

Answer on Question #49505 – Math – Trigonometry

Question:

If $A+B+C=180^\circ$, prove that, $a \cdot \sin(B-C) + b \cdot \sin(C-A) + c \cdot \sin(A-B) = 0$

$$a \cdot \sin(B - C) + b \cdot \sin(C - A) + c \cdot \sin(A - B) = 0. \quad (1)$$

Solution:

Let us prove given trigonometric identity in two steps.

1) Use the sine of difference identity for the angles α and β

$$\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin\alpha \cdot \cos\beta - \cos\alpha \cdot \sin\beta. \quad (2)$$

Rewriting (1) by taking into account (2) we get

$$a \cdot (\sin B \cos C - \cos B \sin C) + b \cdot (\sin C \cos A - \cos C \sin A) + c \cdot (\sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B) = \cos C (a \sin B - b \sin A) + \cos B (c \sin A - a \sin C) + \cos A (b \sin C - c \sin A). \quad (*)$$

2) Since $A+B+C=180^\circ$, then we can use the law of sines (an equation relating the lengths of the sides of any shaped triangle to the sines of its angles):

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}. \quad (3)$$

Hence, we obtain the following relations

$$a \sin B = b \sin A, \quad c \sin A = a \sin C, \quad b \sin C = c \sin B. \quad (4)$$

Substituting (4) into (*) we see that

$$a \sin B - b \sin A = c \sin A - a \sin C = b \sin C - c \sin A = 0.$$

Therefore, we get

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

QED.

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