

FAQ's

1. In a right angle triangle ABC $\tan A = \frac{3}{4}$ find $\sin A$ and $\cos A$

Answer:

We know that $\tan A = \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}$ and $\tan A = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{opposite}} = \frac{3}{4}$ so in a right angle triangle adjacent side=3 and opposite side=4.

So according to pythagorean theorem hypotenuse=5 so

$$\sin A = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{4}{5} \quad \cos A = \frac{\text{adjacent side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{3}{5}$$

2. Calculate $\cos(\frac{\pi}{6})$

Answer:

To calculate the value of the cosine $(\frac{\pi}{6})$ at 30° , construct a 30° - 60° - 90° right angle i.e a triangle with sides

1. $\sqrt{3}$, and

$$2. \text{ Then } \cos(\frac{\pi}{6}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

3. Calculate $\tan -(\frac{\pi}{6})$

Answer:

By definition $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$ now $\tan -(\frac{\pi}{6}) = \frac{\sin -(\frac{\pi}{6})}{\cos -(\frac{\pi}{6})} = \frac{-\sin(\frac{\pi}{6})}{\cos(\frac{\pi}{6})}$ To

calculate the sine and cosine functions at $\theta = (\frac{\pi}{6})$ (i.e 30°) construct 30° - 60° -

90° right triangle i.e a triangle with sides $1, \sqrt{3}$, and 2. Then \cos

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ which implies than } \tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

4. Prove that $(\sin x + \cos x)^2 = 1 + \sin 2x$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} (\sin x + \cos x)^2 &= \sin^2 x + 2\sin x \cos x + \cos^2 x \\ &= 1 + 2\sin x \cos x = 1 + \sin 2x \end{aligned}$$

5. Given $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$, prove that $1 + \cot^2 x = \operatorname{cosec}^2 x$

Answer:

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

$$\frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 x}$$

$$1 + \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 x}$$

$$1 + \cot^2 x = \operatorname{cosec}^2 x$$