

Assignment 4.

1. $x = -49.1^\circ$ or 130.9° .
2. (a) omit
(b) 0.955 or 5.33
3. $x = 48.2^\circ$ or 311.8° or 120° or 240°
4. (a) $R = 13$, $\alpha = 22.6.2^\circ$
(b) 17.1° or 297.7°
5. (a) omit
(b) $x = \frac{\pi}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{8}\pi$

Bonus question:

1. (a) 0.894, 0.0599 or -0.835
(b) $\pm \frac{11}{2}$.
2. 4 : 5 : 6

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin x - \frac{1}{2} \cos x &= 3 \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin x \right) \\ -\sqrt{3} \sin x - 2 \cos x &= 0 \\ -\sqrt{3} \sin x &= 2 \cos x \\ \tan x &= -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \\ x &= \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + k \cdot 180^\circ, k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

hence $x = -49.1^\circ$ or 130.9°

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos x - \frac{1}{2} \sin x + \frac{1}{2} \sin x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos x \\ &= \sqrt{3} \cos x = \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{3} \cos x &= 1 \\ \cos x &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ x &= \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 2k\pi \\ &\text{or } -\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 2k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

$x = 0.955$ or 5.33

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]

$$\begin{aligned} \sec x &= 4 - 2(1 + \tan^2 x) & \left| \begin{array}{l} \cos x = \frac{2}{3} \text{ or } -\frac{1}{2} \\ x = \pm \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + k \cdot 360^\circ \\ \text{or } \pm \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + k \cdot 360^\circ, k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{array} \right. \\ \sec x &= 4 - 2 \sec^2 x \\ 2 \sec^2 x + \sec x - 4 &= 0 \\ (2 \sec x - 3)(\sec x + 2) &= 0 \\ \sec x &= \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } -2 \end{aligned}$$

$x = 48.2^\circ$ or 171.8° or 120° or 240°

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]

$$\begin{aligned} 12 \cos \theta - 5 \sin \theta \\ &= 13 \left(\frac{12}{13} \cos \theta - \frac{5}{13} \sin \theta \right) \\ &= 13 \cos\left(\theta + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right)\right) \\ \text{hence } R &= 13, \alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) = 22.62^\circ \end{aligned}$$

(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]

$$\begin{aligned} 13 \cos(\theta + \alpha) &= 10 \\ \cos(\theta + \alpha) &= \frac{10}{13} \\ \theta + \alpha &= \pm \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{13}\right) + k \cdot 360^\circ \\ \theta &= \pm \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{13}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) + k \cdot 360^\circ, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \theta &= 17.1^\circ \text{ or } 297.7^\circ \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \frac{\tan x + 1}{1 - \tan x} + \frac{\tan x - 1}{1 + \tan x} = \frac{(1 + \tan x)^2 - (1 - \tan x)^2}{1 - \tan^2 x} = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x} \\ &= 2 \tan 2x = \text{RHS.} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \tan 2x &= 2 \\ \tan 2x &= 1 \\ 2x &= \frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ x &= \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{1}{2}k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ x &= \frac{\pi}{8} \text{ or } \frac{5\pi}{8} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \theta &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \tan 3\theta &= \frac{3 \times \frac{1}{2} - (\frac{1}{2})^3}{1 - 3 \times (\frac{1}{2})^2} = \frac{11}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(a) ~~$\cos^{-1}(x) = \cos^{-1}(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}) = \theta = \cos^{-1}(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}})$~~
 $x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$
 (b) ~~$\frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1} y = \cos^{-1}(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}})$~~
 ~~$\frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1} y = \pm \cos^{-1}(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}})$~~

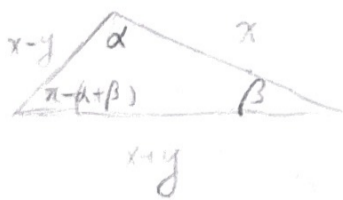
(a) $3 \cos^{-1} x = \tan^{-1}(\frac{11}{2}) + k\pi, k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$
 $x = \cos(\frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1}(\frac{11}{2}) + \frac{1}{3}k\pi), k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$
 $x = 0.835 \text{ or } 0.894 \text{ or } 0.5060$
 or -0.835

(b) $\frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1} y = \pm \cos^{-1}(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}})$
 $y = \tan(\pm 3 \cos^{-1}(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}))$
 $y = \frac{11}{2} \text{ or } \pm \frac{11}{2}$

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.



By using cosine law violently, we have the results easily.

$$\begin{aligned} 4(1 - \cos 2\beta)(1 - \cos \beta) &= \cos 2\beta + \cos \beta \\ 8 \cos^3 \beta - 10 \cos^2 \beta - 9 \cos \beta + 9 &= 0 \\ \cos \beta &= -1 \text{ (rejected), or } \frac{3}{2} \text{ (rejected), or } \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4(1 - \cos 2\beta)(1 - \cos \beta) &= \cos 2\beta + \cos \beta \\ \frac{1}{2} x(x-y) \sin \alpha &= \frac{1}{2} x(x+y) \sin \beta \\ \frac{2 \sin \beta \cos \beta}{\sin \beta} &= \frac{x+y}{x-y} \\ 8 \cos^3 \beta - 8 \cos^2 \beta - 8 \cos \beta + 8 &= \frac{x+y}{x-y} \\ \frac{x+y}{x-y} &= \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$