

Other Trig Formulas

The addition and subtraction formulas are a useful set of identities that are helpful for finding exact value solutions and verifying other identities.

$$\sin(a + b) = \sin a \cos b + \cos a \sin b$$

$$\sin(a - b) = \sin a \cos b - \cos a \sin b$$

$$\cos(a + b) = \cos a \cos b - \sin a \sin b$$

$$\cos(a - b) = \cos a \cos b + \sin a \sin b$$

$$\tan(a + b) = \frac{\tan a + \tan b}{1 - \tan a \tan b}$$

$$\tan(a - b) = \frac{\tan a - \tan b}{1 + \tan a \tan b}$$

Example:

Find the exact value of each expression.

a) $\cos 75^\circ$

b) $\cos \frac{\pi}{12}$

Solution:

a) Find two familiar angles that sum up to 75° .

30° & 45° work! So, $\cos 75^\circ = \cos(30^\circ + 45^\circ) = \cos 30^\circ \cdot \cos 45^\circ - \sin 30^\circ \cdot \sin 45^\circ$ by making $a = 30^\circ$ & $b = 45^\circ$
Find exact values (from the unit circle) and substitute into the equation!

$$\cos 30^\circ \cdot \cos 45^\circ - \sin 30^\circ \cdot \sin 45^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

This would have worked the same if we used $a = 45^\circ$ & $b = 30^\circ$ because addition is commutative.

b) Find two familiar angles that have a difference of $\frac{\pi}{12}$.

This one is a little more difficult because it's in radians and we're looking for the *difference*. So, convert all of the unit circles radian measures into twelfths. We find that many different measure will work once we do this. Here is one

example: $\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{3\pi}{12} - \frac{2\pi}{12}$, so $\cos \frac{\pi}{12} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{6} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$ by making $a = \frac{\pi}{4}$ & $b = \frac{\pi}{6}$

Find exact values (from the unit circle) and substitute into the equation!

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

For #'s 1 - 6, use an addition or subtraction formula to find the exact value of the expression, as demonstrated above.

1. $\sin 15^\circ = \sin(45 - 30)$

$$= \sin 45 \cdot \cos 30 - \cos 45 \cdot \sin 30$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

2. $\cos 165^\circ = \cos(135 + 30)$

$$= \cos 135 \cos 30 - \sin 135 \sin 30$$

$$= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$3. \tan 105^\circ = \tan(60+45)$$

$$= \frac{\tan 60 + \tan 45}{1 - \tan 60 \tan 45} = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{1 - \sqrt{3} \cdot 1} = \frac{(\sqrt{3} + 1) \cdot (1 + \sqrt{3})}{1 - 3} = \frac{3 + 1 + 2\sqrt{3}}{1 - 3}$$

$$= \frac{3 + 1 + 2\sqrt{3}}{1 - 3}$$

$$= \frac{4 + 2\sqrt{3}}{-2}$$

$$= \frac{2(2 + \sqrt{3})}{-2} = -(2 + \sqrt{3})$$

$$5. \sin \frac{11\pi}{12} = \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) =$$

$$\sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} \sin \frac{\pi}{6} =$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$4. \sin \frac{\pi}{12} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) =$$

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{3} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} =$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$6. \sin 75^\circ = \sin(30+45)$$

$$= \sin 30 \cos 45 + \cos 30 \sin 45$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}$$

For #'s 7 - 10, use an addition or subtraction formula to write the expression as a trigonometric function of one number and find its exact value.

Match up formula!

$$7. \sin 18^\circ \cos 27^\circ + \cos 18^\circ \sin 27^\circ$$

$$\sin(18+27) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\sin 45 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$8. \cos \frac{3\pi}{7} \cos \frac{2\pi}{21} + \sin \frac{3\pi}{7} \sin \frac{2\pi}{21}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{7} - \frac{2\pi}{21}\right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$9. \frac{\tan 73^\circ - \tan 13^\circ}{1 + \tan 73^\circ \tan 13^\circ} = \tan(73-13)$$

$$= \tan 60$$

$$= \sqrt{3}$$

$$10. \cos \frac{13\pi}{15} \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{5}\right) - \sin \frac{13\pi}{15} \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{5}\right)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{13\pi}{15} + \frac{\pi}{5}\right) = \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Use the addition formula above to prove:

a) $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$

$$\sin(\theta + \theta) = \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \theta \sin \theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

b) $\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$

$$\cos(\theta + \theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\cos \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta \sin \theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

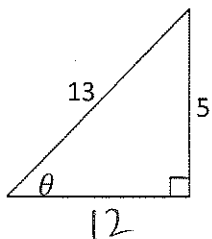
The two above formulas are the double-angle formulas, used to find the values of the trigonometric functions that are 2θ from their values at θ . There also exists one for tangent, as seen in the following table.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 2\theta &= 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ \cos 2\theta &= \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 \\ \tan 2\theta &= \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}\end{aligned}$$

For #'s 11 – 14, find $\sin 2\theta$, $\cos 2\theta$, and $\tan 2\theta$ from the given information.

11. $\sin \theta = \frac{5}{13}$ (θ in quadrant I)

Example: So this means that $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 2 \cdot \frac{5}{13} \cdot \cos \theta$. To finish this and calculate the value of $\sin 2\theta$, we need to find the ratio for $\cos \theta$. We can do this by looking at a right triangle and finding the missing side. Using the Pythagorean Theorem on the right triangle below gives us an adjacent side of 12.



Therefore, $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 2 \cdot \frac{5}{13} \cdot \frac{12}{13} = \frac{120}{169}$. The quadrant means that our values will be positive for our two leg lengths.

Now find $\cos 2\theta$ & $\tan 2\theta$ using the same right triangle above.

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{13}\right)^2 = \frac{144}{169} - \frac{25}{169} = \boxed{\frac{119}{169}}$$

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = \frac{2 \left(\frac{5}{12}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{5}{12}\right)^2} = \frac{\frac{10}{12}}{1 - \frac{25}{144}} = \frac{10}{12} \cdot \frac{144}{119} = \boxed{\frac{120}{119}}$$

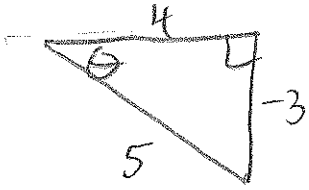
Also $\tan 2\theta = \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\cos 2\theta} = \frac{\frac{120}{169}}{\frac{119}{169}} = \boxed{\frac{120}{119}}$

12. $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$

$\frac{1}{\cos \theta} < 0$
($\csc \theta < 0$)

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We use Q IV because $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ (positive)



$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

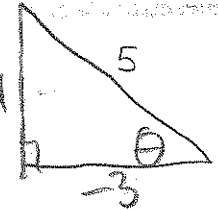
$$= 2 \left(\frac{-3}{5} \right) \left(\frac{4}{5} \right) = \boxed{\frac{-24}{25}}$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = \left(\frac{4}{5} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{-3}{5} \right)^2 = \frac{16}{25} - \frac{9}{25} = \boxed{\frac{7}{25}}$$

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = \frac{2 \left(\frac{-3}{4} \right)}{1 - \left(\frac{-3}{4} \right)^2} = \frac{-\frac{6}{4}}{\frac{7}{16}} = -\frac{6}{4} \cdot \frac{16}{7} = \boxed{\frac{-24}{7}}$$

13. $\tan \theta = \frac{-4}{3}$ (θ in quadrant II)

really means adj is negative



$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

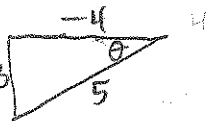
$$= 2 \left(\frac{4}{5} \right) \left(\frac{-3}{5} \right) = \boxed{\frac{-24}{25}}$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$= \left(\frac{-3}{5} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{4}{5} \right)^2 = \frac{9}{25} - \frac{16}{25} = \boxed{\frac{-7}{25}}$$

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = \frac{2 \left(\frac{-4}{3} \right)}{1 - \left(\frac{-4}{3} \right)^2} = \frac{-\frac{8}{3}}{\frac{-7}{9}} = \frac{8}{3} \cdot \frac{9}{7} = \boxed{\frac{24}{7}}$$

14. $\sin \theta = \frac{-3}{5}$ (θ in quadrant III)



$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{-3}{5} \right) \left(\frac{-4}{5} \right) = \boxed{\frac{24}{25}}$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$= \left(\frac{-4}{5} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{-3}{5} \right)^2 = \frac{16}{25} - \frac{9}{25} = \boxed{\frac{7}{25}}$$

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = \frac{2 \left(\frac{-3}{4} \right)}{1 - \left(\frac{-3}{4} \right)^2} = \frac{\frac{6}{4}}{\frac{7}{16}} = \frac{6}{4} \cdot \frac{16}{7} = \boxed{\frac{-24}{7}}$$