

Solve. Tangent of an angle using $(m+n)\cot Q = m\cot A - n\cot B$

where m and $n = a$ (each)

$B = \alpha + 2\theta$

$A = \beta$

$Q = 90 - \theta$

Solution.

$$(m+n)\cot Q = m \cdot \cot A - n \cdot \cot B$$

If $m = a$ and $n = a$, we can put them into our equation:

$$2a \cdot \cot Q = a \cdot \cot A - a \cdot \cot B$$

$$2a \cdot \cot Q = a(\cot A - \cot B)$$

$$2 \cot Q = \cot A - \cot B$$

Substituted in equation $B = \alpha + 2\theta$, $A = \beta$, $Q = 90 - \theta$:

$$2 \cot(90 - \theta) = \cot \beta - \cot(\alpha + 2\theta)$$

$$\cot(90 - \theta) = \tan \theta$$

$$2 \tan \theta = \cot \beta - \cot(\alpha + 2\theta)$$

$$\cot(\alpha + 2\theta) = \frac{\cot \alpha \cot 2\theta - 1}{\cot 2\theta + \cot \alpha}$$

$$2 \tan \theta = \cot \beta - \frac{\cot \alpha \cot 2\theta - 1}{\cot 2\theta + \cot \alpha}$$

$$2 \tan \theta (\cot 2\theta + \cot \alpha) = \cot \beta (\cot 2\theta + \cot \alpha) - \cot \alpha \cot 2\theta + 1$$

$$\cot 2\theta = \frac{\cot \theta^2 - 1}{2 \cot \theta}$$

$$2 \tan \theta \left(\frac{\cot \theta^2 - 1}{2 \cot \theta} + \cot \alpha \right) = \cot \beta (\cot 2\theta + \cot \alpha) - \cot \alpha \cot 2\theta + 1$$

$$\tan \theta^2 (\cot \theta^2 - 1) + 2 \tan \theta \cot \alpha = \cot 2\theta (\cot \beta - \cot \alpha) + \cot \beta \cot \alpha + 1$$

$$1 - \tan \theta^2 + 2 \tan \theta \cot \alpha = \cot 2\theta (\cot \beta - \cot \alpha) + \cot \beta \cot \alpha + 1$$

$$\tan \theta^2 - 2 \tan \theta \cot \alpha + \frac{\cot \theta^2 - 1}{2 \cot \theta} (\cot \beta - \cot \alpha) + \cot \beta \cot \alpha = 0$$

Multiply by $\cot \theta$:

$$\tan \theta - 2 \cot \alpha + \frac{(\cot \theta^2 - 1)}{2} (\cot \beta - \cot \alpha) + \cot \beta \cot \alpha = 0$$

$$\tan \theta - 2 \cot \alpha + \frac{\cot \theta^2}{2} (\cot \beta - \cot \alpha) - 2(\cot \beta - \cot \alpha) + \frac{\cot \beta \cot \alpha}{\tan \theta} = 0$$

$$\tan \theta + \frac{\cot \beta \cot \alpha}{\tan \theta} + \frac{(\cot \beta - \cot \alpha)}{2 \tan \theta^2} - 2 \cot \beta = 0$$

$$\cot \theta^2 = x^2$$

$$\frac{(\cot \beta - \cot \alpha)}{2} x^2 + \cot \beta \cot \alpha x + \frac{1}{x} - 2 \cot \beta = 0$$

Multiply by x:

$$\frac{(\cot \beta - \cot \alpha)}{2} x^3 + \cot \beta \cot \alpha x^2 - 2 \cot \beta x + 1 = 0$$

If

$$\frac{(\cot \beta - \cot \alpha)}{2} = -a$$

$$\cot \beta \cot \alpha x^2 = b$$

$$2 \cot \beta = c$$

Then

$$-ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + 1 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(-3ac - 1)}{3a \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{(27a^2 + 9ac + 2)^2 + 4(-3ac - 1)^3} + 27a^2 + 9ac + 2}}$$

$$+ \frac{\sqrt[3]{\sqrt{(27a^2 + 9ac + 2)^2 + 4(-3ac - 1)^3} + 27a^2 + 9ac + 2}}{3\sqrt[3]{2}a} + \frac{1}{3a}$$

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Answer:

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where

$$\cot\theta = x$$

$$\frac{(\cot\beta - \cot\alpha)}{2} = -a$$

$$\cot\beta \cot\alpha x^2 = b$$

$$2 \cot\beta = c$$