

MIN AND MAX VALUES

	Min Value	Max Value
Sin θ	-1	1
Cos θ		
Sin ² θ	0	1
Cos ² θ		

Questions on Min and Max Values

Type 1

Exp3:- Find the min and max value of $2 \sin^2\theta + 3 \cos^2\theta$

Sol: $2 \sin^2\theta + 3 \cos^2\theta = 2 \sin^2\theta + 2 \cos^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 2 (\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta) + \cos^2\theta = 2(1) + \cos^2\theta$

Now since we have converted the given expression into such an exp where we have only 2 and $\cos^2\theta$ since 2 is constant so min and max value of exp depends of min and max value of $\cos^2\theta$. Means value of exp will be min when value of $\cos^2\theta$ is min that is '0'. If we take value of $\cos^2\theta = 0$ value of exp becomes $2 + 0 = 2$ i.e. Min value of exp is 2. |||y Max value of exp is $2 + 1 = 3$ (since max value of $\cos^2\theta$ is 1)

SHORTCUT If we get a question of the type $a \cos^2\theta + b \sin^2\theta$ than min and Max value of exp is

$$\text{Min value of exp} = \text{Min} (a, b) \qquad \text{Max value of exp} = \text{Max} (a, b)$$

Type 2

Find the Min value of $a \sin^2\theta + b \operatorname{cosec}^2\theta$

i.e. 2 Trig ratios where one is reciprocal of other. Like in this case $\operatorname{cosec}^2\theta$ is reciprocal of $\sin^2\theta$. In these types of questions examiner will always ask for Min value.

Shortcut formula for that is

$$\text{Min Value of exp} = 2\sqrt{ab}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} a \sin^2\theta + b \operatorname{cosec}^2\theta &= (\sqrt{a} \sin \theta)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sin \theta}\right)^2 \\ &= (\sqrt{a} \sin \theta)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sin \theta}\right)^2 - 2\sqrt{a} \sin \theta \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sin \theta} + 2\sqrt{a} \sin \theta \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \left(\sqrt{a} \sin \theta - \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sin \theta}\right)^2 + 2\sqrt{ab} \quad (\text{we know that min value of a} \end{aligned}$$

exp with sq is '0')

$$\text{Hence min value of exp} = 0 + 2\sqrt{ab} = 2\sqrt{ab}$$

Type 3

Find the min and max value of $a \sin \theta + b \cos \theta$

In these type of question **Min value = $-\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ and Max Value = $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$**

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