

Tri-angled trig, 3 star

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given:  $\theta + \phi + \gamma = \frac{\pi}{2}$  (1)

$\therefore \sin(\theta + \phi + \gamma) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

$\sin((\theta + \phi) + \gamma) = 1$

$\sin\theta \cos\phi + \sin\phi \cos\theta$

$\sin(\theta + \phi) \cos\gamma + \sin\gamma \cos(\theta + \phi) = 1$

$(\sin\theta \cos\phi + \cos\theta \sin\phi) \cos\gamma + \sin\gamma (\cos\theta \cos\phi - \sin\theta \sin\phi) = 1$

look for easier method

above method too long  
so I took a different approach:

alternatively, re-arranging (1):  $\theta + \phi = \frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma$

$\Rightarrow \sin(\theta + \phi) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma\right)$  (sin of both sides)

$\Rightarrow \sin\theta \cos\phi + \sin\phi \cos\theta = \cos\gamma$  (double angle formulae)

$\Rightarrow \sin^2\phi \cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta \cos^2\phi + 2\sin\theta \sin\phi \cos\theta \cos\phi = \cos^2\gamma$  (squaring both sides)

$\Rightarrow \sin^2\phi + \sin^2\theta - \sin^2\phi \sin^2\theta - \sin^2\theta \sin^2\phi$  (using  $\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$ )

$\Rightarrow + 2\sin\theta \sin\phi \cos\theta \cos\phi = \cos^2\gamma$

$\Rightarrow \sin^2\phi + \sin^2\theta + \sin^2\gamma - 2\sin^2\phi \sin^2\theta + 2\sin\theta \sin\phi \cos\theta \cos\phi = 1$

$\Rightarrow \sin^2\phi + \sin^2\theta + \sin^2\gamma + 2\sin\theta \sin\phi (\cos\theta \cos\phi - \sin\theta \sin\phi) = 1$

$\Rightarrow \sin^2\phi + \sin^2\theta + \sin^2\gamma + 2\sin\theta \sin\phi (\cos(\theta + \phi)) = 1$

Since:  $\cos(\theta + \phi) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma\right) = \sin\gamma$  (from  $\theta + \phi + \gamma = \frac{\pi}{2}$ )

we have:

$\sin^2\phi + \sin^2\theta + \sin^2\gamma + 2\sin\theta \sin\phi \sin\gamma = 1$

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cont...

note:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \frac{\pi}{5} &= \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{10} + \frac{\pi}{10} \right) & \text{if } \theta = \phi = \frac{\pi}{10} \\ &= 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{10} \cos \frac{\pi}{10} & \psi = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2\pi}{5} = \frac{\pi}{10}\end{aligned}$$

then subbing values into equation.

$$\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{5} + \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{5} + \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{10} + 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{5} \sin \frac{\pi}{5} \sin \frac{\pi}{10} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{5} + 2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{5} \sin \frac{\pi}{10} + \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{10} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{10} \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{10} + 8 \sin^3 \frac{\pi}{10} \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{10} + \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{10} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{10} \left( 8 \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{10} + 8 \sin \frac{\pi}{10} \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{10} + 1 \right) = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{10} = 1 - \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{10}$$

so  $\sin^2$  we have:

$$\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{10} \left( 8 - 8 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{10} + 8 \sin \frac{\pi}{10} - 8 \sin^3 \frac{\pi}{10} + 1 \right) = 1$$

let  $\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{10} = x$  above becomes

$$x^2 (9 - 8x^2 + 8x - 8x^3) = 1$$

$$9x^2 - 8x^4 + 8x^3 - 8x^5 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -8x^5 - 8x^4 + 8x^3 + 9x^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x^5 + 8x^4 - 8x^3 - 9x^2 + 1 = 0$$

substituting  $x=1$  gives 0 and also substituting  $x=-1$  gives 0

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 - 1)(8x^3 + 8x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow (x^2 - 1)$  is a factor

$$\cancel{x^2 - 1} = \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{10} - 1 \neq 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{(by inspection!)}$$

$$\therefore \sin \frac{\pi}{10} \text{ satisfies equation } 8x^3 + 8x^2 - 1 = 0$$