

Exemplar Problem

Trigonometric Functions

24. If $x = \sec \phi - \tan \phi$ and $y = \operatorname{cosec} \phi + \cot \phi$, then show that $xy + x - y + 1 = 0$.

[Hint: Find $xy + 1$ and then show $\tan x - y = -(xy + 1)$]

Solution:

According to the question,

$$x = \sec \phi - \tan \phi \text{ and } y = \operatorname{cosec} \phi + \cot \phi$$

Given that, LHS = $xy + x - y + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (\sec \phi - \tan \phi)(\operatorname{cosec} \phi + \cot \phi) + (\sec \phi - \tan \phi) - (\operatorname{cosec} \phi + \cot \phi) + 1 \\ &= \sec \phi \operatorname{cosec} \phi + \cot \phi \sec \phi - \tan \phi \cot \phi - \tan \phi \operatorname{cosec} \phi \\ &\quad + \sec \phi - \tan \phi - (\operatorname{cosec} \phi + \cot \phi) + 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \phi \cos \phi} + \frac{1}{\sin \phi} - 1 - \sec \phi + \sec \phi - \tan \phi - \left(\frac{1}{\sin \phi} + \frac{\cos \phi}{\sin \phi} \right) + 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \phi \cos \phi} + \frac{1}{\sin \phi} - \tan \phi - \left(\frac{1}{\sin \phi} + \frac{\cos \phi}{\sin \phi} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \phi \cos \phi} - \frac{\sin \phi}{\cos \phi} - \frac{\sin \phi}{\sin \phi} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \phi \cos \phi} - \left(\frac{\cos \phi}{\sin \phi} + \frac{\sin \phi}{\cos \phi} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \phi \cos \phi} - \left(\frac{\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi}{\sin \phi \cos \phi} \right) \\ &\text{Since, } \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \phi \cos \phi} - \left(\frac{1}{\sin \phi \cos \phi} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, LHS = $xy + x - y + 1 = 0$