

## Trigonometric Equations

1. **Definition :** - An equation consisting of the trigonometric functions of a variable angle  $\theta \in R$  is called a trigonometric equation.
2.  $\sin\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi$ , where  $n \in Z$ .
3.  $\cos\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$ , where  $n \in Z$ .
4.  $\tan\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi$  where  $n$  is any integer.
5. The solution of  $\sin\theta = k$  ( $|k| \leq 1$ ) lying between  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  is called the principle solution of the equation.
6. The solution of  $\cos\theta = k$  ( $|k| \leq 1$ ) lying between  $0$  and  $\pi$  is called the principal solution of the equation.
7. That solution of  $\tan\theta = k$ , lying between  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  is called the principal solution of the equation.
8. The general value of  $\theta$  satisfying  $\cos\theta = k$  ( $|k| \leq 1$ ) is given by  $\theta = 2n\pi \pm \alpha$  where  $n \in Z$ .
9. The general value of  $\theta$  satisfying  $\sin\theta = k$  ( $|k| \leq 1$ ) is given by  $\theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha$  where  $n \in Z$ .
10. The general value of  $\theta$  satisfying  $\tan\theta = k$  is given by  $\theta = n\pi + \alpha$  where  $n \in Z$ . (in each of the above cases,  $\alpha$  is the principal solution).
11. If  $\sin\theta = k$ ,  $\tan\theta = k$  are given equations, then the general value of  $\theta$  is given by  $\theta = 2n\pi + \alpha$  where  $\alpha$  is that solution lying between  $0$  and  $2\pi$ .
12. The equation  $a \cos\theta + b \sin\theta = c$  will have no solution or will be inconsistent if  $|c| > \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$
13.  $\cos n\pi = (-1)^n$ ,  $\sin n\pi = 0$ .
14. If  $\sin^2\theta = \sin^2\alpha$  or  $\cos^2\theta = \cos^2\alpha$  or  $\tan^2\theta = \tan^2\alpha$ , then  $\theta = n\pi \pm \alpha$ ;  $n \in Z$ .

## PROBLEMS

### Very Short answer Questions

1. Solve the following equations

(i)  $\cos 2\theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4} \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$

(ii)  $\tan^2 \theta = 1 \quad \theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$

(iii)  $\sin 3\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$

(iv)  $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{3}{4} \quad \theta \in (0, \pi)$

**Solution :**

(i)  $\cos 2\theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4} \Rightarrow 2\theta = \frac{\pi}{5}, \frac{9\pi}{5}, \frac{11\pi}{5}, \frac{19\pi}{5}$

$\therefore \theta \in [0, 2\pi] \therefore \theta \in [0, 2\pi] \Rightarrow 2\theta \in [0, 4\pi]$

$\therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{10}, \frac{9\pi}{10}, \frac{11\pi}{10}, \frac{19\pi}{10}$

(ii)  $\tan^2 \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \pm 1 \quad \therefore \theta = \pm \pi/4 : \pm 3\pi/4$

$\therefore \theta = \frac{-3\pi}{4}, \frac{-\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$

(iii)  $\sin 3\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow 3\theta = \frac{-5\pi}{3}, \frac{-4\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{7\pi}{3}, \frac{8\pi}{3}$

$\therefore \theta = \frac{-5\pi}{9}, \frac{-4\pi}{9}, \frac{\pi}{9}, \frac{2\pi}{9}, \frac{7\pi}{9}, \frac{8\pi}{9}$

(iv)  $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$

2. Find the general solution of the following equation

(i)  $2\sin^2 \theta = 3\cos \theta$  (ii)  $\sin^2 \theta - \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4}$

(iii)  $5\cos^2 \theta + 7\sin^2 \theta = 6$

(iv)  $3\sin^4 x + \cos^4 x = 1$

**Solution :**

(i)  $2\sin^2 \theta = 3\cos \theta \Rightarrow 2(1 - \cos^2 \theta) = 3\cos \theta \Rightarrow 2\cos^2 \theta + 3\cos \theta - 2 = 0$

$2\cos^2 \theta + 4\cos \theta - \cos \theta - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow (2\cos \theta - 1)(\cos \theta + 2) = 0$

$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \quad \cos \theta = -2$  not possible [ $\because \cos \theta \geq -1$ ]

$\theta = 2n\pi \pm \pi/3$

(ii)  $\sin^2 \theta - \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow 4\sin^2 \theta - 4\cos \theta = 1$

$\therefore 4(1 - \cos^2 \theta) - 4\cos \theta = 1 \Rightarrow 4\cos^2 \theta + 4\cos \theta - 3 = 0$

$$4 \cos^2 \theta + 6 \cos \theta - 2 \cos \theta - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow (2 \cos \theta - 1)(2 \cos \theta + 3) = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \quad \cos \theta = -\frac{3}{2} \text{ not possible}$$

$$\theta = 2n\pi \pm \pi/3$$

(iii)  $5 \cos^2 \theta + 7 \sin^2 \theta = 6 \Rightarrow 5 \cos^2 \theta + 7 - 7 \cos^2 \theta = 6$

$$-2 \cos^2 \theta = -1 \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi \pm \pi/4$$

(iv)  $3 \sin^4 x + \cos^4 x = 1$

$$3(\sin^2 x)^2 + (\cos^2 x)^2 = 1 \Rightarrow 3\left(\frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$3\{1 + \cos^2 2x - 2 \cos 2x\} + 1 + \cos^2 2x + 2 \cos 2x = 4$$

$$3 + 3 \cos^2 2x - 6 \cos 2x + 1 + \cos^2 2x + 2 \cos 2x = 4$$

$$4 \cos^2 2x - 6 \cos 2x + 1 + \cos^2 2x + 2 \cos 2x = 4$$

$$4 \cos^2 2x - 4 \cos 2x = 0 \Rightarrow 4 \cos 2x \{\cos 2x - 1\} = 0$$

$$\cos 2x = 0 \quad \cos 2x = 1$$

$$1 - 2 \sin^2 x = 0 \quad 1 - 2 \sin^2 x = 1$$

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2} \quad \sin^2 x = 0$$

$$x = n\pi \pm \pi/4 \quad x = n\pi \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

### 3. Find the general solution of the following equations

(i)  $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$

The principal value of  $\theta$  satisfying the two given equation  $= \alpha = \pi - \frac{2\pi}{3} = 2\pi/3$

$\therefore$  General solution  $\theta = 2n\pi + 2\pi/3 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$

(ii)  $\tan x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \sec x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

Principal value of  $x = -\pi/6$

$\therefore$  General solution of  $x = 2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$

(iii)  $\operatorname{cosec} \theta = -2 \quad \cot \theta = -\sqrt{3}$

Principal value of  $\theta = -\pi/6$

$\therefore$  General solution  $\theta = 2n\pi - \pi/6$

4. If  $x$  is acute and  $\sin(x + 10^\circ) = \cos(3x - 68^\circ)$  then find  $x$

**Sol.** Given  $\sin(x + 10^\circ) = \cos(3x - 68^\circ)$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(x + 10) = \sin(90^\circ + 3x - 68)$$

$$= \sin(22^\circ + 3x)$$

$$\therefore x + 10 = n\pi + (-1)^n (22^\circ + 3x)$$

If  $n$  is even, then

$$x + 10 = n\pi + (22^\circ + 3x)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{n\pi - 12}{2} \text{ which is not acute}$$

If  $n$  is odd, then

$$x + 10 = (2k + 1)\pi - (22^\circ + 3x), n = 2k + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = (2k + 1)\frac{\pi}{4} - 8^\circ$$

If  $K=0$ , then  $x=37^\circ$ .

5. If  $\sin(270^\circ - X) = \cos 292^\circ$  then find  $x$  in  $(0, 360^\circ)$

**Sol.**  $\sin(270^\circ - X) = \cos 292$

$$\Rightarrow -\cos x = \cos(180^\circ + 112)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\cos x = -\cos 112$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = \cos 112$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 112^\circ \text{ or } x = 360 - 112 = 248^\circ$$

6. If  $x < 90^\circ$  and  $\sin(x + 28^\circ) = \cos(3x - 78^\circ)$ , then find  $x$ .

**Sol.**

$$\sin(x + 28^\circ) = \cos(3x - 78^\circ)$$

$$= \sin(90^\circ - 3x + 78) = \sin(168^\circ - 3x)$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 28 = 168 - 3x + 2n\pi$$

$$\text{or } x + 28 = 180^\circ - (168 - 3x) + 2n\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = 140 + 2n\pi \text{ or } 2x = 16 - 2n\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 35 + n\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } 8 - n\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 35^\circ \text{ or } 8^\circ$$

## Short Answer Questions

1. Solve the following equations

(i)  $6 \tan^2 x - 2 \cos^2 x = \cos 2x$

(ii)  $4 \cos^2 \theta + \sqrt{3} = (2\sqrt{3} + 1) \cos \theta$

(iii)  $1 + \sin 2x = (\sin 3x - \cos 3x)^2$

(iv)  $2 \sin^2 x + \sin^2 2x = 2$

**Solution :**

(i)  $6 \tan^2 x = 4 \cos^2 x - 1$

$$6 \sin^2 x = \cos^2 x (4 \cos^2 x - 1) \Rightarrow 6(1 - \cos^2 x) = 4 \cos^4 x - \cos^2 x$$

$$4 \cos^4 x + 5 \cos^2 x - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow 4 \cos^4 x + 8 \cos^2 x - 3 \cos^2 x - 6 = 0$$

$$4 \cos^2 x \{ \cos^2 x + 2 \} - 3 \{ \cos^2 x + 2 \} = 0$$

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \cos^2 x = \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$x = n\pi \pm \pi/6$$

**Solution :**

(ii)  $4 \cos^2 \theta + \sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{3} \cos \theta - 2 \cos \theta = 0$

$$2 \cos \theta \{ 2 \cos \theta - 1 \} - \sqrt{3} \{ 2 \cos \theta - 1 \} = 0$$

$$\{ 2 \cos \theta - 1 \} (2 \cos \theta - \sqrt{3}) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} : \cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\theta = 2n\pi \pm \pi/3 \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = 2n\pi \pm \pi/6 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

**Solution :**

(iii)  $1 + \sin 2x = (\sin 3x - \cos x)^2 \Rightarrow 1 + \sin 2x = \sin^2 3x + \cos^2 x - \sin 6x$

$$1 + \sin 2x = 1 - \sin 6x \Rightarrow \sin 6x + \sin 2x = 0$$

$$2 \sin \left( \frac{6x + 2x}{2} \right) \cos \left( \frac{6x - 2x}{2} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \sin 4x \cdot \cos 2x = 0$$

$$\sin 4x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \cos 2x = 0$$

$$4x = n\pi \quad \text{or} \quad 2x = (2n + 1)\pi/2$$

$$x = n\pi/4 \quad \text{or} \quad x = (2n + 1)\pi/4 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

**Solution :**

(iv)  $2 \sin^2 x + \sin^2 2x = 2$

$$2 \sin^2 x + 4 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow 4 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x - 2 \cos^2 x = 0$$

$$2 \cos^2 x \{ 2 \sin^2 x - 1 \} = 0$$

$$\cos^2 x = 0 \quad \sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2}, x = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

2. If  $x + y = 2\pi/3$  and  $\sin x + \sin y = \frac{3}{2}$  find  $x$  and  $y$

**Solution:**

$$x + y = 2\pi/3 \Rightarrow 2\pi/3 - x$$

$$\sin x + \sin y = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \sin x + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} - x\right) = 3/2$$

$$\sin x + \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \cos x - \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} \sin x = 3/2$$

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

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos x + \frac{3}{2} \sin x = \frac{3}{2}$$

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

$$\cos(x - \pi/3) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x - \pi/3 = 2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$x = 2n\pi + \pi/2 \quad ; \quad x = 2n\pi + \pi/6$$

$$x + y = 2\pi/3$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{2\pi}{3} - 2n\pi - \pi/2 \quad \text{or} \quad y = 2\pi/3 - 2n\pi - \pi/6$$

$$y = \pi/6 - 2n\pi \quad \text{or} \quad y = \pi/2 - 2n\pi$$

3. Solving the following and write the general solutions

(i)  $\sin 7\theta + \sin 4\theta + \sin \theta = 0$                       (ii)  $\sin 3\theta - \sin \theta = 4\cos^2 \theta - 2$

(iii)  $\sin x + \sqrt{3} \cos x = \sqrt{2}$                       (iv)  $\sin 4x - \sin 2x = 2$

**Solution :**

(i)  $\sin 7\theta + \sin \theta + \sin 4\theta = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \sin 4\theta \cdot \cos 3\theta + \sin 4\theta = 0$

$$\sin 4\theta \{2 \cos 3\theta + 1\} = 0 \Rightarrow \sin 4\theta = 0 \quad \cos 3\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$4\theta = n\pi \qquad \qquad \qquad 3\theta = 2n\pi \pm 2\pi/3$$

$$\theta = \frac{n\pi}{4} \qquad \qquad \qquad \theta = \frac{2n\pi}{3} \pm \frac{2\pi}{9} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

**Solution :**

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

$$2 \cos 2\theta \cdot \sin \theta - 2(2\cos^2 \theta - 1) = 0$$

$$2 \cos 2\theta \sin \theta - 2 \cos 2\theta = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cos 2\theta \{\sin \theta - 1\} = 0$$

$$\cos 2\theta = 0 \quad ; \quad \sin \theta = 1$$

$$2\theta = (2n + 1)\pi/2 \qquad \qquad \theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \pi/2$$

$$\theta = (2n + 1)\pi/4 \quad : \quad \theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \pi/2 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

**Solution :**

$$(iii) \quad \sin x + \sqrt{3} \cos x = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sin x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

{by dividing both sides with  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  i.e.,  $\sqrt{1^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2}$  i.e., 2}

$$\sin x \sin \pi/6 + \cos x \cos \pi/6 = \cos \pi/4$$

$$\cos(x - \pi/6) = \cos \pi/4$$

$$x - \pi/6 = 2n\pi \pm \pi/4 \Rightarrow x = 2n\pi + \frac{5\pi}{12} \quad \text{or } x : 2n\pi - \pi/12 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

**Solution :**

$$(iv) \quad \sec 4x - \sec 2x = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\cos 4x} - \frac{1}{\cos 2x} = 2$$

$$\cos 2x - \cos 4x = 2 \cos 4x \cos 2x$$

$$\cancel{\cos 2x} - \cos 4x = \cos 6x + \cancel{\cos 2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 6x + \cos 4x = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cos 5x \cdot x \cos x = 0$$

$$\cos 5x = 0 \quad \text{or } \cos x = 0$$

$$5x = (2n + 1)\pi/2 \quad x = (2n + 1)\pi/2$$

$$x = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{10} \quad : \quad x = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(or) \quad x = \frac{2n\pi}{5} \pm \pi/10 \quad x = 2n\pi \pm \pi/2$$

4. **Solve the following equations**

$$(i) \quad \tan \theta + \sec \theta = \sqrt{3} \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$(ii) \quad \cos 3x + \cos 2x = \sin \frac{3x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2}$$

$$(iii) \quad \cot^2 x - (\sqrt{3} + 1) \cot x + \sqrt{3} = 0 \quad (0 < x < \pi/2)$$

$$(iv) \quad \sec x \cos 5x + 1 = 0 \quad 0 < x < 2\pi$$

**Solution:**

$$(i) \quad \tan \theta + \sec \theta = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \frac{1 + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \sqrt{3} \cos \theta - \sin \theta = 1$$

Dividing both sides with  $\sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (-1)^2}$  i.e., with 2

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \cos \theta \cos \pi/6 - \sin \theta \sin \pi/6 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos(\theta + \pi/6) = \cos \pi/3$$

$$\theta + \pi/6 = 2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\theta + \pi/6 = 2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3} \quad (or) \quad \theta + \pi/6 = 2n\pi - \pi/3$$

$$\theta = 2n\pi + \pi/6 \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = 2n\pi - \pi/2 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\because 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \quad \theta = \pi/6, 3\pi/2$$

But for  $\theta = 3\pi/2$   $\tan \theta$ ,  $\sec \theta$  are not defined

$$\therefore \theta = \pi/6$$

**Solution :**

$$(ii) \quad \cos 3x + \cos 2x = \sin \frac{3x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2}$$

$$2 \cos \frac{5x}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{2} = 2 \sin x \cdot \cos \frac{x}{2}$$

$$2 \cos \frac{x}{2} \left\{ \cos \frac{5x}{2} - \sin x \right\} = 0$$

$$2 \cos \frac{x}{2} = 0 \quad \cos \frac{5x}{2} = \sin x$$

$$\cos \frac{x}{2} = 0 \quad \cos \frac{5x}{2} = \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - x \right)$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow x = \pi \quad \frac{5x}{2} = 2n\pi \pm (\pi/2 - x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5x}{2} = 2n\pi + \pi/2 - x \quad (\text{or}) \quad \frac{5x}{2} = 2n\pi - \pi/2 + x$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x/2 = 2n\pi + \pi/2 \quad (\text{or}) \quad \frac{3x}{2} = 2n\pi - \pi/2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2}{7}(2n\pi + \pi/2) \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{2}{3}\{2n\pi - \pi/2\}$$

$$n = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pi/7, n = 0: \quad x = -\frac{\pi}{3} \text{ does not in the given domain.}$$

$$n = 1 \quad x = \frac{5\pi}{7} \quad n = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pi$$

$$n = 2 \quad x = 9\pi/7$$

$$n = 3 \quad x = 13\pi/7$$

**Solution :**

$$(iii) \quad \cot^2 x - \sqrt{3} \cot x - \cot x + \sqrt{3} = 0$$

$$(\cot x - \sqrt{3})(\cot x - 1) = 0$$

$$\tan x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{or} \quad \tan x = 1$$

$$x = \pi/6 \text{ or } x = \pi/4$$

**Solution :**

$$(iv) \quad \sec x \cos 5x + 1 = 0 \quad 0 < x < 2\pi$$

$$\frac{\cos 5x}{\cos x} + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\cos 5x + \cos x}{\cos x} = 0$$



$$\cos 5x + \cos x = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cos 3x \cos 2x = 0$$

$$\cos 3x = 0 \quad \cos 2x = 0$$

$$= \pi/6, \pi/4, 3\pi/4, 5\pi/6, 5\pi/4, 7\pi/6, 11\pi/6, 7\pi/4$$

5. If  $\tan(\pi \cos \theta) = \cot(\pi \sin \theta)$  then prove that  $\cos(\theta - \pi/4) = \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$

**Solution:**

$$\tan(\pi \cos \theta) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \pi \sin \theta\right) \Rightarrow \pi \cos \theta = n\pi + \pi/2 - \pi \sin \theta$$

$$\pi \{\cos \theta + \sin \theta\} = \pi \left\{n + \frac{1}{2}\right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta = \frac{2n+1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cos(\theta - \pi/4) = \frac{2n+1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{For } n = 0 \quad \cos(\theta - \pi/4) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{for } n = 1 \quad \cos(\theta - \pi/4) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} > 1$$

Not possible

$$\therefore \text{for } n = 2, 3, \dots \dots \dots \cos(\theta - \pi/4)$$

Has no value

$$\text{For } n = -1 \quad \cos(\theta - \pi/4) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ for } n = -2, -3, -4, \dots \dots \dots$$

$\cos(\theta - \pi/4) < -1$  Which is not possible

$$\therefore \cos(\theta - \pi/4) = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

6. Find the range of  $\theta$  if  $\cos \theta + \sin \theta$  is positive

**Solution:**  $\cos \theta + \sin \theta > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta > 0$

$$\sin(\theta + \pi/4) > 0$$

$$0 < \theta + \pi/4 < \pi$$

$$-\frac{\pi}{4} < \theta < 3\frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{4} < \theta < 2n\pi + 3\frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\theta = \cup \left( 2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}, 2n\pi + 3\frac{\pi}{4} \right), n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x + \sin 3x + \sin 2x &= \cos x + \cos 3x + \cos 2x \\ 2 \sin 2x \cos x + \sin 2x &= 2 \cos 2x \cos x + \cos 2x \\ \cancel{2} \sin 2x \{2 \cos x + 1\} - \cancel{2} \cos 2x (2 \cos x + 1) &= 0 \\ 2 \cos x + 1 = 0 \quad \sin 2x = \cos 2x \\ \cos x = \frac{-1}{2} \quad \tan 2x = 1 \\ x = 2n\pi \pm 2\pi/3 \quad x = \frac{n\pi}{2} + \pi/8 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

12. **If**  $\sin 3x + \sin x + 2 \cos x = \sin 2x + 2 \cos^2 x$  **find the general solution**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 3x + \sin x + 2 \cos x &= \sin 2x + 2 \cos^2 x \\ (2 \sin 2x + 2 \cos x) &= 2 \sin x \cos x + 2 \cos^2 x \\ 2 \sin 2x \cos x - 2 \sin x \cos x + 2 \cos x - 2 \cos^2 x &= 0 \\ \cancel{2} \cos x \{ \sin 2x - \sin x + 1 - \cos x \} &= 0 \\ \cos x = 0 \quad 2 \cos \frac{3x}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{2} + 2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} &= 0 \\ \cos x = 0 \quad 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \left\{ \cos \frac{3x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right\} &= 0 \\ \sin \frac{x}{2} = 0 \quad \cos \frac{3x}{2} = -\sin \frac{x}{2} \\ n = (2n + 1)\pi/2 \quad \frac{x}{2} = n\pi \quad \cos \frac{3x}{2} = \cos(\pi/2 + x/2) \\ x = 2n\pi \quad \frac{3x}{2} = 2n\pi \pm (\pi/2 + x/2) \\ \frac{3x}{2} - \frac{x}{2} = 2n\pi + \pi/2 \quad \therefore \frac{3x}{2} + \frac{x}{2} = 2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} \\ x = (2n + 1)\pi/2; \quad x = 2n\pi; \quad x = 2n\pi + \pi/2; \quad x = n\pi - \pi/4 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

3. **If**  $\alpha, \beta$  **are solutions of the equation**  $a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta = c$  **where**  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  **and if**

$a^2 + b^2 > 0$   $\cos \alpha \neq \cos \beta$  **and**  $\sin \alpha \neq \sin \beta$  **then show that**

(i)  $\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = \frac{2bc}{a^2 + b^2}$     (ii)  $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta = \frac{2ac}{a^2 + b^2}$

(iii)  $\cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{c^2 - b^2}{a^2 + b^2}$     (iv)  $\sin \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{c^2 - a^2}{a^2 + b^2}$

**Solution:**

$$a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta = c \Rightarrow (b \sin \theta)^2 = (c - a \cos \theta)^2$$

$$b^2 \{1 - \cos^2 \theta\} = c^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2ac \cos \theta$$

$$(a^2 + b^2) \cos^2 \theta - 2ac \cos \theta = (c^2 - b^2) = 0$$

Since  $\alpha, \beta$  are solutions  $\cos \alpha, \cos \beta$  are roots of above equation

$$\therefore \text{sum of roots} = \cos \alpha + \cos \beta = \frac{2ac}{a^2 + b^2} \text{ Hence (ii) is proved}$$

$$\text{Product of roots} = \cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{c^2 - b^2}{a^2 + b^2} \text{ (iii) is proved}$$

$$a \cos \theta = c - b \sin \theta \Rightarrow (a \cos \theta)^2 = (c - b \sin \theta)^2$$

$$a^2 \{1 - \sin^2 \theta\} = c^2 + b^2 \sin^2 \theta - 2bc \sin \theta$$

$$(a^2 + b^2) \sin^2 \theta - 2bc \sin \theta + (c^2 - a^2) = 0$$

Since  $\alpha, \beta$  are solution  $\sin \alpha, \sin \beta$  are roots

$$\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = \frac{2bc}{a^2 + b^2} \quad \sin \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{c^2 - a^2}{a^2 + b^2}$$

4. **Find the common roots of the equation**  $\cos 2x + \sin 2x = \cot x$  **and**  $2 \cos^2 x + \cos^2 2x = 1$

**Solution:**

$$2 \cos^2 x + \cos^2 2x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cos^2 x - 1 + \cos^2 2x = 0$$

$$\cos 2x + \cos^2 2x = 0 \Rightarrow \cos 2x \{ \cos 2x + 1 \} = 0$$

$$\cos 2x = 0 ; \cos 2x = -1$$

$$\cos 2x + \sin 2x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$\cos 2x \cdot \sin x + \sin 2x \cdot \sin x = \cos x$$

$$2 \cos 2x \sin x + 2 \sin 2x \sin x = 2 \cos x$$

$$\sin 3x - \sin x + \cos x - \cos 3x = 2 \cos x$$

$$\sin 3x - \cos 3x = \cos x + \sin x$$

Squaring on both sides

$$1 - \sin 6x = 1 + \sin 2x$$

$$\sin 2x + \sin 6x = 0$$

$$2 \sin 4x \cdot \cos 2x = 0 \Rightarrow \cos 2x = 0 \quad \sin 4x = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Common solution is } \cos 2x = 0 \Rightarrow 2x = (2n+1)\pi/2$$

5. **Solve the equation**  $\sqrt{6 - \cos x + 7 \sin^2 x} + \cos x = 0$

**Solution:**

$$\sqrt{6 - \cos x + 7 \sin^2 x} = -\cos x$$

Squaring on both sides

$$6 - \cos x + 7 \sin^2 x = \cos^2 x$$

$$6 - \cos x + 7 - 7 \cos^2 x = \cos^2 x$$

$$8 \cos^2 x + \cos x - 13 = 0$$

$$\cos x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+104}}{16} \text{ This is not possible}$$

$$\therefore \sin x \cos x > 1 \quad (\text{or})$$

$$\cos x < -1 \text{ in this } \cos x$$

Hence equation has no solution

6. If  $|\tan x| = \tan x + \frac{1}{\cos x}$  and  $x \in [0, 2\pi]$  find the values of  $x$

**Solution:**

cos(1) suppose  $\tan x > 0$

$$\therefore \tan x = \tan x + \frac{1}{\cos x} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\cos x} = 0 \text{ not possible}$$

**Case (ii)** Suppose  $\tan x < 0$

$$\therefore -\tan x = \tan x + \frac{1}{\cos x} \Rightarrow -2 \tan x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

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

$x$  Lies in (iii) or (iv) quadrant

But  $\tan x < 0$

$$\therefore x = -\pi/6 \quad (\text{or}) \quad 11\pi/6$$

But  $x \in [0, 2\pi]$

$$\therefore x = 11\pi/6$$

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

$$\text{Ans: } \left. \begin{array}{l} \theta = (4n+1)\pi/10 \\ (\text{or}) \theta = (4n-1)\pi/10 \end{array} \right\} n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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

$$\text{Ans: } \theta = n\pi \pm \pi/6 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

4. **Solve**  $2 \cos^2 \theta - \sqrt{3} \sin \theta + 1 = 0$

$$\text{Ans: } \theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \pi/3 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

5. **Find all values of  $x$  in  $(-\pi, \pi)$  satisfying the equation**

$$81 + \cos x + \cos^2 x + \dots \infty = 3^4$$

$$\text{Ans: } \pi/3 \text{ or } -\pi/3$$

6. Solve  $\tan \theta + 3 \cot \theta = 5 \sec \theta$

Ans:  $\theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \pi/6$

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

Ans:  $\theta = n\pi + \pi/4 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$

8. Solve  $\sqrt{2} (\sin x + \cos x) = \sqrt{3}$

Ans:  $x = 2n\pi + \frac{5\pi}{12}$  or

$x = 2n\pi + \pi/12$

9. If  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  are solutions of the equation  $a \cos 2\theta + b \sin 2\theta = c$  then find the value of

(i)  $\tan \theta_1 + \tan \theta_2$                       (ii)  $\tan \theta_1 \tan \theta_2$

10. Solve  $4 \sin x \sin 2x \sin 4x = \sin 3x$

Ans:  $x = \frac{n\pi}{3} \pm \frac{\pi}{9}$

11. If  $0 < \theta < \pi$  then solve  $\cos \theta \cos 2\theta \cos 3\theta = \frac{1}{4}$

Ans:  $\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{3\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{7\pi}{8}$

12. Solve  $\sin 2x - \cos 2x = \sin x - \cos x$

Ans:  $x = \{2n\pi / n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{2n\pi - \pi/6 / n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$