

Exemplar Problem

Trigonometric Functions

2. If $[2\sin\alpha / (1+\cos\alpha+\sin\alpha)] = y$, then prove that $[(1 - \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha) / (1+\sin\alpha)]$ is also equal to y .

$$\left[\text{Hint : Express } \frac{1 - \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha}{1 + \sin\alpha} = \frac{1 - \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha}{1 + \sin\alpha} \cdot \frac{1 + \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha}{1 + \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha} \right]$$

Solution:

According to the question,

$$y = 2\sin\alpha / (1+\cos\alpha+\sin\alpha)$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator by $(1 - \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha)$,

We get,

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y &= \frac{2\sin\alpha}{1 + \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha} \times \frac{1 - \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha}{1 - \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha} \\ &= \frac{2\sin\alpha}{(1 + \sin\alpha) + \cos\alpha} \times \frac{(1 + \sin\alpha) - \cos\alpha}{(1 + \sin\alpha) - \cos\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Using $(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2\sin\alpha \{(1 + \sin\alpha) - \cos\alpha\}}{(1 + \sin\alpha)^2 - \cos^2\alpha} \\ &= \frac{2\sin\alpha(1 + \sin\alpha) - 2\sin\alpha\cos\alpha}{1 + \sin^2\alpha + 2\sin\alpha - \cos^2\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Since, $1 - \cos^2\alpha = \sin^2\alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore y &= \frac{2\sin\alpha(1 + \sin\alpha - \cos\alpha)}{\sin^2\alpha + 2\sin\alpha + \sin^2\alpha} \\ &= \frac{2\sin\alpha(1 + \sin\alpha - \cos\alpha)}{2\sin\alpha(1 + \sin\alpha)} \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{(1 + \sin\alpha - \cos\alpha)}{(1 + \sin\alpha)} \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{(1 - \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha)}{(1 + \sin\alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence Proved