

Assignment 4.

1. Solve the equation $\sin(x - 30^\circ) = 3 \cos(x - 60^\circ)$ for $-180^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$. [5]

2. (a) Prove the identity $\cos\left(x + \frac{1}{6}\pi\right) + \sin\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\pi\right) \equiv \sqrt{3} \cos x$. [3]

(b) Hence solve the equation $\cos\left(x + \frac{1}{6}\pi\right) + \sin\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\pi\right) = 1$ for $0 < x < 2\pi$. [3]

3. Solve the equation $\sec x = 4 - 2 \tan^2 x$, giving all solutions in the interval $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$. [6]

4. (a) Express $12 \cos \theta - 5 \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta + \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$, giving the exact value of R and the value of α correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

(b) Hence solve the equation $12 \cos \theta - 5 \sin \theta = 10$, giving all solutions in the interval $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$. [4]

5. (a) Prove the identity $\tan\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) + \tan\left(x - \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) \equiv 2 \tan 2x$. [4]

(b) Hence solve the equation $\tan\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) + \tan\left(x - \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) = 2$, for $0 \leq x \leq \pi$. [3]

Total mark of this assignment: 31.

(†) Bonus questions:

1. Show that $\tan 3\theta = \frac{3 \tan \theta - \tan^3 \theta}{1 - 3 \tan^2 \theta}$.

Given that $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$ and that θ is acute, show that $\tan 3\theta = \frac{11}{2}$.

Hence find all solutions of the equations.

(a) $\tan(3 \cos^{-1} x) = \frac{11}{2}$,

(b) $\cos\left(\frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1} y\right) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$.

2. The sides of a triangle have lengths $x - y$, x and $x + y$, where $x > y > 0$. The largest and smallest angles of the triangle are α and β , respectively. Show that

$$4(1 - \cos \alpha)(1 - \cos \beta) = \cos \alpha + \cos \beta.$$

In the case $\alpha = 2\beta$, show that $\cos \beta = \frac{3}{4}$ and hence find the ratio of the lengths of the sides of the triangle.

Take this part back home and work on these for fun!