{1}{2x}$
54. Given that; $\frac{1}{2}\sin^4x + \frac{1}{3}\cos^4x = \frac{1}{5}$. Show that; $\tan^2x = \frac{2}{3}$
55. Given that; $7\cot^2x + 6\cot x = 1$ and $6\tan\theta = 8 + \sec^2\theta$. Show that; $\tan(x + \theta) = -\frac{1}{2}$
56. Given that; $\frac{\sin(x - \beta)}{\cos(x - \beta) - 2\tan\beta\sin(x - \beta)} = \tan\beta$, show that; $\tan x = 2\tan\beta$
57. Given that; $2\cos\theta + \sin\theta = 1$, show that the possible values of $7\cos\theta + 6\sin\theta$ are **2** and **6**
58. If $\sin\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1$, prove that; $\cos^2\theta + \cos^4\theta = 1$
59. Prove that; $\frac{\cot(90^\circ - A)}{\tan A} + \frac{\operatorname{cosec}(90^\circ - A)\sin A}{\tan(90^\circ - A)} = \sec^2 A$

60. If $\operatorname{cosec}\theta - \cot\theta = p$, then show that; $\frac{p^2-1}{p^2+1} + \cos\theta = 0$
61. Prove that; $\frac{\sin 3A}{1+2\cos 2A} = \sin A$. Hence, show that; $\sin 15^\circ = \frac{-1+\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}}$
62. If $x = p \sec\theta \cos\beta$, $y = q \sec\theta \sin\beta$ and $z = r \tan\theta$, then, show that-;
- $$\frac{x^2}{p^2} + \frac{y^2}{q^2} - \frac{z^2}{r^2} = 1$$

Inverse trigonometric functions

63. $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right)$
64. $\tan^{-1}\left\{\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}+\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2}-\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right\} = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1}(x^2)$
65. $\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{4} + \tan^{-1}\frac{2}{9} = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1}\frac{3}{5}$
66. $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{8}{19}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$
67. Prove that; $\sin(2 \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$
68. Using **complex numbers**, prove that; $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) + \tan^{-1}(2) - \tan^{-1}(3) = \frac{\pi}{4}$
69. $\sin^{-1}(1-x) - 2 \sin^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$
70. $2 \sin^{-1} x = \sin^{-1}(2x\sqrt{1-x^2})$
71. $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{11}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$
72. $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{24}{7}\right) + 4 \cot^{-1}(2) = \pi$
73. Given that; $\tan^{-1}(2x) + \tan^{-1}(3x) = \frac{\pi}{4}$, show that x has only **one** VALUE. Hence, state that value of x .
74. Prove that; $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{m-n}{m+n}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$
75. Prove that; $2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{7}{5\sqrt{2}}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$
76. Prove that; $\tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\sqrt{1+\sin x}-\sqrt{1-\sin x}}{\sqrt{1+\sin x}+\sqrt{1-\sin x}}\right] = \frac{1}{2}x$
77. Prove that; $\tan^{-1}(8) + \tan^{-1}(2) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \pi$
78. Prove that; $\tan^{-1}\left[\sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}}\right] = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x$
79. Prove that; $\tan\left[\frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} x\right] = \frac{1-\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$
80. If $A + B = 45^\circ$. Prove that; $(1 + \tan A)(1 + \tan B) = 2$. Hence, deduce that; $\tan 22\frac{1}{2}^\circ = -1 + \sqrt{2}$

Use of compound Angle formulae and factor formulae

In a triangle, ABC, prove that;

81. $a \sin(B - C) + b \sin(C - A) + c \sin(A - B) = 0$
82. $2(bc \cos A + ca \cos B + ab \cos C) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$
83. $\frac{\sin B}{\sin C} = \frac{c - a \cos B}{b - a \cos C}$
84. $\cos A + \cos B - \cos C = -1 + 4 \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}$
85. $\tan A + \tan B + \tan C = \tan A \tan B \tan C$
86. $\sin B + \sin C - \sin A = 4 \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}$
87. $\sin^3 A + \sin^3 B + \sin^3 C = 3 \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} + \cos \frac{3A}{2} \cos \frac{3B}{2} \cos \frac{3C}{2}$
88. $\cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} = \cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2}$
89. $\sin A + \sin B + \sin C = 4 \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}$
90. $\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C = 4 \sin A \sin B \sin C$
91. $\cos^2 2A + \cos^2 2B + \cos^2 2C = 1 + 2 \cos 2A \cos 2B \cos 2C$
92. $\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} = 1 - 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}$
93. $\cos A + \cos B + \cos C = 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}$
94. $\tan(B - C) + \tan(C - A) + \tan(A - B) = \tan(B - C) \tan(C - A) \tan(A - B)$
95. $\frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2} = \frac{\sin(B - C)}{\sin(A + B)}$
96. $b + c = a \cos \frac{(B - C)}{2} \operatorname{cosec} \frac{A}{2}$
97. $\frac{1}{a} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} + \frac{1}{b} \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} + \frac{1}{c} \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} = \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{4abc}$
98. $\frac{a + b - c}{a + b + c} = \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2}$
99. $\frac{bc}{ab + ac} = \frac{\operatorname{cosec}(B + C)}{\operatorname{cosec} B + \operatorname{cosec} C}$
100. $3 \tan C = \tan B$ if $\tan \frac{A}{2} = \left(1 + \tan^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) \sin(B - C)$

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