

Fill Ups of Trigonometric Functions & Equations

Q.1. Suppose $\sin 3x \cdot \sin 3x = \sum_{m=0}^n C_m \cos mx$ is an identity in x , where C_0, C_1, \dots, C_n are constants, and $C_n \neq 0$. then the value of n is _____ (1981 - 2 Marks)

Sol. $\sin^3 x \cdot \sin 3x = \sum_{m=0}^n C_m \cos mx$

$$\sin^3 x \cdot \sin 3x = \frac{1}{4} [3 \sin x - \sin 3x] \sin 3x$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{3}{2} \cdot 2 \sin x \cdot \sin 3x - \sin^2 3x \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{3}{2} (\cos 2x - \cos x) - \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 6x) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} [\cos 6x + 3 \cos 2x - 3 \cos x - 1]$$

We observe that on LHS 6 is the max value of m .

$$\therefore n = 6$$

Q.2. The solution set of the system of equations $x + y = \frac{2\pi}{3}$, $\cos x + \cos y = \frac{3}{2}$ where x and y are real, is _____ . (1987 - 2 Marks)

Sol. The equations are $x + y = 2\pi/3 \dots$ (i)

$$\cos x + \cos y = 3/2 \dots$$
 (ii)

From eq. (ii) $2 \cos \frac{x+y}{2} \cos \frac{x-y}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \cos \frac{x-y}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \text{ [Using eq. (i)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{x-y}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \cos \frac{x-y}{2} = \frac{3}{2} > 1$$

Which has no solution.

\therefore The solution of given equations is ϕ .

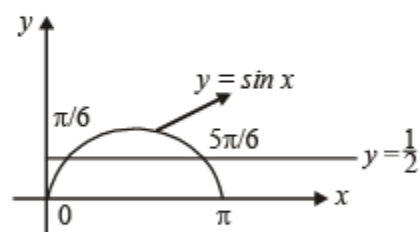
Q.3. The set of all x in the interval $[0, \pi]$ for which $2\sin^2 x - 3\sin x + 1 \geq 0$, is _____ . (1987 - 2 Marks)

Sol. We have $2\sin^2 x - 3\sin x + 1 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow (2\sin x - 1)(\sin x - 1) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sin x - \frac{1}{2}\right)(\sin x - 1) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sin x \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \sin x \geq 1$$

But we know that $\sin x \leq 1$ and $\sin x \geq 0$ for $x \in [0, \pi]$



$$\Rightarrow \text{either } \sin x = 1 \text{ or } 0 \leq \sin x \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{either } x = \pi/2 \text{ or } x \in [0, \pi/6] \cup [5\pi/6, \pi]$$

Combining, we get $x \in [0, \pi/6] \cup \{\pi/2\} \cup [5\pi/6, \pi]$

Q.4. The sides of a triangle inscribed in a given circle subtend angles α , β and γ at the centre. The minimum value of the arithmetic mean of

$\cos\left(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, $\cos\left(\beta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and $\cos\left(\gamma + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ is equal to _____ (1987 - 2 Marks)

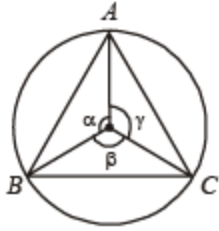
Sol. We know that A.M. \geq G.M.

\Rightarrow Min value of AM. is obtained when AM = GM

\Rightarrow The quantities whose AM is being taken are equal.

$$\text{i.e., } \cos\left(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos\left(\beta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= \cos\left(\gamma + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$



$$\Rightarrow \sin \alpha = \sin \beta = \sin \gamma$$

$$\text{Also } \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 360^\circ \Rightarrow \alpha = \beta = \gamma = 120^\circ = 2\pi/3$$

\therefore Min value of A.M.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{3} \\ &= \frac{-\sin\frac{2\pi}{3}}{3} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Q.5.

The value of $\sin \frac{\pi}{14} \sin \frac{3\pi}{14} \sin \frac{5\pi}{14} \sin \frac{7\pi}{14} \sin \frac{9\pi}{14} \sin \frac{11\pi}{14} \sin \frac{13\pi}{14}$ is equal to _____

(1991 - 2 Marks)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. } & \sin \frac{\pi}{14} \sin \frac{3\pi}{14} \sin \frac{5\pi}{14} \sin \frac{7\pi}{14} \sin \frac{9\pi}{14} \sin \frac{11\pi}{14} \sin \frac{13\pi}{14} \\ &= \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{14} \sin \frac{3\pi}{14} \sin \frac{5\pi}{14} \right)^2 \\ &= \left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{14}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{3\pi}{14}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{5\pi}{14}\right) \right]^2 \\ &= \left[\cos \frac{3\pi}{7} \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} \cos \frac{\pi}{7} \right]^2 = \left[\cos \frac{\pi}{7} \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} \cos \frac{4\pi}{7} \right]^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{8 \sin \pi/7} \sin \frac{8\pi}{7} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sin(\pi + \pi/7)}{8 \sin \pi/7} \right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{-\sin \pi/7}{8 \sin \pi/7} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{8} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{64} \end{aligned}$$

Q.6. If $K = \sin(\pi/18) \sin(5\pi/18) \sin(7\pi/18)$, then the numerical value of K is _____ . (1993 - 2 Marks)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. } K &= \sin \frac{\pi}{18} \sin \frac{5\pi}{18} \sin \frac{7\pi}{18} \\ &= \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{18} \right) \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{5\pi}{18} \right) \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{7\pi}{18} \right) \\ &= \cos \frac{\pi}{9} \cos \frac{2\pi}{9} \cos \frac{4\pi}{9} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^3 \sin \frac{\pi}{9}} \cdot \sin \frac{8\pi}{9} \end{aligned}$$

[Using $\cos \alpha \cos 2\alpha \cos 2^2 \alpha \dots \cos 2^{n-1} \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2^n \sin \alpha} \cdot \sin(2^n \alpha)] \\ &= \frac{1}{8 \sin \pi/9} \cdot \sin \pi/9 = \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Q.7. If $A > 0, B > 0$ and $A + B = \pi/3$, then the maximum value of $\tan A \tan B$ is _____ . (1993 - 2 Marks)

$$\text{Sol. } A + B = \pi/3 \Rightarrow \tan(A + B) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \frac{\tan A + y}{1 - y} = \sqrt{3}$$

[where $y = \tan A \tan B$]

$$\Rightarrow \tan^2 A + \sqrt{3}(y - 1) \tan A + y = 0$$

For real value of $\tan A$, $3(y - 1)^2 - 4y \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 3y^2 - 10y + 3 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (y - 3)(y - \frac{1}{3}) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y \leq \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } \geq 3$$

But $A, B > 0$ and $A + B = \pi/3 \Rightarrow A, B < \pi/3$

$$\Rightarrow \tan A \tan B < 3$$

$$\therefore y \leq \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{i.e., max. value of } y \text{ is } 1/3.$$

**Q.8. General value of θ satisfying the equation $\tan^2\theta + \sec 2\theta = 1$ is _____ .
(1996 - 1 Mark)**

Sol. $\tan^2\theta + \sec 2\theta = 1$

$$t^2 + \frac{1+t^2}{1-t^2} = 1 \quad \text{where } t = \tan\theta$$

$$\therefore t^2(t^2 - 3) = 0 \quad \therefore \tan\theta = 0, \pm\sqrt{3} \text{ etc.}$$

which means $\theta = n\pi$ and $\theta = n\pi \pm \pi/3$

Q.9. The real roots of the equation $\cos^7 x + \sin^4 x = 1$ in the interval $(-\pi, \pi)$ are ..., ..., and _____. (1997 - 2 Marks)

Sol. $\cos^7 x = 1 - \sin^4 x = (1 - \sin^2 x)(1 + \sin^2 x) = \cos^2 x (1 + \sin^2 x)$

$$\therefore \cos x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x = \pi/2, -\pi/2$$

$$\text{or } \cos^5 x = 1 + \sin^2 x \quad \text{or } \cos^5 x - \sin^2 x = 1$$

Now maximum value of each $\cos x$ or $\sin x$ is 1.

Hence the above equation will hold when $\cos x = 1$ and $\sin x = 0$. Both these imply $x = 0$

$$\text{Hence } x = -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0$$

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Q.1. If $\tan A = (1 - \cos B)/\sin B$, then $\tan 2A = \tan B$. (1983 - 1 Mark)

Ans. T

Sol. $\tan A = \frac{1 - \cos B}{\sin B} = \frac{2 \sin^2 B/2}{2 \sin B/2 \cos B/2} = \tan B/2$

Hence $\tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A} = \frac{2 \tan B/2}{1 - \tan^2 B/2} = \tan B$

\therefore Statement is true.

Q.2. There exists a value of θ between 0 and 2π that satisfies the equation $\sin^4 \theta - 2 \sin^2 \theta - 1 = 0$. (1984 - 1 Mark)

Ans. F

Sol. Given equation is $\sin^4 \theta - 2 \sin^2 \theta - 1 = 0$ Here,

$$D = 4 + 4 = 8$$

$$\therefore \sin^2 \theta = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

But $\sin^2 \theta$ can not be $-ve \therefore \sin^2 \theta = \sqrt{2} + 1$

But as $-1 \leq \sin \theta \leq 1 \therefore \sin^2 \theta \neq \sqrt{2} + 1$

Thus there is no value of θ which satisfy the given equation.

\therefore Statement is false.

Subjective questions of Trigonometric Functions & Equations

Q. 1. If $\tan\alpha = \frac{m}{m+1}$ and $\tan\beta = \frac{1}{2m+1}$, find the possible values of $(\alpha + \beta)$. (1978)

Ans. $n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}$

Sol. We know $\tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan\alpha + \tan\beta}{1 - \tan\alpha \tan\beta}$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\frac{m}{m+1} + \frac{1}{2m+1}}{1 - \frac{m}{m+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2m+1}} = \frac{2m^2 + 2m + 1}{2m^2 + 2m + 1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = n\pi + \pi/4 \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

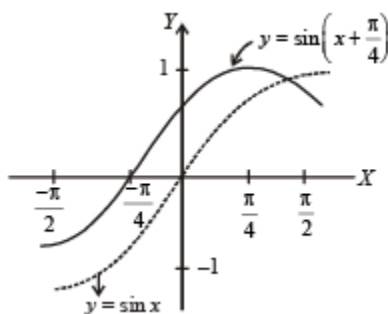
2. (a) Draw the graph of $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sin x + \cos x)$ from $x = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ to $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

(b) If $\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{4}{5}$, $\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{5}{13}$ and α, β lies between 0 and $\frac{\pi}{4}$, find $\tan 2\alpha$. (1979)

Sol. (a) Given: $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sin x + \cos x) = \sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$... (1)

Now, to draw the graph of $y = \sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$, we first draw

the graph of $y = \sin x$ and then on shifting it by $-\frac{\pi}{4}$ we will obtain the required graph as shown in figure given below.



$$(b) \cos(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{3}{4}, 0 < \alpha, \beta < \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{5}{13} \Rightarrow \tan(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$\therefore \tan 2\alpha = \tan [(\alpha + \beta) + (\alpha - \beta)]$$

$$= \frac{\tan(\alpha + \beta) + \tan(\alpha - \beta)}{1 - \tan(\alpha + \beta)\tan(\alpha - \beta)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{12}}{1 - \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{5}{12}} = \frac{9+5}{12} \times \frac{16}{11} = \frac{56}{33}$$

3. Given $\alpha + \beta - \gamma = \pi$, prove that $\sin^2\alpha + \sin^2\beta - \sin^2\gamma = 2 \sin\alpha \sin\beta \cos\gamma$ (1980)

Sol. Given $\alpha + \beta - \gamma = \pi$ and to prove that

$$\sin^2\alpha + \sin^2\beta - \sin^2\gamma = 2\sin\alpha \sin\beta \cos\gamma$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \sin^2\alpha + \sin^2\beta - \sin^2\gamma$$

$$[\text{Using } \sin^2\alpha - \sin^2\beta = \sin(A+B)\sin(A-B)]$$

$$= \sin^2\alpha + \sin(\beta + \gamma)\sin(\beta - \gamma)$$

$$= \sin^2\alpha + \sin(\beta + \gamma)\sin(\pi - \alpha) \quad (\because \alpha + \beta - \gamma = \pi)$$

$$= \sin^2\alpha + \sin(\beta + \gamma)\sin\alpha$$

$$= \sin\alpha(\sin\alpha + \sin(\beta + \gamma))$$

$$= \sin\alpha[\sin[\pi - (\beta - \gamma)] + \sin(\beta + \gamma)]$$

$$= \sin\alpha[\sin(\beta - \gamma) + \sin(\beta + \gamma)]$$

$$= \sin\alpha[2\sin\beta\cos\gamma] = 2\sin\alpha\sin\beta\cos\gamma = \text{R.H.S.}$$

4. Given, $A = \left\{ x : \frac{\pi}{6} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{3} \right\}$ and $f(x) = \cos x - x(1+x)$; find $f(A)$. (1980)

Sol.

$$A = \left\{ x : \frac{\pi}{6} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{3} \right\}$$

$$f(x) = \cos x - x(1+x)$$

$$f'(x) = -\sin x - 1 - 2x < 0, \forall x \in A$$

$\therefore f$ is a decreasing function.

$$\therefore \text{as } \frac{\pi}{6} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \leq f(x) \leq f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{3} \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \leq f(x) \leq \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{6} \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\therefore f(A) = \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi}{3} \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{3}\right), \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6} \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right]$$

5. For all θ in $[0, \pi/2]$ show that, $\cos(\sin \theta) \geq \sin(\cos \theta)$. (1981 - 4 Marks)

Ans. Sol. We have

$$\cos \theta + \sin \theta = \sqrt{2} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta \right]$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \sin(\pi/4 + \theta)$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta + \sin \theta \leq \sqrt{2} < \pi/2 \quad \left(\because \sqrt{2} = 1.414 \right. \\ \left. \pi/2 = 1.57 \right)$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta + \sin \theta < \pi/2 \Rightarrow \cos \theta < \pi/2 - \sin \theta \dots (1)$$

As $q \in [0, \pi/2]$ in which $\sin \theta$ increases.

\therefore Taking \sin on both sides of eq. (1), we get

$$\sin(\cos \theta) < \sin(\pi/2 - \sin \theta)$$

$$\sin(\cos \theta) < \cos(\sin \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\sin\theta) > \sin(\cos\theta) \dots(1)$$

Hence the result.

6. Without using tables, prove that

$$(\sin 12^\circ) (\sin 48^\circ) (\sin 54^\circ) = 1/8 \text{ (1982 - 2 Marks)}$$

Ans. Sol. L.H.S. = $\sin 12^\circ \sin 48^\circ \sin 54^\circ = 1/2 [2 \sin 12^\circ \cos 42^\circ] \sin 54^\circ$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 54^\circ - \frac{1}{2} \sin 54^\circ = \frac{1}{4} [2 \sin^2 54^\circ - \sin 54^\circ]$$

Now we know that $\sin 54^\circ = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{4}$

$$\therefore \text{We get,} = \frac{1}{4} \left[2 \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{4} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{4} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[2 \left(\frac{1+5+2\sqrt{5}}{16} \right) - \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{4} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{8} [6+2\sqrt{5}-2-2\sqrt{5}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{32} \times 4 = \frac{1}{8} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

7. Show that $16 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{15}\right) \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{15}\right) \cos\left(\frac{8\pi}{15}\right) \cos\left(\frac{16\pi}{15}\right) = 1$ (1983 - 2 Marks)

Ans. Sol. We know that,

$$\cos A \cos 2A \cos 4A \dots \cos 2^n A$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \sin(2^{n+1} A)$$

$$\therefore 16 \cos \frac{2\pi}{15} \cos 2\left(\frac{2\pi}{15}\right) \cos 2^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{15}\right) \cos 2^3\left(\frac{2\pi}{15}\right)$$

$$= 16 \cdot \frac{\sin(2^4 A)}{2^4 \sin A} \quad (\text{where } A = 2\pi/15)$$

$$= 16 \cdot \frac{\sin(32\pi/15)}{16 \sin 2\pi/15} = \frac{\sin(32\pi/15)}{\sin(2\pi+2\pi/15)} = \frac{\sin(32\pi/15)}{\sin(32\pi/15)} = 1$$

8. Find all the solution of $4 \cos^2 x \sin x - 2 \sin^2 x = 3 \sin x$ (1983 - 2 Marks)

Ans. Sol. Given eq. is,

$$4 \cos^2 x \sin x - 2 \sin^2 x = 3 \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \cos^2 x \sin x - 2 \sin^2 x - 3 \sin x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(1 - \sin^2 x) \sin x - 2 \sin^2 x - 3 \sin x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x [4 \sin^2 x + 2 \sin x - 1] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{either } \sin x = 0 \text{ or } 4 \sin^2 x + 2 \sin x - 1 = 0$$

If $\sin x = 0 \Rightarrow x = n\pi$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } 4 \sin^2 x + 2 \sin x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{4}$$

$$\text{If } \sin x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{4} = \sin 18^\circ = \sin \frac{\pi}{10}$$

$$\text{then } x = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{10}$$

$$\text{If } \sin x = -\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4}\right) = \sin(-54^\circ) = \sin\left(-\frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$$

$$\text{then } x = n\pi + (-1)^n \left(-\frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$$

$$\text{Hence, } x = n\pi, n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{10} \text{ or } n\pi + (-1)^n \left(-\frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$$

where n is some integer

9. Find the values of $x \in (-\pi, +\pi)$ which satisfy the equation

$$8(1 + |\cos x| + |\cos^2 x| + |\cos^3 x| + \dots) = 4^3 \quad (1984 - 2 \text{ Marks})$$

Sol. The given equation is

$$8(1+|\cos x|+|\cos^2 x|+|\cos^3 x|+\dots) = 4^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^3(1+|\cos x|+|\cos^2 x|+|\cos^3 x|+\dots) = 2^6$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(1+|\cos x|+|\cos^2 x|+|\cos^3 x|+\dots) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+|\cos x|+|\cos^2 x|+|\cos^3 x|+\dots = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-|\cos x|} = 2 \quad \text{NOTE THIS STEP}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1-|\cos x| = 1/2 \Rightarrow |\cos x| = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pi/3, -\pi/3, 2\pi/3, -2\pi/3, \dots$$

The values of $x \in (-\pi, \pi)$ are $\pm \pi/3, \pm 2\pi/3$.

10. Prove that $\tan \alpha + 2 \tan 2\alpha + 4 \tan 4\alpha + 8 \cot 8\alpha = \cot \alpha$ (1988 - 2 Marks)

Ans. Sol. We know that $\tan 2\alpha = \frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1 - \tan^2 \alpha}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1 - \tan^2 \alpha}{\tan \alpha} = 2 \cot 2\alpha \Rightarrow \cot \alpha - \tan \alpha = 2 \cot 2\alpha$$

Now we have to prove

$$\tan \alpha + 2 \tan 2\alpha + 4 \tan 4\alpha + 8 \cot 8\alpha = \cot \alpha$$

LHS

$$\tan \alpha + 2 \tan 2\alpha + 4 \tan 4\alpha + 4(2 \cot 2\alpha - 4 \tan 4\alpha)$$

$$= \tan \alpha + 2 \tan 2\alpha + 4 \tan 4\alpha + 4(\cot 4\alpha - \tan 4\alpha) \text{ [Using (1)]}$$

$$= \tan \alpha + 2 \tan 2\alpha + 4 \tan 4\alpha + 4 \cot 4\alpha - 4 \tan 4\alpha$$

$$= \tan \alpha + 2 \tan 2\alpha + 2(2 \cot 2\alpha - 4 \tan 4\alpha)$$

$$= \tan \alpha + 2 \tan 2\alpha + 2(\cot \alpha - \tan 2\alpha)$$

$$= \tan \alpha + 2 \tan 2\alpha + 2 (2 \cot 2\alpha - \tan 2\alpha) \text{ [Using (1)]}$$

$$= \tan \alpha + 2 \cot 2\alpha$$

$$= \tan \alpha + (\cot \alpha - \tan \alpha) \text{ [Using (1)]}$$

$$= \cot \alpha = \text{RHS.}$$

**11. ABC is a triangle such that $\sin(2A + B) = \sin(C - A) = -\sin(B + 2C) = 1/2$
If A, B and C are in arithmetic progression, determine the values of A, B and C.
(1990 - 5 Marks)**

Ans. Sol. Given that in $\triangle ABC$, A, B and C are in A.P.

$$\therefore A + C = 2B$$

$$\text{also } A + B + C = 180^\circ \Rightarrow B + 2B = 180^\circ \Rightarrow B = 60^\circ$$

Also given that, $\sin(2A + B) = \sin(C - A) = -\sin(B + 2C) =$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(2A + 60^\circ) = \sin(C - A) = -\sin(60 + 2C) = 1/2 \quad \dots(1)$$

From eq. (1), we have

$$\sin(2A + 60^\circ) = 1/2 \Rightarrow 2A + 60^\circ = 30^\circ, 150^\circ$$

but A can not be -ve

$$\therefore 2A + 60^\circ = 150^\circ \Rightarrow 2A = 90^\circ \Rightarrow A = 45^\circ$$

Again from (1) $\sin(60^\circ + 2C) = -1/2$

$$\Rightarrow 60^\circ + 2C = 210^\circ \quad \text{or} \quad 330^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 75^\circ \quad \text{or} \quad 135^\circ$$

Also from (1) $\sin(C - A) = 1/2 \Rightarrow C - A = 30^\circ, 150^\circ$

For $A = 45^\circ$, $C = 75^\circ$ or 195° (not possible) $\therefore C = 75^\circ$

Hence we have $A = 45^\circ$, $B = 60^\circ$, $C = 75^\circ$

12. If $\exp \{(\sin^2 x + \sin^4 x + \sin^6 x + \dots \infty) \ln 2\}$ satisfies the equation $x^2 - 9x + 8 = 0$, find the value of $\frac{\cos x}{\cos x + \sin x}$, $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$. (1991 - 4 Marks)

Sol. Let $y = \exp [\sin^2 x + \sin^4 x + \sin^6 x + \dots \infty] \ln 2$

$$= e^{\ln 2 \cdot 2^{\sin^2 x + \sin^4 x + \sin^6 x + \dots \infty}}$$

$$= 2^{\sin^2 x + \sin^4 x + \sin^6 x + \dots \infty} = \frac{\sin^2 x}{1 - \sin^2 x} = 2^{\tan^2 x}$$

As y satisfies the eq.

$$x^2 - 9x + 8 = 0 \quad \therefore y^2 - 9y + 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - 1)(y - 8) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 1, 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\tan^2 x} = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad 2^{\tan^2 x} = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^2 x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \tan^2 x = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \tan x = \sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x = \pi/3, 2\pi/3$$

But given that $0 < x < \pi/2 \Rightarrow x = \pi/3$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{\cos x}{\cos x + \sin x} = \frac{1}{1 + \tan x} = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2}$$

13. Show that the value of $\frac{\tan x}{\tan 3x}$ wherever defined never lies between $1/3$ and 3 . (1992 - 4 Marks)

Sol.

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{\tan x}{\tan 3x} \Rightarrow y = \frac{\tan x(1 - 3 \tan^2 x)}{3 \tan x - \tan^3 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y - 3 \tan^2 x = 1 - 3 \tan^2 x$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - 3) \tan^2 x = 3y - 1 \Rightarrow \tan^2 x = \frac{3y-1}{y-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3y-1}{y-3} > 0 \text{ (L.H.S. being a perfect square)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(3y-1)(y-3)}{(y-3)^2} > 0 \Rightarrow (3y-1)(y-3) > 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} +ve \quad -ve \quad +ve \\ \leftarrow \quad | \quad | \quad | \quad \rightarrow \\ -\infty \quad 1/3 \quad 3 \end{array} \Rightarrow y < \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } y > 3$$

Thus y never lies between $\frac{1}{3}$ and 3

14. Determine the smallest positive value of x (in degrees) for which $\tan(x + 100^\circ) = \tan(x + 50^\circ) \tan(x) \tan(x - 50^\circ)$. (1993 - 5 Marks)

Ans. Sol. Given that, $\tan(x + 100^\circ) = \tan(x + 50^\circ) \tan(x) \tan(x - 50^\circ)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan(x+100^\circ)}{\tan x} = \tan(x + 50^\circ) \tan(x - 50^\circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin(x+100^\circ)\cos x}{\cos(x+100^\circ)\sin x} = \frac{\sin(x+50^\circ)\sin(x-50^\circ)}{\cos(x+50^\circ)\cos(x-50^\circ)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin(2x+100^\circ) + \sin 100^\circ}{\sin(2x+100^\circ) - \sin 100^\circ} = \frac{\cos 100^\circ - \cos 2x}{\cos 100^\circ + \cos 2x}$$

Applying componendo and dividendo, we get

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\sin(2x+100^\circ)}{2\sin 100^\circ} = \frac{2\cos 100^\circ}{-2\cos 2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin(2x + 100^\circ) \cos 2x = -2 \sin 100^\circ \cos 100^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(4x + 100^\circ) + \sin 100^\circ = -\sin 200^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(4x + 10^\circ + 90^\circ) + \sin(90^\circ + 10^\circ) = -\sin(180 + 20^\circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(4x + 10^\circ) + \cos 10^\circ = \sin 20^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(4x + 10^\circ) = \sin 20^\circ - \cos 10^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(4x + 10^\circ) = \sin 20^\circ - \sin 80^\circ$$

$$= -2 \cos 50^\circ \sin 30^\circ = -2 \cos 50^\circ \cdot \frac{1}{2} = -\cos 50^\circ = \cos 130^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x + 10^\circ = 130^\circ \Rightarrow x = 30^\circ$$

15. Find the smallest positive number p for which the equation $\cos(p \sin x) = \sin(p \cos x)$ has a solution $x \in [0, 2\pi]$. (1995 - 5 Marks)

Sol. Given that $\cos\theta = \sin\phi$

where $\theta = p \sin x$, $\phi = p \cos x$

Above is possible when both $\theta = \phi = \frac{\pi}{4}$ or $\theta = \phi = \frac{5\pi}{4}$

$$\therefore p \sin x = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad p \sin x = \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{and } p \cos x = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{or } p \cos x = \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

Squaring and adding, $p^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{16} \cdot 2$ or $\frac{25\pi^2}{16} \cdot 2$

$$\therefore p = \frac{\pi}{4}\sqrt{2} \text{ only for least positive value or } p = \frac{5\pi}{4}\sqrt{2}$$

16. Find all values of θ in the interval $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ satisfying the equation $(1 - \tan \theta)(1 + \tan \theta) \sec^2 \theta + 2^{\tan^2 \theta} = 0$. (1996 - 2 Marks)

Sol. Given :

$$(1 - \tan \theta)(1 + \tan \theta) \sec^2 \theta + 2^{\tan^2 \theta} = 0$$

$$\text{or } (1 - \tan^2 \theta)(1 + \tan^2 \theta) + 2^{\tan^2 \theta} = 0$$

Let us put $\tan^2 \theta = t$

$$\therefore (1-t)(1+t) + 2^t = 0 \text{ or } 1-t^2 + 2^t = 0$$

It is clearly satisfied by $t = 3$.
as $-8 + 8 = 0 \therefore \tan^2 \theta = 3$

$\therefore p = \pm \pi/3$ in the given interval.

17. Prove that the values of the function $\frac{\sin x \cos 3x}{\sin 3x \cos x}$ do not lie between $1/3$ and 3 for any real x . (1997 - 5 Marks)

Sol. Let $y = \frac{\sin x \cos 3x}{\sin 3x \cos x} = \frac{\tan x}{\tan 3x}$

We have $y = \frac{\tan x}{\tan 3x} = \frac{\tan x(1 - 3 \tan^2 x)}{3 \tan x - \tan^3 x} = \frac{1 - 3 \tan^2 x}{3 - \tan^2 x}$

(the expression is not defined if $\tan x = 0$)

$$\Rightarrow 3y - (\tan^2 x) y = 1 - 3 \tan^2 x \Rightarrow 3y - 1 = (y - 3) \tan^2 x$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^2 x = \frac{3y-1}{y-3} = \frac{(3y-1)(y-3)}{(y-3)^2}$$

Since $\tan^2 x > 0$, we get $(3y - 1)(y - 3) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left(y - \frac{1}{3}\right)(y - 3) > 0 \Rightarrow y < \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad y > 3$$

This shows that y cannot lie between $\frac{1}{3}$ and 3 .

18. Prove that $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k) \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} = -\frac{n}{2}$ where $n \geq 3$ is an integer. (1997 - 5 Marks)

Sol. Expanding the sigma on putting $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

$$S = (n-1) \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + (n-2) \cos 2 \cdot \frac{2\pi}{n} + \dots$$

$$+ 1 \cdot \cos (n-1) \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} \dots (1)$$

We know that $\cos \theta = \cos (2\pi - \theta)$



Replacing each angle θ by $2\pi - \theta$ in (1), we get

$$S = (n-1) \cos(n-1) \frac{2\pi}{n} + (n-2) \cos(n-2) \frac{2\pi}{n} + \dots + 1 \cdot \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} \quad \text{by (1)(2)}$$

Add terms in (1) and (2) having the same angle and take n common

$$\therefore 2S = n \left[\cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + \cos \frac{4\pi}{n} + \cos \frac{6\pi}{n} + \dots + \cos(n-1) \frac{2\pi}{n} \right]$$

Angles are in A.P. of $d = \frac{2\pi}{n}$

$$2S = n \left[\frac{\sin(n-1) \frac{\pi}{n} \cos \frac{2\pi + (n-1) \frac{2\pi}{n}}{2}}{\sin \frac{\pi}{n}} \right] \quad \text{NOTE THIS STEP}$$

$$= n \cdot 1 \cos \pi = -n \because \sin(\pi - \theta) = \sin \theta \therefore S = -n/2$$

19. In any triangle ABC, prove that (2000 - 3 Marks)

$$\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} = \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2}.$$

Ans. Sol. We have, $A + B + C = \pi$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A}{2} + \frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{A}{2} + \frac{B}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{C}{2}$$

$$\text{or } \cot \left(\frac{A}{2} + \frac{B}{2} \right) = \cot \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{C}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cot \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cot \frac{B}{2} - 1}{\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2}} = \tan \frac{C}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} = \cot \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cot \frac{B}{2} \cdot \cot \frac{C}{2}$$

20. Find the range of values of t for which $2 \sin t = \frac{1-2x+5x^2}{3x^2-2x-1}$, $t \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$.

(2005 - 2 Marks)

Ans. Sol. Given that, $2 \sin t = \frac{1-2x+5x^2}{3x^2-2x-1}$, $t \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

This can be written as

$$(6 \sin t - 5)x^2 + 2(1 - 2 \sin t)x - (1 + 2 \sin t) = 0$$

For given equation to hold, x should be some real number, therefore above equation should have real roots i.e., $D \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4(1 - 2 \sin t)^2 + 4(6 \sin t - 5)(1 + 2 \sin t) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 16 \sin^2 t - 8 \sin t - 4 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (4 \sin^2 t - 2 \sin t - 1) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \left(\sin t - \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4} \right) \left(\sin t + \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4} \right) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin t \leq -\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4}\right) \text{ or } \sin t \geq \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin t \leq \sin(-\pi/10) \text{ or } \sin t \geq \sin(3\pi/10)$$

$$\Rightarrow t \leq -\pi/10 \text{ or } t \geq 3\pi/10$$

(Note that $\sin x$ is an increasing function from $-\pi/2$ to $\pi/2$)

\therefore range of t is $[-\pi/2, -\pi/10] \cup [3\pi/10, \pi/2]$.

Match the following of Trigonometric Functions & Equations

DIRECTIONS (Q. 1): Each question contains statements given in two columns, which have to be matched. The statements in Column-I are labelled A, B, C and D, while the statements in Column-II are labelled p, q, r, s and t. Any given statement in Column-I can have correct matching with ONE OR MORE statement(s) in Column-II. The appropriate bubbles corresponding to the answers to these questions have to be darkened as illustrated in the following example :

	p	q	r	s	t
A	p	q	r	s	t
B	p	q	r	s	t
C	p	q	r	s	t
D	p	q	r	s	t

If the correct matches are A-p, s and t; B-q and r; C-p and q; and D-s then the correct darkening of bubbles will look like the given.

Q. 1.

In this questions there are entries in columns 1 and 2. Each entry in column 1 is related to exactly one entry in column 2. Write the correct letter from column 2 against the entry number in column 1 in your answer book.

$$\frac{\sin 3\alpha}{\cos 2\alpha} \text{ is } \quad (1992 - 2 \text{ Marks})$$

Column I	Column II
(A) positive	(p) $\left(\frac{13\pi}{48}, \frac{14\pi}{48}\right)$
(B) negative	(q) $\left(\frac{14\pi}{48}, \frac{18\pi}{48}\right)$
	(r) $\left(\frac{18\pi}{48}, \frac{23\pi}{48}\right)$
	(s) $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

Sol.

$$\text{f } \frac{13\pi}{48} < \alpha < \frac{14\pi}{48} \Rightarrow \frac{13\pi}{16} < 3\alpha < \frac{14\pi}{16}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{13\pi}{24} < 2\alpha < \frac{14\pi}{24}$$

$\Rightarrow 3\alpha \in \text{II quad and } 2\alpha \in \text{II quad} \Rightarrow \sin 3\alpha = +ve$

$$\cos 2\alpha = -ve \quad \therefore \frac{\sin 3\alpha}{\cos 2\alpha} = -ve$$

\therefore (B) corresponds to (p).

$$\text{If } \alpha \in \left(\frac{14\pi}{48}, \frac{18\pi}{48}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{14\pi}{16} < 3\alpha < \frac{18\pi}{16}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{14\pi}{24} < 2\alpha < \frac{18\pi}{24}$$

$\Rightarrow 3\alpha \in \text{II or III quad and } 2\alpha \in \text{II quad}$

\Rightarrow Nothing can be said about the sign of $\frac{\sin 3\alpha}{\cos 2\alpha}$ over this interval.

$$\text{If } \alpha \in \left(\frac{18\pi}{48}, \frac{23\pi}{48}\right) \text{ then } \frac{18\pi}{16} < 3\alpha < \frac{23\pi}{16}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{18\pi}{24} < 2\alpha < \frac{23\pi}{24}$$

$\Rightarrow 3\alpha \in \text{III quad and } 2\alpha \in \text{II quad}$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 3\alpha = -ve, \cos 2\alpha = -ve \quad \therefore \frac{\sin 3\alpha}{\cos 2\alpha} = +ve$$

\therefore (A) corresponds to (r)

If $\alpha \in (0, \pi/2)$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < 3\alpha < 3\pi/2 \text{ and } 2 < 2\alpha < \pi$$

\Rightarrow Nothing can be said about the sign of $\frac{\sin 3\alpha}{\cos 2\alpha}$ over the given interval.



Integral Type ques of Trigonometric Functions & Equations

Q. 1. The number of all possible values of q where $0 < \theta < \pi$, for which the system of equations $(y + z) \cos 3\theta = (xyz) \sin 3\theta$

$$x \sin 3\theta = \frac{2 \cos 3\theta}{y} + \frac{2 \sin 3\theta}{z}$$

$$(xyz) \sin 3\theta = (y + 2z) \cos 3\theta + y \sin 3\theta$$

have a solution (x_0, y_0, z_0) with $y_0 z_0 \neq 0$, is (2010)

Ans. Sol. (3) The given equations are

$$xyz \sin 3\theta = (y + z) \cos 3\theta \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$xyz \sin 3\theta = 2z \cos 3\theta + 2y \sin 3\theta \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$xyz \sin 3\theta = y + 2z \cos 3\theta + y \sin 3\theta \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Operating (1) – (2) and (3) – (1), we get

$$(\cos 3\theta - 2 \sin 3\theta)y - (\cos 3\theta)z = 0$$

$$\text{and } \sin 3\theta y + (\cos 3\theta)z = 0$$

which is homogeneous system of linear equation. But

$$y \neq 0, z \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\cos 3\theta - 2 \sin 3\theta}{\sin 3\theta} = -\frac{\cos 3\theta}{\cos 3\theta} \Rightarrow \cos 3\theta = \sin 3\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan 3\theta = 1 \Rightarrow 3\theta = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \theta = (4n+1)\frac{\pi}{12}, n \in Z$$

$$\text{For } \theta \in (0, \pi) \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

\therefore Three such solutions are possible.

Q. 2. The number of values of q in the interval, $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ such that $\theta \neq \frac{n\pi}{5}$ for $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$ and $\tan \theta = \cot 5\theta$ as well as $\sin 2\theta = \cos 4\theta$ is (2010)

Sol.

$$\tan \theta = \cot 5\theta, \theta \neq \frac{n\pi}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta \cos 5\theta - \sin 5\theta \sin \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \cos 6\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6\theta = \frac{-5\pi}{2}, \frac{-3\pi}{2}, \frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{-5\pi}{12}, \frac{-\pi}{4}, \frac{-\pi}{12}, \frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

$$\text{Again } \sin 2\theta = \cos 4\theta = 1 - 2 \sin^2 2\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin^2 2\theta + \sin 2\theta - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \sin 2\theta = -1 \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\theta = \frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{-\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

$$\text{So common solutions are } \theta = \frac{-\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{12} \text{ and } \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

\therefore Number of solutions = 3.

Q. 3. The maximum value of the expression

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta + 3 \sin \theta \cos \theta + 5 \cos^2 \theta}$$

Ans. Sol. Let $f(\theta) = \frac{1}{g(\theta)}$

$$\text{where } g(\theta) = \sin^2 \theta + 3 \sin \theta \cos \theta + 5 \cos^2 \theta$$

Clearly f is maximum when g is minimum

$$\text{Now } (\theta) = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \sin 2\theta + \frac{5}{2}(1 + \cos 2\theta)$$

$$= 3 + 2\cos 2\theta + \frac{3}{2} \sin 2\theta \geq 3 + \left(-\sqrt{4 + \frac{9}{4}}\right)$$

$$\therefore g_{\min} = 3 - \frac{5}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow f_{\max} = 2.$$

Q. 4. The positive integer value of $n > 3$ satisfying the equation

$$\frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)} = \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right)} + \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{n}\right)} \text{ is } \quad \text{(2011)}$$

Sol. We have, $\frac{1}{\sin \frac{\pi}{n}} - \frac{1}{\sin \frac{3\pi}{n}} = \frac{1}{\sin \frac{2\pi}{n}}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin \frac{3\pi}{n} - \sin \frac{\pi}{n}}{\sin \frac{\pi}{n} \sin \frac{3\pi}{n}} = \frac{1}{\sin \frac{2\pi}{n}} \Rightarrow \frac{2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} \sin \frac{\pi}{n}}{\sin \frac{\pi}{n} \sin \frac{3\pi}{n}} = \frac{1}{\sin \frac{2\pi}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} = \sin \frac{3\pi}{n} \Rightarrow \sin \frac{4\pi}{n} - \sin \frac{3\pi}{n} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cos \frac{7\pi}{2n} \sin \frac{\pi}{2n} = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \frac{7\pi}{2n} = 0 \text{ or } \sin \frac{\pi}{2n} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{7\pi}{2n} = (2k+1)\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } \frac{\pi}{2n} = 2k\pi \text{ where } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{7}{2k+1} \text{ or } n = \frac{1}{4k}$$

($n = \frac{1}{4k}$ not possible for any integral value of k)

As $n > 3$, for $k = 0$, we get $n = 7$.

Q. 5. The number of distinct solutions of the equation

$\frac{5}{4}\cos^2 2x + \cos^4 x + \sin^4 x + \cos^6 x + \sin^6 x = 2$ **in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ is (JEE Adv. 2015)**

Sol. $\frac{5}{4}\cos^2 2x + \cos^4 x + \sin^4 x + \cos^6 x + \sin^6 x = 2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{4}\cos^2 2x + 1 - \frac{1}{2}(\sin^2 2x + 1) - \frac{3}{4}\sin^2 2x = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}(\cos^2 2x - \sin^2 2x) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos 4x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } x = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{8}$$

For $x \in [0, 2\pi]$, n can take values 0 to 7

\therefore 8 solutions.