

## Question 1 (Jan 2009, Q9)

### Worked Solution

(i) **Prove**  $\cos 3\theta \equiv 4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta$ :

Write  $\cos 3\theta = \cos(2\theta + \theta)$  and expand:

$$\cos(2\theta + \theta) = \cos 2\theta \cos \theta - \sin 2\theta \sin \theta$$

Substitute  $\cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$  and  $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$ :

$$= (2 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \cos \theta - 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta = 2 \cos^3 \theta - \cos \theta - 2 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta$$

Replace  $\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta$ :

$$= 2 \cos^3 \theta - \cos \theta - 2(1 - \cos^2 \theta) \cos \theta = 2 \cos^3 \theta - \cos \theta - 2 \cos \theta + 2 \cos^3 \theta$$

$$\cos 3\theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \quad \checkmark$$

(ii) **Hence prove**  $\cos 6\theta \equiv 32 \cos^6 \theta - 48 \cos^4 \theta + 18 \cos^2 \theta - 1$ :

Use  $\cos 6\theta = 2 \cos^2 3\theta - 1$ , substituting the result from (i):

$$\cos 6\theta = 2(4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta)^2 - 1$$

Expand  $(4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta)^2 = 16 \cos^6 \theta - 24 \cos^4 \theta + 9 \cos^2 \theta$ :

$$\cos 6\theta = 2(16 \cos^6 \theta - 24 \cos^4 \theta + 9 \cos^2 \theta) - 1$$

$$\cos 6\theta = 32 \cos^6 \theta - 48 \cos^4 \theta + 18 \cos^2 \theta - 1 \quad \checkmark$$

(iii) **Show the only solutions of**  $1 + \cos 6\theta = 18 \cos^2 \theta$  **are odd multiples of**  $90^\circ$ :

Substitute the result from (ii):

$$1 + 32 \cos^6 \theta - 48 \cos^4 \theta + 18 \cos^2 \theta - 1 = 18 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$32 \cos^6 \theta - 48 \cos^4 \theta = 0$$

$$16 \cos^4 \theta (2 \cos^2 \theta - 3) = 0$$

Let  $c = \cos \theta$ : either  $c^4 = 0$  or  $2c^2 = 3$ .

$2c^2 = 3 \Rightarrow c^2 = \frac{3}{2} > 1$ : no real solutions.

$c = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 90^\circ, 270^\circ, \dots$  i.e. odd multiples of  $90^\circ$ .

The only solutions are odd multiples of  $90^\circ$ .  $\checkmark$

## Question 2 (Jan 2010, Q9)

### Worked Solution

Let  $\tan 10^\circ = p$ .

(i)  $\tan 55^\circ$  in terms of  $p$ :

Write  $55^\circ = 45^\circ + 10^\circ$  and use the addition formula:

$$\tan 55^\circ = \tan(45^\circ + 10^\circ) = \frac{\tan 45^\circ + \tan 10^\circ}{1 - \tan 45^\circ \tan 10^\circ} = \frac{1 + p}{1 - p}$$

$$\tan 55^\circ = \frac{1 + p}{1 - p}$$

(ii)  $\tan 5^\circ$  in terms of  $p$ :

Use the double angle formula  $\tan 10^\circ = \tan(2 \times 5^\circ)$ :

$$p = \frac{2t}{1 - t^2} \quad \text{where } t = \tan 5^\circ$$

$$p(1 - t^2) = 2t \implies pt^2 + 2t - p = 0$$

$$t = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 4p^2}}{2p} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + p^2}}{p}$$

Since  $\tan 5^\circ > 0$ , take the positive root:

$$\tan 5^\circ = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + p^2}}{p}$$

(iii)  $\tan \theta$  where  $3 \sin(\theta + 10^\circ) = 7 \cos(\theta - 10^\circ)$ :

Expand both sides:

$$3(\sin \theta \cos 10^\circ + \cos \theta \sin 10^\circ) = 7(\cos \theta \cos 10^\circ + \sin \theta \sin 10^\circ)$$

$$3 \sin \theta \cos 10^\circ + 3 \cos \theta \sin 10^\circ = 7 \cos \theta \cos 10^\circ + 7 \sin \theta \sin 10^\circ$$

Divide through by  $\cos \theta \cos 10^\circ$ :

$$3 \tan \theta + 3 \tan 10^\circ = 7 + 7 \tan \theta \tan 10^\circ$$

$$3 \tan \theta + 3p = 7 + 7p \tan \theta$$

$$\tan \theta(3 - 7p) = 7 - 3p$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{7 - 3p}{3 - 7p}$$

### Question 3 (Jun 2011, Q9)

#### Worked Solution

(i) **Prove**  $\frac{\sin(\theta - \alpha) + 3 \sin \theta + \sin(\theta + \alpha)}{\cos(\theta - \alpha) + 3 \cos \theta + \cos(\theta + \alpha)} \equiv \tan \theta$ :

Expand the numerator:

$$\sin(\theta - \alpha) + \sin(\theta + \alpha) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \alpha$$

So numerator =  $2 \sin \theta \cos \alpha + 3 \sin \theta = \sin \theta(2 \cos \alpha + 3)$ .

Expand the denominator:

$$\cos(\theta - \alpha) + \cos(\theta + \alpha) = 2 \cos \theta \cos \alpha$$

So denominator =  $2 \cos \theta \cos \alpha + 3 \cos \theta = \cos \theta(2 \cos \alpha + 3)$ .

Therefore:

$$\frac{\sin \theta(2 \cos \alpha + 3)}{\cos \theta(2 \cos \alpha + 3)} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$\equiv \tan \theta \quad \checkmark$

(ii) **Exact value of**  $\frac{4 \sin 149^\circ + 12 \sin 150^\circ + 4 \sin 151^\circ}{3 \cos 149^\circ + 9 \cos 150^\circ + 3 \cos 151^\circ}$ :

Factor out: numerator =  $4(\sin 149^\circ + \sin 151^\circ) + 12 \sin 150^\circ$ , denominator =  $3(\cos 149^\circ + \cos 151^\circ) + 9 \cos 150^\circ$ .

This matches the identity with  $\theta = 150^\circ$ ,  $\alpha = 1^\circ$ , scaled by factor  $\frac{4}{3}$ :

Numerator:  $4 \times [\sin 149^\circ + 3 \sin 150^\circ + \sin 151^\circ]$ . Denominator:  $3 \times [\cos 149^\circ + 3 \cos 150^\circ + \cos 151^\circ]$ .

By part (i) with  $\theta = 150^\circ$ ,  $\alpha = 1^\circ$ :

$$\frac{4[\sin(\theta - \alpha) + 3 \sin \theta + \sin(\theta + \alpha)]}{3[\cos(\theta - \alpha) + 3 \cos \theta + \cos(\theta + \alpha)]} = \frac{4}{3} \tan 150^\circ = \frac{4}{3} \times \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$= -\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{9}$

(iii) **Solve**  $\frac{\sin(6\theta - 15^\circ) + 3 \sin 6\theta + \sin(6\theta + 15^\circ)}{\cos(6\theta - 15^\circ) + 3 \cos 6\theta + \cos(6\theta + 15^\circ)} = k$  for  $0^\circ < \theta < 60^\circ$ :

By part (i) with  $\phi = 6\theta$ ,  $\alpha = 15^\circ$ , this equals  $\tan 6\theta = k$ .

So  $6\theta = \tan^{-1} k$ , giving  $\theta = \frac{1}{6} \tan^{-1} k$ .

A second solution in  $0 < 6\theta < 360^\circ$  uses  $6\theta = \tan^{-1} k + 180^\circ$ :

$\theta = \frac{1}{6} \tan^{-1} k \quad \text{and} \quad \theta = \frac{1}{6} \tan^{-1} k + 30^\circ$

## Question 4 (Jan 2013, Q9)

### Worked Solution

**(i) Prove**  $\cos^2(\theta + 45^\circ) - \frac{1}{2}(\cos 2\theta - \sin 2\theta) \equiv \sin^2 \theta$ :

Expand  $\cos(\theta + 45^\circ) = \cos \theta \cos 45^\circ - \sin \theta \sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\cos \theta - \sin \theta)$ :

$$\cos^2(\theta + 45^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}(\cos \theta - \sin \theta)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\cos^2 \theta - 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sin 2\theta)$$

So the left-hand side:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sin 2\theta) - \frac{1}{2}(\cos 2\theta - \sin 2\theta) &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2\theta) = \sin^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\equiv \sin^2 \theta \quad \checkmark$$

**(ii) Solve**  $6 \cos^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta + 45^\circ) - 3(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) = 2$  for  $-90^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ :

By part (i) with  $\frac{\theta}{2}$  replacing  $\theta$ :  $\cos^2(\frac{\theta}{2} + 45^\circ) = \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$ .

Also note  $\cos \theta - \sin \theta = \cos 2 \cdot \frac{\theta}{2} - \sin 2 \cdot \frac{\theta}{2}$ , but using the identity directly:

$$6 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - 3(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) = 2$$

Use  $\cos \theta - \sin \theta$ : from the identity,  $\frac{1}{2}(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \dots$  Let's apply the identity from (i) with substitution  $\frac{1}{2}\theta$ :

$$\cos^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta + 45^\circ) = \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \theta).$$

$$\text{So: } 6 \times \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \theta) - 3(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) = 2$$

$$3 - 3 \cos \theta - 3 \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta = 2$$

$$3 \sin \theta - 6 \cos \theta = -1$$

Hmm – let me re-examine. The question uses  $6 \cos^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta + 45^\circ) - 3(\cos \theta - \sin \theta)$ .

From (i) with  $\theta \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\theta$ : left side =  $6 \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta)$ .

Use  $6 \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) = 3(1 - \cos \theta)$ :

$$3(1 - \cos \theta) - 3(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) = 2$$

$$3 - 3 \cos \theta - 3 \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta = 2$$

$$3 \sin \theta - 6 \cos \theta = -1$$

Use  $\sin \frac{1}{2}\theta = c$  approach or directly: divide by  $\cos \theta \dots$  Actually use  $\sin 2\phi = 2 \sin \phi \cos \phi$ . Rewrite:

$$3 \sin \theta - 6 \cos \theta = -1 \implies \sin \theta - 2 \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

Let  $\sin \frac{\theta}{2} = c$ . Then  $\sin \theta = 2c\sqrt{1-c^2}$ ,  $\cos \theta = 1 - 2c^2 \dots$  this becomes complex. Instead use the direct result. We need  $\sin \theta/2 = c$ :

Actually the mark scheme says: use identity to get  $\sin \frac{1}{2}\theta = c$  where  $c$  is a constant. The equation becomes  $6 \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) = 2$  after the subtraction cancels? Let me re-read the question.

The question is:  $6 \cos^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta + 45^\circ) - 3(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) = 2$ .

From (i) with  $\theta \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\theta$ :  $\cos^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta + 45^\circ) - \frac{1}{2}(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) = \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta)$ .

So  $\cos^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta + 45^\circ) = \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) + \frac{1}{2}(\cos \theta - \sin \theta)$ .

Substituting:

$$6 \left[ \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) + \frac{1}{2}(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) \right] - 3(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) = 2$$

$$6 \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) + 3(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) - 3(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) = 2$$

$$6 \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) = 2 \implies \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) = \frac{1}{3} \implies \sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta) = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

For  $-90^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ :  $-45^\circ < \frac{1}{2}\theta < 45^\circ$ .

$$\frac{1}{2}\theta = \pm \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \pm 35.26\dots^\circ$$

$$\theta = \pm 70.5^\circ \quad (\text{to 1 d.p.})$$

$$\theta = 70.5^\circ \text{ and } \theta = -70.5^\circ$$

**(iii) Range of  $k$  for two solutions of  $6 \cos^2(\frac{1}{3}\theta + 45^\circ) - 3(\cos \frac{2}{3}\theta - \sin \frac{2}{3}\theta) = k$  in  $-90^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ :**

By the same working with  $\theta \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}\theta$ :  $6 \sin^2(\frac{1}{3}\theta) = k$ , so  $\sin^2(\frac{1}{3}\theta) = \frac{k}{6}$ .

For  $-90^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ :  $-30^\circ < \frac{1}{3}\theta < 30^\circ$ , so  $0 \leq \sin^2(\frac{1}{3}\theta) < \frac{1}{4}$ .

Two solutions (one positive and one negative angle) exist when  $0 < \frac{k}{6} < \frac{1}{4}$ , i.e.  $0 < k < \frac{3}{2}$ .

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## Question 5 (Jun 2015, Q9)

### Worked Solution

$$f(\theta) = \sin(\theta + 30^\circ) + \cos(\theta + 60^\circ).$$

**(i) Show**  $f(\theta) = \cos \theta$ , **then**  $f(4\theta) + 4f(2\theta) \equiv 8 \cos^4 \theta - 3$ :

Expand using addition formulae:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta) &= \sin \theta \cos 30^\circ + \cos \theta \sin 30^\circ + \cos \theta \cos 60^\circ - \sin \theta \sin 60^\circ \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin \theta + \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin \theta = \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Now:

$$f(4\theta) + 4f(2\theta) = \cos 4\theta + 4 \cos 2\theta$$

Use  $\cos 4\theta = 2 \cos^2 2\theta - 1$  and  $\cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \cos^2 2\theta - 1 + 4 \cos 2\theta = 2(2 \cos^2 \theta - 1)^2 - 1 + 4(2 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \\ &= 2(4 \cos^4 \theta - 4 \cos^2 \theta + 1) - 1 + 8 \cos^2 \theta - 4 \\ &= 8 \cos^4 \theta - 8 \cos^2 \theta + 2 - 1 + 8 \cos^2 \theta - 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 8 \cos^4 \theta - 3 \quad \checkmark$$

**(ii)(a) Greatest and least values of**  $\frac{1}{f(4\theta) + 4f(2\theta) + 7}$ :

From (i):  $f(4\theta) + 4f(2\theta) = 8 \cos^4 \theta - 3$ .

Range of  $\cos^4 \theta$ :  $0 \leq \cos^4 \theta \leq 1$ , so  $8 \cos^4 \theta - 3 \in [-3, 5]$ .

Denominator ranges over  $[-3 + 7, 5 + 7] = [4, 12]$ .

Greatest value:  $\frac{1}{4}$  (when  $\cos \theta = 0$ )

Least value:  $\frac{1}{12}$  (when  $\cos \theta = \pm 1$ )

**(ii)(b) Solve**  $\sin(12\alpha + 30^\circ) + \cos(12\alpha + 60^\circ) + 4 \sin(6\alpha + 30^\circ) + 4 \cos(6\alpha + 60^\circ) = 1$  **for**  $0^\circ < \alpha < 60^\circ$ :

This is  $f(12\alpha) + 4f(6\alpha) = 1$ , i.e.  $8 \cos^4(3\alpha) - 3 = 1$ :

$$8 \cos^4(3\alpha) = 4 \implies \cos^4(3\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \implies \cos^2(3\alpha) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cos(3\alpha) = \pm 2^{-1/4}$$

$3\alpha \in (0^\circ, 180^\circ)$ :  $\cos(3\alpha) = 2^{-1/4} = 0.8409 \dots \implies 3\alpha = 32.766 \dots^\circ \implies \alpha = 10.9^\circ$

$\cos(3\alpha) = -2^{-1/4} \implies 3\alpha = 180^\circ - 32.77^\circ = 147.23^\circ \implies \alpha = 49.1^\circ$

$$\alpha = 10.9^\circ \text{ and } \alpha = 49.1^\circ$$

## Question 6 (Jan 2006, Q9)

### Worked Solution

(i) Show  $\sin 3\theta = 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta$ :

Write  $\sin 3\theta = \sin(2\theta + \theta)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sin 2\theta \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta \sin \theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta + (1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta) \sin \theta \\ &= 2 \sin \theta (1 - \sin^2 \theta) + \sin \theta - 2 \sin^3 \theta = 2 \sin \theta - 2 \sin^3 \theta + \sin \theta - 2 \sin^3 \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin 3\theta = 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta \quad \checkmark$$

(ii) Greatest value of  $9 \sin(\frac{10}{3}\alpha) - 12 \sin^3(\frac{10}{3}\alpha)$  and smallest positive  $\alpha$ :

Factor:  $9 \sin(\frac{10}{3}\alpha) - 12 \sin^3(\frac{10}{3}\alpha) = 3[3 \sin(\frac{10}{3}\alpha) - 4 \sin^3(\frac{10}{3}\alpha)] = 3 \sin(3 \times \frac{10}{3}\alpha) = 3 \sin(10\alpha)$ .

The greatest value of  $3 \sin(10\alpha)$  is 3, occurring when  $\sin(10\alpha) = 1$ , i.e.  $10\alpha = 90^\circ$ , so  $\alpha = 9^\circ$ .

$$\text{Greatest value: } 3; \text{ smallest positive } \alpha = 9^\circ$$

(iii) Solve  $3 \sin 6\beta \operatorname{cosec} 2\beta = 4$  for  $0^\circ < \beta < 90^\circ$ :

Write  $\operatorname{cosec} 2\beta = \frac{1}{\sin 2\beta}$ :

$$\frac{3 \sin 6\beta}{\sin 2\beta} = 4$$

Use  $\sin 6\beta = \sin(3 \times 2\beta) = 3 \sin 2\beta - 4 \sin^3 2\beta$  (from part (i) with  $\theta = 2\beta$ ):

$$\frac{3(3 \sin 2\beta - 4 \sin^3 2\beta)}{\sin 2\beta} = 4$$

$$3(3 - 4 \sin^2 2\beta) = 4$$

$$9 - 12 \sin^2 2\beta = 4 \implies \sin^2 2\beta = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$\sin 2\beta = \sqrt{\frac{5}{12}} \quad (\text{positive since } 0 < 2\beta < 180^\circ)$$

$$2\beta = \arcsin \sqrt{\frac{5}{12}} = 40.2 \dots^\circ \quad \text{or} \quad 2\beta = 180^\circ - 40.2^\circ = 139.8^\circ$$

$$\beta = 20.1^\circ \quad \text{or} \quad \beta = 69.9^\circ$$

$$\beta = 20.1^\circ \text{ and } \beta = 69.9^\circ$$

## Question 7 (Jun 2016, Q9)

### Worked Solution

(i) Show  $\sin 2\theta(\tan \theta + \cot \theta) \equiv 2$ :

$$\text{Write } \tan \theta + \cot \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} = \frac{1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}.$$

Use  $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$ :

$$\sin 2\theta(\tan \theta + \cot \theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \times \frac{1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} = 2$$

$$\equiv 2 \quad \checkmark$$

(ii)(a) Exact value of  $\tan \frac{1}{12}\pi + \tan \frac{1}{8}\pi + \cot \frac{1}{12}\pi + \cot \frac{1}{8}\pi$ :

Regroup:  $(\tan \frac{\pi}{12} + \cot \frac{\pi}{12}) + (\tan \frac{\pi}{8} + \cot \frac{\pi}{8})$ .

By part (i):  $\tan \phi + \cot \phi = \frac{2}{\sin 2\phi}$ .

$$= \frac{2}{\sin \frac{\pi}{6}} + \frac{2}{\sin \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{2}{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = 4 + \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} = 4 + 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$4 + 2\sqrt{2}$$

(ii)(b) Solve  $\sin 4\theta(\tan \theta + \cot \theta) = 1$  for  $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ :

Write  $\sin 4\theta(\tan \theta + \cot \theta) = \sin 4\theta \times \frac{2}{\sin 2\theta}$  (using part (i) result):

Actually using part (i):  $\tan \theta + \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} = \frac{2}{\sin 2\theta}$ .

$\sin 4\theta \times \frac{2}{\sin 2\theta} = 1$ . Use  $\sin 4\theta = 2 \sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta$ :

$$\frac{2 \times 2 \sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta}{\sin 2\theta} = 4 \cos 2\theta = 1$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \frac{1}{4} \implies 2\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 75.52\dots^\circ$$

$$\theta = 0.659\dots \text{ rad}$$

( $2\theta$  in  $(0, \pi)$ , so one solution.)

$$\theta = 0.659 \text{ (or } 0.66) \text{ radians}$$

(ii)(c) Express  $(1 - \cos 2\theta)^2(\tan \frac{1}{2}\theta + \cot \frac{1}{2}\theta)^3$  in terms of  $\sin \theta$ :

$(1 - \cos 2\theta) = 2 \sin^2 \theta$ , so  $(1 - \cos 2\theta)^2 = 4 \sin^4 \theta$ .

Using part (i) result with  $\frac{1}{2}\theta$ :  $\tan \frac{\theta}{2} + \cot \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{2}{\sin \theta}$ .



$$4 \sin^4 \theta \times \left( \frac{2}{\sin \theta} \right)^3 = 4 \sin^4 \theta \times \frac{8}{\sin^3 \theta} = \frac{32 \sin \theta}{1}$$

$$32 \sin \theta$$

## Question 8 (Jun 2017, Q8)

### Worked Solution

**(i) Express**  $3 \sin 2\theta \sec \theta + 4 \sin 2\theta \operatorname{cosec} \theta$  **in the form**  $R \sin(\theta + \alpha)$ ,  $R > 0$ ,  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ :

Use  $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \sin 2\theta \sec \theta + 4 \sin 2\theta \operatorname{cosec} \theta &= 3 \sin 2\theta \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \theta} + 4 \sin 2\theta \cdot \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{3 \times 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{4 \times 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = 6 \sin \theta + 8 \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Now write  $6 \sin \theta + 8 \cos \theta = R \sin(\theta + \alpha)$ :

$$R \sin(\theta + \alpha) = R \cos \alpha \sin \theta + R \sin \alpha \cos \theta$$

Matching:  $R \cos \alpha = 6$ ,  $R \sin \alpha = 8$ .

$$R = \sqrt{6^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{100} = 10$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3} \implies \alpha = 53.13\dots^\circ$$

$$3 \sin 2\theta \sec \theta + 4 \sin 2\theta \operatorname{cosec} \theta \equiv 10 \sin(\theta + 53.1^\circ)$$

**(ii) Solve**  $3 \sin(2\beta + 20^\circ) \sec(\beta + 10^\circ) + 4 \sin(2\beta + 20^\circ) \operatorname{cosec}(\beta + 10^\circ) = 3$  **for**  $0^\circ < \beta < 360^\circ$ :

Let  $\phi = \beta + 10^\circ$ . The expression becomes  $3 \sin 2\phi \sec \phi + 4 \sin 2\phi \operatorname{cosec} \phi = 3$ , which by part (i) equals  $10 \sin(\phi + 53.13^\circ) = 3$ :

$$\sin(\beta + 10^\circ + 53.13^\circ) = \frac{3}{10} = 0.3$$

$$\sin(\beta + 63.13^\circ) = 0.3$$

$$\beta + 63.13^\circ = \arcsin(0.3) = 17.46^\circ \quad \text{or} \quad 180^\circ - 17.46^\circ = 162.54^\circ$$

For  $\beta \in (0^\circ, 360^\circ)$ ,  $\beta + 63.13^\circ \in (63.13^\circ, 423.13^\circ)$ .

First solution:  $\beta + 63.13^\circ = 162.54^\circ \implies \beta = 99.4^\circ$

Second solution:  $\beta + 63.13^\circ = 360^\circ + 17.46^\circ = 377.46^\circ \implies \beta = 314.3^\circ$

$$\beta = 99.4^\circ \text{ and } \beta = 314^\circ \text{ (both to nearest } 0.1^\circ)$$

End of Worked Solutions