

# Properties of Triangles

## Question1

In a  $\triangle ABC$ , if  $r_1 = 4$ ,  $r_2 = 8$  and  $r_3 = 24$ , then  $a : b : c =$

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**Options:**

A.

4 : 7 : 9

B.

2 : 3 : 5

C.

1 : 2 : 6

D.

6 : 2 : 1

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

We have,  $r_1 = 4$ ,  $r_2 = 8$  and  $r_3 = 24$

$$\therefore 4 = \frac{\Delta}{s-a}, 8 = \frac{\Delta}{s-b} \text{ and } 24 = \frac{\Delta}{s-c}$$

$$\Rightarrow s - a = \frac{\Delta}{4} \quad \dots (i)$$

$$s - b = \frac{\Delta}{8} \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{And } s - c = \frac{\Delta}{24} \quad \dots (iii)$$

On adding these three equations, we get



$$3s - (a + b + c) = \frac{\Delta}{4} + \frac{\Delta}{8} + \frac{\Delta}{24}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3s - 2s = \frac{6\Delta + 3\Delta + \Delta}{24} = \frac{10\Delta}{24} \Rightarrow s = \frac{5}{12}\Delta$$

From Eq. (i),  $a = s - \frac{\Delta}{4} = \frac{5\Delta}{12} - \frac{\Delta}{4} = \frac{2\Delta}{12} = \frac{\Delta}{6}$

From Eq. (ii),  $b = s - \frac{\Delta}{8} = \frac{5}{12}\Delta - \frac{\Delta}{8} = \frac{7}{24}\Delta$

From Eq. (iii),  $c = s - \frac{\Delta}{24} = \frac{5}{12}\Delta - \frac{\Delta}{24} = \frac{9}{24}\Delta$

$$\therefore a : b : c = \frac{\Delta}{6} : \frac{7}{24}\Delta : \frac{9}{24}\Delta = 4 : 7 : 9$$


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## Question2

In a  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $(r_2 + r_3) \operatorname{cosec}^2\left(\frac{A}{2}\right) =$

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**Options:**

A.

$$4R \cot\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)$$

B.

$$2R \cot^2\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)$$

C.

$$\frac{4R}{\tan^2\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)}$$

D.

$$\frac{2R}{\tan\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)}$$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

We know that

$$r_2 = 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}$$

$$r_3 = 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}$$

$$\therefore (r_2 + r_3) = 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \left[ \sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow (r_2 + r_3) = 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \left( \frac{B+C}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (r_2 + r_3) = 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \left( 90^\circ - \frac{A}{2} \right) = 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (r_2 + r_3) \operatorname{cosec}^2 \left( \frac{A}{2} \right) &= 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \operatorname{cosec}^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ &= \frac{4R}{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

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## Question3

If  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  are the altitudes and  $a = 4, b = 5, c = 6$  are the sides of a  $\triangle ABC$ , then  $\frac{1}{p_1^2} + \frac{1}{p_2^2} + \frac{1}{p_3^2} =$

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**Options:**

A.

$$\frac{77}{225}$$

B.

$$\frac{44}{225}$$

C.

$$\frac{308}{225}$$

D.

$$\frac{22}{75}$$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**



Given,  $a = 4, b = 5$  and  $c = 6$

Since,  $p_1, p_2$  and  $p_3$  are altitudes of the sides  $a, b$  and  $c$  respectively.

$$\therefore p = \frac{2\Delta}{\text{base}}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 = \frac{2\Delta}{a}, p_2 = \frac{2\Delta}{b}, p_3 = \frac{2\Delta}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p_1^2} = \frac{a^2}{4\Delta^2}, \frac{1}{p_2^2} = \frac{b^2}{4\Delta^2}, \frac{1}{p_3^2} = \frac{c^2}{4\Delta^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \frac{1}{p_1^2} + \frac{1}{p_2^2} + \frac{1}{p_3^2} &= \frac{a^2}{4\Delta^2} + \frac{b^2}{4\Delta^2} + \frac{c^2}{4\Delta^2} \\ &= \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{4\Delta^2}\end{aligned}$$

We know that  $s = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$

$$= \frac{4+5+6}{2} = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } \Delta = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$$

(Using heron's formula)

$$\begin{aligned}&= \sqrt{\frac{15}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1575}{16}} = \frac{\sqrt{1575}}{4} \\ &= \Delta^2 = \frac{1575}{16}\end{aligned}$$

And  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 4^2 + 5^2 + 6^2$

$$= 16 + 25 + 36 = 77$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So, } \frac{1}{p_1^2} + \frac{1}{p_2^2} + \frac{1}{p_3^2} &= \frac{77}{4\Delta^2} \\ &= \frac{77}{4 \times \frac{1575}{16}} = \frac{77}{\frac{6300}{16}} \\ &= \frac{77 \times 16}{6300} = \frac{44}{225}\end{aligned}$$

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## Question4

Let the angles  $A, B, C$  of a  $\triangle ABC$  be in arithmetic progression. If the exradii  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  of  $\triangle ABC$  satisfy the condition

$$r_3^2 = r_1 r_2 + r_2 r_3 + r_3 r_1, \text{ then } b =$$

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## Options:

A.

$$\frac{2a}{\sqrt{3}}$$

B.

$$\sqrt{2}a$$

C.

$$\sqrt{3}a$$

D.

$a$

**Answer: C**

## Solution:

Given angles  $A, B, C$  are in AP and  $A + B + C = 180^\circ$  ( $\because$  angles of  $\triangle ABC$ )

$$\text{So, } \frac{A+C}{2} = B$$

$$\therefore 2B + B = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 3B = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow B = 60^\circ$$

$$\text{Given that } r_3^2 = r_1r_2 + r_2r_3 + r_3r_1$$

Since,  $B = 60^\circ$ , using the cosine rule for side  $b$ .

$$\begin{aligned} b^2 &= a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos 60^\circ \\ &= a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cdot \frac{1}{2} = a^2 + c^2 - ac \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We know that, } s^2 = r_1r_2 + r_2r_3 + r_3r_1$$

$$\text{And given, } r_3^2 = r_1r_2 + r_2r_3 + r_3r_1$$

$$\text{So, } r_3^2 = s^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r_3 = s$$

$$\text{Since, } r_3 = \frac{\Delta}{s-c}$$

$$\Rightarrow s = \frac{\Delta}{s-c} \Rightarrow \Delta = s(s-c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = s(s-c)$$



Squaring both sides, we get

$$\Rightarrow s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c) = s^2(s-c)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (s-a)(s-b) = s(s-c)$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 - sa - sb + ab = s^2 - sc$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = s(a+b-c)$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = \frac{(a+b+c)}{2} \cdot (a+b-c)$$

$$[\because s = \frac{a+b+c}{2}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2ab = (a+b)^2 - c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2ab = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab - c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 - c^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

So, the triangle is a right-angled triangle with right angle at  $c$ .

But, we have  $B = 60^\circ$  and  $C = 90^\circ$

So,  $A = 180^\circ - 60^\circ - 90^\circ = 30^\circ$

Using the sine rule,

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{\sin 30^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 60^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{b}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \Rightarrow 2a = \frac{2b}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}a = b$$

$$\therefore b = \sqrt{3}a$$

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## Question5

In a  $\triangle ABC$ , if  $a = 5$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $c = 7$ , then  $\sqrt{\frac{\sin(A-B)}{\sin(A+B)}}$  =

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**Options:**

A.  $\frac{4}{7}$

B. 16

C. 36



D.  $\frac{4}{5}$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

$$a = 5, b = 3, c = 7$$

$$\cos A = \frac{9+49-25}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7} = \frac{11}{14}$$

$$\cos B = \frac{25+49-9}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7} = \frac{65}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7} = \frac{13}{14}$$

$$\frac{\sin(A-B)}{\sin(A+B)} = \frac{\sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B}{\sin(\pi-C)}$$

$$= \frac{\sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B}{\sin C}$$

$$= \frac{a \cos B - b \cos A}{c} = \frac{5 \times \frac{13}{14} - 3 \times \frac{11}{14}}{7}$$

$$= \frac{65-33}{14 \times 7} = \frac{32}{14 \times 7} = \frac{16}{49}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\sin(A-B)}{\sin(A+B)}} = \sqrt{\frac{16}{49}} = \frac{4}{7}$$

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## Question6

In a  $\triangle ABC$ , if  $r_1 = 6, r_2 = 9, r_3 = 18$ , then  $\cos A =$

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**Options:**

A.  $\frac{5}{13}$

B.  $\frac{4}{5}$

C.  $\frac{5}{7}$

D.  $\frac{7}{25}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**



$$r_1 = 6, r_2 = 9, r_3 = 18,$$

$$\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{s-b}{s-a} = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{r_2}{r_3} = \frac{s-c}{s-b} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{r_3}{r_1} = \frac{s-a}{s-c} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+c-b}{b+c-a} = \frac{2}{3}, \frac{s-c}{s-b} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{s-a}{s-c} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+c-b}{b+c-a} = \frac{2}{3}, \frac{a+b+c}{a+c-b} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{b+c-a}{a+b-c} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a + 2b = 4c$$

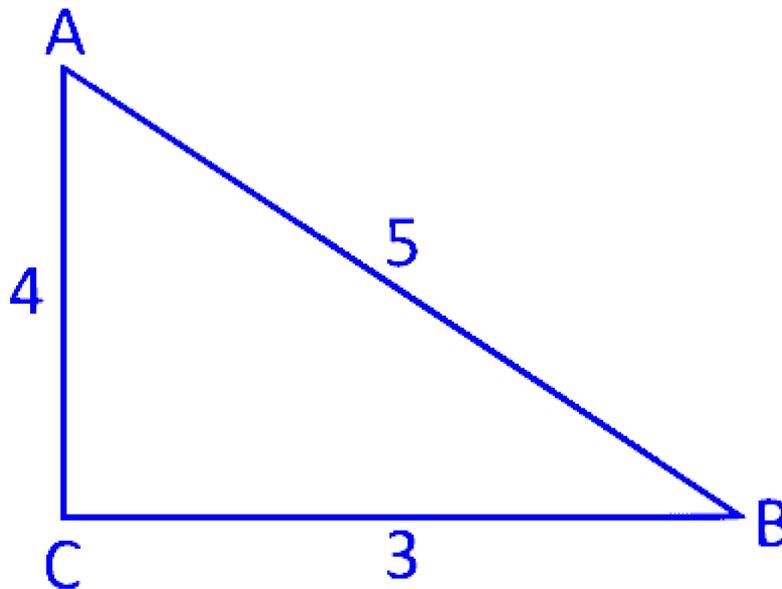
$$\Rightarrow 2a + b = 2c \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5a + c = 5b \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$a + 3b = 3c \quad \dots \text{(iii)}$$

On solving, we get

$$a : b : c = 3 : 4 : 5$$



$$\angle C = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \cos A = \frac{4}{5}$$

## Question7

If  $ABC$  is an isosceles triangle with base  $BC$ , then  $r_1 =$

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### Options:

A.  $R^2 \cos^2 A$

B.  $\frac{a^2}{2}$

C.  $\frac{r}{R}$

D.  $R^2 \sin^2 A$

**Answer: D**

### Solution:

Given that  $\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles triangle with base  $BC$ , we want to find  $r_1$ .

The known formulas are:

$$r = \frac{\Delta}{S}$$

$$r_1 = \frac{\Delta}{s-a}$$

Where  $r$  is the inradius,  $r_1$  is the exradius opposite the side  $a$ ,  $\Delta$  is the area of the triangle, and  $S$  is the semi-perimeter.

Let's explore the product  $r \cdot r_1$ :

$$r \cdot r_1 = \frac{\Delta^2}{s(s-a)} = \frac{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{s(s-a)}$$

Since the triangle is isosceles with  $b = c$ :

$$r \cdot r_1 = (s-b)(s-c) = (s-b)^2$$

In the context of an isosceles triangle:

$$s = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$$

Since  $b = c$ , we have:

$$s - b = \frac{a+b+c}{2} - b = \frac{a+c-b}{2}$$

Thus:

$$(s-b)^2 = \left(\frac{a+c-b}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{4}$$

Rewriting this in terms of the circumcircle radius  $R$ :

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = 2R$$

Therefore:

$$r \cdot r_1 = \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{4R^2 \sin^2 A}{4} = R^2 \sin^2 A$$

Hence, for the isosceles triangle  $\triangle ABC$  with base  $BC$ , we find:

$$r_1 = R^2 \sin^2 A$$

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## Question8

In  $\triangle ABC$ , if  $r_1 + r_2 = 3R$ ,  $r_2 + r_3 = 2R$ , then

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**Options:**

A.  $ABC$  is a right-angled isosceles triangle

B.  $B = \frac{\pi}{3}$

C.  $A = 90^\circ, a \neq b \neq c$

D.  $C = 90^\circ, a : b : c = 2 : 1 : \sqrt{3}$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Given data indicates:

$$r_1 + r_2 = 3R$$

$$r_2 + r_3 = 2R$$

Let's analyze these conditions:

**From  $r_1 + r_2 = 3R$ :**

We start by substituting in the formula:

$$\frac{\Delta}{s-a} + \frac{\Delta}{s-b} = \frac{3abc}{4\Delta}$$

Simplifying, we have:

$$\Delta^2 \left( \frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s-b} \right) = \frac{3abc}{4}$$

Using the identity:

$$s(s-b)(s-c) + s(s-a)(s-c) = \frac{3abc}{4}$$

Combining terms:

$$s(s-c)(s-b+s-a) = \frac{3abc}{4}$$

Further simplification:



$$s(s - c)c = \frac{3abc}{4}$$

Resulting relationship:

$$s(s - c) = \frac{3ab}{4}$$

Therefore:

$$\sqrt{\frac{s(s-c)}{ab}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Which implies:

$$\cos\left(\frac{C}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Hence,

$$\frac{C}{2} = 30^\circ \quad \text{or} \quad C = 60^\circ$$

**From**  $r_2 + r_3 = 2R$ :

Use:

$$s(s - a) = \frac{2bc}{4}$$

Gives:

$$\sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{bc}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Therefore:

$$\cos\left(\frac{A}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{A}{2} = 45^\circ \quad \text{or} \quad A = 90^\circ$$

**Final Angles of the Triangle:**

$$\angle A = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle B = 60^\circ$$

$$\angle C = 30^\circ$$

This implies the triangle does not fit typical ratios like  $a : b : c = 2 : 1 : \sqrt{3}$ ; instead, the lengths of sides must be inconsistent, i.e.,  $a \neq b \neq c$ , which corresponds to a non-equilateral, non-isosceles right triangle.

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## Question9

**In a  $\triangle ABC$ , the sides  $b, c$  are fixed. In measuring angle  $A$ , if there is an error of  $\delta A$ , then the percentage error in measuring the length of the side  $a$  is**



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Options:

A.  $\frac{2\Delta\delta A}{R \sin A} \times 100$

B.  $2 \times \frac{\delta A}{A} \times 100$

C.  $\frac{\Delta\delta A}{2R^2 \sin^2 A} \times 100$

D.  $\frac{\Delta^2\delta A}{R \sin A} \times 100$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

In a triangle  $\triangle ABC$ , consider the scenario where the sides  $b$  and  $c$  are fixed. When measuring angle  $A$ , if there is a small error denoted by  $\delta A$ , we wish to find the percentage error in the length of side  $a$ .

The cosine rule for angle  $A$  is given by:

$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

Rearranging, we have:

$$2bc \cos A = b^2 + c^2 - a^2$$

Taking the derivative with respect to angle  $A$  introduces an error term:

$$-2bc \sin A \cdot \delta A = -2a \cdot \delta a$$

Simplifying gives:

$$bc \sin A \cdot \delta A = a \cdot \delta a$$

Thus, the infinitesimal change in  $a$  is:

$$\delta a = \frac{bc \sin A \cdot \delta A}{a}$$

Using the sine rule:

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} = 2R$$

This implies:

$$a = 2R \sin A$$

To find the percentage error in  $a$ , we calculate:

$$\frac{\delta a}{a} \times 100 = \frac{bc \sin A \cdot \delta A}{a^2} \times 100$$

Substituting for  $a$ :



$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2}bc \sin A \cdot \delta A}{\frac{1}{2}(2R \sin A)^2} \times 100$$

This simplifies to:

$$= \frac{\Delta \cdot \delta A}{2R^2 \sin^2 A} \times 100$$

where  $\Delta = \frac{1}{2}bc \sin A$ .

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## Question 10

In triangle  $ABC$ , if  $a = 4$ ,  $b = 3$  and  $c = 2$ , then  $2(a - b \cos C)(a - c \sec B) =$

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**Options:**

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Given,  $a = 4$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $c = 2$

$$\cos C = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$$

$$= \frac{16 + 9 - 4}{2 \times 4 \times 3} = \frac{21}{24} = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$\cos B = \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2 \times a \times c} = \frac{16 + 4 - 9}{2 \times 4 \times 2} = \frac{11}{16}$$

$$2(a - b \cos C)(a - (c \sec B))$$

$$2\left(4 - \frac{3 \times 4}{8}\right)\left(4 - \frac{2 \times 16}{11}\right)$$

$$= 2\left(4 - \frac{21}{8}\right)\left(4 - \frac{32}{11}\right)$$

$$= 2\left(\frac{32 - 21}{8}\right)\left(\frac{44 - 32}{11}\right) = \frac{11}{4} \times \frac{12}{11} = 3$$



# Question11

In  $\triangle ABC$ , if  $A = 45^\circ$ ,  $C = 75^\circ$  and  $R = \sqrt{2}$ , then  $r =$

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**Options:**

A.  $\frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}+1}$

B.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}+1}$

C.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{3}+3}$

D.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Given, If  $A = 45^\circ$ ,  $C = 75^\circ$ ,

$R = \sqrt{2}$ , then  $r = ?$

We know that  $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} = 2R$

$$\frac{a}{\sin 45^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 60^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 75^\circ} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$a\sqrt{2} = \frac{2b}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}c}{\sqrt{3}+1} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$a = 2, b = \sqrt{6}, c = \sqrt{3} + 1$$

$$a + b + c = 2s \Rightarrow s = \frac{3+\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

$$\therefore r = (s - b) \tan \frac{B}{2}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{3+\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{6}}{2} - \sqrt{6} \right] \tan 30^\circ$$

$$= \frac{3 + \frac{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{6}}{2\sqrt{3}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{3}+1-\sqrt{2})}{2\sqrt{3}}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{3}+1-\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3}+1+\sqrt{2})}{2[\sqrt{3}+1+\sqrt{2}]}$$



$$= \frac{3+1+2\sqrt{3}-2}{2(\sqrt{3}+1+\sqrt{2})} = \frac{(\sqrt{3}+1)}{(\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}+1)}$$


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## Question 12

If  $A(1, 2, -3)$ ,  $B(2, 3, -1)$  and  $C(3, 1, 1)$  are the vertices of  $\triangle ABC$ , then  $\left| \frac{-\cos A}{\cos B} \right| =$

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**Options:**

A.  $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{2}}$

B.  $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}}$

C.  $\frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{3}}$

D.  $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{3\sqrt{3}}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Given,  $A \equiv (1, 2, -3)$ ,  $B \equiv (2, 3, -1)$

$C \equiv (3, 1, 1)$

$$AB = \sqrt{1+1+4} = \sqrt{6} = c$$

$$AC = \sqrt{4+1+16} = \sqrt{21} = b$$

$$BC = \sqrt{1+4+4} = \sqrt{9} = a$$

$$\left| \frac{\cos A}{\cos B} \right| = \frac{\frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{2bc}}{\frac{a^2+c^2-b^2}{2ac}} = \left| \frac{a(b^2+c^2-a^2)}{b(a^2+c^2-b^2)} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{\sqrt{9}}{\sqrt{21}} \frac{(21+6-9)}{(9+6-21)} \right| = \left| \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}} \times \frac{18}{(-6)} \right|$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \left| \frac{\cos A}{\cos B} \right| = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}}$$


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## Question13

If  $A + B + C = 2S$ , then

$$\sin(S - A) \cos(S - B) - \sin(S - C) \cos S =$$

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**Options:**

A.  $\cos A \sin B \sin C$

B.  $\sin A \cos B \cos C$

C.  $\cos A \sin B$

D.  $\sin A \cos B$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Given,  $A + B + C = 2S$

Now,  $\sin(S - A) \cos(S - B) + \sin(S - C) \cos S$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [2 \sin(S - A) \cos(S - B) + 2 \sin(S - C) \cos S]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\sin(2S - A - B) + \sin(B - A)$$

$$+ \sin(2S - C) + \sin(-C)].$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\sin C - \sin(A - B) + \sin(A + B) - \sin C]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\sin(A + B) - \sin(A - B)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (2 \cos A \sin B) = \cos A \sin B$$

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## Question14

In a  $\triangle ABC$ , if  $\tan \frac{A}{2} : \tan \frac{B}{2} : \tan \frac{C}{2} = 15 : 10 : 6$ , then  $\frac{a}{b-c} =$



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Options:

A.  $\frac{8}{3}$

B.  $\frac{7}{3}$

C. 5

D. 4

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

We have, in a triangle  $ABC$ ,

$$\tan \frac{A}{2} : \tan \frac{B}{2} : \tan \frac{C}{2} = 15 : 10 : 6$$

We know that

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{\Delta}{s} = (s - a) \tan \frac{A}{2} \\ &= (s - b) \tan \frac{B}{2} = (s - c) \tan \frac{C}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} = \frac{s - b}{s - a} = \frac{15}{10} = \frac{15}{10} \times \frac{2}{2} = \frac{30}{20}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{s - c}{s - b} = \frac{10}{6} = \frac{10}{6} \times \frac{5}{5} = \frac{50}{30}$$

$$\therefore (s - a) : (s - b) : (s - c)$$

$$= 20 : 30 : 50 = 2 : 3 : 5$$

$$\Rightarrow a : b : c = 8 : 7 : 5$$

Let  $a = 8k$ ,  $b = 7k$  and  $c = 5k$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{a}{b - c} = \frac{8k}{7k - 5k} = \frac{8k}{2k} = 4$$



## Question15

In a  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\frac{a(r_1+r_2r_3)}{r_1-r+r_2+r_3} =$

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**Options:**

A.  $\sqrt{\pi_1 r_2 r_3}$

B.  $r_1 r_2 + r_2 r_3 + r_3 r_1$

C.  $2(R + r)$

D.  $2 + \frac{r}{2R}$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a(r_1 + r_2 r_3)}{r_1 - r + r_2 + r_3} \\ &= \frac{a \left( \frac{\Delta}{s} \cdot \frac{\Delta}{s-a} + \frac{\Delta}{s-b} \cdot \frac{\Delta}{s-c} \right)}{(r_1 + r_2 + r_3) - r} \\ &= \frac{a \left( \Delta^2 \cdot \left( \frac{(s-b)(s-c) + s(s-a)}{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \right) \right)}{(4R - r) + r} \\ &= \frac{a \left( \Delta^2 \cdot \frac{s^2 - (a+b+c)s + bc + s^2}{\Delta^2} \right)}{4R} \\ &= \frac{a}{4R} (s^2 - (2s)s + bc + s^2) \\ &= \frac{abc}{4R} = \Delta = \sqrt{r_1 r_2 r_3} \end{aligned}$$

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## Question16

In a  $\triangle ABC$ , if  $(a - b)^2 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} + (a + b)^2 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} = a^2 + b^2$ , then  $\cos A =$



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Options:

A.  $\cos B$

B.  $\sin B$

C.  $\sin C$

D.  $\cos C$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

We have,

$$(a - b)^2 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} + (a + b)^2 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} = a^2 + b^2$$

$$(a^2 + b^2 - 2ab) \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} + (a^2 + b^2 + 2ab)$$

$$\sin^2 \frac{C}{2} = a^2 + b^2$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + 2ab \left( \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} - \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} \right) = a^2 + b^2$$

$$2ab \left( \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} - \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} - \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} = 0$$

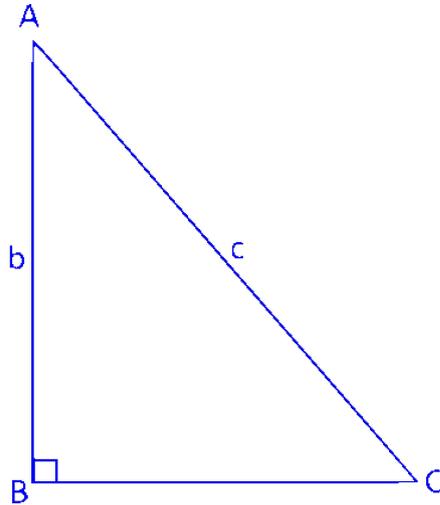
$$\Rightarrow \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \frac{C}{2} = \pm 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{C}{2} = 45$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 90^\circ$$





$$\text{So, } \cos A = \frac{b}{c} \Rightarrow \sin B = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos A = \sin B$$


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## Question17

In a  $\triangle ABC$ , if  $r_1 r_2 + r_3 = 35$ ,  $r_2 r_3 + r_1 = 63$  and  $r_3 r_1 + r_2 = 45$ , then  $2s =$

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**Options:**

- A. 28
- B. 21
- C. 25
- D. 36

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

$$\because r_1 r_2 + r_3 = 35$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta}{s-a} \cdot \frac{\Delta}{s-b} + \frac{\Delta}{s} \cdot \frac{\Delta}{s-c} = 35$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta^2 \left( \frac{s \cdot (s - c) + (s - a)(s - b)}{s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)} \right) = 35$$

$$\Rightarrow 2s^2 - (a + b + c)s + ab = 35$$

$$[\because s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c) = \Delta^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2s^2 - 2s^2 + ab = 35[\because a + b + c = 25]$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = 35 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\because r_2 r_3 + \pi_1 = 63$$

$$\text{So, } bc = 63 \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\because r_3 r_1 + r \cdot r_2 = 45$$

$$\text{So, } ca = 45 \quad \dots (iii)$$

From Eq. (i), (ii) and (iii), we get

$$a = 5, b = 7, c = 9$$

$$\text{Hence, } 2s = a + b + c = 5 + 7 + 9 = 21$$

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## Question 18

$PQR$  is an isosceles triangle with  $PQ = PR$ . If the radius of the circumcircle of  $\triangle PQR$  is equal to the length of  $PQ$  then  $\angle P =$

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**Options:**

A.  $30^\circ$

B.  $60^\circ$

C.  $45^\circ$

D.  $120^\circ$

**Answer: D**



## Solution:

Given,  $PQR$  is an isosceles triangle, with  $PQ = QR$ . and also the radius of circumcircle of  $\triangle PQR$  is equal to the length of  $PQ$ ,

So,  $PQ = PR = r$  (say) and  $\angle Q = \angle R$

So, sine rule  $\frac{PQ}{\sin \angle R} = 2r$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r}{\sin \angle R} = 2r \Rightarrow \sin \angle R = \frac{1}{2} = \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore \angle R = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

Now,  $\angle P = \pi - (\angle Q + \angle R) = \pi - \left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$

$$= \pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{2 \times 180^\circ}{3} = 120^\circ$$

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## Question 19

In  $\triangle ABC$ , if  $\frac{\cos A}{a} = \frac{\cos B}{b} = \frac{\cos C}{c}$  and side  $a = 2$ , then area of the  $\triangle ABC$  (in sq units) is

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Options:

A.  $8\sqrt{2}$

B.  $4\sqrt{3}$

C.  $\sqrt{3}/2$

D.  $\sqrt{3}$

**Answer: D**

## Solution:

Given,  $\triangle ABC$  and



$$\frac{\cos A}{a} = \frac{\cos B}{b} = \frac{\cos C}{c} \text{ (given)}$$

We know that,  $a = 2R \sin A$ ,  $b = 2R \sin B$ , and  $c = 2R \sin C$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\cos A}{2R \sin A} &= \frac{\cos B}{2R \sin B} = \frac{\cos C}{2R \sin C} \\ &= \tan A = \tan B = \tan C \end{aligned}$$

So, this know that the  $\triangle ABC$  is an equilateral triangle.

Thus,  $a = b = c = 2$  (obviously)

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Area} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}(a)^2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times (2)^2 \\ &= \sqrt{3} \text{ sq units} \end{aligned}$$

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## Question20

**In an isosceles right angled triangle, a straight line is drawn from the mid-point of one of the equal sides to the opposite vertex. Then, a pair of possible values of the cotangents of the two angles so formed at that vertex are**

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**Options:**

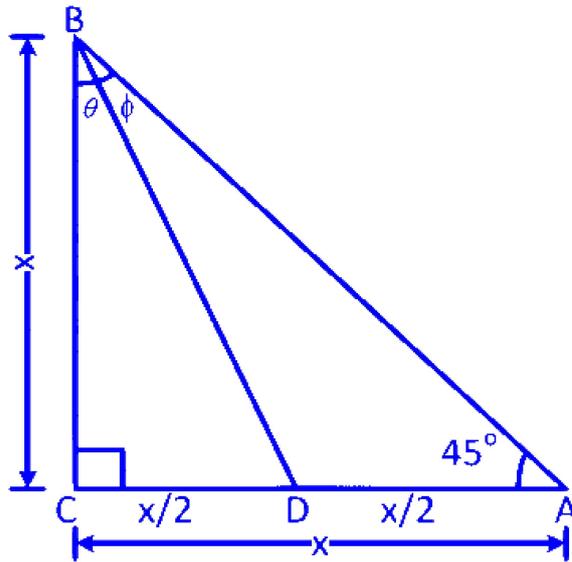
- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 3 and 4
- D. 4 and 5

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

$$\theta + \phi = 45^\circ \dots(i)$$





In  $\triangle BCD$ ,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{CD}{BC} = \frac{\frac{x}{2}}{x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot \theta = 2$$

$$\phi = 45^\circ - \theta \quad [\text{from Eq. (i)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \phi = \tan (45^\circ - \theta)$$

$$= \frac{\tan 45^\circ - \tan \theta}{1 + \tan 45^\circ \cdot \tan \theta}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot \phi = 3$$

$\therefore$  Possible values of the cotangents of the two angles are 2 and 3.

## Question21

In a  $\triangle ABC$ , if  $r_1 = 2r_2 = 3r_3$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} =$

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**Options:**

A.  $\frac{75}{60}$

B.  $\frac{155}{60}$

C.  $\frac{176}{60}$ .

D.  $\frac{191}{60}$

**Answer: D**

### Solution:

Given,  $r_1 = 2r_2 = 3r_3$

Let  $r_1 = 2r_2 = 3r_3 = k$

$r_1 = k$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta}{s-a} = k \Rightarrow s-a = \frac{\Delta}{k}$$

$$a = s - \frac{\Delta}{k}$$

$2r_2 = k$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\Delta}{s-b} = k \Rightarrow s-b = \frac{2\Delta}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = s - \frac{2\Delta}{k}$$

$\Rightarrow 3r_3 = k$

$$\frac{3\Delta}{s-c} = k \Rightarrow s-c = \frac{3\Delta}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = s - \frac{3\Delta}{k}$$

Adding Eqs. (i), (ii) and (iii), we get

$$a + b + c = 3s - \frac{6\Delta}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2s = 3s - \frac{6\Delta}{k} \Rightarrow s = \frac{6\Delta}{k}$$

$$a = \frac{5\Delta}{k}, b = \frac{4\Delta}{k} \text{ and } c = \frac{3\Delta}{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} &= \frac{5}{4} + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{3}{5} \\ &= \frac{75 + 80 + 36}{60} = \frac{191}{60} \end{aligned}$$