Trigonometry

Question 1:

In ΔABC right angled at B, AB = 24 cm, BC = 7 m. Determine

(i) sin A, cos A

(ii) sin C, cos C

Answer :

Applying Pythagoras theorem for ΔABC, we obtain

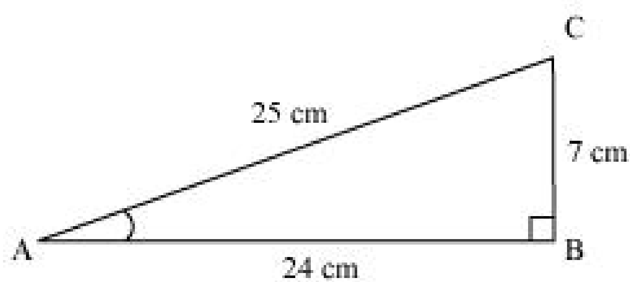
$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$

$= (24 \text{ cm})^2 + (7 \text{ cm})^2$

$= (576 + 49) \text{ cm}^2$

$= 625 \text{ cm}^2$

$\therefore AC = \sqrt{625} \text{ cm} = 25 \text{ cm}$

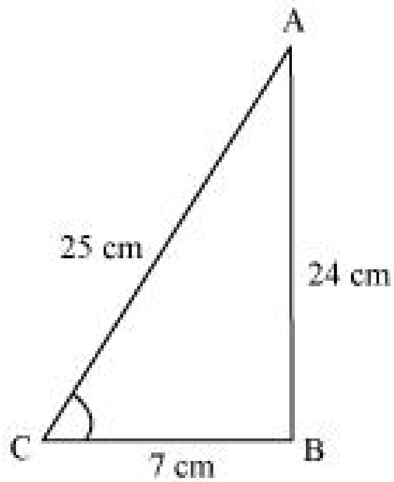


(i) $\sin A = \dfrac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle A}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \dfrac{BC}{AC}$

$= \dfrac{7}{25}$

$\cos A = \dfrac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle A}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \dfrac{AB}{AC} = \dfrac{24}{25}$

(ii)



sin C = $\frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle C}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{AB}{AC}$

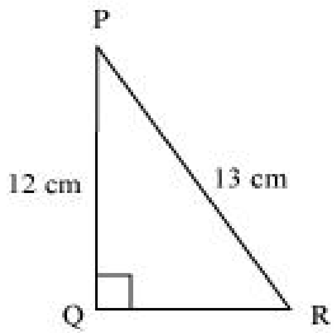
$= \frac{24}{25}$

cos C = $\frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle C}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{BC}{AC}$

$= \frac{7}{25}$

Question 2:

In the given figure find tan P − cot R



Answer :

Applying Pythagoras theorem for ΔPQR, we obtain

$PR^2 = PQ^2 + QR^2$

$(13 \text{ cm})^2 = (12 \text{ cm})^2 + QR^2$

$169 \text{ cm}^2 = 144 \text{ cm}^2 + QR^2$

$25 \text{ cm}^2 = QR^2$

QR = 5 cm

$$\tan P = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle P}{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle P} = \frac{QR}{PQ}$$

$$= \frac{5}{12}$$

$$\cot R = \frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle R}{\text{Side opposite to } \angle R} = \frac{QR}{PQ}$$

$$= \frac{5}{12}$$

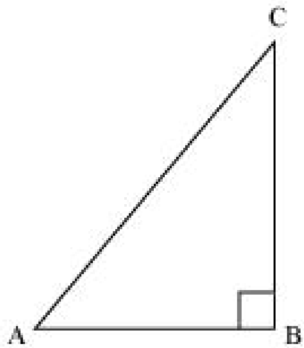
$$\tan P - \cot R = \frac{5}{12} - \frac{5}{12} = 0$$

Question 3:

If sin A = $\frac{3}{4}$, calculate cos A and tan A.

Answer :

Let ΔABC be a right-angled triangle, right-angled at point B.



Given that,

$$\sin A = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{BC}{AC} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Let BC be 3*k*. Therefore, AC will be 4*k*, where *k* is a positive integer.

Applying Pythagoras theorem in ΔABC, we obtain

$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$

$(4k)^2 = AB^2 + (3k)^2$

$16k^2 - 9k^2 = AB^2$

$7k^2 = AB^2$

AB = $\sqrt{7}k$

$$\cos A = \frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle A}{\text{Hypotenuse}}$$

$$= \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{\sqrt{7}k}{4k} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}$$

$$\tan A = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle A}{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle A}$$

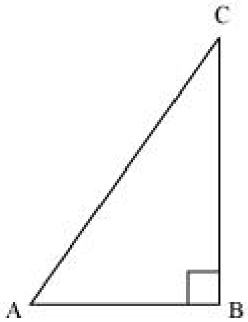
$$= \frac{BC}{AB} = \frac{3k}{\sqrt{7}k} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{7}}$$

Question 4:

Given 15 cot A = 8. Find sin A and sec A

Answer :

Consider a right-angled triangle, right-angled at B.



$$\cot A = \frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle A}{\text{Side opposite to } \angle A}$$

$$= \frac{AB}{BC}$$

It is given that,

$\cot A = \frac{8}{15}$

$\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{8}{15}$

Let AB be $8k$.Therefore, BC will be $15k$, where k is a positive integer.

Applying Pythagoras theorem in ΔABC, we obtain

$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$

$= (8k)^2 + (15k)^2$

$= 64k^2 + 225k^2$

$= 289k^2$

$AC = 17k$

$$\sin A = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle A}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{BC}{AC}$$

$$= \frac{15k}{17k} = \frac{15}{17}$$

$$\sec A = \frac{\text{Hypotenuse}}{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle A}$$

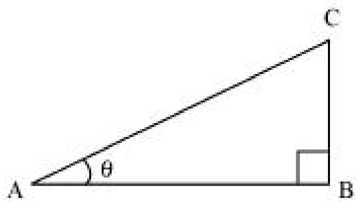
$$= \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{17}{8}$$

Question 5:

Given sec θ = $\frac{13}{12}$, calculate all other trigonometric ratios.

Answer :

Consider a right-angle triangle ΔABC, right-angled at point B.



$$\sec\theta = \frac{\text{Hypotenuse}}{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle\theta}$$

$$\frac{13}{12} = \frac{AC}{AB}$$

If AC is 13*k*, AB will be 12*k*, where *k* is a positive integer.

Applying Pythagoras theorem in ΔABC, we obtain

$(AC)^2 = (AB)^2 + (BC)^2$

$(13k)^2 = (12k)^2 + (BC)^2$

$169k^2 = 144k^2 + BC^2$

$25k^2 = BC^2$

$BC = 5k$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle\theta}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{BC}{AC} = \frac{5k}{13k} = \frac{5}{13}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle\theta}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{12k}{13k} = \frac{12}{13}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle\theta}{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle\theta} = \frac{BC}{AB} = \frac{5k}{12k} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$\cot\theta = \frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle\theta}{\text{Side opposite to } \angle\theta} = \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{12k}{5k} = \frac{12}{5}$$

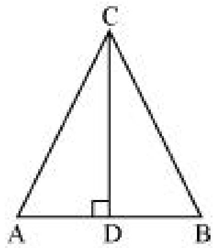
$$\operatorname{cosec}\theta = \frac{\text{Hypotenuse}}{\text{Side opposite to } \angle\theta} = \frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{13k}{5k} = \frac{13}{5}$$

Question 6:

If ∠A and ∠B are acute angles such that cos A = cos B, then show that ∠A = ∠B.

Answer :

Let us consider a triangle ABC in which CD ⊥ AB.

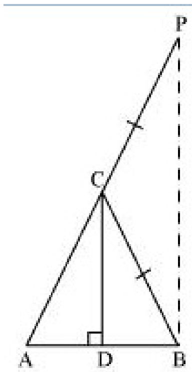


It is given that

cos A = cos B

$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AC} = \frac{BD}{BC}$ … (1)

We have to prove ∠A = ∠B. To prove this, let us extend AC to P such that BC = CP.



From equation (1), we obtain

$\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AC}{BC}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AC}{CP}$ (By construction, we have BC = CP) ... (2)

By using the converse of B.P.T,

CD||BP

⇒∠ACD = ∠CPB (Corresponding angles) … (3)

And, ∠BCD = ∠CBP (Alternate interior angles) … (4)

By construction, we have BC = CP.

∴ ∠CBP **=** ∠CPB (Angle opposite to equal sides of a triangle) … (5)

From equations (3), (4), and (5), we obtain

∠ACD = ∠BCD … (6)

In ΔCAD and ΔCBD,

∠ACD = ∠BCD [Using equation (6)]

∠CDA = ∠CDB [Both 90°]

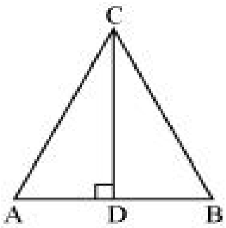
Therefore, the remaining angles should be equal.

∴∠CAD = ∠CBD

⇒ ∠A = ∠B

Alternatively,

Let us consider a triangle ABC in which CD ⊥ AB.



It is given that,

cos A = cos B

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AC} = \frac{BD}{BC}$$

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Let $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AC}{BC} = k$

⇒ AD = k BD … (1)

And, AC = k BC … (2)

Using Pythagoras theorem for triangles CAD and CBD, we obtain

$CD^2 = AC^2 - AD^2$ … (3)

And, $CD^2 = BC^2 - BD^2$ … (4)

From equations (3) and (4), we obtain

$AC^2 - AD^2 = BC^2 - BD^2$

$\Rightarrow (k\,BC)^2 - (k\,BD)^2 = BC^2 - BD^2$

$\Rightarrow k^2\,(BC^2 - BD^2) = BC^2 - BD^2$

$\Rightarrow k^2 = 1$

$\Rightarrow k = 1$

Putting this value in equation (2), we obtain

AC = BC

⇒ ∠A = ∠B(Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle)

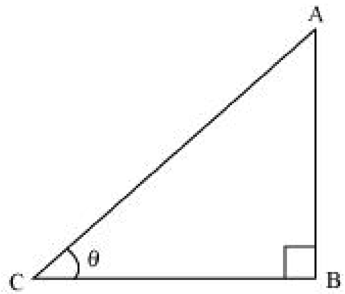
Question 7:

If $\cot\theta = \frac{7}{8}$, evaluate

(i) $\frac{(1+\sin\theta)(1-\sin\theta)}{(1+\cos\theta)(1-\cos\theta)}$ (ii) $\cot^2\theta$

Answer :

Let us consider a right triangle ABC, right-angled at point B.



$$\cot\theta = \frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle\theta}{\text{Side opposite to } \angle\theta} = \frac{BC}{AB}$$

$$= \frac{7}{8}$$

If BC is 7k, then AB will be 8k, where k is a positive integer.

Applying Pythagoras theorem in ΔABC, we obtain

$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$

$= (8k)^2 + (7k)^2$

$= 64k^2 + 49k^2$

$= 113k^2$

AC = $\sqrt{113}k$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle\theta}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

$$= \frac{8k}{\sqrt{113}k} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{113}}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle\theta}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{BC}{AC}$$

$$= \frac{7k}{\sqrt{113}k} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{113}}$$

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

$$= \frac{1-\left(\frac{8}{\sqrt{113}}\right)^2}{1-\left(\frac{7}{\sqrt{113}}\right)^2} = \frac{1-\frac{64}{113}}{1-\frac{49}{113}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{49}{113}}{\frac{64}{113}} = \frac{49}{64}$$

(ii) $\cot^2\theta = (\cot\theta)^2 = \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^2 = \frac{49}{64}$

Question 8:

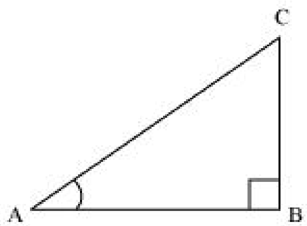
If 3 cot A = 4, Check whether $\frac{1-\tan^2 A}{1+\tan^2 A} = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$ or not.

Answer :

It is given that 3cot A = 4

Or, cot A = $\frac{4}{3}$

Consider a right triangle ABC, right-angled at point B.



$$\cot A = \frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle A}{\text{Side opposite to } \angle A}$$

$$\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{4}{3}$$

If AB is 4*k*, then BC will be 3*k*, where *k* is a positive integer.

In ΔABC,

$(AC)^2 = (AB)^2 + (BC)^2$

$= (4k)^2 + (3k)^2$

$= 16k^2 + 9k^2$

$= 25k^2$

$AC = 5k$

$$\cos A = \frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle A}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

$$= \frac{4k}{5k} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\sin A = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle A}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{BC}{AC}$$

$$= \frac{3k}{5k} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\tan A = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle A}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{BC}{AB}$$

$$= \frac{3k}{4k} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{1-\tan^2 A}{1+\tan^2 A} = \frac{1-\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2}{1+\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2} = \frac{1-\frac{9}{16}}{1+\frac{9}{16}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{7}{16}}{\frac{25}{16}} = \frac{7}{25}$$

$$A = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{7}{25}$$

$$= \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$$

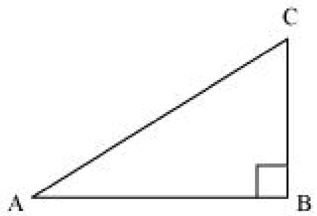
Question 9:

In ΔABC, right angled at B. If $\tan A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, find the value of

(i) sin A cos C + cos A sin C

(ii) cos A cos C − sin A sin C

Answer :



$$\tan A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{BC}{AB} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

If BC is *k*, then AB will be $\sqrt{3}k$, where *k* is a positive integer.

In ΔABC,

$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$

$= \left(\sqrt{3}k\right)^2 + (k)^2$

$= 3k^2 + k^2 = 4k^2$

∴ AC = 2*k*

$$\sin A = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle A}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{BC}{AC} = \frac{k}{2k} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos A = \frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle A}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{\sqrt{3}k}{2k} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sin C = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle C}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{\sqrt{3}k}{2k} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\cos C = \frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle C}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{BC}{AC} = \frac{k}{2k} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(i) sin A cos C + cos A sin C

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{4}{4} = 1$$

(ii) cos A cos C − sin A sin C

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} = 0$$

Question 10:

In ΔPQR, right angled at Q, PR + QR = 25 cm and PQ = 5 cm. Determine the values of sin P, cos P and tan P.

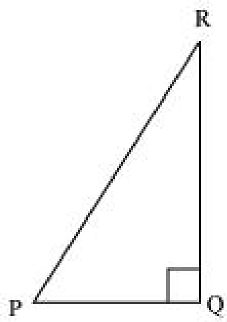
Answer :

Given that, PR + QR = 25

PQ = 5

Let PR be x.

Therefore, QR = 25 − x



Applying Pythagoras theorem in ΔPQR, we obtain

$PR^2 = PQ^2 + QR^2$

$x^2 = (5)^2 + (25 - x)^2$

$x^2 = 25 + 625 + x^2 - 50x$

$50x = 650$

$x = 13$

Therefore, PR = 13 cm

QR = (25 − 13) cm = 12 cm

$$\sin P = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle P}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{QR}{PR} = \frac{12}{13}$$

$$\cos P = \frac{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle P}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{PQ}{PR} = \frac{5}{13}$$

$$\tan P = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle P}{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle P} = \frac{QR}{PQ} = \frac{12}{5}$$

Question 11:

State whether the following are true or false. Justify your answer.

(i) The value of tan A is always less than 1.

(ii) sec A = $\frac{12}{5}$ for some value of angle A.

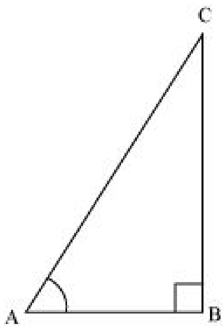
(iii) cos A is the abbreviation used for the cosecant of angle A.

(iv) cot A is the product of cot and A

(v) sin θ = $\frac{4}{3}$, for some angle θ

Answer :

(i) Consider a ΔABC, right-angled at B.



$$\tan A = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle A}{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle A}$$

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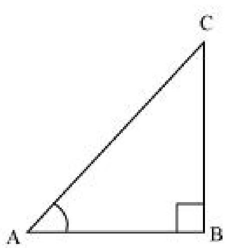
But $\frac{12}{5} > 1$

$\therefore \tan A > 1$

So, tan A < 1 is not always true.

Hence, the given statement is false.

(ii) $\sec A = \frac{12}{5}$



$$\frac{\text{Hypotenuse}}{\text{Side adjacent to } \angle A} = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{12}{5}$$

Let AC be 12*k*, AB will be 5*k*, where *k* is a positive integer.

Applying Pythagoras theorem in ΔABC, we obtain

$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$

$(12k)^2 = (5k)^2 + BC^2$

$144k^2 = 25k^2 + BC^2$

$BC^2 = 119k^2$

$BC = 10.9k$

It can be observed that for given two sides $AC = 12k$ and $AB = 5k$,

BC should be such that,

$AC - AB < BC < AC + AB$

$12k - 5k < BC < 12k + 5k$

$7k < BC < 17\ k$

However, $BC = 10.9k$. Clearly, such a triangle is possible and hence, such value of sec A is possible.

Hence, the given statement is true.

(iii) Abbreviation used for cosecant of angle A is cosec A. And cos A is the abbreviation used for cosine of angle A.

Hence, the given statement is false.

(iv) cot A is not the product of cot and A. It is the cotangent of ∠A.

Hence, the given statement is false.

(v) $\sin\theta = \frac{4}{3}$

We know that in a right-angled triangle,

$$\sin\theta = \frac{\text{Side opposite to } \angle\theta}{\text{Hypotenuse}}$$

In a right-angled triangle, hypotenuse is always greater than the remaining two sides. Therefore, such value of sin θ is not possible.

Hence, the given statement is false