

## 1992 National Mu Alpha Theta Convention

### Trigonometry Topic Test Answers:

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| 1. D  | 16. C |
| 2. B  | 17. C |
| 3. B  | 18. B |
| 4. A  | 19. D |
| 5. D  | 20. A |
| 6. D  | 21. D |
| 7. C  | 22. A |
| 8. C  | 23. C |
| 9. C  | 24. D |
| 10. C | 25. D |
| 11. A | 26. D |
| 12. C | 27. C |
| 13. A | 28. B |
| 14. A | 29. A |
| 15. D | 30. A |

1992 MAE Convention  
TRIGONOMETRY TEST  
Solutions

↓ 1.  $\tan\left(q + \frac{19\pi}{2}\right) = \tan\left(q + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\sin\left(q + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{\cos\left(q + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)} = \frac{\cos q}{-\sin q} = -\cot q = \boxed{\frac{-1}{b}}$

B 2. sine is positive, so cosecant is positive.  
cosine is negative, so secant is negative. The answer is  $\boxed{2}$ .  
tangent is negative, so cotangent is negative.

B 3.  $\tan 2a = \frac{2\tan a}{1 - \tan^2 a} = \frac{8}{1 - 16} = \boxed{-\frac{8}{15}}$

A 4.  $\sec 2a = \frac{1}{\cos 2a} = \frac{1}{1 - 2\sin^2 a} = \frac{1}{1 - 2\left(\frac{9}{16}\right)} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{18}{16}} = \frac{1}{-\frac{2}{16}} = \boxed{-8}$

↓ D 5.  $\cos(\pi - a) = \cos \pi \cos a + \sin \pi \sin a = \boxed{-\cos a}$

D 6. Secant(x) ranges from  $\pm 1$  to  $\pm \infty$ , so that  
 $17 \sec(3x)$  ranges from  $-\infty$  to  $-17$  and  
 $17$  to  $\infty$ . The answer is  $\boxed{(-\infty, -17] \text{ and } [17, \infty)}$ .

C 7.  $\sec x = 2 \sin x \tan x = 2 \sin x \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{2 \sin^2 x}{\cos x}$   
 $\frac{1}{\cos x} = \frac{2 \sin^2 x}{\cos x} \Rightarrow 1 = 2 \sin^2 x$  (since  $\cos x \neq 0$ )  $\Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{4}}$

C 8.  $\sin(-x) = -\sin x$   $\cos(-x) = \cos x$   $\sec(-x) = \sec x$   $\csc(-x) = -\csc x$   
 $\tan(-x) = -\tan x$   $\cot(-x) = \cot x$ . Combining these we can see  
that i), iv) work and ii), iii) don't.  $\boxed{\text{Two}}$  is the answer.

C 9.  $\sqrt{\frac{2\sin x - \cos x \sin 2x}{\sin 2x \sec x}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\cos x \sin x - \cos^2 x \sin 2x}{\sin 2x}} = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 x} = \boxed{\sin x}$ .

C 10.  $\sin 4x\pi$  repeats every  $\frac{1}{2}$ , since  $4\pi(\frac{1}{2}) = 2\pi$ ;  $\cos 5x\pi$  repeats every  $\frac{2}{5}$ . (The amplitudes and phases are irrelevant to the period.) Thus the sine term is the same at  $\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, \dots$ , and the cosine term at  $\frac{2}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{6}{5}, \frac{8}{5}, 2, \dots$ ; the first time they repeat at the same time is the period, which is at  $\boxed{2}$ .

A 11. The distance from  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the origin is  $\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(a^2 x_0^2 \cos^2 \theta + 2a^2 x_0 y_0 \cos \theta \sin \theta + a^2 y_0^2 \sin^2 \theta) + (a^2 x_0^2 \sin^2 \theta - 2a^2 x_0 y_0 \cos \theta \sin \theta + a^2 y_0^2 \cos^2 \theta)}$   
 $= \sqrt{a^2 x_0^2 + a^2 y_0^2} = a\sqrt{x_0^2 + y_0^2} = \boxed{a r_0}$ . Note that if we notice that the transformation  $(x_0, y_0) \rightarrow (x_1, y_1)$  is just a rotation centered at the origin plus a dilation centered at the origin the result falls out without calculation.

C 12.  $\cos \frac{5\pi}{12} = \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}}$ .

A 13. The law of cosines gives  
 $(BC)^2 = (AB)^2 + (AC)^2 - 2(AB)(AC) \cos \angle A$ ,  
 or  $81 = 16 + 49 - 56 \cos \angle A$   
 $56 \cos \angle A = -16 \Rightarrow \cos \angle A = \boxed{-\frac{2}{7}}$ .

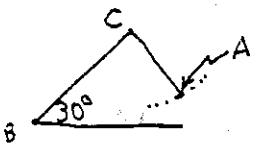
A 14. The extension to the law of sines states that  
 $\frac{x}{\sin X} = D$ , where  $x$  is any side and  $X$  the corresponding angle. Thus  $D = \frac{BC}{\sin \angle A} = \boxed{18}$ .

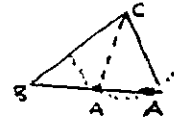
15. We could directly extract  $\sin q$  from  $\sin 2q$  and evaluate, but this is simpler:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sin^2 q + \cos^2 q + \sec^2 q + \tan^2 q + \csc^2 q + \cot^2 q \\ &= 1 + \frac{1 + \sin^2 q}{\cos^2 q} + \frac{1 + \cos^2 q}{\sin^2 q} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1 + \sin^4 q + \cos^4 q}{\sin^2 q \cos^2 q} = 1 + \frac{1 + (\sin^2 q + \cos^2 q)^2 - 2\sin^2 q \cos^2 q}{\sin^2 q \cos^2 q} \end{aligned}$$

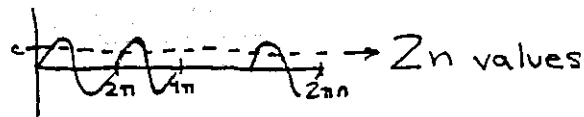
and since  $\sin^2 q \cos^2 q = \frac{\sin^2 2q}{4} = \frac{3}{25}$ , this is  $1 + \frac{25}{3} \left( 2 - \frac{6}{25} \right) = \boxed{\frac{47}{3}}$

C

16.  The altitude is  $BC \sin B = 6$ , which is less than  $AC$ , so there is at least one. Also  $AC < BC$ , so there are **two**.



17. We have  $\sin n\theta = c$  for  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi \Rightarrow 0 \leq n\theta < 2\pi n$ . For each  $2\pi$ , there are two values  $\Rightarrow$  the answer is  $\boxed{2n}$ .



B

$$\begin{aligned} 18. \quad x_{n+2} &= \sin(\cos^{-1}(\sin(\cos^{-1} x_n))) \\ &= \sin(\cos^{-1}(\sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x_n))) \\ &= \sin(\cos^{-1}(\cos(\sin^{-1} x_n))) = \sin(\sin^{-1} x_n) = x_n. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $x_{85} = x_{83} = \dots = x_1 = \sin(\cos^{-1} \frac{5}{13}) = \sin(\sin^{-1} \frac{12}{13}) = \boxed{\frac{12}{13}}$ .

D

$$\begin{aligned} 19. \quad x+y &= \cos(M+N) + \sin(M-N) = \cos M \cos N - \sin M \sin N + \sin M \cos N - \sin N \cos M \\ &= (\cos M + \sin M)(\cos N - \sin N) \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

so that  $\cos M = -\sin M \Rightarrow M = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$

or  $\cos N = \sin N \Rightarrow N = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4} \Rightarrow$  in answer  $\boxed{D} \quad N = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

A 20. We have  $F(-\cos a) = F(\cos(\pi - a)) = \cos 7(\pi - a)$   
 $= \cos(7\pi - 7a) = \cos(\pi - 7a) = -\cos 7a$   
 $= -F(\cos a).$

Thus  $F$  is an odd polynomial, so, without calculation, we know the  $x^2$  coefficient, like all even powers, is  $\boxed{0}$ .

D 21.  $y = |\tan t| = \left| \frac{\sin t}{\cos t} \right| = \frac{|x|}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ ,  $-1 < x < 1$ . The domain is thus bounded, whereas the range goes from 0 to  $\infty$ , with asymptotes at  $x = \pm 1$ .

A 22.  $\cos \frac{\pi}{7} \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} \cos \frac{3\pi}{7} \cos \frac{4\pi}{7} \cos \frac{5\pi}{7} \cos \frac{6\pi}{7}$   
 $= -(\cos \frac{\pi}{7} \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} \cos \frac{3\pi}{7})^2$   
 But  $\cos \frac{\pi}{7} \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} \cos \frac{3\pi}{7} = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{7} \cos \frac{\pi}{7} \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} \cos \frac{3\pi}{7}}{\sin \frac{\pi}{7}}$   
 $= \frac{\sin \frac{2\pi}{7} \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} \cos \frac{3\pi}{7}}{2 \sin \frac{\pi}{7}} = \frac{\sin \frac{4\pi}{7} \cos \frac{3\pi}{7}}{4 \sin \frac{\pi}{7}}$   
 $= \frac{\sin \frac{3\pi}{7} \cos \frac{3\pi}{7}}{4 \sin \frac{\pi}{7}} = \frac{\sin \frac{6\pi}{7}}{8 \sin \frac{\pi}{7}} = \frac{1}{8}$ , so the answer is  $\boxed{-\frac{1}{64}}$

C 23.  $0 < \sin v < \cos w \Rightarrow v, w$  in Quadrant I.

$$\cos w > \sin v = \cos(90^\circ - v) \Rightarrow w < 90^\circ - v \Rightarrow \boxed{v + w < 90^\circ}$$

D 24.  $\cos 3x = \sin 2x \Rightarrow 4\cos^3 x - 3\cos x = 2\sin x \cos x$   
 $\Rightarrow \cos x = 0$  or  $4\cos^2 x - 3 = 2\sin x$   
 $-4\sin^2 x + 1 = 2\sin x$   
 $4\sin^2 x + 2\sin x - 1 = 0$   
 $\sin x = \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{8}$

For  $\cos x = 0$ ,  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$ . For each of the other values we have  $x$  and  $\pi - x$ , or  $x$  and  $3\pi - x$ .  
 The total sum is  $\boxed{6\pi}$ .

P

$$25. \text{Arcsin } a + \text{Arcsin } b = \text{Arcsin } c$$

$$c = \sin(\text{Arcsin } a + \text{Arcsin } b) = \boxed{a\sqrt{1-b^2} + b\sqrt{1-a^2}}, \text{ where}$$

$$\cos(\text{Arcsin } a) = \sqrt{1-\sin^2(\text{Arcsin } a)} = \sqrt{1-a^2}, \text{ etc.}$$

D

$$26. \text{ We square the equations: } \sin^2 A - 2\sin A \sin B + \sin^2 B = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\cos^2 A + 2\cos A \cos B + \cos^2 B = \frac{16}{9}$$

$$\text{Adding, } (\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A) + 2(\cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B)$$

$$+ (\sin^2 B + \cos^2 B) = \frac{17}{9}$$

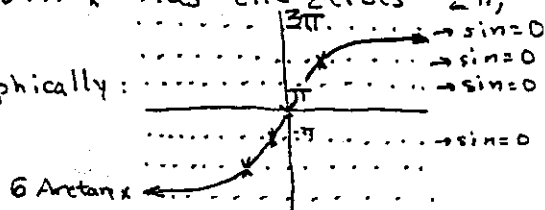
$$2 + 2\cos(A+B) = \frac{17}{9} \Rightarrow \cos(A+B) = \boxed{-\frac{1}{18}}$$

C

27. The range of  $\text{Arctan } x$  is  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ ; the range of  $6\text{Arctan } x$  is then  $(-3\pi, 3\pi)$ ;  $\sin x$  has the zeroes  $-2\pi, -\pi, 0, \pi, 2\pi$

$\Rightarrow$  5 zeroes.

Graphically:



$6\text{Arctan } x$  approaches, but does not reach,  $\pm 3\pi$ .

B

28. Since  $e^{ia} = \cos a + i\sin a$ , we have  $e^{-ia} = \cos a - i\sin a$ , so

$$\cos a = \frac{e^{ia} + e^{-ia}}{2}$$

Similarly,

$$\sin a = \frac{e^{ia} - e^{-ia}}{2i}$$

Writing  $x = \frac{\pi}{40}$  and noting that  $e^{20ix} = e^{i\pi/2} = i$ , we have

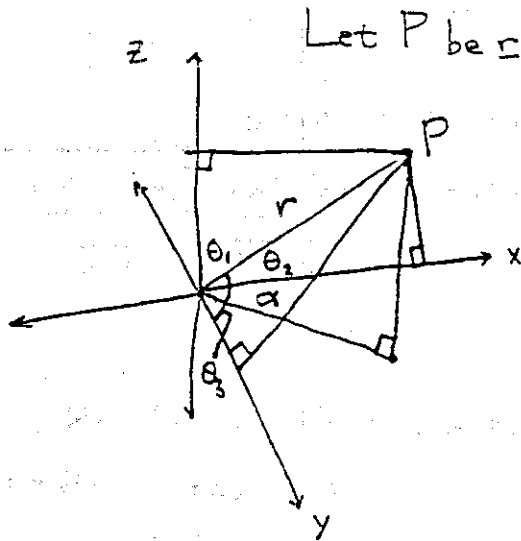
$$\sum_{n=1}^{20} \cos nx = \sum_{n=1}^{20} \frac{e^{inx} + e^{-inx}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{20} e^{inx} + \sum_{n=1}^{20} e^{-inx} \right). \text{ Here}$$

we have two geometric progressions, so this is

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{e^{ix}(1-e^{20ix})}{1-e^{ix}} + \frac{e^{-ix}(1-e^{-20ix})}{1-e^{-ix}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(e^{ix} + e^{-ix} - 2) + i(-e^{ix} + 1 + e^{-ix} - 1)}{2 - e^{ix} - e^{-ix}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2\cos x - 2 + 2\sin x}{2 - 2\cos x} \right) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p+q-1}{1-p} \right)}$$

A 29.



Let  $P$  be away from the origin.

The xyz coordinates of  $P$  are  $(r \cos \theta_2, r \cos \theta_3, r \cos \theta_1)$ .

Now the xyz coordinates can also be written in spherical terms, based on the angle  $\alpha$  in the diagram (these are seen from the right triangles):

$$(r \sin \theta_1 \cos \alpha, r \sin \theta_1 \sin \alpha, r \cos \theta_1)$$

$$\text{Thus } \cos \alpha = \frac{\cos \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1}, \quad \sin \alpha = \frac{\cos \theta_3}{\sin \theta_1}, \quad \text{so}$$

$$1 = \cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha = \frac{\cos^2 \theta_2 + \cos^2 \theta_3}{\sin^2 \theta_1}$$

$$1 - \cos^2 \theta_1 - \cos^2 \theta_2 = \cos^2 \theta_3$$

$$\cos \theta_3 = \sqrt{1 - R^2 - S^2} \quad (\text{positive}).$$

A 30.  $\tan x = \frac{1}{\tan x} - \frac{1 - \tan^2 x}{\tan x} = \frac{1}{\tan x} - 2 \frac{1}{\tan 2x} = \cot x - 2 \cot 2x.$

Using this trick, the sum telescopes:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k \tan(2^k a) &= \tan a + 2 \tan 2a + 4 \tan 4a + \dots \\ &= (\cot a - 2 \cot 2a) + (2 \cot 2a - 4 \cot 4a) \\ &\quad + (4 \cot 4a - 8 \cot 8a) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$= \cot a$$

$$= \frac{\cos a}{\sin a} = \frac{4/5}{3/5} = \boxed{4/3}.$$