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WEEK 11

School: Ba Sangam College

Year / Level: 13

Subject: Mathematics

Name of student: _____

Strand	4 – Trigonometry
Sub strand	4.4 – Application of Addition Formulae
Content Learning Outcome	Transform trigonometric expressions into simple ones

Transformation of trigonometric expressions of the form $A \cos \theta + B \sin \theta$

Ref. Yr 13 Mathematics Textbook Pg 96-

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Addition Formulae

- $\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$
- $\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$

$$(i) \quad a \cos \theta \pm b \sin \theta = r \cos(\theta \pm \alpha)$$

$$(ii) \quad a \cos \theta \pm b \sin \theta = r \sin(\theta \pm \alpha)$$

where α is an angle to be found and r is the modulus i.e. $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ and a and b are *coefficients* of $\cos \theta$ and $\sin \theta$ respectively.

Example : Express $y = 2 \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta$ in the form of $R \sin(\theta + \alpha)$.

✍ Answer

$$a = 2, b = 3 \therefore r = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2}$$

$$r = \sqrt{13}$$

Apply Addition law: • $\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$
 $\sin(\theta + \alpha) = [\sin \theta \cos \alpha + \cos \theta \sin \alpha]$
 $r \sin(\theta + \alpha) = r \sin \theta \cos \alpha + r \cos \theta \sin \alpha$

substituting r yields: $\sqrt{13} \sin \theta \cos \alpha + \sqrt{13} \cos \theta \sin \alpha$

Thus in general form,

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \nearrow \quad \quad \quad \searrow \\
 2 \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta \\
 \nwarrow \quad \quad \quad \nearrow \\
 \sqrt{13} \sin \alpha \cos \theta + \sqrt{13} \cos \alpha \sin \theta
 \end{array}$$

Compare Sine & Cosine functions

$$2 = \sqrt{13} \sin \alpha$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}\right)$$

$$\alpha = 33.69^\circ$$

$$3 = \sqrt{13} \cos \alpha$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}\right)$$

$$\alpha = 33.69^\circ$$

Since both give the same value for α ,

$$\therefore 2 \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta = \sqrt{13} \sin(\theta + 33.69^\circ)$$

Example 2: Express $y = 2 \cos \theta + \sqrt{2} \sin \theta$ in the form of $R \cos(\theta + \alpha)$.

Answer

$$a = 2, b = \sqrt{2} \therefore r = \sqrt{\sqrt{2}^2 + 2^2}$$

$$r = \sqrt{6}$$

Apply Addition law: $\bullet \cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$

And substituting r yields: $\sqrt{6} \cos \theta \cos \alpha - \sqrt{6} \sin \theta \sin \alpha$

Thus in general form,

$$2 \cos \theta + \sqrt{2} \sin \theta$$

$$= \sqrt{6} \cos \alpha \cos \theta + \sqrt{6} \sin \alpha \sin \theta$$

Compare Sine & Cosine functions

$$2 = \sqrt{6} \cos \alpha$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\right)$$

$$\alpha = 35.26^\circ$$

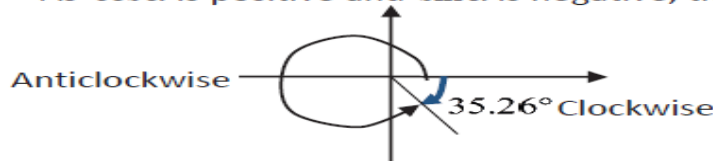
$$\sqrt{2} = -\sqrt{6} \sin \alpha$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{-\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6}}\right)$$

$$\alpha = -35.26^\circ$$

As $\cos \alpha$ is positive and $\sin \alpha$ is negative, the angle lies in the 4th quadrant



Anticlockwise angle is positive
Clockwise angle is negative

$$\alpha = 360 - 35.26$$

$$= 324.74^\circ \text{ or } -35.26^\circ$$

$$\therefore 2 \cos \theta + \sqrt{2} \sin \theta = \sqrt{6} \cos(\theta - 35.26^\circ)$$

ACTIVITY:

(4 marks each)

1. Express $y = 2 \sin \theta - \cos \theta$ in the form $R \sin(\theta - \alpha)$

2. Express $y = \sqrt{3} \cos \theta - \sin \theta$ in the form $R \sin(\theta - \alpha)$.

3. Express $y = \sqrt{3} \cos \theta + \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta + \alpha)$.

