

C3 Trigonometry

1. [June 2010 qu.3](#)

- (i) Express the equation $\operatorname{cosec} \theta(3 \cos 2\theta + 7) + 11 = 0$ in the form $a \sin^2 \theta + b \sin \theta + c = 0$, where a , b and c are constants. [3]
- (ii) Hence solve, for $-180^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$, the equation $\operatorname{cosec} \theta(3 \cos 2\theta + 7) + 11 = 0$. [3]

2. [June 2010 qu.8](#)

- (i) Express $3 \cos x + 3 \sin x$ in the form $R \cos(x - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2} \pi$. [3]
- (ii) The expression $T(x)$ is defined by $T(x) = \frac{8}{3 \cos x + 3 \sin x}$.
- (a) Determine a value of x for which $T(x)$ is not defined. [2]
- (b) Find the smallest positive value of x satisfying $T(3x) = \frac{8}{9} \sqrt{6}$, giving your answer in an exact form. [4]

3. [Jan 2010 qu.2](#)

The angle θ is such that $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$.

- (i) Given that θ satisfies the equation $6 \sin 2\theta = 5 \cos \theta$, find the exact value of $\sin \theta$. [3]
- (ii) Given instead that θ satisfies the equation $8 \cos \theta \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta = 3$, find the exact value of $\cos \theta$. [5]

4. [Jan2010 qu.9](#)

The value of $\tan 10^\circ$ is denoted by p . Find, in terms of p , the value of

- (i) $\tan 55^\circ$, [3]
- (ii) $\tan 5^\circ$, [4]
- (iii) $\tan \theta$, where θ satisfies the equation $3 \sin(\theta + 10^\circ) = 7 \cos(\theta - 10^\circ)$. [5]

5. [June 2009 qu.1](#)

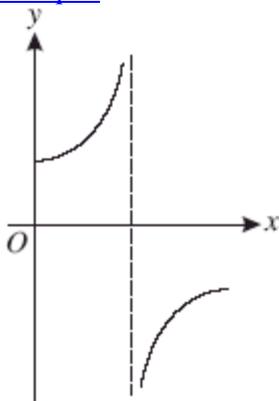


Fig. 1

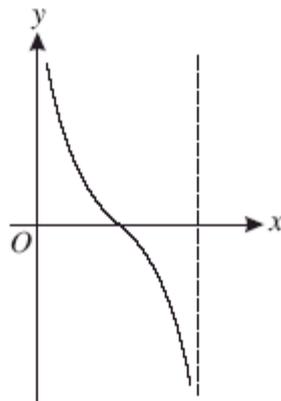


Fig. 2

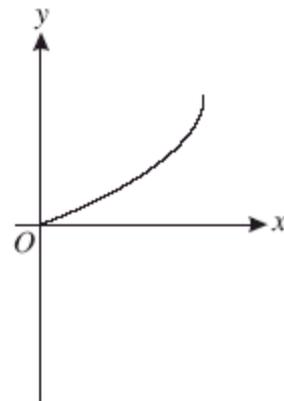


Fig. 3

Each diagram above shows part of a curve, the equation of which is one of the following:

$$y = \sin^{-1} x, \quad y = \cos^{-1} x, \quad y = \tan^{-1} x, \quad y = \sec x, \quad y = \operatorname{cosec} x, \quad y = \cot x.$$

State which equation corresponds to

- (i) Fig. 1, [1]
- (ii) Fig. 2, [1]
- (iii) Fig. 3. [1]

6. [June 2009 qu.3](#)

The angles α and β are such that $\tan \alpha = m + 2$ and $\tan \beta = m$, where m is a constant.

- (i) Given that $\sec^2 \alpha - \sec^2 \beta = 16$, find the value of m . [3]
- (ii) Hence find the exact value of $\tan(\alpha + \beta)$. [3]

7. [June 2009 qu.7](#)
- (i) Express $8 \sin \theta - 6 \cos \theta$ in the form $R \sin(\theta - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$. [3]
- (ii) Hence
- (a) solve, for $0^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ$, the equation $8 \sin \theta - 6 \cos \theta = 9$, [4]
- (b) find the greatest possible value of $32 \sin x - 24 \cos x - (16 \sin y - 12 \cos y)$ as the angles x and y vary. [3]

8. [Jan 2009 qu.3](#)
- (i) Express $2 \tan^2 \theta - \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$ in terms of $\sec \theta$. [3]
- (ii) Hence solve, for $0^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ$, the equation $2 \tan^2 \theta - \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = 4$. [4]

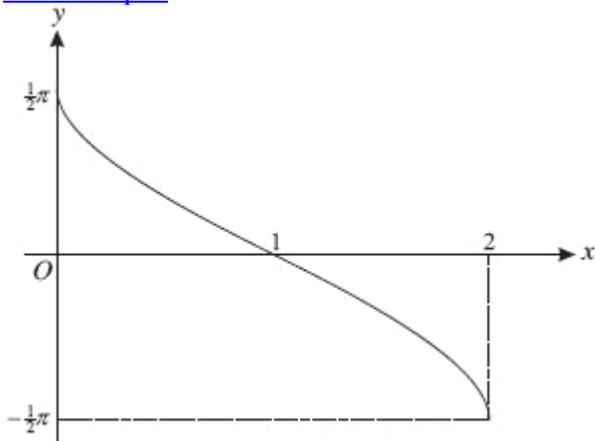
9. [Jan 2009 qu.9](#)
- (i) By first expanding $\cos(2\theta + \theta)$, prove that $\cos 3\theta \equiv 4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta$. [4]
- (ii) Hence prove that $\cos 6\theta \equiv 32 \cos^6 \theta - 48 \cos^4 \theta + 18 \cos^2 \theta - 1$. [3]
- (iii) Show that the only solutions of the equation $1 + \cos 6\theta = 18 \cos^2 \theta$ are odd multiples of 90° . [5]

10. [June 2008 qu.5](#)
- (a) Express $\tan 2\alpha$ in terms of $\tan \alpha$ and hence solve, for $0^\circ < \alpha < 180^\circ$, the equation $\tan 2\alpha \tan \alpha = 8$. [6]
- (b) Given that β is the acute angle such that $\sin \beta = \frac{6}{7}$, find the exact value of
- (i) $\operatorname{cosec} \beta$, [1]
- (ii) $\cot^2 \beta$. [2]

11. [June 2008 qu.8](#)
- The expression $T(\theta)$ is defined for θ in degrees by $T(\theta) = 3\cos(\theta - 60^\circ) + 2\cos(\theta + 60^\circ)$.
- (i) Express $T(\theta)$ in the form $A \sin \theta + B \cos \theta$, giving the exact values of the constants A and B . [3]
- (ii) Hence express $T(\theta)$ in the form $R \sin(\theta + \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$. [3]
- (iii) Find the smallest positive value of θ such that $T(\theta) + 1 = 0$. [4]

12. [Jan 2008 qu.3](#)
- (a) Solve, for $0^\circ < \alpha < 180^\circ$, the equation $\sec \frac{1}{2}\alpha = 4$. [3]
- (b) Solve, for $0^\circ < \beta < 180^\circ$, the equation $\tan \beta = 7 \cot \beta$. [4]

13. [Jan 2008 qu.6](#)



The diagram shows the graph of $y = -\sin^{-1}(x - 1)$.

- (i) Give details of the pair of geometrical transformations which transforms the graph of $y = -\sin^{-1}(x - 1)$ to the graph of $y = \sin^{-1} x$. [3]
- (ii) Sketch the graph of $y = \left| -\sin^{-1}(x - 1) \right|$. [2]
- (iii) Find the exact solutions of the equation $\left| -\sin^{-1}(x - 1) \right| = \frac{1}{3}\pi$. [3]

14. [Jan 2008 qu.9](#)

- (i) Use the identity for $\cos(A + B)$ to prove that $4\cos(\theta + 60^\circ) \cos(\theta + 30^\circ) \equiv \sqrt{3} - 2\sin 2\theta$. [4]
- (ii) Hence find the exact value of $4\cos 82.5^\circ \cos 52.5^\circ$. [2]
- (iii) Solve, for $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$, the equation $4\cos(\theta + 60^\circ) \cos(\theta + 30^\circ) = 1$. [3]
- (iv) Given that there are no values of θ which satisfy the equation $4\cos(\theta + 60^\circ) \cos(\theta + 30^\circ) = k$, determine the set of values of the constant k . [3]

15. [June 2007 qu.7](#)

- (i) Sketch the graph of $y = \sec x$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$. [2]
- (ii) Solve the equation $\sec x = 3$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$, giving the roots correct to 3 significant figures. [3]
- (iii) Solve the equation $\sec \theta = 5 \operatorname{cosec} \theta$ for $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$, giving the roots correct to 3s.f. [4]

16. [June 2007 qu.9](#)

- (i) Prove the identity $\tan(\theta + 60^\circ) \tan(\theta - 60^\circ) \equiv \frac{\tan^2 \theta - 3}{1 - 3\tan^2 \theta}$. [4]
- (ii) Solve, for $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$, the equation $\tan(\theta + 60^\circ) \tan(\theta - 60^\circ) \equiv 4\sec^2 \theta - 3$, giving your answers correct to the nearest 0.1° . [5]
- (iii) Show that, for all values of the constant k , the equation $\tan(\theta + 60^\circ) \tan(\theta - 60^\circ) = k^2$ has two roots in the interval $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$. [3]

17. [Jan 2007 qu.2](#)

It is given that θ is the acute angle such that $\sin \theta = \frac{12}{13}$. Find the exact value of

- (i) $\cot \theta$, [2]
- (ii) $\cos 2\theta$. [3]

18. [Jan 2007 qu.5](#)

- (i) Express $4 \cos \theta - \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta + \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$. [3]
- (ii) Hence solve the equation $4 \cos \theta - \sin \theta = 2$, giving all solutions for which $-180^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$. [5]

19. [June 2006 qu.5](#)

- (i) Write down the identity expressing $\sin 2\theta$ in terms of $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$. [1]
- (ii) Given that $\sin \alpha = \frac{1}{4}$ and α is acute, show that $\sin 2\alpha = \frac{1}{8}\sqrt{15}$. [3]
- (iii) Solve, for $0^\circ < \beta < 90^\circ$, the equation $5 \sin 2\beta \sec \beta = 3$. [3]

20. [June 2006 qu.8](#)

- (i) Express $5 \cos x + 12 \sin x$ in the form $R \cos(x - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$. [3]
- (ii) Hence give details of a pair of transformations which transforms the curve $y = \cos x$ to the curve $y = 5 \cos x + 12 \sin x$. [3]
- (iii) Solve, for $0^\circ < x < 360^\circ$, the equation $5 \cos x + 12 \sin x = 2$, giving your answers correct to the nearest 0.1° . [5]

21. [Jan 2006 qu.2](#)

Solve, for $0^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ$, the equation $\sec^2 \theta = 4 \tan \theta - 2$. [5]

22. [Jan 2006 qu.9](#)

- (i) By first writing $\sin 3\theta$ as $\sin(2\theta + \theta)$, show that $\sin 3\theta = 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta$. [4]
- (ii) Determine the greatest possible value of $9 \sin\left(\frac{10}{3}\alpha\right) - 12 \sin^3\left(\frac{10}{3}\alpha\right)$,
and find the smallest positive value of α (in degrees) for which that greatest value occurs. [3]
- (iii) Solve, for $0^\circ < \beta < 90^\circ$, the equation $3 \sin 6\beta \operatorname{cosec} 2\beta = 4$. [6]

23. [June 2005 qu.5](#)

- (i) Express $3 \sin \theta + 2 \cos \theta$ in the form $R \sin(\theta + \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$. [3]
- (ii) Hence solve the equation $3 \sin \theta + 2 \cos \theta = \frac{7}{2}$, giving all solutions for which
 $0^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ$. [5]

24. [June 2005 qu.7](#)

- (i) Write down the formula for $\cos 2x$ in terms of $\cos x$. [1]
- (ii) Prove the identity $\frac{4 \cos 2x}{1 + \cos 2x} = 4 - 2 \sec^2 x$. [3]
- (iii) Solve, for $0 < x < 2\pi$, the equation $\frac{4 \cos 2x}{1 + \cos 2x} = 3 \tan x - 7$. [5]