

Challenging Trigonometric Problems AIME

1. Given that $\triangle ABC$ is inside a circle with radius “R”, with all three vertices on the circumference. Prove the following:

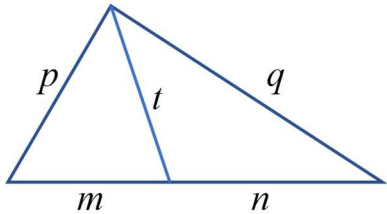
i) $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} = 2R$

ii) $Area \triangle ABC = \frac{abc}{4R}$

iii) $Area \triangle ABC = 2R^2 \sin a \sin b \sin C$

iv) $Area \triangle ABC = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$ [yes, try to prove Heron’s formula]

2. Suppose a triangle is divided as shown, with the sides given:



Stewart’s theorem states that: $np^2 + mq^2 = (m+n)(t^2 + mn)$ Prove Stewart’s theorem

3. Given that $(1 + \sin t)(1 + \cos t) = \frac{5}{4}$ and $(1 - \sin t)(1 - \cos t) = \frac{m}{n} - \sqrt{k}$, where “k”, “m”, and “n” are positive integers with “m” and “n” relatively prime, find $k + m + n$ (1995 AIME)

4. Let $x = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{44} \cos n}{\sum_{n=1}^{44} \sin n}$. What is the greatest integer that not exceed $100x$? (1997 aime)

5. Let “x” and “y” be real numbers such that $\frac{\sin x}{\sin y} = 3$ and $\frac{\cos x}{\cos y} = \frac{1}{2}$. Find the value of $\frac{\sin 2x}{\sin 2y} + \frac{\cos 2x}{\cos 2y}$ as a fraction.

6. Find the least positive integer “n” such that:

$$\frac{1}{\sin 45^\circ \sin 46^\circ} + \frac{1}{\sin 47^\circ \sin 48^\circ} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sin 133^\circ \sin 134^\circ} = \frac{1}{\sin n^\circ} \quad (\text{aime 2000 \#15})$$