

which again reduces to $1 - (1 - \sin^2 A + \sin^2 B)$ or, $\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B$.

∴ The left-hand fraction becomes $\frac{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B}{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 C}$, which = $\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2 + c^2}$ by 5(a).

6. (a) Find an expression for the area of an n -sided regular polygon.

Let s be a side of the polygon, θ be the angle at the centre subtended by a side, and p be the apothem. Then $p = \frac{s}{2} \cot \frac{\theta}{2}$, and the area of one of the triangles included by two radii and a side is $\frac{s^2}{4}$.

∴ The whole area = $n \frac{s^2}{4} \cot \frac{\theta}{2} = n \frac{s^2}{4} \cot \frac{\pi}{n}$

The area might also be found in terms of the perimeter, or of the circum-radius, etc.

(b). Show that $2R + 2r = a \cot A + b \cot B + c \cot C$.

Remembering that $\frac{a}{2R} = \sin A$, etc., we divide through by $2R$ and obtain: $\cos A + \cos B + \cos C = 1 + \frac{r}{R}$

But $\cos A + \cos B + \cos C = 1 + 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2}$ by a known theorem; and $\sin \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{bc}}$, etc. And this expression becomes,

$$1 + 4 \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{bc} \cdot \frac{(s-c)(s-a)}{ca} \cdot \frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{ab} \right\}}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{4\Delta^2}{sabc} = 1 + \frac{4\Delta}{abc} \cdot \frac{\Delta}{s} = 1 + \frac{r}{R} \quad \text{q. e. d.}$$

7. From a station, B, at the base of a mountain, its summit, A, is seen at an elevation of 60° ; after walking one mile towards the summit up an incline of 30° with the horizon to another station, C, the observer finds the angle BCA to be 135° ; find the height of the mountain.

Evidently the elevation of the summit as seen from station C is 75° .

Let h be the height of the mountain, and x be the distance from B to the foot of the perpendicular let fall from the summit.

Then $h \tan 60^\circ$; and going to station C, $h - \sin 30^\circ = (x - \cos 30^\circ) \tan 75^\circ$. And substituting for x , $h - \sin 30^\circ = (h \cot 60^\circ - \cos 30^\circ) \tan 75^\circ$;

$$\text{whence } h = \frac{\sin 30^\circ - \cos 30^\circ \cdot \tan 75^\circ}{1 - \cot 60^\circ \cdot \tan 75^\circ}$$

Otherwise as follows: $\angle BAC = 180^\circ - (135^\circ + 30^\circ) = 15^\circ$.

Then $BA : BC = \sin 135^\circ : \sin 15^\circ$

$$\therefore BA = BC \cdot \frac{\sin 45^\circ}{\sin 15^\circ}. \text{ And the height of the mountain is } BA \sin 60^\circ =$$

$$BC \cdot \frac{\sin 45^\circ \cdot \sin 60^\circ}{\sin 15^\circ}$$

Both of these solutions give the same result upon substituting the values of the functions, namely, the height = $\frac{1}{2}(3 + \sqrt{3})$, or 2.366 + miles.

8. (a) Prove that $\log_a \sqrt[m]{k} = \frac{1}{k} \log_a m$, and that $\log_a N = \frac{\log_a N}{\log_a b}$

1st. Let $a^p = m$. Then by definition $p = \log_a m$

And $a^{p/k} = m^{1/k} = \sqrt[k]{m}$. ∴ $p/k = \log_a \sqrt[k]{m}$. Whence $\frac{1}{k} \log_a m = \log_a \sqrt[k]{m}$.

2nd. Let $b^x = N$. Then $x = \log_b N$. Also take logarithms to base a .