

MTH 30 Trigonometry Review Additional Review Problems

(1) If $\cos(\alpha) = -\frac{4}{5}$, and angle α is in the quadrant II, i.e. $90 \leq \alpha \leq 180$, find the remaining trigonometric functions without using a calculator. Simplify your answer, rationalize the denominator if needed (i.e. there should be no radicals in the denominator).

(2) Find all solutions, if possible, of each equation:

(a) $\sin\left(\frac{2\theta}{3}\right) = -1$

(b) $2\sin^2 x + \sin x = 0$

(c) $\tan^2 x \cos x = \tan^2 x$

(3) verify the identity $\frac{\cos x}{1 - \sin x} = \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos x}$

(4) Find the exact value of $\cos(\alpha + \beta)$, if $\tan(\alpha) = -\frac{3}{4}$, $\cos(\beta) = \frac{1}{3}$, and α lies in quadrant II and β lies in quadrant I.

Answers:

$$(1) \quad \sin(\alpha) = \frac{3}{5}, \quad \tan(\alpha) = -\frac{3}{4}, \quad \cot(\alpha) = -\frac{4}{3}, \quad \csc(\alpha) = \frac{5}{3}, \quad \sec(\alpha) = -\frac{5}{4}$$

$$(2) \quad (a) \quad \theta = \frac{9\pi}{4} + 3\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (b) \quad x = \pi n, \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2\pi n, \frac{11\pi}{6} + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (c) \quad x = \pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(3) let's assume that the identity is true, and apply the cross-product property:

$$\cos x \cdot \cos x = (1 - \sin x) \cdot (1 + \sin x)$$

then re-write the left side and open the parentheses on the right side (difference of squares):

$$\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x \quad (*)$$

recall the identity: $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$, solve it for $\cos^2 x$: $\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$ - this is exactly what we got in line (*).

Therefore, our assumption that the identity is true was correct.

$$(4) \quad \cos(\alpha + \beta) = -\frac{4 + 6\sqrt{2}}{15}$$