CHAPTER 14

SOLUTIONS OF TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATIONS

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

(1) $\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$ then $x =$

(a) $\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$ (b) $-\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{-5\pi}{6}$

(c) $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ (d) $-\frac{5\pi}{6}$

[Lahore Board 2014, Lahore Board 2005]

[Gujranwala Board 2006-08]

(2) The solution set of the equation $\tan 2x = 1$ in $[0, \pi]$ is:

(a) $\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$ (b) $-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$

(c) $\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{8}$ (d) None of these

[Lahore Board 2005]

(3) The solution set of the equation $\sin x = 0$ is ———, $n \in Z$

(a) $\{2n\pi\}$ (b) $\{\pi + 2n\pi\}$

(c) $\{n\pi\}$ (d) $\{3n\pi\}$

[Lahore Board 2005]

(4) If $2\cos^2\theta - \cos\theta = 0$ and $\theta \in \left]\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right[$ then the solution set of this equation is:

(a) $\left\{\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right\}$ (b) ϕ

(c) $\left\{\frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{3}\right\}$ (d) None of these

[Gujranwala Board 2005]

(5) If $\tan x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ then $x =$

(a) $\left\{\frac{\pi}{6} + n\pi\right\}, n \in Z$ (b) $\left\{\frac{\pi}{6} + n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{7\pi}{6} + n\pi\right\}, n \in Z$

(c) $\left\{\frac{\pi}{3} + n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{4\pi}{3} + n\pi\right\}, n \in Z$ (d) None of these

[Gujranwala Board 2006]

(6) Solution of the equation $1 + \cos\theta = 0$ is in quadrant:

(a) I (b) II

(c) III (d) None

[Lahore Board 2006, 2015]

(7) If $1 + \cos x = 0$, $x \in [0, 2\pi]$ then $x =$

(a) π (b) 2π

(c) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (d) 3π

[Lahore Board 2006]

(8) The solution of the equation $\sec x = -2$ lies in quadrant:

(a) I , II (b) II , III

(c) III , IV (d) IV , I

[Lahore Board 2006]

(9) The solution set $\left\{\frac{\pi}{4} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{3\pi}{4} + 2n\pi\right\}$ is of trigonometric:

(a) $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ (b) $\cos x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

(c) $\tan x = 1$ (d) $\cos x = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$

[Gujranwala Board 2007]

(10) An equation containing trigonometric function is called:

(a) Exponential equation (b) Algebraic equation

(c) Radical equation (d) Trigonometric equation

[Lahore Board 2007]

[Gujranwala Board 2010]

(11) If $\cos x = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$ then reference angle of cos x is:

(a) $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

(c) $\frac{\pi}{6}$ (d) $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ **[Lahore Board 2008]**

(12) Reference angle lies in quadrant:

(a) I (b) II

(c) III (d) IV **[Lahore Board 2008]**

(13) If one solution of $\cos x = 1$ in $x \in [0, 2\pi]$ is zero then other is:

(a) $\frac{\pi}{2}$ (b) π

(c) $-\pi$ (d) 2π **[Gujranwala Board 2008]**

(14) The reference angle of $\tan\theta = -1$ equals:

(a) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (b) $-\frac{\pi}{4}$

(c) $-\pi$ (d) π

[Lahore Board 2009]

(15) Solution of the equation $\cos x - 1 = 0$ in $[0, 2\pi]$ is:

(a) $\{0, \pi\}$ (b) $\{0, 2\pi\}$

(c) $\left\{0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$ (d) $\left\{\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right\}$ **[Lahore Board 2010]**

(16) The equation $\cos^2 x = \frac{3}{4}$ has solutions:

(a) One (b) Two

(c) Infinite (d) Four **[Lahore Board 2010]**

(17) $\cos x = \frac{1}{2}$ has a solution:

(a) $\frac{\pi}{2}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{3}$

(c) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{6}$

[Lahore Board 2011]

(18) Which of the following is true solution of $\sec x = \sqrt{2}$, $x \in [0, 2\pi]$.

(a) $\frac{-\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$

(c) $\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{4}$ **[Lahore Board 2012]**

(19) Solution of equation $\tan x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ lie in:

(a) I and II quadrant (b) I and III quadrant
(c) II and IV quadrant (d) I and IV quadrant
[Lahore Board 2012, 2015]

(20) Solution set of $1 + \cos x = 0$ is:

(a) $\{2n\pi\}$ (b) $\{\pi + 2n\pi\}$
(c) $\{\pi\}$ (d) $\{2\pi + n\pi\}$ **[Lahore Board 2013]**

(21) The equation $\cos^2 x = \frac{3}{4}$ has solutions:

(a) One (b) Two
(c) Four (d) Infinite **[Lahore Board 2013]**

(22) A trigonometric equation has infinite number of solutions due to the ———— of the trigonometric functions:

(a) Periodicity (b) Exponent
(c) One-to-one (d) Inverse

(23) $\cot x + \operatorname{cosec} x = 0$ is a ———— equation:

(a) Reciprocal (b) Exponential
(c) Trigonometric (d) None of these

(24) $\theta = \frac{(2n + 1)\pi}{2}$, $n \in Z$ is a solution of:

(a) $\cos\theta = 0$ (b) $\sin\theta = 0$ (c) $\tan\theta = 0$ (d) $\cot\theta = 0$

(25) If $\cos x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, then reference angle is:

(a) $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (c) $\frac{\pi}{6}$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{2}$ **[Lahore Board 2014]**

Answers

(1)	a	***(2)***	c	***(3)***	c	***(4)***	b	***(5)***	b
(6)	d	***(7)***	a	***(8)***	b	***(9)***	a	***(10)***	d
(11)	c	***(12)***	a	***(13)***	d	***(14)***	a	***(15)***	b
(16)	c	***(17)***	b	***(18)***	b	***(19)***	b	***(20)***	b
(21)	d	***(22)***	a	***(23)***	c	***(24)***	a	***(25)***	b

SOLUTION

Q.1 $\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$

sine is +ve in I and II quadrant with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{6}$.

$\Rightarrow \quad x = \frac{\pi}{6} \quad$ and $\quad x = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

Q.2 $\tan 2x = 1$

tan is +ve in I and III quadrant with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{4}$.

$$2x = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad 2x = \pi + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{8} \quad \text{and} \quad x = \frac{5\pi}{8}$$

Q.4 $2\cos^2\theta - \cos\theta = 0$

$\cos\theta(2\cos\theta - 1) = 0$

$$\cos\theta = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

But,

$$\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \notin \left]\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right[$$

Now, $\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}$

cos is +ve in I and IV quadrant with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$.

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3} \notin \left]\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right[\quad \text{and} \quad \theta = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{5\pi}{3} \notin \left]\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right[$$

$\Rightarrow$ Solution is ϕ.

Q.5 $\tan x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

tan is +ve in I and III quadrant with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{6}$.

$\Rightarrow \quad x = \frac{\pi}{6}$ and $x = \pi + \frac{\pi}{6}$

$= \frac{7\pi}{6}$

$\Rightarrow \quad x \in \left\{\frac{\pi}{6} + n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{7\pi}{6} + n\pi\right\}, n \in Z$

Q.25 $\cos x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$x = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

$= 45^\circ = \frac{\pi}{4}$

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EXERCISE 14.1

Trigonometric Equations:

The equations containing at least one trigonometric functions are called trigonometric equations.

e.g., $\sin x = \frac{2}{5}$, $\sec x = \tan x$

Q.1 Find the solutions of the following equation which lie in $[0, 2\pi]$

(i) $\sin x = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$

(ii) $\operatorname{cosec}\theta = 2$ **(Gujranwala Board 2005, Lahore Board 2006)**

(iii) $\sec x = -2$

(iv) $\cot\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ **(Lahore Board 2010)**

Solution:

(i) $\sin x = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$ $\boxed{x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = 60^{o} = \frac{\pi}{3}}$

Since sin x is –ve in III & IV Quadrants with the reference angle $\pi/3$ thus we have

For III-Quadrant

$x = \pi + \theta$

$x = \pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$,

$x = \frac{4\pi}{3}$,

For IV-Quadrant

$x = 2\pi - \theta$

$x = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$

$x = \frac{5\pi}{3}$

So thus the required solution is $x = \frac{4\pi}{3}$, $\frac{5\pi}{3}$

(ii) $\textbf{cosec}\ \theta = 2$

$$\frac{1}{\sin\theta} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \sin\theta = \frac{1}{2} \qquad \boxed{\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 30^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{6}}$$

Since $\sin\theta$ is +ve in I and II Quadrants with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{6}$ Thus

For I-Quadrant		**For II-Quadrant**
$x = \frac{\pi}{6}$	,	$x = \pi - \theta$
		$x = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$
		$x = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

So thus the required solution is $x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$.

(iii) $\textbf{sec x} = -2$

$$\frac{1}{\cos x} = -2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \cos x = -\frac{1}{2} \qquad \boxed{x = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 60^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{3}}$$

Since $\cos x$ is –ve in II & III Quadrants with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$ thus we have

For II-Quadrant		**For III-Quadrant**
$x = \pi - \theta$	,	$x = \pi + \theta$
$x = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$	,	$x = \pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$
$x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$	,	$x = \frac{4\pi}{3}$

Thus the required solution is $x = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}$

(iv) $\textbf{cot}\ \theta = \dfrac{\mathbf{1}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{3}}}$

$$\tan\theta = \sqrt{3} \qquad \boxed{\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{3}\right) = 60^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{3}}$$

For I-Quadrant

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

For III-Quadrant

$x = \pi + \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{4\pi}{3}$

Thus the required solution is $x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}$ Ans.

Q.2 Solve the following trigonometric equations:

(i) $\tan^2\theta = \frac{1}{3}$ **(ii)** $\operatorname{cosec}^2\theta = \frac{4}{3}$

(iii) $\sec^2\theta = \frac{4}{3}$ **(iv)** $\cot^2\theta = \frac{1}{3}$ **(Lahore Board 2007)**

Solution:

(i) $\tan^2\theta = \frac{1}{3}$

$\tan\theta = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\Rightarrow \quad \tan\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ and $\tan\theta = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\boxed{\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 30^\circ = \frac{\pi}{6}}$

Since $\tan\theta$ is +ve in I & III Quadrants with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{6}$

Therefore

For I-Quad

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6} + n\pi$,

For III-Quad

$\theta = \pi + \frac{\pi}{6}$

$\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6}$

$\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6} + n\pi$

Since $\tan\theta$ is –ve in II & IV Quadrants with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{6}$

For II-Quad

$\theta = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$

$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6} + n\pi$

For IV-Quad

$\theta = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$

$\theta = \frac{11\pi}{6}$

$\theta = \frac{11\pi}{6} + n\pi \quad \forall n \in z$

$$\left\{\frac{\pi}{6} + n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{7\pi}{6} + n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{5\pi}{6} + n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{11\pi}{6} + n\pi\right\}, \forall\, n \in z$$

(ii) $\operatorname{cosec}^2\theta = \frac{4}{3}$

$\boxed{\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}}$

$\operatorname{cosec}\theta = \pm\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\operatorname{cosec}\theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\sin\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Since $\sin\theta$ is +ve in I & II Quadrants with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$

$\operatorname{cosec}\theta = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\sin\theta = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Since $\sin\theta$ is –ve in III & IV Quadrants with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$

For I-Quad	For II-Quad	For III-Quad	For IV-Quad
$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$,	$\theta = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$	$\theta = \pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$,	$\theta = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$
$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$	$\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$	$\theta = \frac{4\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$,	$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$

$$S.S = \left\{\frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{4\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{5\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\}, \forall n \in z \quad \text{Ans.}$$

(iii) $\mathbf{\sec^2\theta = \frac{4}{3}}$ $\boxed{\mathbf{\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = 30^\circ = \frac{\pi}{6}}}$

$$\sec\theta = \pm\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$\sec\theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\sec\theta = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{3}}$
$\Rightarrow \quad \cos\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\cos\theta = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$
Since $\cos\theta$ is +ve in I & IV Quadrants,	Since $\cos\theta$ is –ve in II & III Quadrants
with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{6}$ therefore we have	with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{6}$ therefore we have

For I-Quad	For IV-Quad	For II-Quad	For III-Quad
$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$,	$\theta = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$	$\theta = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$,	$\theta = \pi + \frac{\pi}{6}$
$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2n\pi$, $\theta = \frac{11\pi}{6} + 2n\pi$		$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2n\pi$,	$\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2n\pi$

$$S.S = \left\{\frac{\pi}{6} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{4\pi}{6} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{5\pi}{6} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{7\pi}{6} + 2n\pi\right\}, \forall n \in z \quad \text{Ans.}$$

(iv) $\cot^2\theta = \frac{1}{3}$ **(Lahore Board 2007)**

$\Rightarrow \quad \cot\theta = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\tan\theta = \pm\sqrt{3}$

$\boxed{\theta = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}}$

$\tan\theta = \sqrt{3}$

Since $\tan\theta$ is +ve in I & III

Quadrants with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$

therefore we have

For I-Quad **For III-Quad**

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$, $\theta = \pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3} + n\pi$, $\theta = \frac{4\pi}{3} + n\pi$

$\tan\theta = -\sqrt{3}$

Since $\tan\theta$ is –ve in II & IV

Quadrants, with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$

therefore we have

For II-Quad **For IV-Quad**

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

$\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3} + n\pi$, $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{3} + n\pi$

$$S.S = \left\{\frac{\pi}{3} + n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{4\pi}{3} + n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{2\pi}{3} + n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{5\pi}{3} + n\pi\right\}, \forall n \in z \text{ Ans.}$$

Q.3 Find the values of θ satisfying the following equations:

$3\tan^2\theta + 2\sqrt{3}\tan\theta + 1 = 0$ (Gujranwala Board 2006)

Solution:

$3\tan^2\theta + 2\sqrt{3}\tan\theta + 1 = 0$

$a = 3, \quad b = 2\sqrt{3}, \quad c = 1$ by quadratic formula

$$\tan\theta = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-2\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{(2\sqrt{3})^2 - 4(3)(1)}}{2(3)}$$

$$= \frac{-2\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{12 - 12}}{6} = \frac{-2\sqrt{3}}{6} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$\Rightarrow \quad \tan\theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\boxed{\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 30^\circ = \frac{\pi}{6}}$

Since $\tan\theta$ is –ve in II & IV Quadrants, with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{6}$ therefore we have

For II-Quad **For IV-Quad**

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

$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6} + n\pi$, $\theta = \frac{11\pi}{6} + n\pi$

$S.S = \left\{\frac{5\pi}{6} + n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{4\pi}{6} + n\pi\right\}, \forall n \in z$ Ans.

Q.4 $\tan^2\theta - \sec\theta - 1 = 0$

Solution:

$\tan^2\theta - \sec\theta - 1 = 0$

$\sec^2\theta - 1 - \sec\theta - 1 = 0$

$\sec^2\theta - \sec\theta - 2 = 0$

$\sec^2\theta - 2\sec\theta + \sec\theta - 2 = 0$

$\sec\theta(\sec\theta - 2) + 1(\sec\theta - 2) = 0$

$(\sec\theta - 2)(\sec\theta + 1) = 0$

$\sec\theta = 2$ | $\sec\theta = -1$

$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ | $\cos\theta = -1$

| $\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}(-1)$

Since $\cos\theta$ is +ve in I & IV Quadrants | $\theta = \cos^{-1}(-1)$

With reference angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $\theta = \pi + 2n\pi$

For I-Quad. **For IV-Quad.**

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

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$, $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$

$S.S = \left\{\frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{5\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \{(2n+1)\pi\}, \forall n \in z$ Ans.

Q.5 $2\sin\theta + \cos^2\theta - 1 = 0$

Solution:

$2\sin\theta + 1 - \sin^2\theta - 1 = 0$

$2\sin\theta - \sin^2\theta = 0$

$\sin\theta(2 - \sin\theta) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$ $\sin\theta = 0$, $2 - \sin\theta = 0$

$\sin\theta = 2$

$\sin\theta = 0$	$2 - \sin\theta = 0$
$\Rightarrow \quad \theta = n\pi$	$\sin\theta = 0$
	Which is not possible because $-1 \leq \sin\theta \leq 1$

S.S $= \{n\pi, \forall\ n \in z\}$

Q.6 $2\sin^2\theta - \sin\theta = 0$

Solution:

$\sin\theta(2\sin\theta - 1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$ $\sin\theta = 0$ and $2\sin\theta - 1 = 0$

$2\sin\theta = 1$

$\sin\theta = 1/2$

$\sin\theta = 0$	$\sin\theta = 1/2$
$\Rightarrow \quad \theta = n\pi$	Since $\sin\theta$ is positive in I and II quadrants with the reference angle $\pi/6$.

I quad.	**II quad.**
$q = \pi/6 + 2n\pi\ , \forall\ n \in z$	$\theta = \pi - \pi/6$
	$\theta = 5\pi/6$
	$\theta = 5\pi/6 + 2n\pi\ , \forall\ n \in z$

S.S $= \{n\pi\} \cup \{\pi/6 + 2n\pi\} \cup \{5\pi/6 + 2n\pi\}\ , \forall\ n \in z$

Q.7 $3\cos^2\theta - 2\sqrt{3}\sin\theta\cos\theta - 3\sin^2\theta = 0$

Solution:

$3\cos^2\theta - 2\sqrt{3}\sin\theta\cos\theta - \sqrt{3}\sin\theta\cos\theta - 3\sin^2\theta = 0$

$3\cos\theta(\cos\theta - \sqrt{3}\sin\theta) + \sqrt{3}\sin\theta(\cos\theta - \sqrt{3}\sin\theta) = 0$

$(\cos\theta - \sqrt{3}\sin\theta)(3\cos\theta + \sqrt{3}\sin\theta) = 0$

$\cos\theta - \sqrt{3}\sin\theta = 0$	$3\cos\theta + \sqrt{3}\sin\theta = 0$
$\cos\theta = \sqrt{3}\sin\theta$	$\sqrt{3}\sin\theta = -3\cos\theta$
$\tan\theta = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\tan\theta = -\sqrt{3}$
Since $\tan\theta$ is positive in I to III quadrants with the reference angle $\pi/6$	Since $\tan\theta$ is negative in III and IV quadrants with the reference angle $\pi/3$.

I quad.	**III quad**	**I quad.**	**III quad**
$\theta = \pi/6 + n\pi$	$\theta = \pi + \pi/6$	$\theta = \pi - \pi/3$	$\theta = 2\pi - \pi/3$
	$\theta = 7\pi/6$	$\theta = 2\pi/3$	$\theta = 5\pi/3$
	$\theta = 7\pi/6 + n\pi$	$\theta = 2\pi/3 + n\pi$	$\theta = 5\pi/3 + n\pi$

S.S $= \{\pi/6 + n\pi\} \cup \{7\pi/6 + n\pi\} \cup \{2\pi/3 + n\pi\} \cup \{5\pi/3 + n\pi\}\ , \forall\ n \in z$

Q.8 Find the values of θ $4\sin^2\theta - 8\cos\theta + 1 = 0$

Solution:

$$4\sin^2\theta - 8\cos\theta + 1 = 0$$

$$4(1 - \cos^2\theta) - 8\cos\theta + 1 = 0$$

$$4 - 4\cos^2\theta - 8\cos\theta + 1 = 0$$

$$4\cos^2\theta + 8\cos\theta - 5 = 0$$

$$4\cos^2\theta + 10\cos\theta - 2\cos\theta - 5 = 0$$

$$2\cos\theta(2\cos\theta + 5) - 1(2\cos\theta + 5) = 0$$

$$(2\cos\theta + 5)(2\cos\theta - 1) = 0$$

$2\cos\theta + 5 = 0$

$\cos\theta = \dfrac{-5}{2}$

i.e. solution is impossible.

$2\cos\theta - 1 = 0$

$\cos\theta = \dfrac{1}{2}$ $\quad \boxed{\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\dfrac{1}{2}\right) = 60^\circ = \dfrac{\pi}{3}}$

Since $\cos\theta$ is +ve in I & IV Quadrants with reference angle $\dfrac{\pi}{3}$

For I-Quad. $\quad \theta = \dfrac{\pi}{3}$

$\theta = \dfrac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$,

For IV-Quad. $\quad \theta = 2\pi - \dfrac{\pi}{3}$

$= \dfrac{5\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$

$$S.S = \left\{\frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{5\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\}, \forall\ n \in z \text{ Ans.}$$

Q.9 Find the solution set of the following equations.

$\sqrt{3}\tan x - \sec x - 1 = 0$ **(Gujranwala Board 2004)**

Solution:

$$\sqrt{3}\tan x = 1 + \sec x$$

$$(\sqrt{3}\tan x)^2 = (1 + \sec x)^2$$

$$3\tan^2 x = 1 + \sec^2 x + 2\sec x$$

$$3(\sec^2 x - 1) = 1 + \sec^2 x + 2\sec x$$

$$3\sec^2 x - 3 - 1 - \sec^2 x - 2\sec x = 0$$

$$2\sec^2 x - 2\sec x - 4 = 0$$

$$\sec^2 x - \sec x - 2 = 0$$

Q.8 Find the values of θ $4\sin^2\theta - 8\cos\theta + 1 = 0$

Solution:

$4\sin^2\theta - 8\cos\theta + 1 = 0$

$4(1 - \cos^2\theta) - 8\cos\theta + 1 = 0$

$4 - 4\cos^2\theta - 8\cos\theta + 1 = 0$

$4\cos^2\theta + 8\cos\theta - 5 = 0$

$4\cos^2\theta + 10\cos\theta - 2\cos\theta - 5 = 0$

$2\cos\theta(2\cos\theta + 5) - 1(2\cos\theta + 5) = 0$

$(2\cos\theta + 5)(2\cos\theta - 1) = 0$

$2\cos\theta + 5 = 0$

$\cos\theta = \frac{-5}{2}$

i.e. solution is impossible.

$2\cos\theta - 1 = 0$

$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ $\quad \boxed{\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}}$

Since $\cos\theta$ is +ve in I & IV Quadrants with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$

For I-Quad. $\quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$, $\quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$,

For IV-Quad. $\quad \theta = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$ $\quad = \frac{5\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$

$$S.S = \left\{\frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{5\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\}, \forall\, n \in z \text{ Ans.}$$

Q.9 Find the solution set of the following equations.

$\sqrt{3}\tan x - \sec x - 1 = 0$ **(Gujranwala Board 2004)**

Solution:

$\sqrt{3}\tan x = 1 + \sec x$

$(\sqrt{3}\tan x)^2 = (1 + \sec x)^2$

$3\tan^2 x = 1 + \sec^2 x + 2\sec x$

$3(\sec^2 x - 1) = 1 + \sec^2 x + 2\sec x$

$3\sec^2 x - 3 - 1 - \sec^2 x - 2\sec x = 0$

$2\sec^2 x - 2\sec x - 4 = 0$

$\sec^2 x - \sec x - 2 = 0$

By quadratic formula

$$\sin x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\sin x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(4)(-1)}}{2(4)} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 16}}{8}$$

$$\sin x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{20}}{8}$$

$$x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{20} - 2}{8}\right)$$

$$x = 18^{o} = \frac{\pi}{10}$$

Since sin x is +ve in the I and II Quadrants with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{10}$

For I-Quad. **For II-Quad.**

$$x = \frac{\pi}{10} \quad , \quad x = \pi - \frac{\pi}{10}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{10} + 2n\pi \ , \ x = \frac{9\pi}{10} + 2n\pi$$

$$\sin x = \frac{-\sqrt{20} - 2}{8} = -\left(\frac{\sqrt{20} + 2}{8}\right)$$

$$x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{20} + 2}{8}\right)$$

$$x = 54^{o} = \frac{3\pi}{10}$$

Since sin x is –ve in III & IV Quadrants with reference angle $\frac{3\pi}{10}$

For III-Quad. **For IV-Quad.**

$$x = \pi + \frac{3\pi}{10} \quad , \quad x = 2\pi - \frac{3\pi}{10}$$

$$x = \frac{13\pi}{10} + 2n\pi \quad , \quad x = \frac{17\pi}{10} + 2n$$

Also $\sin x = 1$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi \ , \ \forall\ n \in z$$

Hence solution set is

$$\left\{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{\pi}{10} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{9\pi}{10} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{13\pi}{10} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{17\pi}{10} + 2n\pi\right\} \quad n \in z \quad \text{Ans}$$

Q.11 sec 3θ = sec θ

Solution:

$$\sec 3\theta = \sec\theta$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos 3\theta} = \frac{1}{\cos\theta}$$

$$\cos 3\theta = \cos\theta$$

$$\cos 3\theta - \cos\theta = 0$$

$$-2\sin\left(\frac{3\theta+\theta}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{3\theta-\theta}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$-2\sin 2\theta\sin\theta = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \quad \sin 2\theta\sin\theta = 0$

$\Rightarrow \quad \sin 2\theta = 0$

$\Rightarrow \quad 2\theta = n\pi$

$\Rightarrow \quad \theta = \frac{n\pi}{2}$

$\sin\theta = 0$

$\Rightarrow \quad \theta = n\pi$

Solution set is $\left\{\frac{n\pi}{2}\right\} \cup \{n\pi\}$, $n \in Z$ Ans.

Q.12 $\tan 2\theta + \cot\theta = 0$

Solution:

$$\tan 2\theta = -\cot\theta$$

$$\frac{\sin 2\theta}{\cos 2\theta} = -\frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}$$

$$\sin 2\theta\sin\theta = -\cos 2\theta\cos\theta$$

$$\sin 2\theta\sin\theta + \cos 2\theta\cos\theta = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \quad \cos(2\theta-\theta) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \quad \cos\theta = 0$

$\Rightarrow \quad \theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$

Solution set is $\left\{(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$, $n \in z$

Q.13 $\sin 2x + \sin x = 0$

Solution:

$$\sin 2x + \sin x = 0$$

$$2\sin x\cos x + \sin x = 0$$

$$\sin x(2\cos x + 1) = 0$$

$\sin x = 0$

$x = n\pi$

$2\cos x + 1 = 0$

$\cos x = \frac{-1}{2}$

As $\cos x$ is +ve in I & IV Quadrants

with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$

For I-Quad.		**For II-Quad.**
$x = \frac{\pi}{3}$	,	$x = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$
$x = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$,		$x = \frac{5\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$

Therefore solution set is

$$\{n\pi\} \cup \left\{\frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{5\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\}, \quad n \in z$$

Q.14 $\sin 4x - \sin 2x = \cos 3x$

Solution:

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

$$2\cos\left(\frac{4x + 2x}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{4x - 2x}{2}\right) = \cos 3x$$

$$2\cos 3x \sin x - \cos 3x = 0$$

$$\cos 3x\,[2\sin x - 1] = 0$$

$\cos 3x = 0$

$\Rightarrow \quad 3x = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \quad x = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{6}$

$2\sin x - 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow \quad 2\sin x = 1$

$\Rightarrow \quad \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$ $\qquad \boxed{x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 30^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{6}}$

Since $\sin x$ is +ve in I and II Quadrants with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{6}$ so

For I-Quad.	**For II-Quad.**
$x = \frac{\pi}{6}$	$x = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$
$x = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2n\pi$,	$x = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2n\pi$, $\forall n \in z$

Hence solution set is

$$\left\{(2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{6}\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{\pi}{6} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{5\pi}{6} + 2n\pi\right\}, n \in Z \qquad \text{Ans.}$$

Q.15 $\sin x + \cos 3x = \cos 5x$

Solution:

$$\sin x + \cos 3x = \cos 5x$$

$$\sin x = \cos 5x - \cos 3x$$

$$\sin x = -2\sin\left(\frac{5x + 3x}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{5x - 3x}{2}\right)$$

$$= -2\sin 4x \sin x$$

$\sin x + 2 \sin 4x \sin x = 0$

$\sin x (1 + 2 \sin 4x) = 0$

$\sin x = 0$

$x = n\pi$

$\sin 4x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{4x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 30^{o} = \frac{\pi}{6}}$

since sin x is –ve in III & IV Quadrants

with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{6}$

For III-Quad.		**For II-Quad.**
$4x = \pi + \frac{\pi}{6}$	,	$4x = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$
$4x = \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2n\pi$	,	$4x = \frac{11\pi}{6} + 2n\pi$
$x = \frac{7\pi}{24} + \frac{n\pi}{2}$	,	$x = \frac{11\pi}{24} + \frac{n\pi}{2}$

Hence solution set $\{n\pi\} \cup \left\{\frac{7\pi}{24} + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{11\pi}{24} + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right\}, \quad n \in z$ Ans.

Q.16 sin 3 x + sin 2 x + sin x = 0

Solution:

$\sin 3x + \sin 2x + \sin x = 0$

$\sin 3x + \sin x + \sin 2x = 0$

$2 \cos\left(\frac{3x - x}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3x + x}{2}\right) + \sin 2x = 0$

$2 \sin 2x \cos x + \sin 2x = 0$

$\sin 2x (2 \cos x + 1) = 0$

$\sin 2x = 0$

$2x = n\pi$

$x = \frac{n\pi}{2}$

$2 \cos x + 1 = 0 \quad \boxed{x = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 60 = \frac{\pi}{3}}$

$\cos x = \frac{-1}{2}$

Since cos is –ve in II & III Quadrants

with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$

For II-Quad.		**For III-Quad.**
$x = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$	,	$x = \pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$
$x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$	,	$x = \frac{4\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$, $\forall n \in z$

Solution set is $\left\{\frac{n\pi}{2}\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{4\pi}{3} + 2n\pi\right\}, \quad n \in z$ Ans.

Q.17 $\sin 7x - \sin x = \sin 3x$

Solution:

$$\text{Sin } 7x - \sin x = \sin 3x$$

$$2\cos\left(\frac{7x+x}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{7x-x}{2}\right) = \sin 3x$$

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

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

$$\sin 3x\,(2\cos 4x - 1) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ $\sin 3x = 0$

$3x = n\pi$

$x = \frac{n\pi}{3}$

$2\cos 4x - 1 = 0$

$2\cos 4x = 1$

$\cos 4x = \frac{1}{2}$

$4x = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 60° = \frac{\pi}{3}$

Since $\cos x$ is +ve in I & IV Quadrants.

with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$

For I-Quad.		**For IV-Quad.**
$4x = \frac{\pi}{3}$	,	$4x = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$
	,	$4x = \frac{5\pi}{3}$
$4x = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$	,	$4x = \frac{5\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$
$x = \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{n\pi}{2}$	,	$x = \frac{5\pi}{12} + \frac{n\pi}{2}$

Therefore solution set is $\left\{\frac{n\pi}{3}\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{5\pi}{12} + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right\}$ $n \in z$ Ans.

Q.18 $\sin x + \sin 3x + \sin 5x = 0$

Solution:

$$\sin 5x + \sin x + \sin 3x = 0$$

$$2\sin\left(\frac{5x+x}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{5x-x}{2}\right) + \sin 3x = 0$$

$2 \sin 3x \cos 2x + \sin 3x = 0$

$\sin 3x (2 \cos 2x + 1) = 0$

$\sin 3x = 0$

$3x = n\pi$

$x = \frac{n\pi}{3}$

$2 \cos 2x + 1 = 0$

$\cos 2x = \frac{-1}{2}$

$\boxed{2x = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 60° = \frac{\pi}{3}}$

Since cos x is –ve in II & III Quadrants, with reference angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$ so

For I-Quad.		**For III-Quad.**
$2x = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$	,	$2x = \pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$
$2x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$	,	$2x = \frac{4\pi}{3}$
$2x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$	,	$2x = \frac{4\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$
$x = \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{2n\pi}{2}$	,	$x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{2n\pi}{2}$
$x = \frac{\pi}{3} + n\pi$	,	$x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + n\pi$

Hence solution set is

$$\left\{\frac{n\pi}{3}\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{2n\pi}{3}\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{2n\pi}{3}\right\}, \quad n \in z \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Q.19 $\sin\theta + \sin 3\theta + \sin 5\theta + \sin 7\theta = 0$

Solution:

$[\sin 7\theta + \sin\theta] + [\sin 5\theta + \sin 3\theta] = 0$

$$\left[2 \sin\left(\frac{7\theta + \theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{7\theta - \theta}{2}\right)\right] + \left[2 \sin\left(\frac{5\theta + 3\theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{5\theta - 3\theta}{2}\right)\right] = 0$$

$2 \sin 4\theta \cos 3\theta + 2 \sin 4\theta \cos\theta = 0$

$2 \sin 4\theta (\cos 3\theta + \cos\theta) = 0$

$$2 \sin 4\theta \left[2 \cos\left(\frac{3\theta + \theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\theta - \theta}{2}\right)\right] = 0$$

$2 \times 2 \sin 4\theta (\cos 2\theta \cos\theta) = 0$

$\sin 4\theta \cos 2\theta \cos\theta = 0$

$\Rightarrow \sin 4\theta = 0$	$\cos 2\theta = 0$	$\cos\theta = 0$
$4\theta = n\pi$	$2\theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$
$\theta = \frac{n\pi}{4}$	$\theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{4}$	

Hence solutions set is

$$\left\{\frac{n\pi}{4}\right\} \cup \left\{(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{4}\right\} \cup \left\{(2n+1)\ \frac{\pi}{2}\right\}, n \in Z \quad \text{Ans.}$$

OR

$$\left\{\frac{n\pi}{4}\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi\right\}, n \in z$$

Q.20 $\cos\theta + \cos 3\theta + \cos 5\theta + \cos 7\theta = 0$

Solution:

$$[\cos 7\theta + \cos\theta] + [\cos 5\theta + \cos 3\theta] = 0$$

$$2\cos\left(\frac{7\theta+\theta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{7\theta-\theta}{2}\right) + 2\cos\left(\frac{5\theta+3\theta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{5\theta-3\theta}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$2\cos 4\theta \cos 3\theta + 2\cos 4\theta \cos\theta = 0$$

$$2\cos 4\theta (\cos 3\theta + \cos\theta) = 0$$

$$2\cos 4\theta \left[\ 2\cos\left(\frac{3\theta+\theta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{3\theta-\theta}{2}\right)\right] = 0$$

$$2 \times 2\cos 4\theta (\cos 2\theta \cos\theta) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \cos 4\theta = 0$	$\cos 2\theta = 0$	$\cos\theta = 0$
$4\theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$	$2\theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$
$\theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{8}$	$\theta = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{4}$	

Hence solution set is $\left\{(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{8}\right\} \cup \left\{(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{4}\right\} \cup \left\{(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}, n \in z$

OR

$$S.S = \left\{\frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{n\pi}{4}\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi\right\}, n \in z$$