

Exercise 8.1

1. In ΔABC , right-angled at B, $AB = 24$ cm, $BC = 7$ cm. Determine:
 (i) $\sin A$, $\cos A$
 (ii) $\sin C$, $\cos C$

Solution:

In a given triangle ABC, right angled at B = $\angle B = 90^\circ$

Given: $AB = 24$ cm and $BC = 7$ cm

According to the Pythagoras Theorem,

In a right- angled triangle, the squares of the hypotenuse side is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

By applying Pythagoras theorem, we get

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

$$AC^2 = (24)^2 + 7^2$$

$$AC^2 = (576 + 49)$$

$$AC^2 = 625 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$AC = \sqrt{625} = 25$$

Therefore, $AC = 25$ cm

(i) To find $\sin(A)$, $\cos(A)$

We know that sine (or) Sin function is the equal to the ratio of length of the opposite side to the hypotenuse side. So it becomes

$$\sin(A) = \text{Opposite side} / \text{Hypotenuse} = BC/AC = 7/25$$

Cosine or Cos function is equal to the ratio of the length of the adjacent side to the hypotenuse side and it becomes,

$$\cos(A) = \text{Adjacent side} / \text{Hypotenuse} = AB/AC = 24/25$$

(ii) To find $\sin(C)$, $\cos(C)$

$$\sin(C) = AB/AC = 24/25$$

$$\cos(C) = BC/AC = 7/25$$

2. In Fig. 8.13, find $\tan P - \cot R$

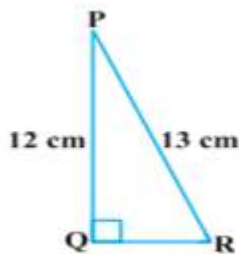


Fig. 8.13

Solution:

In the given triangle PQR, the given triangle is right angled at Q and the given measures are:

$$PR = 13\text{cm,}$$

$$PQ = 12\text{cm}$$

Since the given triangle is right angled triangle, to find the side QR, apply the Pythagorean theorem

According to Pythagorean theorem,

In a right- angled triangle, the squares of the hypotenuse side is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

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

Substitute the values of PR and PQ

$$13^2 = QR^2 + 12^2$$

$$169 = QR^2 + 144$$

$$\text{Therefore, } QR^2 = 169 - 144$$

$$QR^2 = 25$$

$$QR = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

Therefore, the side QR = 5 cm

To find $\tan P - \cot R$:

According to the trigonometric ratio, the tangent function is equal to the ratio of the length of the opposite side to the adjacent sides, the value of $\tan (P)$ becomes

$$\tan (P) = \text{Opposite side / Hypotenuse} = QR/PQ = 5/12$$

Since \cot function is the reciprocal of the \tan function, the ratio of \cot function becomes,

$$\cot (R) = \text{Adjacent side / Hypotenuse} = QR/PQ = 5/12$$

Therefore,

$$\tan (P) - \cot (R) = 5/12 - 5/12 = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \tan(P) - \cot(R) = 0$$

3. If $\sin A = 3/4$, Calculate $\cos A$ and $\tan A$.

Solution:

Let us assume a right angled triangle ABC, right angled at B

$$\text{Given: } \sin A = 3/4$$

We know that, \sin function is the equal to the ratio of length of the opposite side to the hypotenuse side.

$$\text{Therefore, } \sin A = \text{Opposite side / Hypotenuse} = 3/4$$

Let BC be $3k$ and AC will be $4k$

where k is a positive real number.

According to the Pythagoras theorem, the squares of the hypotenuse side is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides of a right angle triangle and we get,

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

Substitute the value of AC and BC

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

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

$$AB^2 = 7k^2$$

$$\text{Therefore, } AB = \sqrt{7}k$$

Now, we have to find the value of $\cos A$ and $\tan A$

We know that,

$\cos(A) = \text{Adjacent side}/\text{Hypotenuse}$

Substitute the value of AB and AC and cancel the constant k in both numerator and denominator, we get

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

Therefore, $\cos(A) = \sqrt{7}/4$

$\tan(A) = \text{Opposite side}/\text{Adjacent side}$

Substitute the Value of BC and AB and cancel the constant k in both numerator and denominator, we get,

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

Therefore, $\tan A = 3/\sqrt{7}$

4. Given $15 \cot A = 8$, find $\sin A$ and $\sec A$.

Solution:

Let us assume a right angled triangle ABC, right angled at B

Given: $15 \cot A = 8$

So, $\cot A = 8/15$

We know that, cot function is the equal to the ratio of length of the adjacent side to the opposite side.

Therefore, $\cot A = \text{Adjacent side}/\text{Opposite side} = AB/BC = 8/15$

Let AB be $8k$ and BC will be $15k$

Where, k is a positive real number.

According to the Pythagoras theorem, the squares of the hypotenuse side is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides of a right angle triangle and we get,

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

Substitute the value of AB and BC

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

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

$$AC^2 = 289k^2$$

Therefore, $AC = 17k$

Now, we have to find the value of $\sin A$ and $\sec A$

We know that,

$\sin(A) = \text{Opposite side}/\text{Hypotenuse}$

Substitute the value of BC and AC and cancel the constant k in both numerator and denominator, we get

$$\sin A = BC/AC = 15k/17k = 15/17$$

Therefore, $\sin A = 15/17$

Since secant or sec function is the reciprocal of the cos function which is equal to the ratio of the length of the hypotenuse side to the adjacent side.

$\sec(A) = \text{Hypotenuse}/\text{Adjacent side}$

Substitute the Value of BC and AB and cancel the constant k in both numerator and denominator, we get,

$$AC/AB = 17k/8k = 17/8$$

Therefore $\sec(A) = 17/8$

5. Given $\sec \theta = 13/12$. Calculate all other trigonometric ratios

Solution:

We know that sec function is the reciprocal of the cos function which is equal to the ratio of the length of the hypotenuse side to the adjacent side

Let us assume a right angled triangle ABC, right angled at B

$$\sec \theta = 13/12 = \text{Hypotenuse/Adjacent side} = AC/AB$$

Let AC be 13k and AB will be 12k

Where, k is a positive real number.

According to the Pythagoras theorem, the squares of the hypotenuse side is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides of a right angle triangle and we get,

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

Substitute the value of AB and AC

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

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

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

$$BC^2 = 25k^2$$

Therefore, $BC = 5k$

Now, substitute the corresponding values in all other trigonometric ratios

So,

$$\sin \theta = \text{Opposite Side/Hypotenuse} = BC/AC = 5/13$$

$$\cos \theta = \text{Adjacent Side/Hypotenuse} = AB/AC = 12/13$$

$$\tan \theta = \text{Opposite Side/Adjacent Side} = BC/AB = 5/12$$

$$\text{Cosec } \theta = \text{Hypotenuse/Opposite Side} = AC/BC = 13/5$$

$$\cot \theta = \text{Adjacent Side/Opposite Side} = AB/BC = 12/5$$

6. If $\angle A$ and $\angle B$ are acute angles such that $\cos A = \cos B$, then show that $\angle A = \angle B$.

Solution:

Let us assume the triangle ABC in which $CD \perp AB$

Give that the angles A and B are acute angles, such that

$$\cos(A) = \cos(B)$$

As per the angles taken, the cos ratio is written as

$$AD/AC = BD/BC$$

Now, interchange the terms, we get

$$AD/BD = AC/BC$$

Let take a constant value

$$AD/BD = AC/BC = k$$

Now consider the equation as

$$AD = k BD \dots(1)$$

$$AC = k BC \dots(2)$$

By applying Pythagoras theorem in $\triangle CAD$ and $\triangle CBD$ we get,

$$CD^2 = BC^2 - BD^2 \dots (3)$$

$$CD^2 = AC^2 - AD^2 \dots(4)$$

From the equations (3) and (4) we get,

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

Now substitute the equations (1) and (2) in (3) and (4)

$$k^2(BC^2 - BD^2) = (BC^2 - BD^2) k^2 = 1$$

Putting this value in equation, we obtain

$$AC = BC$$

$\angle A = \angle B$ (Angles opposite to equal side are equal-isosceles triangle)

7. If $\cot \theta = 7/8$, evaluate :

(i) $(1 + \sin \theta)(1 - \sin \theta)/(1 + \cos \theta)(1 - \cos \theta)$

(ii) $\cot^2 \theta$

Solution:

Let us assume a $\triangle ABC$ in which $\angle B = 90^\circ$ and $\angle C = \theta$

Given:

$$\cot \theta = BC/AB = 7/8$$

Let $BC = 7k$ and $AB = 8k$, where k is a positive real number

According to Pythagoras theorem in $\triangle ABC$ we get.

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

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

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

$$AC^2 = 113k^2$$

$$AC = \sqrt{113} k$$

According to the sine and cos function ratios, it is written as

$$\sin \theta = AB/AC = \text{Opposite Side/Hypotenuse} = 8k/\sqrt{113} k = 8/\sqrt{113} \text{ and}$$

$$\cos \theta = \text{Adjacent Side/Hypotenuse} = BC/AC = 7k/\sqrt{113} k = 7/\sqrt{113}$$

Now apply the values of sin function and cos function:

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

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

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

8. If $3 \cot A = 4$, check whether $(1-\tan^2 A)/(1+\tan^2 A) = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$ or not.

Solution:

Let $\triangle ABC$ in which $\angle B=90^\circ$

We know that, cot function is the reciprocal of tan function and it is written as

$$\cot(A) = AB/BC = 4/3$$

Let $AB = 4k$ and $BC = 3k$, where k is a positive real number.

According to the Pythagorean theorem,

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

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

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

$$AC^2 = 25k^2$$

$$AC = 5k$$

Now, apply the values corresponding to the ratios

$$\tan(A) = BC/AB = 3/4$$

$$\sin(A) = BC/AC = 3/5$$

$$\cos(A) = AB/AC = 4/5$$

Now compare the left hand side(LHS) with right hand side(RHS)

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{1-\tan^2 A}{1+\tan^2 A} = \frac{1-\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2}{1+\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2} = \frac{1-\frac{9}{16}}{1+\frac{9}{16}} = \frac{7}{25}$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{16}{25} - \frac{9}{25} = \frac{7}{25}$$

Since, both the LHS and RHS = $7/25$

R.H.S. = L.H.S.

Hence, $(1-\tan^2 A)/(1+\tan^2 A) = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$ is proved

9. In triangle ABC, right-angled at B, if $\tan A = 1/\sqrt{3}$ find the value of:

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

(ii) $\cos A \cos C - \sin A \sin C$

Solution:

Let ΔABC in which $\angle B = 90^\circ$

$$\tan A = BC/AB = 1/\sqrt{3}$$

Let $BC = 1k$ and $AB = \sqrt{3} k$,

Where k is the positive real number of the problem

By Pythagoras theorem in ΔABC we get:

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

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

$$AC^2 = 3k^2 + k^2$$

$$AC^2 = 4k^2$$

$$AC = 2k$$

Now find the values of $\cos A$, $\sin A$

$$\sin A = BC/AC = 1/2$$

$$\cos A = AB/AC = \sqrt{3}/2$$

Then find the values of $\cos C$ and $\sin C$

$$\sin C = AB/AC = \sqrt{3}/2$$

$$\cos C = BC/AC = 1/2$$

Now, substitute the values in the given problem

$$(i) \quad \sin A \cos C + \cos A \sin C = (1/2) \times (1/2) + \sqrt{3}/2 \times \sqrt{3}/2 = 1/4 + 3/4 = 1$$

$$(ii) \quad \cos A \cos C - \sin A \sin C = (\sqrt{3}/2)(1/2) - (1/2)(\sqrt{3}/2) = 0$$

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

Solution:

In a given triangle PQR , right angled at Q , the following measures are

$$PQ = 5 \text{ cm}$$

$$PR + QR = 25 \text{ cm}$$

Now let us assume, $QR = x$

$$PR = 25 - QR$$

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According to the Pythagorean Theorem,

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

Substitute the value of PR as x

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

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

$$625 + x^2 - 50x - 25 - x^2 = 0$$

$$-50x = -600$$

$$x = -600/-50$$

$$x = 12 = QR$$

Now, find the value of PR

$$PR = 25 - QR$$

Substitute the value of QR

$$PR = 25 - 12$$

$$PR = 13$$

Now, substitute the value to the given problem

- (1) $\sin p = \text{Opposite Side/Hypotenuse} = QR/PR = 12/13$
(2) $\cos p = \text{Adjacent Side/Hypotenuse} = PQ/PR = 5/13$
(3) $\tan p = \text{Opposite Side/Adjacent side} = QR/PQ = 12/5$

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

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

(ii) $\sec A = 12/5$ 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) $\sin \theta = 4/3$ for some angle θ .

Solution:

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

Answer: **False**

Proof: In $\triangle MNC$ in which $\angle N = 90^\circ$,

$MN = 3$, $NC = 4$ and $MC = 5$

Value of $\tan M = 4/3$ which is greater than.

The triangle can be formed with sides equal to 3, 4 and hypotenuse = 5 as it will follow the Pythagoras theorem.

$$MC^2 = MN^2 + NC^2$$

$$5^2 = 3^2 + 4^2$$

$$25 = 9 + 16$$

$$25 = 25$$

(ii) $\sec A = 12/5$ for some value of angle A

Answer: **True**

Justification: Let a $\triangle MNC$ in which $\angle N = 90^\circ$,

$MC = 12k$ and $MB = 5k$, where k is a positive real number.

By Pythagoras theorem we get,

$$MC^2 = MN^2 + NC^2$$

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

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

$$NC^2 = 119k^2$$

Such a triangle is possible as it will follow the Pythagoras theorem.

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

Answer: **False**

Justification: Abbreviation used for cosecant of angle M is cosec M . $\cos M$ is the abbreviation used for cosine of angle M .

(iv) $\cot A$ is the product of \cot and A .

Answer: **False**

Justification: $\cot M$ is not the product of \cot and M . It is the cotangent of $\angle M$.

(v) $\sin \theta = 4/3$ for some angle θ .

Answer: **False**

Justification: $\sin \theta = \text{Opposite}/\text{Hypotenuse}$

We know that in a right angled triangle, Hypotenuse is the longest side.

$\therefore \sin \theta$ will always less than 1 and it can never be $4/3$ for any value of θ .