

MATH 1151 PRACTICE EXAM, SPRING 2001

(1)

Let P be a point on the edge of a 33rpm record of radius 5 inches.

- a) What is the linear speed of P?
- b) How many inches the point P travels in 45 seconds?

(2)

Find the exact value of the following trigonometric expression

$$\sin \pi/4 + \tan(-\pi/3).$$

**Solution:**  $\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ ,  $\tan -\frac{\pi}{3} = -\tan \frac{\pi}{3} = -\sqrt{3}$ , so the answer is  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \sqrt{3}$ . **Q.E.D.**

(3)

Let  $\alpha$  be an acute angle such that  $\cos \alpha = 1/3$ . Find the exact value of  $\tan(3\pi/2 - \alpha)$ .

**Solution:**  $\sin(\frac{3\pi}{2} - \alpha) = -\cos \alpha$  by addition formulas for sin function,  $\cos(\frac{3\pi}{2} - \alpha) = -\sin \alpha$  by addition formulas for cos function, so  $\tan(\frac{3\pi}{2} - \alpha) = \frac{-\cos \alpha}{-\sin \alpha} = \cot \alpha = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  by looking at the triangle. **Q.E.D.**

(4)

Let  $\alpha$  be an angle such that  $\cos \alpha = 1/5$  and  $\sin \alpha < 0$ . Find the exact value of  $\csc \alpha$ .

**Solution:**  $\sin \alpha = -\frac{\sqrt{24}}{5}$  by the right triangle and this way we see that  $\csc \alpha = -\frac{5}{\sqrt{24}}$ . **Q.E.D.**

(5)

Find period and phase-shift of the function  $f(t) = 2 \sin(3t - \pi/2)$ .

**Solution:**  $f(t) = 2 \sin(3t - \pi/2) = 2 \sin(3(t - \pi/6))$ , so period is  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ . **Q.E.D.**

(6)

Establish the identity

$$\frac{\sec \theta - \cos \theta}{\sec \theta + \cos \theta} = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1 + \cos^2 \theta}$$

**Solution:**  $\frac{\sec \theta - \cos \theta}{\sec \theta + \cos \theta} = \frac{\frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{\cos \theta}}{\frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta}{\cos \theta}}$ , so knowing that  $1 - \cos^2 \theta = \sin^2 \theta$ , we see that equality holds. **Q.E.D.**

(7)

Establish the identity

$$-2 \cot 2\theta = \tan \theta - \cot \theta$$

**Solution:** Start from the right side,  $\tan \theta - \cot \theta = \frac{\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}$ , since  $\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta = -\cos 2\theta$  and  $2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 2 \sin 2\theta$  we get the left side. **Q.E.D.**

(8)

Let  $\alpha$  be an angle such that  $\pi/2 < \alpha < \pi$  and  $\sin \alpha = 2/3$ . Find the exact value of  $\sin(\alpha - \pi/4)$ .

**Solution:**  $\sin(\alpha - \pi/4) = \sin \alpha \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \cos \alpha$ , since  $\alpha$  is in second region we find  $\cos \alpha = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$  by the right triangle, so the answer is  $\frac{2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{10}}{6}$ . **Q.E.D.**

(9)

What are the domain and the range of  $\sin^{-1}$ ?

**Solution:** Domain is  $[-1, 1]$ , range is  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . **Q.E.D.**

(10)

Find the exact value of  $\tan^{-1}(1)$ .

**Solution:**  $\tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$  and  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  is in the range of our function so answer is  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ . **Q.E.D.**

(11)

Find all real numbers  $\theta$  solving the trigonometric equation  $\cos 2\theta = 1$ .

**Solution:**  $\cos 2\theta = 1 = \cos 0$ , so  $2\theta = 0 + 2k\pi$ . So answer is  $\theta = k\pi$  where  $k$  are integers. **Q.E.D.**

(12)

Solve the following trigonometric equation in the interval  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$

$$\cos^2 + 2 \cos \theta - 3 = 0$$

**Solution:**  $x = \cos \theta$ , so equation is now  $x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$  which has roots 1 and  $-3$ .  $-3 = x = \cos \theta$  has no solution,  $1 = x = \cos \theta$  has 1 solution in that interval which is  $\theta = 0$ . So the only answer is  $\theta = 0$ . **Q.E.D.**

(13)

A triangle has one side of length 4 and the two angles adjacent to this side measure  $50^\circ$  and  $70^\circ$  respectively. Solve the triangle and find its area.

**Solution:** This is simple Sine Law,  $\frac{4}{\sin 60^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 50^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 70^\circ}$ . With this you can find  $a, b$  and then using Heron's formula you can find the area, here I need a calculator which right now I don't have one. **Q.E.D.**

(14)

Find one of the polar coordinates of the point  $P$  whose rectangular coordinates are  $(x, y) = (1, \sqrt{3})$ .

**Solution:** By the simple formula we can find  $r = \sqrt{1^2 + 3} = 2$  and using the corresponding equations we see that  $2, \frac{\pi}{3}$  satisfies our point. **Q.E.D.**

(15)

Write the polar equation

$$r = \frac{3}{r - 2 \sin \theta}$$

in rectangular coordinates.

**Solution:**  $r = \frac{3}{r - 2 \sin \theta}$  is equal to  $r^2 - 2r \sin \theta = 3$  which is equivalent to  $r^2 - 2y = 3$ . So we get here  $r^2 = 3 + 2y$  which is equal to  $x^2 + y^2 = 3 + 2y$ . So we get  $x^2 + y^2 - 2y + 1 = 3 + 1$  which is equal to  $x^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 4$  which as you can see a circle with radius 2 and center  $(0, 1)$ . **Q.E.D.**

(16)

Write in standard form the complex number  $\frac{2+i}{3i}$

**Solution:**  $\frac{2+i}{3i} = i\left(\frac{2+i}{-3}\right) = \frac{2i-1}{-3} = \frac{1-2i}{3}$ . **Q.E.D.**

(17)

Let  $z$  be a complex number written in polar form as  $z = 3(\cos 20^\circ + i \sin 20^\circ)$ .

Write in standard form the number  $z^9$ .

**Solution:** By De Moivre's theorem  $z^9 = 3^9(\cos(9 * 20^\circ) + i \sin(9 * 20^\circ))$  which is equal to  $3^9(\cos 180^\circ + i \sin 180^\circ) = -3^9$  since  $\cos 180^\circ = -1$  and  $\sin 180^\circ = 0$ . **Q.E.D.**

(18)

Find all the three roots of the cubic equation

$$x^3 + x^2 + 3x - 5 = 0$$

**Solution:** By Rational Root Theorem we see that 1 is a root. Dividing this polynomial to  $x - 1$  through syntetic division we see that the other factor is  $x^2 + 2x + 5$ , so the other two roots are the roots of this quadratic polynomial, which are  $\frac{-2+\sqrt{-16}}{2}$  and  $\frac{-2-\sqrt{-16}}{2}$ , i.e.  $-1+2i$  and  $-1-2i$ . **Q.E.D.**

(19)

Find the complex roots of

$$z^3 = 1$$

and describe their position in the complex plane.

**Solution:** Writing  $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  we see that equation is equal to  $r^3(\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta) = 1(\cos 0 + i \sin 0)$  since  $1 = 1(\cos 0 + i \sin 0)$  in the complex plane. So solving this equation gives us the solutions  $z_k = 1(\cos(\frac{0+2k\pi}{3}) + i \sin(\frac{0+2k\pi}{3}))$  where  $k = 0, 1, 2$ . On the complex plane these points correspond to the vertices of an equilateral triangle on the unit circle, it is easy to see where these vertices are located. **Q.E.D.**

(20)

Establish if the following system of linear equations is consistent or not. If it

is consistent find all its solutions.

$$\begin{cases} x + y - 3z = 1 \\ 2x - 4y + z = 5 \\ x - z = 4 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:** From third equation we see that  $x = 4 + z$ , if we replace that in the second and first equation we get  $3z - 4y = -3$  from second,  $y - 2z = -3$  from first. So left sides of these equations are equal since they both are equal to  $-3$ , so  $3z - 4y = y - 2z$ , so  $y = z$ . Putting this into first equation we get,  $4 - z = 1$ ,  $z = 3$ . So  $(7, 3, 3)$  is the solution. **Q.E.D.**