

## Exemplar Problem

### Trigonometric Functions

7. If  $a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta = m$  and  $a \sin \theta - b \cos \theta = n$ , then show that  $a^2 + b^2 = m^2 + n^2$ .

**Solution:**

According to the question,

$$a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta = m \dots(i)$$

$$a \sin \theta - b \cos \theta = n \dots(ii)$$

Squaring and adding equation 1 and 2, we get,

$$(a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta)^2 + (a \sin \theta - b \cos \theta)^2 = m^2 + n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta + 2ab \sin \theta \cos \theta + a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2ab \sin \theta \cos \theta = m^2 + n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta + a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 \cos^2 \theta = m^2 + n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) + b^2 (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) = m^2 + n^2$$

Using,  $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ ,

We get,

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = m^2 + n^2$$