

10. BASICS

Intervals :

Intervals are basically subsets of $\mathbb{R}$ and are commonly used in solving inequalities or in finding domains. If there are two numbers $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a < b$, we can define four types of intervals as follows :

Symbols Used

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| (i) Open interval : $(a, b) = \{x : a < x < b\}$ i.e. end points are not included. | () or] [|
| (ii) Closed interval : $[a, b] = \{x : a \leq x \leq b\}$ i.e. end points are also included. | [] |
| This is possible only when both a and b are finite. | |
| (iii) Open-closed interval : $(a, b] = \{x : a < x \leq b\}$ | (] or]] |
| (iv) Closed - open interval : $[a, b) = \{x : a \leq x < b\}$ | [) or [[|

The infinite intervals are defined as follows :

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| (i) $(a, \infty) = \{x : x > a\}$ | (ii) $[a, \infty) = \{x : x \geq a\}$ |
| (iii) $(-\infty, b) = \{x : x < b\}$ | (iv) $(-\infty, b] = \{x : x \leq b\}$ |
| (v) $(-\infty, \infty) = \{x : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ | |

Properties of Modulus :

For any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$|a| \geq 0, \quad |a| = |-a|, \quad |a| \geq a, |a| \geq -a, \quad |ab| = |a| |b|, \quad \left| \frac{a}{b} \right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|},$$

$$|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|, \quad |a - b| \geq ||a| - |b||$$

Trigonometric Functions of Sum or Difference of Two Angles:

- (a) $\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$ $\therefore 2 \sin A \cos B = \sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)$ and $2 \cos A \sin B = \sin(A+B) - \sin(A-B)$
- (b) $\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$
 $\therefore 2 \cos A \cos B = \cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)$ and $2 \sin A \sin B = \cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)$
- (c) $\sin^2 A - \sin^2 B = \cos^2 B - \cos^2 A = \sin(A+B) \cdot \sin(A-B)$
- (d) $\cos^2 A - \sin^2 B = \cos^2 B - \sin^2 A = \cos(A+B) \cdot \cos(A-B)$
- (e) $\cot(A \pm B) = \frac{\cot A \cot B \mp 1}{\cot B \pm \cot A}$
- (f) $\tan(A + B + C) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B + \tan C - \tan A \tan B \tan C}{1 - \tan A \tan B - \tan B \tan C - \tan C \tan A}$

Factorisation of the Sum or Difference of Two Sines or Cosines:

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| (a) $\sin C + \sin D = 2 \sin \frac{C+D}{2} \cos \frac{C-D}{2}$ | (b) $\sin C - \sin D = 2 \cos \frac{C+D}{2} \sin \frac{C-D}{2}$ |
| (c) $\cos C + \cos D = 2 \cos \frac{C+D}{2} \cos \frac{C-D}{2}$ | (d) $\cos C - \cos D = -2 \sin \frac{C+D}{2} \sin \frac{C-D}{2}$ |

Multiple and Sub-multiple Angles :

- (a) $\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A = 2\cos^2 A - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2 A$; $2\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = 1 + \cos \theta$, $2\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = 1 - \cos \theta$.
- (c) $\sin 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 + \tan^2 A}$, $\cos 2A = \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A}$
- (d) $\sin 3A = 3 \sin A - 4 \sin^3 A$
- (e) $\cos 3A = 4 \cos^3 A - 3 \cos A$
- (f) $\tan 3A = \frac{3 \tan A - \tan^3 A}{1 - 3 \tan^2 A}$

Important Trigonometric Ratios:

$$(a) \quad \sin n\pi = 0 \quad ; \quad \cos n\pi = (-1)^n \quad ; \quad \tan n\pi = 0, \quad \text{where } n \in \mathbb{I}$$

$$(b) \quad \sin 15^\circ \text{ or } \sin \frac{\pi}{12} = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}} = \cos 75^\circ \text{ or } \cos \frac{5\pi}{12} \quad ;$$

$$\cos 15^\circ \text{ or } \cos \frac{\pi}{12} = \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2\sqrt{2}} = \sin 75^\circ \text{ or } \sin \frac{5\pi}{12} \quad ;$$

$$\tan 15^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1} = 2-\sqrt{3} = \cot 75^\circ \quad ; \quad \tan 75^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}-1} = 2+\sqrt{3} = \cot 15^\circ$$

$$(c) \quad \sin \frac{\pi}{10} \text{ or } \sin 18^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4} \quad \& \quad \cos 36^\circ \text{ or } \cos \frac{\pi}{5} = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4}$$

Range of Trigonometric Expression:

$$-\sqrt{a^2+b^2} \leq a \sin \theta + b \cos \theta \leq \sqrt{a^2+b^2}$$

Sine and Cosine Series :

$$\sin \alpha + \sin (\alpha + \beta) + \sin (\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \sin \left(\alpha + \overline{n-1}\beta \right) = \frac{\sin \frac{n\beta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}} \sin \left(\alpha + \frac{n-1}{2}\beta \right)$$

$$\cos \alpha + \cos (\alpha + \beta) + \cos (\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \cos \left(\alpha + \overline{n-1}\beta \right) = \frac{\sin \frac{n\beta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}} \cos \left(\alpha + \frac{n-1}{2}\beta \right)$$

Trigonometric Equations

Principal Solutions: Solutions which lie in the interval $[0, 2\pi)$ are called **Principal solutions**.

General Solution :

$$(i) \quad \sin \theta = \sin \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha \text{ where } \alpha \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right], n \in \mathbb{I}.$$

$$(ii) \quad \cos \theta = \cos \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = 2n\pi \pm \alpha \text{ where } \alpha \in [0, \pi], n \in \mathbb{I}.$$

$$(iii) \quad \tan \theta = \tan \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi + \alpha \text{ where } \alpha \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right), n \in \mathbb{I}.$$

$$(iv) \quad \sin^2 \theta = \sin^2 \alpha, \cos^2 \theta = \cos^2 \alpha, \tan^2 \theta = \tan^2 \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi \pm \alpha.$$