

SPECIAL NEW TRIGONOMETRIC INEQUALITIES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we present new trigonometric inequalities.

Theorem 1.

If $x_k \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}), \forall k = \overline{1, n}$, then

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^n (\sin x_k + 2 \tan x_k) \right) \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k} > 3n^2$$

Proof. We have:

$$(1) \quad \frac{\sin x + 2 \tan x}{3} > 2 \tan \frac{x}{2} > x, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Indeed, we denote by $\tan \frac{x}{2} = t \in (0, 1)$, and we have to prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2t}{1+t^2} + \frac{4t}{1-t^2} > 6t, \forall t \in (0, 1) &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1+t^2} + \frac{2}{1-t^2} > 3, \forall t \in (0, 1) \Leftrightarrow 1-t^2+2+2t^2 > 3(1-t^4) \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow 3t^4 + t^2 > 0, \forall t \in (0, 1), \text{ which is evidently.} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(2) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n (\sin x_k + 2 \tan x_k) > 3 \sum_{k=1}^n x_k, \forall x_k \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), k = \overline{1, n}$$

Multiplying the inequality (2) with $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k} > 0$ and taking account that:

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k} \right) \geq n^2, \text{ then the inequality (2) because:}$$

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^n (\sin x_k + 2 \tan x_k) \right) \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k} > 3 \left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k} \right) \geq 3n^2, \text{ and we are done.}$$

□

Theorem 2.

$(F_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is the sequence of Fibonacci and $(L_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is the sequence of Lucas, then:

$$\arctan \sqrt{\frac{F_n^2 + F_{n+1}^2}{2}} + \arctan \sqrt{\frac{L_n^2 + L_{n+1}^2}{2}} \geq \arctan \frac{F_{n+2}}{2} + \arctan \frac{L_{n+2}}{2}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Proof.

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), f(x) = \arctan x, f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is increasing on } \mathbb{R}.$$

Since,

$$\sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}} \geq \frac{x + y}{2}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ we have } \sqrt{\frac{F_n^2 + F_{n+1}^2}{2}} \geq \frac{F_n + F_{n+1}}{2} = \frac{F_{n+2}}{2} \text{ and}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{L_n^2 + L_{n+1}^2}{2}} \geq \frac{L_n + L_{n+1}}{2} = \frac{L_{n+2}}{2}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Therefore,

$$f\left(\sqrt{\frac{F_n^2 + F_{n+1}^2}{2}}\right) + f\left(\sqrt{\frac{L_n^2 + L_{n+1}^2}{2}}\right) \geq f\left(\frac{F_{n+2}}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{L_{n+2}}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \arctan \sqrt{\frac{F_n^2 + F_{n+1}^2}{2}} + \arctan \sqrt{\frac{L_n^2 + L_{n+1}^2}{2}} \geq \arctan \frac{F_{n+2}}{2} + \arctan \frac{L_{n+2}}{2}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

□

Theorem 3.

If $a, b > 0$, then $4\sqrt{ab} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + b\left(\frac{\tan x}{x}\right)^2 + a > 6\sqrt{ab}$, for any $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

Proof.

By AM-GM inequality we have

$$(1) \quad 4\sqrt{ab} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + b\left(\frac{\tan x}{x}\right)^2 + a \geq 4\sqrt{ab} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + 2\sqrt{ab} \cdot \frac{\tan x}{x} = 2\sqrt{ab}\left(2 \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\tan x}{x}\right), \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Also we have $\sin x > x - \frac{x^3}{6}$ and $\tan x > x + \frac{x^3}{3}, \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \Leftrightarrow$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\sin x}{x} > 1 - \frac{x^2}{6} \text{ and } \frac{\tan x}{x} > 1 + \frac{x^2}{3}, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right).$$

$$(2) \quad \text{So, } 2 \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\tan x}{x} > 2 - \frac{x^2}{3} + 1 + \frac{x^2}{3} = 3, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

From (1) and (2) yields the desired inequality. □

Theorem 4.

If $a, b > 0$, then $2\sqrt{ab} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot \frac{\tan x}{x} > 3\sqrt{ab}, \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

Proof.

By AM-GM inequality we have:

$$(1) \quad 2\sqrt{ab} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot \frac{\tan x}{x} \geq 2\sqrt{ab} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \sqrt{ab} \cdot \frac{\tan x}{x} = \sqrt{ab}\left(2 \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\tan x}{x}\right), \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

We infer that:

$$\sin x > x - \frac{x^3}{6} \text{ and } \tan x > x + \frac{x^3}{3}, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\sin x}{x} > 1 - \frac{x^2}{6} \text{ and } \frac{\tan x}{x} > 1 + \frac{x^2}{3}, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right).$$

Therefore:

$$(2) \quad 2 \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\tan x}{x} > 2 - \frac{x^2}{3} + 1 + \frac{x^2}{3} = 3, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

From (1) and (2) yields the desired inequality. □

Theorem 5.

If $a, b > 0$, then $(a + b) \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{2ab}{a+b} \cdot \frac{\tan x}{x} > \frac{6ab}{a+b}, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

Proof.

By AM-HM inequality we have:

$$(1) \quad (a+b) \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{2ab}{a+b} \cdot \frac{\tan x}{x} \geq \frac{4ab}{a+b} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{2ab}{a+b} \cdot \frac{\tan x}{x} = \frac{2ab}{a+b} \left(2 \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\tan x}{x}\right), \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Since:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x &> x - \frac{x^3}{6} \text{ and } \tan x > x + \frac{x^3}{3}, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sin x}{x} &> 1 - \frac{x^2}{6} \text{ and } \frac{\tan x}{x} > 1 + \frac{x^2}{3}, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$(2) \quad 2 \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\tan x}{x} > 2 - \frac{x^2}{3} + 1 + \frac{x^2}{3} = 3, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

By (1) and (2) q.e.d. □

Theorem 6.

If $a, b, c > 0$, then:

$$2\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3}} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{a + b + c}{3} \cdot \frac{\tan x}{x} > a + b + c, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right).$$

Proof.

By AM-QM:

$$2\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3}} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{a + b + c}{3} \cdot \frac{\tan x}{x} \geq 2 \cdot \frac{a + b + c}{3} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{a + b + c}{3} \cdot \frac{\tan x}{x} =$$

$$(1) \quad = \frac{a + b + c}{3} \cdot \left(2 \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\tan x}{x}\right), \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin x > x - \frac{x^3}{6} \text{ and } \tan x > x + \frac{x^3}{3}, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\sin x}{x} > 1 - \frac{x^2}{6} \text{ and } \frac{\tan x}{x} > 1 + \frac{x^2}{3}, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right).$$

So,

$$(2) \quad 2 \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\tan x}{x} > 2 - \frac{x^2}{3} + 1 + \frac{x^2}{3} = 3, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

By (1) and (2) q.e.d. □

Theorem 7.

If $a, b > 0$ and $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ then $a \cdot \tan x + b \cdot \sin x > 2x\sqrt{ab}$.

Proof.

By AM-GM inequality we have:

$$(1) \quad a \cdot \tan x + b \cdot \sin x \geq 2\sqrt{a \cdot b \cdot \tan x \cdot \sin x}, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

First we show that:

$$(2) \quad \tan x \cdot \sin x > x^2, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Indeed, denoting $t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$, $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ we have:

$$\tan x \cdot \sin x = \frac{2t}{1-t^2} \cdot \frac{2t}{1+t^2} = \frac{4t^2}{1-t^4} > 4t^2 = 4 \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} > 4 \cdot \frac{x^2}{4} = x^2, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

By (1) and (2) we obtain q.e.d. \square

Theorem 8.

$$a^2 \cdot \tan^k x + b^2 \cdot \sin^k x > 2 \cdot a \cdot b \cdot x^k, \forall a, b > 0, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \text{ and } k \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

Proof.

By AM-GM:

$$(1) \quad a^2 \cdot \tan^k x + b^2 \cdot \sin^k x \geq 2 \cdot a \cdot b \cdot \sqrt{(\tan x \cdot \sin x)^k}, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

We prove that:

$$(2) \quad \tan x \cdot \sin x > x^2, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Indeed, denoting $t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$, $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$:

$$\tan x \cdot \sin x = \frac{2t}{1-t^2} \cdot \frac{2t}{1+t^2} = \frac{4t^2}{1-t^4} > 4t^2 = 4 \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} > 4 \cdot \frac{x^2}{4} = x^2, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right).$$

From (1) and (2) q.e.d. \square

Theorem 9.

The acute triangle ABC is equilateral if and only if:

$$\frac{\tan^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \cos^2 C} + \frac{\tan^2 B}{\sin^2 C + \cos^2 A} + \frac{\tan^2 C}{\sin^2 A + \cos^2 B} = 9.$$

Proof.

" \Rightarrow " If the triangle ABC is equilateral we have that:

$$U = \sum \frac{\tan^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \cos^2 C} = \sum \frac{\tan^2 A}{\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A} = \sum \frac{\tan^2 A}{1} = 3 \cdot \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{3} = 3 \cdot 3 = 9.$$

" \Leftarrow " We have:

$$\begin{aligned} 9 = U &= \sum \frac{\tan^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \cos^2 C} = \frac{1}{\sum (\sin^2 B + \cos^2 C)} \cdot \left(\sum (\sin^2 B + \cos^2 C) \right) \cdot \sum \frac{\tan^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \cos^2 C} = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\sum (\sin^2 B + \cos^2 C) \right) \cdot \sum \frac{\tan^2 A}{\sin^2 B + \cos^2 C}, \end{aligned}$$

where we apply Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality and we obtain that:

$$27 = 3U \geq \left(\sum \tan A \right)^2,$$

than we taking account that the function $\tan : (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex, and applying Jensen's inequality we deduce that:

$$27 = 3U \geq \left(\sum \tan A \right)^2 \geq \left(3 \cdot \tan \frac{A+B+C}{3} \right)^2 = \left(3 \cdot \tan \frac{\pi}{3} \right)^2 = (3\sqrt{3})^2 = 27.$$

The last relation implies the fact that: $\tan A = \tan B = \tan C$ and because the function \tan is strictly increasing on $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, so is injective, hence $A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$, yields that the triangle ABC is equilateral. \square

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