

Trigonometry Functions - Class XI

Past Year JEE Questions

Questions

Question: 01

The value of $\cos^2 10^\circ - \cos 10^\circ \cos 50^\circ + \cos^2 50^\circ$ is

- A. $\frac{3}{2} + \cos 20^\circ$
- B. $\frac{3}{4}$
- C. $\frac{3}{2}(1 + \cos 20^\circ)$
- D. $\frac{3}{2}$

Solutions

Solution: 01

Explanation

$$\cos^2 10^\circ - \cos 10^\circ \cos 50^\circ + \cos^2 50^\circ$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [2\cos^2 10^\circ - 2\cos 10^\circ \cos 50^\circ + 2\cos^2 50^\circ]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [1 + \cos 20^\circ - \cos 60^\circ - \cos 40^\circ + 1 + \cos 100^\circ]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [2 - \frac{1}{2} + \cos 20^\circ + \cos 100^\circ - \cos 40^\circ]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\frac{3}{2} + 2\cos 60^\circ \cos 40^\circ - \cos 40^\circ]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\frac{3}{2} + \cos 40^\circ - \cos 40^\circ]$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}$$