

Exemplar Problem

Trigonometric Functions

3. If $m \sin \theta = n \sin (\theta + 2\alpha)$, then prove that

$$\tan (\theta + \alpha) \cot \alpha = (m + n)/(m - n)$$

[Hints: Express $\sin(\theta + 2\alpha) / \sin\theta = m/n$ and apply componendo and dividendo]

Solution:

According to the question,

$$m \sin \theta = n \sin (\theta + 2\alpha)$$

To prove:

$$\tan (\theta + \alpha) \cot \alpha = (m + n)/(m - n)$$

Proof:

$$m \sin \theta = n \sin (\theta + 2\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(\theta + 2\alpha) / \sin\theta = m/n$$

Applying componendo-dividendo rule, we have,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin(\theta+2\alpha)+\sin\theta}{\sin(\theta+2\alpha)-\sin\theta} = \frac{m+n}{m-n}$$

By transformation formula of T-ratios,

We know that,

$$\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin ((A+B)/2) \cos ((A - B)/2)$$

And,

$$\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos ((A+B)/2) \sin ((A - B)/2)$$

On applying the formula, we get,

$$\frac{2 \sin \left(\frac{2\theta + 2\alpha}{2}\right) \cos \left(\frac{\theta + 2\alpha - \theta}{2}\right)}{2 \cos \left(\frac{2\theta + 2\alpha}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{\theta + 2\alpha - \theta}{2}\right)} = \frac{m + n}{m - n}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin(\theta+\alpha) \cos(\alpha)}{\cos(\theta+\alpha) \sin(\alpha)} = \frac{m+n}{m-n}$$

{ $\because \tan x = (\sin x)/(\cos x)$ }

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\theta + \alpha) \cot \alpha = \frac{m+n}{m-n}$$

Therefore, $\tan (\theta + \alpha) \cot \alpha = (m + n)/(m - n)$

Hence Proved