

Question #29146

Sum/difference trig problems please help urgent?

1. $\cos(345)$

2. $\sin(405)$

3. $\sin(10\pi/24)$

4. $\tan(-105)$

answer has to be in rads please like $2\pi/4$

Solution.

1. It is known that $\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos(\alpha)\cos(\beta) + \sin(\alpha)\sin(\beta)$.

Observe that $345^\circ = 360^\circ - 15^\circ = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{12}$ and $\cos(2\pi) = 1$, $\sin(2\pi) = 0$. Then

$$\cos(345^\circ) = \cos\left(2\pi - \frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \cos(2\pi)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) + \sin(2\pi)\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right).$$

Taking into account that $\cos(\alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos(2\alpha)}{2}}$ and $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, we obtain

$$\cos(345^\circ) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}}{2}$$

Answer. $\frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}}{2}$

2. Since $\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin(\alpha)\cos(\beta) + \cos(\alpha)\sin(\beta)$, then

$$\sin(405^\circ) = \sin(360^\circ + 45^\circ) = \sin\left(2\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sin(2\pi)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\cos(2\pi) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Answer. $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$.

3. Observe that $\sin\left(\frac{10\pi}{24}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{12\pi-2\pi}{12}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{12}\right)$. Since

$\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin(\alpha)\cos(\beta) - \cos(\alpha)\sin(\beta)$, we have

$$\sin\left(\frac{10\pi}{24}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}}{2}.$$

Answer. $\frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}}{2}$.

4. It is known that $\tan(-\alpha) = -\tan(\alpha)$ and $\tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan(\alpha) + \tan(\beta)}{1 - \tan(\alpha)\tan(\beta)}$. Then

$$\tan(-105^\circ) = -\tan(105^\circ) = -\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{1 - \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{1-\sqrt{3}\cdot 1} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{1-\sqrt{3}}$$

Answer. $-\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{1-\sqrt{3}}$