

EXAM 4 - MATH 140

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Read each problem very carefully before starting to solve it. Each question is worth 3 points. It is necessary to show your work. Correct answers without explanations are worth 0 points.

GOOD LUCK!!

1. Show the following trigonometric identities:

(a) $\frac{1-\tan^2 \theta}{1+\tan^2 \theta} + 1 = 2 \cos^2 \theta$

(b) $\frac{\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = \cos^2 \theta$

2. Find the exact value of the expressions $\sin(\alpha - \beta)$ and $\cos(\alpha - \beta)$ if

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{5}{12}, \quad \pi < \alpha < \frac{3\pi}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad \sin \beta = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad \pi < \beta < \frac{3\pi}{2}.$$

3. Solve the following trigonometric equations, where $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$.

(a) $(\cot \theta + 1)(\csc \theta - \frac{1}{2}) = 0$

(b) $\cos(2\theta) + 5 \cos \theta + 3 = 0$

4. George needs to determine the height of a tree before cutting it down to be sure that it will not fall on a nearby fence. The angle of elevation of the tree from one position on a flat path from the tree is 30° and from a second position 40 feet farther along this path it is 20° . What is the height of the tree? (You are given that $\sin(20^\circ) \cong \frac{1}{3}$.)
5. Solve the triangle $\triangle ABC$ if you know that $\alpha = 120^\circ$, $b = 4$ and $c = 1$.
6. Prove the following formula for the area A of a triangle

$$A = \frac{a^2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{2 \sin \alpha}.$$