

## Basic trigonometric identities

*Remark:* You should memorize all numerated formulas.

**№1.** Prove the so called *Pythagorean trigonometric identity*:

$$\sin^2 \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi = 1. \quad (1)$$

**№2.** Also prove this handy identity<sup>1</sup>:

$$\tan \varphi \cdot \cot \varphi = 1. \quad (2)$$

**№3.** Can these equalities hold simultaneously?

$$1. \quad \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \cos \alpha = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3};$$

$$3. \quad \sin \alpha = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \quad \cos \varphi = \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}};$$

$$2. \quad \tan \alpha = 5, \quad \cot \alpha = 0.2;$$

$$4. \quad \sin \alpha = \frac{2\sqrt{4+2a}}{a+4}, \quad \cos \varphi = -\frac{a}{a+4}.$$

**№4.** Now prove these two identities:

$$1 + \tan^2 \varphi = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \varphi}, \quad (3)$$

$$1 + \cot^2 \varphi = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \varphi}. \quad (4)$$

**№5.** Can these equalities hold simultaneously?

$$1. \quad \cos \alpha = \frac{2}{3}, \quad \tan \alpha = -\frac{1}{3};$$

$$2. \quad \sin \alpha = -\frac{2}{7}, \quad \cot \alpha = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

**№6.** Compute the value of trigonometric functions of angle  $\beta$ :

$$1. \quad \sin \beta = -\frac{1}{4};$$

$$2. \quad \tan \alpha = -3, \quad \frac{\pi}{2} < \beta < \pi.$$

**№7.** Prove the following identities:

$$1. \quad \sin^4 \alpha \cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha \cos^4 \alpha = \sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \alpha;$$

$$2. \quad \cot^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \alpha = \cot^2 \alpha \cos^2 \alpha;$$

$$3. \quad (\tan^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha) \cdot \frac{\cot^2 \alpha}{\sin^2 \alpha} = 1;$$

$$4. \quad 2(\sin^6 \alpha + \cos^6 \alpha) - 3(\sin^4 \alpha + \cos^4 \alpha) = -1.$$

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<sup>1</sup>In post-Soviet countries  $\tan x$  is usually denoted as  $\operatorname{tg} x$  and  $\operatorname{ctg} x$  stands for  $\cot x$ .