

Trigonometry of convex angles - Answers

Task 1. (5p) Calculate $\sin \alpha$, $\cos \alpha$, $\tan \alpha$, $\cot \alpha$.

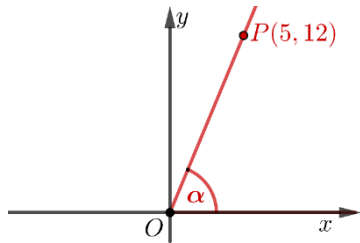
(a)

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{5}{13}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{12}{13}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\cot \alpha = \frac{5}{12}$$



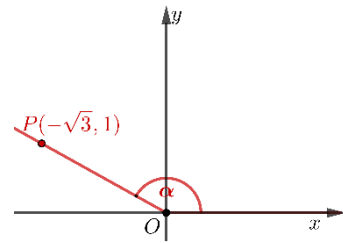
(b)

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$\cot \alpha = -\sqrt{3}$$



Task 2. You are given an angle α such that $\alpha \in (90^\circ, 180^\circ)$ and $\sin \alpha = \frac{2}{3}$.

Use trigonometric identities to calculate $\cos \alpha$, $\tan \alpha$ and $\cot \alpha$

Solution

$$\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha = 1 - \sin^2 \alpha$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha = 1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha = \frac{5}{9} \quad / \cos \alpha < 0 \text{ because } \alpha \in (90^\circ, 180^\circ)$$

$$\cos \alpha = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}} = -\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} = -\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

Answer: $\cos \alpha = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$ and $\tan \alpha = -\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5}$

Solution

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$$

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = 7$$

$$\sin \alpha = 7 \cdot \cos \alpha$$

$$\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$49 \cdot \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$50 \cdot \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{50} \quad / \cos \alpha < 0 \text{ because } \alpha \in (90^\circ, 180^\circ)$$

$$\cos \alpha = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{10}$$

$$\sin \alpha = 7 \cdot \cos \alpha = -\frac{7\sqrt{2}}{10}$$

Answer: $\cos \alpha = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{10}$ and $\sin \alpha = -\frac{7\sqrt{2}}{10}$

Task 3. You are given an angle α such that $\alpha \in (0^\circ, 180^\circ)$ and $\tan \alpha = -7$.

Use trigonometric identities to calculate $\sin \alpha$, $\cos \alpha$, $\cot \alpha$.

Solution

$\tan \alpha < 0$, so that $\alpha \in (90^\circ, 180^\circ)$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$$

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = -7$$

$$\sin \alpha = -7 \cdot \cos \alpha$$

$$\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$49 \cdot \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$50 \cdot \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{50}$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha = \frac{2}{100} \quad / \cos \alpha < 0 \text{ because } \alpha \in (90^\circ, 180^\circ)$$

$$\cos \alpha = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{10}$$

$$\sin \alpha = -7 \cdot \cos \alpha = \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{10}$$

Answer: $\cos \alpha = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{10}$ $\sin \alpha = \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{10}$

Task 4. Calculate without calculator:

$$(a) (2 + \cos 150^\circ)(2 - \sin 120^\circ) + \operatorname{tg} 135^\circ = \left(2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\left(2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - 1 = 3\frac{3}{4} - 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$(b) \sin^2 150^\circ + \cos^2 120^\circ + \operatorname{tg}^2 135^\circ = \sin^2 30^\circ + \cos^2 60^\circ + \operatorname{tg}^2 45^\circ = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 1^2 = 1\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(c) \tan 20^\circ \cdot \tan 51^\circ \cdot \tan 30^\circ \cdot \tan 39^\circ \cdot \tan 70^\circ = \tan 20^\circ \cdot \tan 51^\circ \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot \cot 51^\circ \times \cot 20^\circ = \\ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot \tan 20^\circ \cdot \cot 20^\circ \cdot \tan 51^\circ \cdot \cot 51^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

Answers: (a) $3\frac{3}{4} - 2\sqrt{3}$ (b) $1\frac{1}{2}$ (c) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$