

# ❖ A Help Guide On ❖ PROPERTIES OF TRIANGLES

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**Q01.** In a triangle ABC, if  $a = 18$ ,  $b = 24$  and  $c = 30$ , find  $\cos A$ ,  $\cos B$  and  $\cos C$ .

**Sol.** We have  $a = 18$ ,  $b = 24$  and  $c = 30$

$$\therefore \cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} \Rightarrow \cos A = \frac{24^2 + 30^2 - 18^2}{2 \times 24 \times 30} = \frac{4}{5}$$

Similarly,  $\cos B = \frac{3}{5}$  and  $\cos C = 0$ .

**Q02.** In a  $\triangle ABC$ , if  $a = 18$ ,  $b = 24$  and  $c = 30$ , find  $\sin A$ ,  $\sin B$  and  $\sin C$ .

**Sol.** We have  $a = 18$ ,  $b = 24$  and  $c = 30$

$$\therefore \frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin A}{18} = \frac{\sin B}{24} = \frac{\sin C}{30} = k \text{ (say)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin A = 18k, \sin B = 24k \text{ and } \sin C = 30k.$$

Since  $30^2 = 18^2 + 24^2$  that means  $\triangle ABC$  is a right angled triangle such that  $\angle C = 90^\circ$ , which is the angle opposite to the biggest side  $c$ .

$$\therefore \sin C = \sin 90^\circ = 30k \Rightarrow 1 = 30k \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{30}$$

$$\text{So, } \sin A = 18 \times \frac{1}{30} = \frac{3}{5}, \sin B = 24 \times \frac{1}{30} = \frac{4}{5}.$$

**Q03.** For any triangle ABC, prove that  $\frac{a+b}{c} = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)}{\sin\frac{C}{2}}$ .

**Sol.** See Q17 (e).

**Q04.** For any triangle ABC, prove that  $\frac{a-b}{c} = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)}{\cos\frac{C}{2}}$ .

**Sol.** LHS :  $\frac{a-b}{c} = \frac{k \sin A - k \sin B}{k \sin C}$  [By Sine rule]

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\sin A - \sin B}{\sin C} = \frac{2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2}}{\sin C}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{2 \cos\left(90^\circ - \frac{C}{2}\right) \sin \frac{A-B}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} \quad [ \because A+B+C = 180^\circ ]$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} = \text{RHS.}$$

**Q05.** For any triangle ABC, prove that  $\sin\left(\frac{B-C}{2}\right) = \frac{b-c}{a} \cos \frac{A}{2}$ .

**Sol.** See Q17 (h).

**Q06.** For any triangle ABC, prove that  $a(b \cos C - c \cos B) = b^2 - c^2$ .

**Sol.** See Q17 (o).

**Q07.** For any triangle ABC, prove that  $a(\cos C - \cos B) = 2(b - c)\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$ .

**Sol.** See Q17 (j).

**Q08.** For any triangle ABC, prove that  $\frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2} = \frac{\sin(B - C)}{\sin(B + C)}$ .

**Sol.** See Q17 (f).

**Q09.** For any triangle ABC, prove that  $(b + c)\cos \frac{B + C}{2} = a\cos \frac{B - C}{2}$ .

**Sol.** LHS :  $(b + c)\cos \frac{B + C}{2} = a\cos \frac{B - C}{2} \Rightarrow (b + c)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A}{2}\right) = a\cos \frac{B - C}{2}$  [ $\because A + B + C = \pi$ ]  
 $\Rightarrow a\cos\left(\frac{B - C}{2}\right) = (b + c)\sin \frac{A}{2}$ . Now see Q17 (k).

**Q10.** For any triangle ABC, prove that  $a \cos A + b \cos B + c \cos C = 2a \sin B \sin C$ .

**Sol.** LHS :  $a \cos A + b \cos B + c \cos C$   
 $= k \sin A \cos A + k \sin B \cos B + k \sin C \cos C$  [By Sine rule]  
 $= \frac{k}{2}(2 \sin A \cos A + 2 \sin B \cos B + 2 \sin C \cos C)$   
 $= \frac{k}{2}(\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C)$   
 $= \frac{k}{2}(2 \sin(A + B) \cos(A - B) + 2 \sin C \cos C)$   
 $= k(\sin(\pi - C) \cos(A - B) + \sin C \cos C)$   
 $= k \sin C (\cos(A - B) + \cos[\pi - (A + B)])$   
 $= k \sin C (\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B))$   
 $= k \sin C (-2 \sin A \sin(-B))$   
 $= 2(k \sin A) \sin B \sin C$   
 $= 2a \sin B \sin C = \text{RHS}.$

**Q11.** For any triangle ABC, prove that  $\frac{\cos A}{a} + \frac{\cos B}{b} + \frac{\cos C}{c} = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2abc}$ .

**Sol.** See Q17 (p).

**Q12.** For any triangle ABC, prove that  $(b^2 - c^2)\cot A + (c^2 - a^2)\cot B + (a^2 - b^2)\cot C = 0$ .

**Sol.** See Q17 (v).

**Q13.** For any triangle ABC, prove that  $\frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2} \sin 2A + \frac{c^2 - a^2}{b^2} \sin 2B + \frac{a^2 - b^2}{c^2} \sin 2C = 0$ .

**Sol.** See Q17 (s).

**Q14.** A tree stands vertically on a hill side which makes an angle of  $15^\circ$  with the horizontal. From a point on the ground 35m down hill from the base of the tree, the angle of elevation of the top of the tree is  $60^\circ$ . Find the height of the tree.

**Sol.** Let PQ = h (in metres) be the tree on the hill QR.

In triangle AQR,

$$\frac{QR}{AQ} = \sin 15^\circ \Rightarrow QR = 35 \sin 15^\circ$$

$$\text{and, } AR = AQ \cos 15^\circ = 35 \cos 15^\circ.$$

In triangle APR,

$$\frac{PR}{AR} = \tan 60^\circ \Rightarrow PR = \sqrt{3}AR$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ + QR = \sqrt{3}(35 \cos 15^\circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow h + 35 \sin 15^\circ = \sqrt{3}(35 \cos 15^\circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 35(\sqrt{3} \cos 15^\circ - \sin 15^\circ)$$

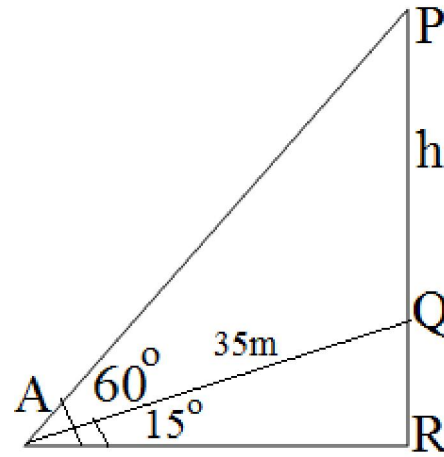
$$\Rightarrow h = 35(\sqrt{3} \cos[45^\circ - 30^\circ] - \sin[45^\circ - 30^\circ])$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 35\left(\sqrt{3} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 35\left(\frac{3+\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{3}+1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 35\sqrt{2}.$$

Hence the height of the tree is  $35\sqrt{2}$  m.



- Q15.** Two ships leave a port at the same time. One goes 24kmph in the direction N  $45^\circ$  E and other goes 32kmph in the direction S  $75^\circ$  E. Find the distance between the ships at the end of 3 hours.

**Sol.** Let two ships A and B start from the port O with speed 24kmph and 32kmph in the direction of OA and OB respectively.

When OA = N  $45^\circ$  E and OB = S  $75^\circ$  E.

$$\angle AOB = \angle AOE + \angle EOB = 45^\circ + 15^\circ = 60^\circ.$$

The distance raveled by ship A in 3 hours

$$\Rightarrow = 3 \times 24 = 72\text{km} = OA$$

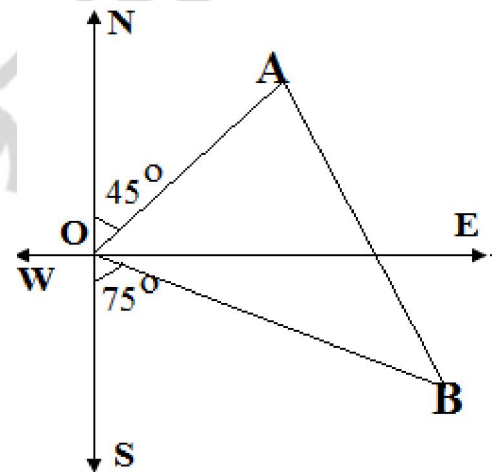
The distance raveled by ship B in 3 hours

$$= 3 \times 32 = 96\text{km} = OB$$

$$\text{In } \triangle OAB, \cos O = \frac{OA^2 + OB^2 - AB^2}{2.OA.OB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 60^\circ = \frac{72^2 + 96^2 - AB^2}{2 \times 72 \times 96}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 86.5 \text{ km.}$$



- Q16.** Two trees A and B are on the same side of a river. From a point C in the river, the distance between the trees A and B is 250m and 300m respectively. If the angle C is  $45^\circ$ , find the distance between the trees. [Use  $\sqrt{2} = 1.414$ ].

**Sol.** As shown in the figure, A and B are the trees and C is the point in the river.

So AC = 250m, BC = 300m and  $\angle C = 45^\circ$ .

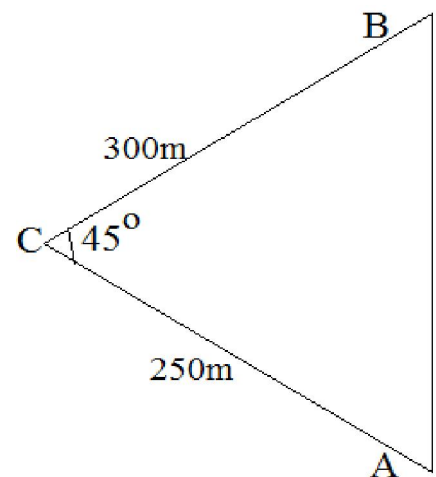
$$\text{In } \triangle ABC, \cos C = \frac{BC^2 + CA^2 - AB^2}{2.BC.CA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 45^\circ = \frac{300^2 + 250^2 - c^2}{2 \times 300 \times 250}$$

$$\Rightarrow 300^2 + 250^2 - c^2 = \frac{2 \times 300 \times 250}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 215.49\text{m}$$

$\therefore$  The distance between the two trees is 215.5m (Approx.)



Q17. In any  $\Delta ABC$ , prove that :

$$(a) \frac{a^2 - c^2}{b^2} = \frac{\sin(A - C)}{\sin(A + C)} \quad (b) b \cos B + c \cos C = a \cos(B - C)$$

$$(c) a \sin A - b \sin B = c \sin(A - B) \quad (d) \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2 + c^2} = \frac{1 + \cos(A - B) \cos C}{1 + \cos(A - C) \cos B}$$

$$(e) \frac{a + b}{c} = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{A - B}{2}\right)}{\sin\frac{C}{2}} \quad (f) \frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2} = \frac{\sin(B - C)}{\sin(B + C)}$$

$$(g) \frac{a - b}{a + b} = \frac{\tan\left(\frac{A - B}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{A + B}{2}\right)} \quad (h) \sin\left(\frac{B - C}{2}\right) = \frac{b - c}{a} \cos\frac{A}{2}$$

$$(i) \frac{c}{a - b} = \frac{\tan\frac{A}{2} + \tan\frac{B}{2}}{\tan\frac{A}{2} - \tan\frac{B}{2}} \quad (j) a(\cos C - \cos B) = 2(b - c) \cos^2\frac{A}{2}$$

$$(k) a \cos\left(\frac{B - C}{2}\right) = (b + c) \sin\frac{A}{2} \quad (l) 2\left(b \cos^2\frac{C}{2} + c \cos^2\frac{B}{2}\right) = a + b + c$$

$$(m) (a - b)^2 \cos^2\frac{C}{2} + (a + b)^2 \sin^2\frac{C}{2} = c^2 \quad (n) \frac{c - b \cos A}{b - c \cos A} = \frac{\cos B}{\cos C}$$

$$(o) a(b \cos C - c \cos B) = b^2 - c^2 \quad (p) \frac{\cos A}{a} + \frac{\cos B}{b} + \frac{\cos C}{c} = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2abc}$$

$$(q) a^2 = (b + c)^2 - 4bc \cos^2\frac{A}{2}$$

$$(r) (b - c) \cot\frac{A}{2} + (c - a) \cot\frac{B}{2} + (a - b) \cot\frac{C}{2} = 0$$

$$(s) \frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2} \sin 2A + \frac{c^2 - a^2}{b^2} \sin 2B + \frac{a^2 - b^2}{c^2} \sin 2C = 0$$

$$(t) a(\sin B - \sin C) + b(\sin C - \sin A) + c(\sin A - \sin B) = 0$$

$$(u) 2(bc \cos A + ca \cos B + ab \cos C) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$(v) (b^2 - c^2) \cot A + (c^2 - a^2) \cot B + (a^2 - b^2) \cot C = 0$$

**Solution :**

$$(a) \text{ LHS : } \frac{a^2 - c^2}{b^2} = \frac{k^2 \sin^2 A - k^2 \sin^2 C}{k^2 \sin^2 B} \quad [\text{By Sine rule}]$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\sin^2 A - \sin^2 C}{\sin^2 B} \Rightarrow = \frac{\sin(A - C) \sin(A + C)}{\sin^2[\pi - (A + C)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\sin(A - C) \sin(A + C)}{\sin^2(A + C)} \Rightarrow = \frac{\sin(A - C)}{\sin(A + C)} = \text{RHS.}$$

$$(b) \text{ LHS : } b \cos B + c \cos C = k \sin B \cos B + k \sin C \cos C \quad [\text{By Sine rule}]$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{k}{2} [2 \sin B \cos B + 2 \sin C \cos C] \Rightarrow = \frac{k}{2} [\sin 2B + \sin 2C]$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{k}{2} \left[ 2 \sin \frac{2B + 2C}{2} \cos \frac{2B - 2C}{2} \right] \Rightarrow = k [\sin(B + C) \cos(B - C)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow &= k[\sin(\pi - A)\cos(B - C)] & \Rightarrow &= k \sin A \cos(B - C) \\ \Rightarrow &= a \cos(B - C) = \text{RHS}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) LHS :  $a \sin A - b \sin B = k \sin A \sin A - k \sin B \sin B$  [By Sine rule]

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow &= k[\sin^2 A - \sin^2 B] & \Rightarrow &= k[\sin(A + B)\sin(A - B)] \\ \Rightarrow &= k \sin(\pi - C)\sin(A - B) & \Rightarrow &= k \sin C \sin(A - B) \\ \Rightarrow &= c \sin(A - B) = \text{RHS}. \end{aligned}$$

(d) RHS :  $\frac{1 + \cos(A - B)\cos C}{1 + \cos(A - C)\cos B} = \frac{1 + \cos(A - B)\cos(\pi - (A + B))}{1 + \cos(A - C)\cos(\pi - (A + C))}$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{1 - \cos(A - B)\cos(A + B)}{1 - \cos(A - C)\cos(A + C)} \Rightarrow = \frac{1 - [\cos^2 A - \sin^2 B]}{1 - [\cos^2 A - \sin^2 C]}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{1 - \cos^2 A + \sin^2 B}{1 - \cos^2 A + \sin^2 C} \Rightarrow = \frac{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B}{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 C}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{k^2 \sin^2 A + k^2 \sin^2 B}{k^2 \sin^2 A + k^2 \sin^2 C} \quad [\text{Multiplying Nr \& Dr by } k^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2 + c^2} = \text{LHS}.$$

(e) LHS :  $\frac{a + b}{c} = \frac{k \sin A + k \sin B}{k \sin C}$  [By Sine rule]

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{k[\sin A + \sin B]}{k \sin C} \Rightarrow = \frac{2 \sin \frac{A + B}{2} \cos \frac{A - B}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{C}{2}\right) \cos \frac{A - B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} \Rightarrow = \frac{\cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A - B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\cos \frac{A - B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} = \text{RHS}.$$

(f) LHS :  $\frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2} = \frac{k^2 \sin^2 B - k^2 \sin^2 C}{k^2 \sin^2 A}$  [By Sine rule]

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{k^2[\sin^2 B - \sin^2 C]}{k^2 \sin^2 A} \Rightarrow = \frac{\sin(B + C)\sin(B - C)}{\sin^2[\pi - (B + C)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\sin(B + C)\sin(B - C)}{\sin^2(B + C)} \Rightarrow = \frac{\sin(B - C)}{\sin(B + C)} = \text{RHS}.$$

(g) LHS :  $\frac{a - b}{a + b} = \frac{k \sin A - k \sin B}{k \sin A + k \sin B}$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\sin A - \sin B}{\sin A + \sin B} \Rightarrow = \frac{2 \cos \frac{A + B}{2} \sin \frac{A - B}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{A + B}{2} \cos \frac{A - B}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \cot \frac{A + B}{2} \tan \frac{A - B}{2} \Rightarrow = \frac{\tan\left(\frac{A - B}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{A + B}{2}\right)} = \text{RHS}.$$

$$(h) \text{ RHS : } \frac{b-c}{a} \cos \frac{A}{2} = \frac{k \sin B - k \sin C}{k \sin A} \cos \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\sin B - \sin C}{\sin A} \cos \frac{A}{2} \Rightarrow = \frac{2 \cos \frac{B+C}{2} \sin \frac{B-C}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \cos \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A}{2} \right) \sin \frac{B-C}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \Rightarrow = \frac{\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B-C}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \sin \frac{B-C}{2} = \text{LHS.}$$

$$(i) \text{ RHS : } \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2} - \tan \frac{B}{2}} = \frac{\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2}}}{\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} - \sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} - \sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \Rightarrow = \frac{\sin \left( \frac{A}{2} + \frac{B}{2} \right)}{\sin \left( \frac{A}{2} - \frac{B}{2} \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{C}{2} \right)}{\sin \left( \frac{A-B}{2} \right)} \Rightarrow = \frac{\cos \frac{C}{2}}{\sin \left( \frac{A-B}{2} \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \left( \frac{A-B}{2} \right)} \Rightarrow = \frac{\sin C}{2 \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A+B}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{A-B}{2} \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\sin C}{2 \cos \left( \frac{A+B}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{A-B}{2} \right)} \Rightarrow = \frac{\sin C}{\sin A - \sin B}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{k \sin C}{k \sin A - k \sin B} \quad [\text{Multiply Nr \& Dr by } k]$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{c}{a-b} = \text{LHS.}$$

$$(j) \text{ LHS : } a(\cos C - \cos B) = k \sin A(\cos C - \cos B)$$

$$\Rightarrow = k \sin A \left( -2 \sin \frac{C+B}{2} \sin \frac{C-B}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow = k \left( 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \right) \left[ -2 \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A}{2} \right) \sin \frac{C-B}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow = 2k \left( -2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{C-B}{2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow &= 2k \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \left( -2 \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{C+B}{2} \right) \sin \frac{C-B}{2} \right) \\ \Rightarrow &= -2k \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \left( 2 \cos \frac{C+B}{2} \sin \frac{C-B}{2} \right) \\ \Rightarrow &= -2k \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} (\sin C - \sin B) \\ \Rightarrow &= 2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} (k \sin B - k \sin C) \\ \Rightarrow &= 2(b-c) \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = \text{RHS}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(k) \text{ RHS : } (b+c) \sin \frac{A}{2} = (k \sin B + k \sin C) \sin \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow &= k (\sin B + \sin C) \sin \frac{A}{2} \\ \Rightarrow &= k \left( 2 \sin \frac{B+C}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A}{2} \\ \Rightarrow &= k \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \left[ 2 \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A}{2} \right) \sin \frac{A}{2} \right] \\ \Rightarrow &= k \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \left[ 2 \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2} \right] \\ \Rightarrow &= k \cos \frac{B-C}{2} [\sin A] \\ \Rightarrow &= [k \sin A] \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \\ \Rightarrow &= a \cos \frac{B-C}{2} = \text{LHS}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(l) \text{ LHS : } 2 \left( b \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} + c \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} \right) = b \left( 2 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} \right) + c \left( 2 \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow &= b(1 + \cos C) + c(1 + \cos B) \\ \Rightarrow &= b + b \cos C + c + c \cos B \\ \Rightarrow &= b + c + b \cos C + c \cos B \quad [\text{By Projection formula, } a = b \cos C + c \cos B] \\ \Rightarrow &= a + b + c = \text{RHS}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(m) \text{ LHS : } (a-b)^2 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} + (a+b)^2 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow &= a^2 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} + b^2 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} - 2ab \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} + a^2 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} + b^2 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} + 2ab \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \\ \Rightarrow &= a^2 \left( \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \right) + b^2 \left( \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \right) - 2ab \left( \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \right) \\ \Rightarrow &= a^2(1) + b^2(1) - 2ab \cos C \\ \Rightarrow &= c^2 = \text{RHS}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(n) \text{ LHS : } \frac{c-b \cos A}{b-c \cos A} = \frac{a \cos B + b \cos A - b \cos A}{c \cos A + a \cos C - c \cos A} \quad [\text{By Projection formulae}]$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{a \cos B}{a \cos C} = \frac{\cos B}{\cos C} = \text{RHS}.$$

$$(o) \text{ LHS : } a(b \cos C - c \cos B) = ab \cos C - ac \cos B$$

$$\Rightarrow = ab \left( \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} \right) - ac \left( \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2} - \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2} - \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2 - a^2 - c^2 + b^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{2(b^2 - c^2)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow = (b^2 - c^2) = \text{RHS.}$$

$$(p) \text{ LHS : } \frac{\cos A}{a} + \frac{\cos B}{b} + \frac{\cos C}{c} = \frac{1}{a} \left( \frac{c^2 + b^2 - a^2}{2bc} \right) + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac} \right) + \frac{1}{c} \left( \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{c^2 + b^2 - a^2}{2abc} + \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2abc} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2abc}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{c^2 + b^2 - a^2 + a^2 + c^2 - b^2 + a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2abc}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2abc} = \text{RHS.}$$

$$(q) \text{ RHS : } (b + c)^2 - 4bc \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = b^2 + c^2 + 2bc - 4bc \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \left( 2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - 1 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$\Rightarrow = a^2 = \text{LHS.}$$

$$(r) \text{ Consider, } (b - c) \cot \frac{A}{2} = (k \sin B - k \sin C) \cot \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow = k \left( 2 \cos \frac{B+C}{2} \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \right) \cot \frac{A}{2} \Rightarrow = k \left[ 2 \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A}{2} \right) \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \right] \cot \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow = k \left[ 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \right] \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \Rightarrow = k \left[ 2 \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{B+C}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow = k \left[ 2 \sin \left( \frac{B}{2} - \frac{C}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2} \right) \right] \Rightarrow = -k \left[ -2 \sin \left( \frac{B}{2} - \frac{C}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow = -k \left[ \cos \frac{B}{2} - \cos \frac{C}{2} \right] \Rightarrow = k \left[ \cos \frac{C}{2} - \cos \frac{B}{2} \right]$$

$$\text{So, } (b - c) \cot \frac{A}{2} = k \left[ \cos \frac{C}{2} - \cos \frac{B}{2} \right] \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Similarly } (c - a) \cot \frac{B}{2} = k \left[ \cos \frac{A}{2} - \cos \frac{C}{2} \right] \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{And, } (a - b) \cot \frac{C}{2} = k \left[ \cos \frac{B}{2} - \cos \frac{A}{2} \right] \dots (iii)$$

Now adding (i), (ii) & (iii), we get :

$$(b-c)\cot\frac{A}{2} + (c-a)\cot\frac{B}{2} + (a-b)\cot\frac{B}{2} = k\left[\cos\frac{C}{2} - \cos\frac{B}{2}\right] + k\left[\cos\frac{A}{2} - \cos\frac{C}{2}\right] + k\left[\cos\frac{B}{2} - \cos\frac{A}{2}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow = k\left[\cos\frac{C}{2} - \cos\frac{B}{2} + \cos\frac{A}{2} - \cos\frac{C}{2} + \cos\frac{B}{2} - \cos\frac{A}{2}\right]$$

$$\therefore (b-c)\cot\frac{A}{2} + (c-a)\cot\frac{B}{2} + (a-b)\cot\frac{B}{2} = 0.$$

Hence Proved.

(s) Consider,  $\frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2} \sin 2A = \frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2} [2 \sin A \cos A]$

$$\Rightarrow = 2(ak) \left(\frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2}\right) \left(\frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow = k \left(\frac{(b^2 - c^2)(b^2 + c^2) - a^2b^2 + a^2c^2}{2abc}\right)$$

i.e.,  $\frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2} \sin 2A = k \left(\frac{b^4 - c^4 - a^2b^2 + a^2c^2}{2abc}\right) \dots (i)$

Similarly,  $\frac{c^2 - a^2}{b^2} \sin 2B = k \left(\frac{c^4 - a^4 - c^2b^2 + a^2b^2}{2abc}\right) \dots (ii)$

And,  $\frac{a^2 - b^2}{c^2} \sin 2C = k \left(\frac{a^4 - b^4 - c^2a^2 + c^2b^2}{2abc}\right) \dots (iii)$

Now adding (i), (ii) & (iii), we get :

$$\frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2} \sin 2A + \frac{c^2 - a^2}{b^2} \sin 2B + \frac{a^2 - b^2}{c^2} \sin 2C = k \left(\frac{b^4 - c^4 - a^2b^2 + a^2c^2}{2abc}\right) + k \left(\frac{c^4 - a^4 - c^2b^2 + a^2b^2}{2abc}\right) + k \left(\frac{a^4 - b^4 - c^2a^2 + c^2b^2}{2abc}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{k}{2abc} [b^4 - c^4 - a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 + c^4 - a^4 - c^2b^2 + a^2b^2 + a^4 - b^4 - c^2a^2 + c^2b^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{k}{2abc} [0] = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2} \sin 2A + \frac{c^2 - a^2}{b^2} \sin 2B + \frac{a^2 - b^2}{c^2} \sin 2C = 0.$$

Hence Proved.

(t) LHS :  $a(\sin B - \sin C) + b(\sin C - \sin A) + c(\sin A - \sin B)$

$$\Rightarrow = a \sin B - a \sin C + b \sin C - b \sin A + c \sin A - c \sin B$$

$$\Rightarrow = k \sin A \sin B - k \sin A \sin C + k \sin B \sin C - k \sin B \sin A + k \sin C \sin A - k \sin C \sin B$$

$$\Rightarrow = 0 = \text{RHS}.$$

(u) LHS :  $2(bc \cos A + ca \cos B + ab \cos C)$

$$\Rightarrow = 2 \left( bc \left[\frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}\right] + ca \left[\frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac}\right] + ab \left[\frac{b^2 + a^2 - c^2}{2ba}\right] \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow = b^2 + c^2 - a^2 + a^2 + c^2 - b^2 + b^2 + a^2 - c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = \text{RHS}.$$

(v) Consider,  $(b^2 - c^2) \cot A = (b^2 - c^2) \frac{\cos A}{\sin A}$

$$\Rightarrow = (b^2 - c^2) \frac{1}{ka} \left( \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} \right)$$

$$\text{i.e., } (b^2 - c^2) \cot A = \frac{b^4 - c^4 - a^2b^2 + a^2c^2}{2kabc} \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } (c^2 - a^2) \cot B = \frac{c^4 - a^4 - c^2b^2 + a^2b^2}{2kabc} \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$\text{And, } (a^2 - b^2) \cot C = \frac{a^4 - b^4 - c^2a^2 + c^2b^2}{2kabc} \dots \text{(iii)}$$

Now adding (i), (ii) & (iii), we get :

$$\begin{aligned} (b^2 - c^2) \cot A + (c^2 - a^2) \cot B + (a^2 - b^2) \cot C &= \frac{b^4 - c^4 - a^2b^2 + a^2c^2}{2kabc} \\ &+ \frac{c^4 - a^4 - c^2b^2 + a^2b^2}{2kabc} + \frac{a^4 - b^4 - c^2a^2 + c^2b^2}{2kabc} \\ \Rightarrow &= \frac{b^4 - c^4 - a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 + c^4 - a^4 - c^2b^2 + a^2b^2 + a^4 - b^4 - c^2a^2 + c^2b^2}{2kabc} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{0}{2kabc}$$

$$\therefore (b^2 - c^2) \cot A + (c^2 - a^2) \cot B + (a^2 - b^2) \cot C = 0.$$

Hence Proved.

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