

MATH 125 QUIZ #4 (SPRING 2021)

1 Given $\csc \theta = 3$ and $\cot \theta < 0$, find the values of all trigonometric functions of θ .

First, $r/y = \csc \theta = 3/1$ implies we can let $r = 3$ and $y = 1$. From $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ we then obtain $x = \pm\sqrt{8}$. But $\cot \theta < 0$ implies (the terminal side of) θ is in QII or QIV (Q standing for quadrant), while $\csc \theta > 0$ implies θ is in QI or QII. Thus θ must be in QII, where $x < 0$, and so $x = -\sqrt{8} = -2\sqrt{2}$ must be the case. Finally we get

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \cos \theta = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}, \quad \tan \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}, \quad \sec \theta = -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{4}, \quad \cot \theta = -2\sqrt{2}.$$

2 If $f(\theta) = \cos \theta$ and $f(a) = \frac{1}{4}$, what is $f(-a)$ and $f(a) + f(a + 2\pi) + f(a - 6\pi)$?

Since \cos is an even function we have

$$f(-a) = \cos(-a) = \cos a = f(a) = \frac{1}{4},$$

and since \cos is periodic with period 2π we have

$$f(a) + f(a + 2\pi) + f(a - 6\pi) = \cos a + \cos(a + 2\pi) + \cos(a - 6\pi) = 3 \cos a = 3f(a) = \frac{3}{4}.$$

3 Evaluate $\cos^{-1}(\cos \frac{15\pi}{7})$ and $\tan(\tan^{-1} 10)$ exactly.

$\cos^{-1}(\cos \frac{15\pi}{7}) = \theta$ implies $\cos \theta = \cos \frac{15\pi}{7}$ for some $\theta \in [0, \pi]$. Now,

$$\cos \theta = \cos \frac{15\pi}{7} = \cos(\frac{\pi}{7} + 2\pi) = \cos \frac{\pi}{7},$$

and since $\frac{\pi}{7} \in [0, \pi]$, we conclude that $\cos^{-1}(\cos \frac{15\pi}{7}) = \theta = \frac{\pi}{7}$.

4 Given $f(x) = \cos(x + 2) + 1$, $-2 \leq x \leq \pi - 2$, find f^{-1} , and also find the domain and range of f and f^{-1} .

Let $y = f(x)$, so that $y = \cos(x + 2) + 1$, and then solving for x gives

$$f^{-1}(y) = x = \cos^{-1}(y - 1) - 2.$$

Also $\text{Ran } f^{-1} = \text{Dom } f = [-2, \pi - 2]$ and $\text{Ran } f = \text{Dom } f^{-1} = \{y : -1 \leq y - 1 \leq 1\} = [0, 2]$.