

Trigonometry — Exam 3
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$$\sin(u \pm v) = \sin u \cos v \pm \cos u \sin v$$

$$\sin(2u) = 2 \sin u \cos u$$

$$\cos(u \pm v) = \cos u \cos v \mp \sin u \sin v$$

$$\cos(2u) = \cos^2 u - \sin^2 u = 2 \cos^2 u - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 u$$

$$\tan(u \pm v) = \frac{\tan u \pm \tan v}{1 \mp \tan u \tan v}$$

$$\tan(2u) = \frac{2 \tan u}{1 - \tan^2 u}$$

$$\cos^2 \frac{u}{2} = \frac{1 + \cos u}{2} \quad \sin^2 \frac{u}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos u}{2} \quad \tan^2 \frac{u}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos u}{1 + \cos u}$$

1. (6pts) Solve the triangle: $b = 5$, $c = 3$, $C = 40^\circ$.

$$\frac{3}{\sin 40^\circ} = \frac{5}{\sin B}$$

$$\sin B = \frac{5 \sin 40^\circ}{3} = 1.07 > 1 \text{ so no sol.}$$

$$3 \sin B = 5 \sin 40^\circ$$

2. (12pts) Solve the triangle: $a = 4$, $c = 7$, $B = 112^\circ$

$$b^2 = 4^2 + 7^2 - 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 7 \cos 112^\circ$$

$$b^2 = 16 + 49 - 56 \cos 112^\circ = 85.97$$

$$b = 9.2724306$$

$$\cos A = \frac{9.27^2 + 7^2 - 4^2}{2 \cdot 9.27 \cdot 7} = 0.916526$$

$$A = \arccos 0.916526 = 23.576582$$

$$C = 180^\circ - (112^\circ + 23.57^\circ) \\ = 44.423418$$

3. (14pts) Solve the triangle: $a = 7$, $c = 2$, $A = 67^\circ$.

$$\frac{7}{\sin 67^\circ} = \frac{2}{\sin C}$$

$$7 \sin C = 2 \sin 67^\circ$$

$$\sin C = \frac{2 \sin 67^\circ}{7} = 0.263001$$

$$C = \arcsin 0.26 = 15.248229$$

or $C = 180^\circ - \arcsin 0.26 = 164.75^\circ$
+ 67° too big
 $> 180^\circ$

$$B = 180 - (67^\circ + 15.248^\circ) \\ = 97.751771$$

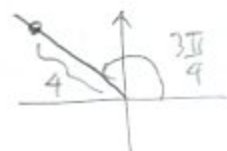
$$\frac{7}{\sin 67^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 97.75^\circ}$$

$$b = \frac{7 \sin 97.75^\circ}{\sin 67^\circ} = 7.53503$$



4. (8pts) Draw points with the following polar coordinates. Then convert them into rectangular coordinates. Give exact answers — do not use the calculator.

$$(r, \theta) = \left(4, \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$



$$x = 4 \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} = 4 \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = -2\sqrt{2}$$

$$y = 4 \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} = 4 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$(r, \theta) = \left(-2, -\frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$$



$$x = -2 \cos \left(-\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = -2 \cdot \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \sqrt{3}$$

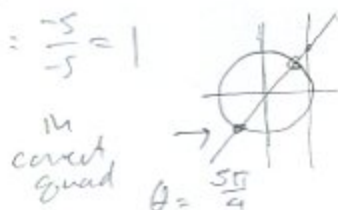
$$y = -2 \sin \left(-\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = -2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = -1$$

5. (12pts) Convert the following rectangular coordinates into polar coordinates. Draw a picture to make sure you have the correct θ . For each point, give three answers in polar coordinates, at least one of which has a negative r . Give exact answers — do not use the calculator.

$$(x, y) = (-5, -5)$$

$$r = \sqrt{(-5)^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{50} = 5\sqrt{2}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{-5}{-5} = 1$$



$$(5\sqrt{2}, \frac{5\pi}{4})$$

$$(5\sqrt{2}, -\frac{3\pi}{4})$$

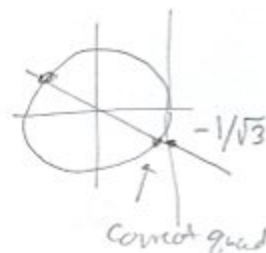
$$(-5\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$(x, y) = (3\sqrt{3}, -3)$$

$$r = \sqrt{(3\sqrt{3})^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{27+9} = 6$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{-3}{3\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{6}$$



$$(6, -\frac{\pi}{6})$$

$$(6, \frac{11\pi}{6})$$

$$(-6, \frac{5\pi}{6})$$

6. (8pts) Convert to a polar equation. Answer should be solved for r .

$$x^2 - 2x + y^2 = 0$$

$$(r \cos \theta)^2 - 2r \cos \theta + (r \sin \theta)^2 = 0$$

$$r^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2r \cos \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

$$r^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) - 2r \cos \theta = 0$$

$$r^2 - 2r \cos \theta = 0$$

$$r(r - 2 \cos \theta) = 0 \quad +r$$

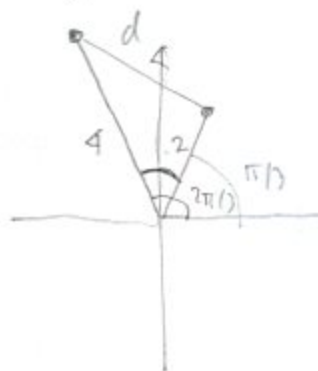
$$r - 2 \cos \theta = 0$$

$$r = 2 \cos \theta$$

7. (8pts) Determine the distance between points given in polar coordinates: $B = (4, \frac{2\pi}{3})$, $C = (2, \frac{\pi}{3})$.

a) Draw the picture.

b) Find the exact distance from B to C (do not use the calculator).

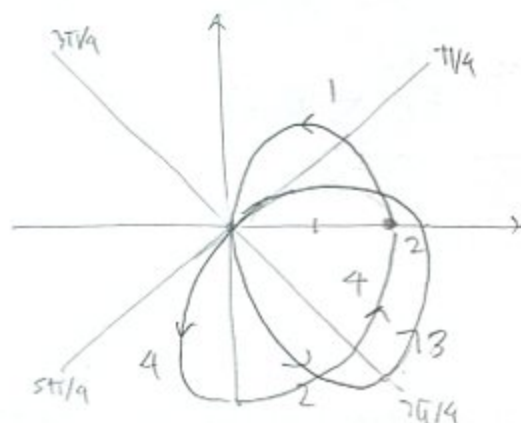
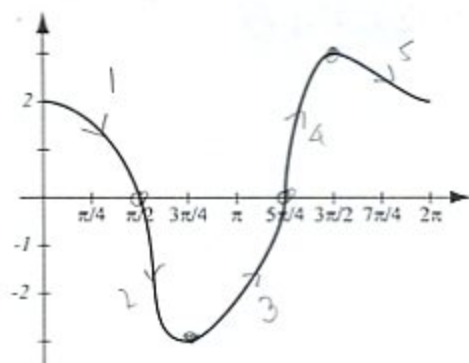


Law of cosines: $d^2 = 2^2 + 4^2 - 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cos(\frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{3})$

$$d^2 = 20 - 16 \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 12$$

$$d = \sqrt{12} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

8. (8pts) Below is the graph of the function $r = f(\theta)$ in rectangular $r-\theta$ coordinates. Use the graph to draw the graph of $r = f(\theta)$ in polar coordinates, indicating corresponding parts of the graphs.



9. (10pts) If the long hand of the clock has length 5 in and the short hand 3 in, what is the distance between the tips of the hands at 7 o'clock?



Law of cosines:

$$d^2 = 5^2 + 3^2 - 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cos \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

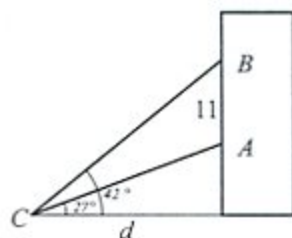
$$= 34 - 30(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) = 34 + 15\sqrt{3}$$

$$d = \sqrt{34 + 15\sqrt{3}} \approx 7.744725$$

10. (14pts) To determine distance d to a building, sightings of points A and B on the building are made and they stand at angles of elevation 27° and 42° . It is known that the distance from A to B is 11 meters.

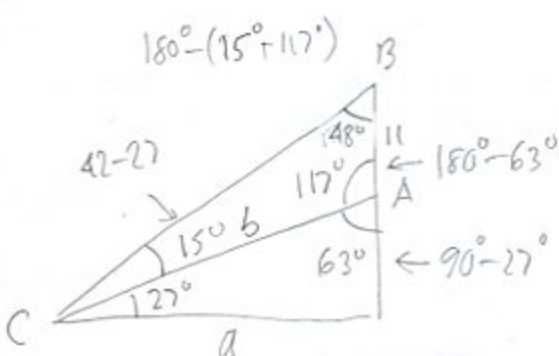
a) Determine angles in the triangle ABC .

b) Find the distance to the building d .



$$\frac{b}{\sin 48^\circ} = \frac{11}{\sin 15^\circ}$$

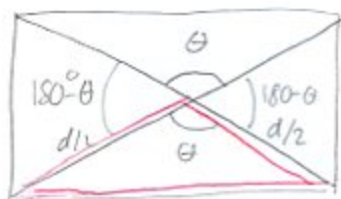
$$b = \frac{11 \sin 48^\circ}{\sin 15^\circ} = 31.584202$$



$$\frac{d}{b} = \cos 27^\circ$$

$$d = b \cos 27^\circ = 31.58 \cdot \cos 27^\circ = 28.141737 \text{ meters}$$

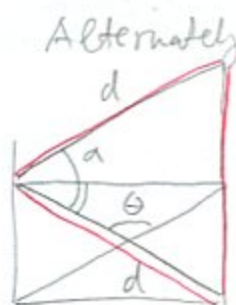
Bonus. (10pts) Show that the area of a rectangle is one-half of product of lengths of diagonals times the sine of the angle between them.



Diagonals
have
same
length

$$\text{Area of a triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{d}{2} \cdot \frac{d}{2} \sin \theta = \frac{d^2 \sin \theta}{8}$$

$$\text{The Four triangles have equal area, so area of rectangle} = 4 \cdot \frac{d^2 \sin \theta}{8} = \frac{1}{2} d^2 \sin \theta$$



$$\frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} + \theta = 180^\circ \Rightarrow \alpha = 180 - \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of rectangle} &= \text{area of triangle} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} d^2 \sin \alpha \\ &= \frac{1}{2} d^2 \sin (180 - \theta) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} d^2 \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$