

PreTest 4a

subject: *Trigonometry I*

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Mathematics - IB₁ -

Total : / 36 marks

ANSWERS

For solving these problems, you may have to use some of theses following *trigonometric identities*

$\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x) = 1$	$\sin(2x) = 2\sin(x)\cos(x)$
$\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$	$\cos(2x) = \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x)$

Problem 1

[6 marks]

1) The *exact value* of $\cos(\frac{\pi}{6})$ is $\boxed{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$

2) Using the first relation in the frame above we can know $\cos(x)$ in terms of $\sin(x)$

3) Assuming $\sin(\theta) = \frac{4}{5}$, by the first identity: $\cos^2(x) = 1 - \sin^2(x)$

$$\text{then } \cos(x) = \pm \sqrt{1 - \sin^2(x)} = \pm \frac{3}{5}$$

hence the two possible values for $\tan(\theta)$ are $\frac{\frac{4}{5}}{\pm \frac{3}{5}} = \boxed{\pm \frac{4}{3}}$

Problem 2

[10 marks]

1) Assuming θ is in the *second* sector, and $\sin(\theta) = \frac{15}{17}$, give the exact expression for

i) $\cos(\theta)$, ii) $\cos(2\theta)$, iii) $\sin(2\theta)$, iv) $\tan(\theta)$, v) $\tan(2\theta)$

i) $\boxed{-\frac{8}{17}}$ ii) $\left(-\frac{8}{17}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{15}{17}\right)^2 = \boxed{-\frac{161}{289}}$ iii) $2\left(-\frac{8}{17}\right)\left(\frac{15}{17}\right) = \boxed{-\frac{240}{289}}$ iv) $\boxed{-\frac{8}{15}}$ v) $\boxed{\frac{240}{161}}$

2) Assuming θ is in the *third* sector, and $\tan(\theta) = \sqrt{\frac{17}{8}}$, give the exact expression for

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$$\frac{\sin^2(\theta)}{\cos^2(\theta)} = \frac{17}{8} \text{ and } 17 + 8 = 25 \Rightarrow \cos(\theta) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{8}{25}} \text{ and } \sin(\theta) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{17}{25}}$$

as θ is in the *third*, $\boxed{\cos(\theta) = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{5}}$ $\boxed{\sin(\theta) = \frac{\sqrt{17}}{5}}$

$$\boxed{\cos(2\theta) = \left(-\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{5}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{17}}{5}\right)^2 = -\frac{9}{25}} \quad \boxed{\sin(2\theta) = 2\left(-\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{5}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{17}}{5}\right) = -\frac{4\sqrt{34}}{25}}$$

you can easily verify that $\cos^2(2\theta) + \sin^2(2\theta)$

finally $\boxed{\tan(2\theta) = \frac{\sin(2\theta)}{\cos(2\theta)} = \frac{4\sqrt{34}}{9}}$

Problem 3 : *Please see next page !*

Problem 4

[8 marks]

Consider the trigonometric equation $3\cos(2\theta) + 4\cos(\theta) + 5 = -1$

i) Using the identity for $\cos(2x)$ (here $x = \theta$) and the first identity, we transform the equation

in: $3(\cos^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta)) + 4\cos(\theta) + 5 = -1 \quad 3(2\cos^2(\theta) - 1) + 4\cos(\theta) + 5 = -1$

then $a\cos^2(\theta) + b\cos(\theta) + c = 0$ with $\boxed{a=6, b=4, c=3}$

ii) Hence $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac = 16 - 72 < 0$ hence $\boxed{S = \emptyset}$: no x solution for $0 \leq x < 2\pi$

Problem 3

[14 marks]

Solve the following trigonometric equations:

1) $\cos(x) = \frac{1}{2}$

As $\frac{1}{2} > 0$, x is an angle either in the first or in the third sectorIn the first : $x = \frac{\pi}{3} (+2k\pi)$ in the third : $x = \frac{5\pi}{3} (+2k\pi)$ S

2) $\cos(2x) = \frac{1}{2}$

As $\frac{1}{2} > 0$, x is an angle either in the first or in the third sectorIn the first : $2x = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2k\pi \Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{6} + k\pi$ in the third : $2x = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2k\pi \Rightarrow x = \frac{5\pi}{6} + k\pi$ that means $\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$ are four distinct solutions between 0 and 2π

3) $\sin(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

As $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} > 0$, x is an angle either in the first or in the second sectorIn the first : $x = \frac{\pi}{4} (+2k\pi)$ in the third : $x = \frac{3\pi}{4} (+2k\pi)$

4) $\sin(4x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$$4x = \frac{\pi}{4} (+2k\pi) \quad \text{or} \quad 4x = \frac{3\pi}{4} (+2k\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{16} + k\frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{3\pi}{16} + k\frac{\pi}{2}$$

that means $\frac{\pi}{16}, \frac{3\pi}{16}, \frac{9\pi}{16}, \frac{11\pi}{16}, \frac{17\pi}{16}, \frac{19\pi}{16}, \frac{25\pi}{16}$ and $\frac{27\pi}{16}$ are eight distinct solutions between 0 and 2π

5) $2\cos(x)^2 - 3\sin(x) = 0$

[5 marks]

$$\Rightarrow 2(1 - \sin(x)^2) - 3\sin(x) = 0 \Rightarrow -2\sin(x)^2 - 3\sin(x) + 2 = 0$$

$$\text{then } \sin(x) = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{25}}{-4} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -2 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{notice } \sin \text{ cannot be equal to } -2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(x) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \text{the first two positive solutions are: } x = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ rad}, x = \frac{5\pi}{6} \text{ rad} \quad x = 30^\circ, x = 150^\circ$$

6) $6\cos x - 4\sin^2 x = 0, \quad 0 \leq x < 3\pi \quad (\text{radian})$

[5 marks]

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

$$\text{then } \cos(x) = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{100}}{8} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -2 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{notice } \cos \text{ cannot be equal to } -2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(x) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ rad or } x = \frac{5\pi}{3} \text{ rad or } x = \frac{7\pi}{3} \text{ rad} \quad \text{assuming } 0 \leq x < 3\pi$$

Bonus :

$$4\sin^2(2x) = 3 \Rightarrow \sin(2x) = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = \frac{\pi}{3} + k2\pi \quad \text{or} \quad 2x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + k2\pi \quad \text{or} \quad 2x = \frac{4\pi}{3} + k2\pi \quad \text{or} \quad 2x = \frac{5\pi}{3} + k2\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{6} + k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{\pi}{3} + k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{5\pi}{6} + k\pi$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq x < 360^\circ : x \in \{30^\circ, 60^\circ, 120^\circ, 150^\circ, 180^\circ, 210^\circ, 240^\circ, 300^\circ, 330^\circ, 360^\circ\}$$