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Year 2 (A-Level)

Trigonometry – Set 1A

**Radians measure, Functions and Graphs
(Solutions)**

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1 Given that $\theta = 60^\circ$ find the value of θ in radians.

Hence solve the equation $2 \cos \theta = 5 \sin \theta$ for $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

Solution

π Radians = 180°

Therefore, $\theta = 60^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180}$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ rad} \quad [1\text{Mark}]$$

The equation can be solved as:

$$2 \cos \theta = 5 \sin \theta$$

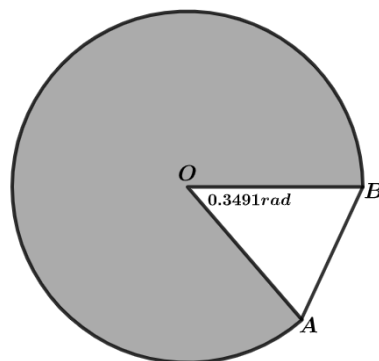
$$\frac{2}{5} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\frac{2}{5} = \tan \theta \quad [1\text{Mark}]$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\theta = 0.38 \text{ rad} [1\text{Mark}]$$

- 2 In the diagram below, angle AOB is 0.3491 rads. AB is a straight line
Given that the area of the shaded sector is 249.233 square units



Calculate the perimeter of the shape to 4 decimal places

Solution

Area of sector = $\frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$ where θ is measured in radians

$$\text{Therefore, } 249.233 = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$$

$$\theta = 2\pi - 0.3491 = 5.9341$$

$$\text{So } r = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 249.233}{5.9341}} = 9.1652 \text{ [1mark]}$$

{Note that the angle in the shaded sector will be $\theta = 2\pi - 0.3491 = 5.9341$ }

$$\text{The length of the major arc } AB = 9.1652 \times 5.9341 = 54.3872 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

Now use the cosine rule to find the length of the side AB

The cosine rule: $\{a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \times \cos A\}$

$$\text{Therefore } (AB)^2 = 9.1652^2 + 9.1652^2 - 2 \times 9.1652 \times 9.1652 \times \cos 0.3491$$

$$(AB)^2 = 10.1337 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$\text{Therefore } AB = 3.1833(4\text{dp}) \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence the perimeter of the shape will be} &= 54.3872 + 3.1833 \\ &= 57.5705 \text{ units} \quad \text{[1mark]} \end{aligned}$$

3 Given that the angle x rad is small

a) Show that $\frac{1-\cos 3x}{\sin x \tan x} \approx \frac{9}{2}$

b) Find an approximate value for $\sin x \operatorname{cosec} \frac{1}{2}x$

Solutions

a) We need to use small-angle approximations

For small angles in radians

$$\sin \theta \approx \theta$$

$$\cos \theta \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2$$

$$\tan \theta \approx \theta$$

Therefore for the numerator

$$1 - \cos 3x = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \times (3x)^2\right) \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$= \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{9}{2}x^2\right)\right) \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$= \frac{9}{2}x^2$$

$$\text{Hence the numerator: } 1 - \cos 3x \approx \frac{9}{2}x^2 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

For the denominator

$$\sin x \approx x \text{ and } \tan x \approx x$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sin x \tan x \approx x^2 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1-\cos 3x}{\sin x \tan x} \approx \frac{9}{2}x^2 \div x^2 \quad \{\text{Apply dividing fractions}\}$$

$$\text{So we have } \frac{9}{2}x^2 \times \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{9}{2} \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1-\cos 3x}{\sin x \tan x} \approx \frac{9}{2} \quad \text{As Required}$$

b) $\sin x \operatorname{cosec} \frac{1}{2}x \approx x \times \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}x} \quad \text{[1mark]}$

$$\text{So we have } x \times \frac{2}{x} = 2$$

$$\text{Hence } \sin x \operatorname{cosec} \frac{1}{2}x \approx 2 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

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Given that $\tan x = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{6}$

- a) Find the exact values of $\sec x$ and $\operatorname{cosec} x$
 b) Hence show that $\tan x + \sec x < \operatorname{cosec} x + \sec x$

Solution

a) $\tan x = \frac{O}{A}$

So we have a right-angled triangle with to angle x as $\sqrt{5}$ and the adjacent as 6

Using Pythagoras theorem:

$$H^2 = (\sqrt{5})^2 + (6)^2 = \sqrt{41} \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sec x = \frac{\sqrt{41}}{6} \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$\operatorname{csc} x = \frac{\sqrt{41}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{205}}{5} \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{41}}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{41} + \sqrt{5}}{6} = 1.4399 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

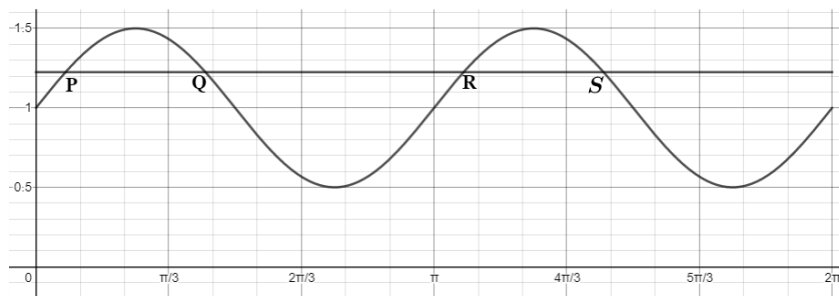
$$\frac{\sqrt{205}}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{41}}{6} = \frac{6\sqrt{205} + 5\sqrt{41}}{30} = 3.9308 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$1.4399 < 3.9308$$

Hence, $\tan x + \sec x < \operatorname{cosec} x + \sec x$

5 Part of the graph of $y = f(x)$ is shown below. where $f(x) = a \sin bx + c$

a) Determine the values of a , b and c



On the same grid, part of the graph of $y = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$ is also drawn.

b) The two graphs intersect at the points P, Q, R and S

Determine the coordinates of P, Q, R and S to 4 decimal places

Solution

a) $y = a \sin bx + c$

where $|a| = \text{amplitude}$

$$\frac{2\pi}{b} = \text{period,}$$

when plotting the graph divide the period into 4 smaller sub-intervals of equal length.

$$\frac{-c}{b} = \text{phase shift (horizontal shift).}$$

$$a = \frac{\text{max} - \text{min}}{2} = \frac{1.5 - 0.5}{2} = 0.5$$

$$c = \frac{\text{max} + \text{min}}{2} = \frac{1.5 + 0.5}{2} = 1$$

$$b = \frac{2\pi}{\text{period}} = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$$

The period is the number of full Crust in 360 or 2π

Hence, the equation will be $y = 0.5 \sin(\pi x) + 1$

[3marks]

$$\text{b) } \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} = 0.5 \sin \pi x + 1$$

By Solving, we get;

$$x = \frac{0.46619 + 2\pi n}{\pi}$$

And

$$x = \frac{n\pi - 0.46619}{\pi}$$

Points;

$$P = (0.1481, 1.2247)$$

$$Q = (0.8516, 1.2247)$$

$$R = (2.1484, 1.2247)$$

$$S = (2.8516, 1.2247)$$

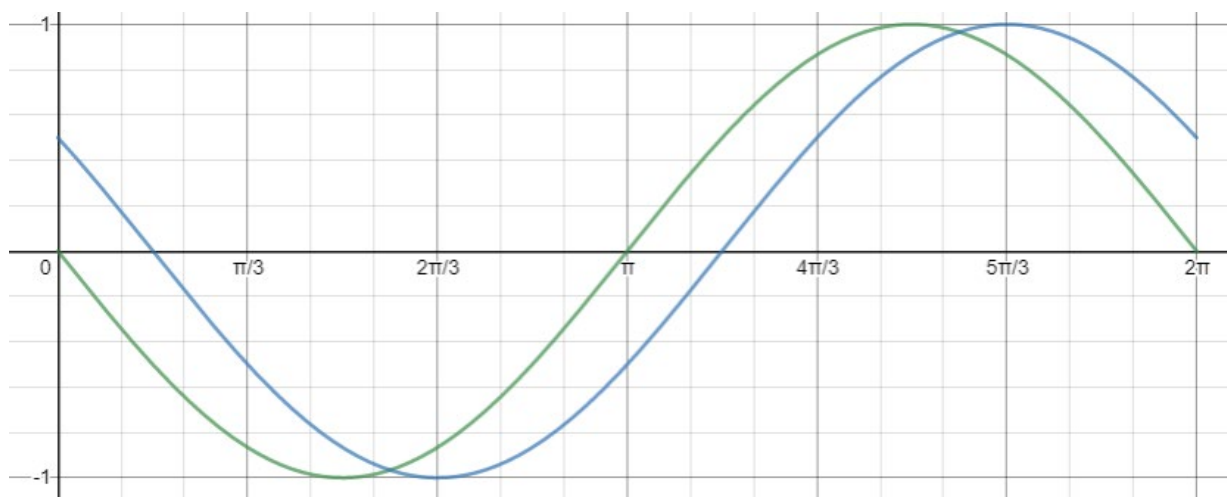
[4Marks]

- 6 a) Sketch the graph of $y = -\sin x$ on the grid below for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$
 b) On the same grid sketch the graph of $y = \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$
 c) Use your graph to determine the number of solutions to the equation $-\sin x = \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ in the stated interval and determine the coordinates.

Solution

a) $y = -\sin x$

b) $y = \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ [2marks]



- c) Two points of intersections so two solutions in the given interval.
 [1mark]

$$\cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -\sin x$$

$$\cos(x) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) - \sin(x) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -\sin x$$

$$\cos(x) \times 0.5 - \sin(x) \times 0.866 = -\sin x$$

$$\cos(x) 0.5 = -0.134 \sin x$$

$$\tan(x) = -3.713$$

from here ;

$$x = \pi - 1.3089 = 1.8326$$

$$\{\tan^{-1}(3.713) = 1.3089\}$$

And $x = 2\pi - 1.3089 = 4.9742$

$$y = -\sin 1.8326 = -0.966$$

$$y = -\sin 4.9742 = 0.966$$

Hence, the points of intersection are: $(1.8326, -0.966)$ and $(4.9742, 0.966)$

[4marks]