

Answer on Question #53993 – Math – Trigonometry



$$\sin 3a + \sin 2a - \sin a = 4 \sin a \cos \frac{a}{2} \cos \frac{3a}{2}$$

Solution

We need to prove

$$\sin 3a + \sin 2a - \sin a = 4 \sin a \cos \frac{a}{2} \cos \frac{3a}{2}$$

(1)

It is known that

$$\sin 2a = 2 \sin a \cos a,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 3a &= \sin 2a \cos a + \cos 2a \sin a = 2 \sin a \cos^2 a + \sin a (1 - 2 \sin^2 a) = \\ &= 3 \sin a - 4 \sin^3 a, \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{Left side of (1): } \sin 3a + \sin 2a - \sin a = 3 \sin a - 4 \sin^3 a + 2 \sin a \cos a - \sin a =$$

$$= 2 \sin a - 4 \sin^3 a + 2 \sin a \cos a;$$

$$\text{Right side of (1): } 4 \sin a \cos \frac{a}{2} \cos \frac{3a}{2} = 2 \sin a \cos a + 2 \sin a - 4 \sin^3 a.$$

So leftside=right side, which proves that (1) holds true for any a