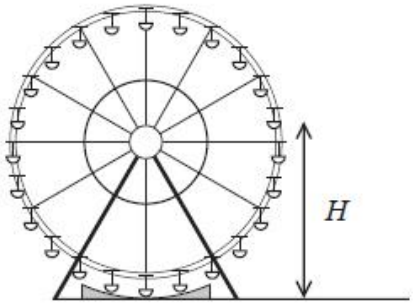
Daily Question – Pure Mathematics Day 7

Topic : Trigonometric Equations

(a) Express $10\cos\theta - 3\sin\theta$ in the form $R\cos(\theta + \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < 90°$

Give the exact value of R and give the value of α to 2 decimal places.

(3)



Alana models the height above the ground of a passenger on a Ferris wheel by the equation

$$H = 12 - 10\cos(30t)° + 3\sin(30t)°$$

where the height of the passenger above the ground is H metres at time t minutes after the wheel starts turning.

(b) Calculate

(i) the maximum value of H predicted by this model,
(ii) the value of t when this maximum first occurs.
Give each answer to 2 decimal places.

(4)

(c) Calculate the value of t when the passenger is 18m above the ground for the first time.

Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

(4)

(d) Determine the time taken for the Ferris wheel to complete two revolutions.

(2)

(Total for question = 13 marks)