

## SOME BASIC TRIG - KNOW THIS!

### FUNDAMENTAL TRIG IDENTITIES (IDs)

Memorize these in both “directions” (i.e., left-to-right and right-to-left).

#### Reciprocal Identities

$$\csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{\csc x}$$

$$\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{\sec x}$$

$$\cot x = \frac{1}{\tan x}$$

$$\tan x = \frac{1}{\cot x}$$

Warning: Remember that the reciprocal of  $\sin x$  is  $\csc x$ , not  $\sec x$ .

Note: We typically treat “0” and “undefined” as reciprocals when we are dealing with trig functions. Your algebra teacher will not want to hear this, though!

#### Quotient Identities

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

and

$$\cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

#### Pythagorean Identities

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

$$1 + \cot^2 x = \csc^2 x$$

$$\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x$$

Tip: The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> IDs can be obtained by dividing both sides of the 1<sup>st</sup> ID by  $\sin^2 x$  and  $\cos^2 x$ , respectively.

Tip: The squares of  $\csc x$  and  $\sec x$ , which have the “Up-U, Down-U” graphs, are all alone on the right sides of the last two IDs. They can never be 0 in value. (Why is that? Look at the left sides.)

### Cofunction Identities

If  $x$  is measured in radians, then:

$$\sin x = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)$$

$$\cos x = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)$$

We have analogous relationships for tan and cot, and for sec and csc; remember that they are sometimes undefined.

Think: Cofunctions of complementary angles are equal.

### Even / Odd (or Negative Angle) Identities

Among the six basic trig functions, cos (and its reciprocal, sec) are even:

$$\cos(-x) = \cos x$$

$$\sec(-x) = \sec x, \text{ when both sides are defined}$$

However, the other four (sin and csc, tan and cot) are odd:

$$\sin(-x) = -\sin x$$

$$\csc(-x) = -\csc x, \text{ when both sides are defined}$$

$$\tan(-x) = -\tan x, \text{ when both sides are defined}$$

$$\cot(-x) = -\cot x, \text{ when both sides are defined}$$

Note: If  $f$  is an even function (such as cos), then the graph of  $y = f(x)$  is symmetric about the  $y$ -axis.

Note: If  $f$  is an odd function (such as sin), then the graph of  $y = f(x)$  is symmetric about the origin.

## **MORE TRIG IDENTITIES – MEMORIZE!**

### **SUM IDENTITIES**

**Memorize:**

$$\sin(u + v) = \sin u \cos v + \cos u \sin v$$

Think: “Sum of the mixed-up products”

(Multiplication and addition are commutative, but start with the  $\sin u \cos v$  term in anticipation of the Difference Identities.)

$$\cos(u + v) = \cos u \cos v - \sin u \sin v$$

Think: “Cosines [product] – Sines [product]”

$$\tan(u + v) = \frac{\tan u + \tan v}{1 - \tan u \tan v}$$

Think: “ $\frac{\text{Sum}}{1 - \text{Product}}$ ”

### **DIFFERENCE IDENTITIES**

**Memorize:**

Simply take the Sum Identities above and change every sign in sight!

$$\sin(u - v) = \sin u \cos v - \cos u \sin v$$

(Make sure that the right side of your identity for  $\sin(u + v)$  started with the  $\sin u \cos v$  term!)

$$\cos(u - v) = \cos u \cos v + \sin u \sin v$$

$$\tan(u - v) = \frac{\tan u - \tan v}{1 + \tan u \tan v}$$

**Obtaining the Difference Identities from the Sum Identities:**

Replace  $v$  with  $(-v)$  and use the fact that  $\sin$  and  $\tan$  are odd, while  $\cos$  is even.

For example,

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(u - v) &= \sin[u + (-v)] \\ &= \sin u \cos(-v) + \cos u \sin(-v) \\ &= \sin u \cos v - \cos u \sin v\end{aligned}$$

## **DOUBLE-ANGLE (Think: Angle-Reducing, if $u > 0$ ) IDENTITIES**

**Memorize:**

**(Also be prepared to recognize and know these “right-to-left”)**

$$\sin(2u) = 2 \sin u \cos u$$

Think: “Twice the product”

Reading “right-to-left,” we have:

$$2 \sin u \cos u = \sin(2u)$$

(This is helpful when simplifying.)

$$\cos(2u) = \cos^2 u - \sin^2 u$$

Think: “Cosines – Sines” (again)

Reading “right-to-left,” we have:

$$\cos^2 u - \sin^2 u = \cos(2u)$$

Contrast this with the Pythagorean Identity:

$$\cos^2 u + \sin^2 u = 1$$

$$\tan(2u) = \frac{2 \tan u}{1 - \tan^2 u}$$

(Hard to memorize; we’ll show how to obtain it.)

Notice that these identities are “angle-reducing” (if  $u > 0$ ) in that they allow you to go from trig functions of  $(2u)$  to trig functions of simply  $u$ .

## Obtaining the Double-Angle Identities from the Sum Identities:

Take the Sum Identities, replace  $v$  with  $u$ , and simplify.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(2u) &= \sin(u + u) \\ &= \sin u \cos u + \cos u \sin u \quad (\text{From Sum Identity}) \\ &= \sin u \cos u + \sin u \cos u \quad (\text{Like terms!!}) \\ &= 2 \sin u \cos u\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(2u) &= \cos(u + u) \\ &= \cos u \cos u - \sin u \sin u \quad (\text{From Sum Identity}) \\ &= \cos^2 u - \sin^2 u\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tan(2u) &= \tan(u + u) \\ &= \frac{\tan u + \tan u}{1 - \tan u \tan u} \quad (\text{From Sum Identity}) \\ &= \frac{2 \tan u}{1 - \tan^2 u}\end{aligned}$$

This is a “last resort” if you forget the Double-Angle Identities, but you will need to recall the Double-Angle Identities quickly!

One possible exception: Since the  $\tan(2u)$  identity is harder to remember, you may prefer to remember the Sum Identity for  $\tan(u + v)$  and then derive the  $\tan(2u)$  identity this way.

If you’re quick with algebra, you may prefer to go in reverse: memorize the Double-Angle Identities, and then guess the Sum Identities.

## Memorize These Three Versions of the Double-Angle Identity for $\cos(2u)$ :

Let's begin with the version we've already seen:

$$\text{Version 1: } \cos(2u) = \cos^2 u - \sin^2 u$$

Also know these two, from “left-to-right,” and from “right-to-left”:

$$\text{Version 2: } \cos(2u) = 1 - 2 \sin^2 u$$

$$\text{Version 3: } \cos(2u) = 2 \cos^2 u - 1$$

### Obtaining Versions 2 and 3 from Version 1

It's tricky to remember Versions 2 and 3, but you can obtain them from Version 1 by using the Pythagorean Identity  $\sin^2 u + \cos^2 u = 1$  written in different ways.

To obtain Version 2, which contains  $\sin^2 u$ , we replace  $\cos^2 u$  with  $(1 - \sin^2 u)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2u) &= \cos^2 u - \sin^2 u && (\text{Version 1}) \\ &= \underbrace{(1 - \sin^2 u)}_{\substack{\text{from Pythagorean} \\ \text{Identity}}} - \sin^2 u \\ &= 1 - \sin^2 u - \sin^2 u \\ &= 1 - 2 \sin^2 u && (\Rightarrow \text{Version 2}) \end{aligned}$$

To obtain Version 3, which contains  $\cos^2 u$ , we replace  $\sin^2 u$  with  $(1 - \cos^2 u)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2u) &= \cos^2 u - \sin^2 u && (\text{Version 1}) \\ &= \cos^2 u - \underbrace{(1 - \cos^2 u)}_{\substack{\text{from Pythagorean} \\ \text{Identity}}} \\ &= \cos^2 u - 1 + \cos^2 u \\ &= 2 \cos^2 u - 1 && (\Rightarrow \text{Version 3}) \end{aligned}$$

## **POWER-REDUCING IDENTITIES (“PRIs”)**

(These are called the “Half-Angle Formulas” in some books.)

**Memorize:**

**Then,**

$$\sin^2 u = \frac{1 - \cos(2u)}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\cos(2u) \qquad \tan^2 u = \frac{\sin^2 u}{\cos^2 u} = \frac{1 - \cos(2u)}{1 + \cos(2u)}$$

$$\cos^2 u = \frac{1 + \cos(2u)}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cos(2u)$$

Actually, you just need to memorize one of the  $\sin^2 u$  or  $\cos^2 u$  identities and then switch the visible sign to get the other. Think: “sin” is “bad” or “negative”; this is a reminder that the minus sign belongs in the  $\sin^2 u$  formula.

### **Obtaining the Power-Reducing Identities from the Double-Angle Identities for $\cos(2u)$**

To obtain the identity for  $\sin^2 u$ , start with Version 2 of the  $\cos(2u)$  identity:

$$\cos(2u) = 1 - 2 \sin^2 u$$

Now, solve for  $\sin^2 u$ .

$$2 \sin^2 u = 1 - \cos(2u)$$

$$\sin^2 u = \frac{1 - \cos(2u)}{2}$$

To obtain the identity for  $\cos^2 u$ , start with Version 3 of the  $\cos(2u)$  identity:

$$\cos(2u) = 2 \cos^2 u - 1$$

Now, switch sides and solve for  $\cos^2 u$ .

$$2 \cos^2 u - 1 = \cos(2u)$$

$$2 \cos^2 u = 1 + \cos(2u)$$

$$\cos^2 u = \frac{1 + \cos(2u)}{2}$$

## HALF-ANGLE IDENTITIES

Instead of memorizing these outright, it may be easier to derive them from the Power-Reducing Identities (PRIs). We use the substitution  $\theta = 2u$ . (See **Obtaining ...** below.)

### **The Identities:**

$$\begin{aligned}\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}} \\ \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}} \\ \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}\end{aligned}$$

For a given  $\theta$ , the choices among the  $\pm$  signs depend on the Quadrant that  $\frac{\theta}{2}$  lies in.

Here, the  $\pm$  symbols indicate incomplete knowledge; unlike when we deal with the Quadratic Formula, we do not take both signs for any of the above formulas for a given  $\theta$ . There are no  $\pm$  symbols in the last two  $\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$  formulas; there is no problem there of incomplete knowledge regarding signs.

One way to remember the last two  $\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$  formulas: Keep either the numerator or the denominator of the radicand of the first formula, stick  $\sin \theta$  in the other part of the fraction, and remove the radical sign and the  $\pm$  symbol.



**Obtaining the Half-Angle Identities from the Power-Reducing Identities (PRIs):**

For the  $\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$  identity, we begin with the PRI:

$$\sin^2 u = \frac{1 - \cos(2u)}{2}$$

$$\text{Let } u = \frac{\theta}{2}, \text{ or } \theta = 2u.$$

$$\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \cos\theta}{2}$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos\theta}{2}} \quad (\text{by the Square Root Method})$$

Again, the choice among the  $\pm$  signs depends on the Quadrant that  $\frac{\theta}{2}$  lies in.

The story is similar for the  $\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$  and the  $\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$  identities.

What about the last two formulas for  $\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$ ? The key trick is multiplication by trig conjugates. For example:

$$\begin{aligned} \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos\theta}{1 + \cos\theta}} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \cos\theta)}{(1 + \cos\theta)} \cdot \frac{(1 - \cos\theta)}{(1 - \cos\theta)}} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \cos\theta)^2}{1 - \cos^2\theta}} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \cos\theta)^2}{\sin^2\theta}} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{1 - \cos\theta}{\sin\theta}\right)^2} \\ &= \pm \left| \frac{1 - \cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \right| \quad \left( \text{because } \sqrt{blah^2} = |blah| \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $1 - \cos \theta \geq 0$  for all real  $\theta$ , and  $\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$  has the same sign as  $\sin \theta$  (can you see why?), so ...

$$= \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

To get the third formula, use the numerator's (instead of the denominator's) trig conjugate,  $1 + \cos \theta$ , when multiplying into the numerator and the denominator of the radicand in the first few steps.

### **PRODUCT-TO-SUM IDENTITIES** (Given as necessary on exams)

These can be verified from right-to-left using the Sum and Difference Identities.

#### **The Identities:**

$$\sin u \sin v = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(u - v) - \cos(u + v)]$$

$$\cos u \cos v = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(u - v) + \cos(u + v)]$$

$$\sin u \cos v = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(u + v) + \sin(u - v)]$$

$$\cos u \sin v = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(u + v) - \sin(u - v)]$$

### **SUM-TO-PRODUCT IDENTITIES** (Given as necessary on exams)

These can be verified from right-to-left using the Product-To-Sum Identities.

#### **The Identities:**

$$\sin x + \sin y = 2 \sin\left(\frac{x + y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x - y}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin x - \sin y = 2 \cos\left(\frac{x + y}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x - y}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos x + \cos y = 2 \cos\left(\frac{x + y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x - y}{2}\right)$$

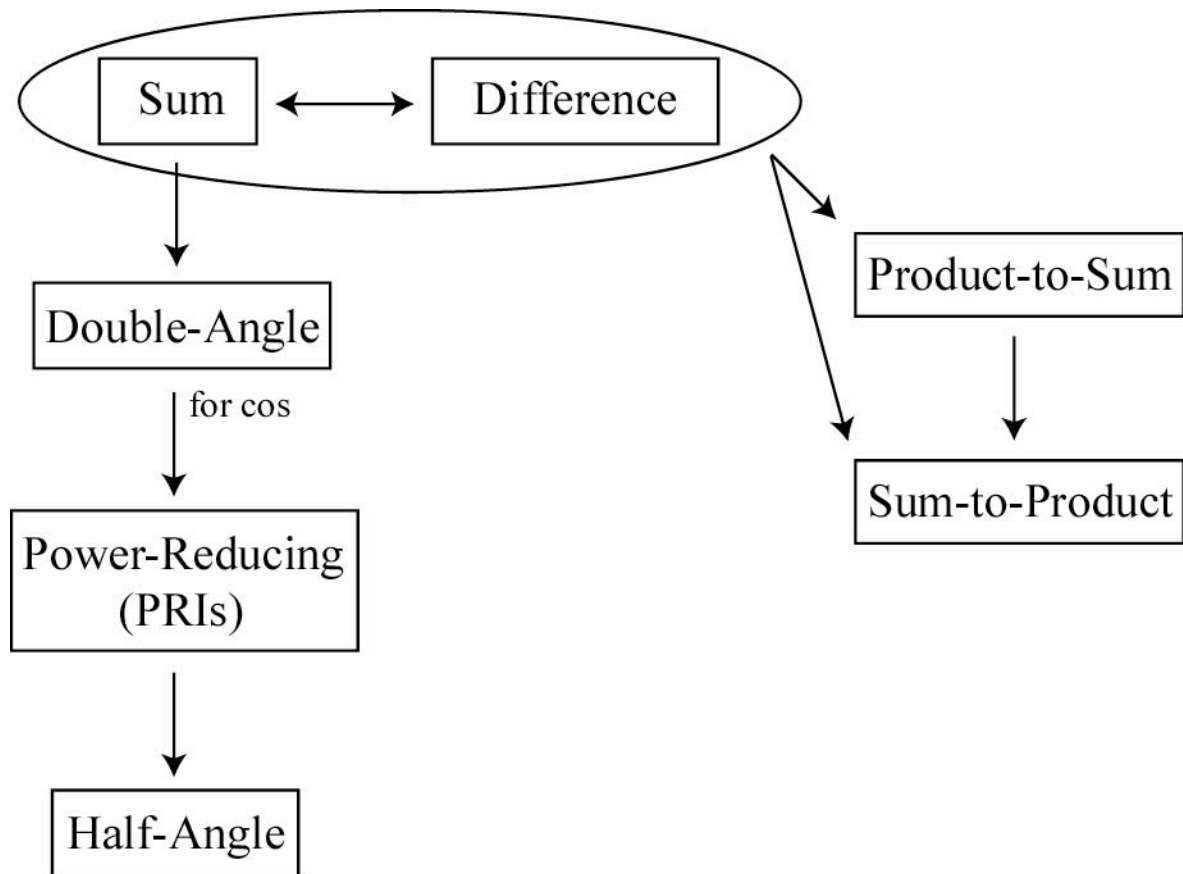
$$\cos x - \cos y = -2 \sin\left(\frac{x + y}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x - y}{2}\right)$$

## **SECTIONS 5.4 and 5.5: MORE TRIG IDENTITIES**

### **PART A: A GUIDE TO THE HANDOUT**

[See the Handout on my website.](#)

The identities (IDs) may be derived according to this flowchart:



In Calculus: The Double-Angle and Power-Reducing IDs are most commonly used among these, though we will discuss a critical application of the Sum IDs in [Part C](#).

Some proofs are on [pp.403-5](#). See [p.381](#) for notes on Hipparchus, the “inventor” of trig, and the father of the Sum and Difference IDs.

**PART B: EXAMPLES**Example: Finding Trig Values

Find the exact value of  $\sin 15^\circ$ .

Note: Larson uses radians to solve this in [Example 2 on p.381](#), but degrees are usually easier to deal with when applying these identities, since we don't have to worry about common denominators.

Solution (Method 1: Difference ID)

We know trig values for  $45^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$ , so a Difference ID should work.

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

$$\text{Use: } \sin(u - v) = \sin u \cos v - \cos u \sin v$$

$$= \sin 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \cos 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

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

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

Warning:  $\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2} \neq \sqrt{4}$ . We do **not** have sum and difference rules for radicals the same way we have product and quotient rules for them.

Solution (Method 2: Half-Angle ID)

We know trig values for  $30^\circ$ , so a Half-Angle ID should work.

$$\sin 15^\circ = \sin\left(\frac{30^\circ}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Use: } \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 30^\circ}{2}} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{2}} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{4}} \\ &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{3}}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

We know  $\sin 15^\circ > 0$ , since  $15^\circ$  is an acute Quadrant I angle. We take the “+” sign.

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

In fact,  $\frac{\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{3}}}{2}$  is equivalent to  $\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$ , our result from Method 1.

They are both positive in value, and you can see (after some work) that their squares are equal.

Example: Simplifying and/or Evaluating

Find the exact value of:  $\frac{\tan 25^\circ + \tan 20^\circ}{1 - \tan 25^\circ \tan 20^\circ}$

Solution

We do not know the exact  $\tan$  values for  $25^\circ$  or  $20^\circ$ , but observe that the expression follows the template for the Sum Formula for  $\tan$ :

$$\tan(u + v) = \frac{\tan u + \tan v}{1 - \tan u \tan v}$$

We will use this ID “in reverse” (i.e., from right-to-left):

$$\frac{\tan u + \tan v}{1 - \tan u \tan v} = \tan(u + v)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\tan 25^\circ + \tan 20^\circ}{1 - \tan 25^\circ \tan 20^\circ} &= \tan(25^\circ + 20^\circ) \\ &= \tan 45^\circ \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Simplifying Trig Expressions

Simplify:  $\frac{1}{\sin(3\theta)\cos(3\theta)}$

Solution

We will take the Double-Angle ID:  $\sin(2u) = 2\sin u \cos u$  and use it “in reverse”:  $2\sin u \cos u = \sin(2u)$ .

Let  $u = 3\theta$ . Observe:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\sin(3\theta)\cos(3\theta) &= \sin[2(3\theta)] \\ 2\sin(3\theta)\cos(3\theta) &= \sin(6\theta) \\ \sin(3\theta)\cos(3\theta) &= \frac{1}{2}\sin(6\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Note: We also get this result from the Product-to-Sum Identities, but they are harder to remember!

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sin(3\theta)\cos(3\theta)} &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}\sin(6\theta)} \\ &= 2\csc(6\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Examples: Verifying Trig IDs

[Examples 5 and 6 on p.382 of Larson](#) show how these IDs can be used to verify Cofunction IDs and Reduction IDs.

Example: These IDs can be used to verify something like:  $\sin(\theta + \pi) = -\sin \theta$ .

Can you see why this is true using the Unit Circle?

Examples: Solving Trig Equations[See Example 8 on p.383 of Larson.](#)Example

$$\text{Solve: } \sin x - \cos(2x) = 0$$

Solution

We will use the Double-Angle ID for  $\cos(2x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\sin x - \cos(2x) &= 0 \\ \sin x - (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x) &= 0 \\ \sin x - \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x &= 0\end{aligned}$$

**Warning:** Remember to use grouping symbols if you are subtracting a substitution result consisting of more than one term.

Use the basic Pythagorean Identity to express  $\cos^2 x$  in terms of a power of  $\sin x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\sin x - (1 - \sin^2 x) + \sin^2 x &= 0 \\ \sin x - 1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^2 x &= 0 \\ 2\sin^2 x + \sin x - 1 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

You can use the substitution  $u = \sin x$ , or you can factor directly.

$$(2\sin x - 1)(\sin x + 1) = 0$$

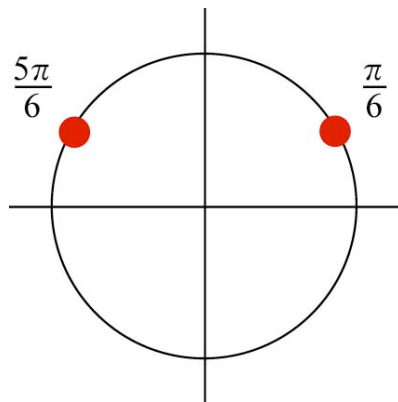


First factor:

$$2 \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

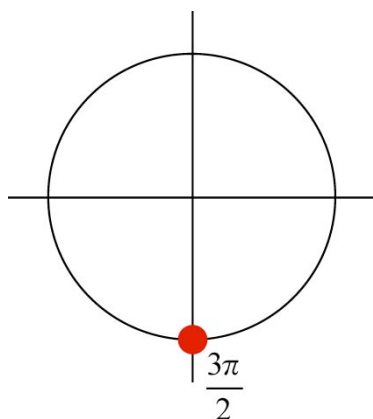
$$x = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi n, \text{ or } x = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi n \quad (n \text{ integer})$$

Second factor:

$$\sin x + 1 = 0$$

$$\sin x = -1$$

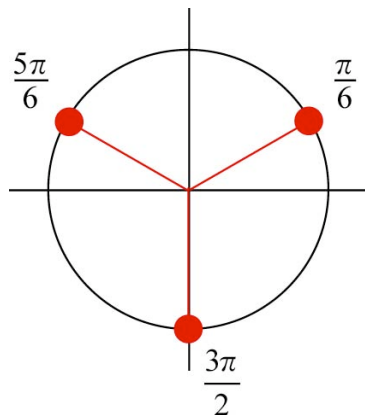
$$x = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi n \quad (n \text{ integer})$$

Solution set:

$$\left\{ x \mid x = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi n, x = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi n, \text{ or } x = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi n \quad (n \text{ integer}) \right\}$$

A More Efficient Form!

Look at the red points (corresponding to solutions) we've collected on the Unit Circle:



The solutions exhibit a “period” of  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ , corresponding to “third-revolutions” about the Unit Circle.

Here is a much more efficient form for the solution set:

$$\left\{ x \mid x = \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{2\pi}{3}n \quad (n \text{ integer}) \right\}$$

Examples: Using Right TrianglesExample

Express  $\sin(2 \arccos x)$  as an equivalent algebraic expression in  $x$ .

Assume  $x$  is in  $[-1, 1]$ , the domain of the arccos function.

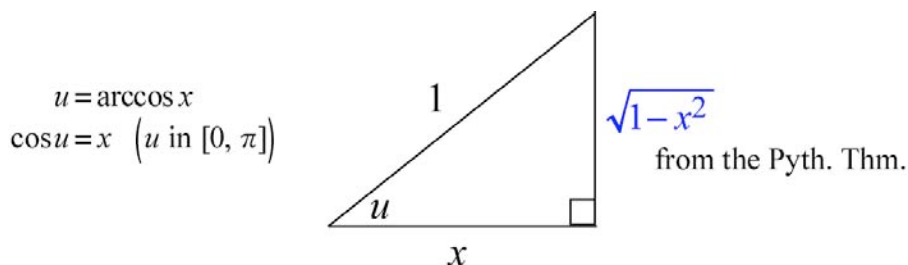
Solution

We use the Double-Angle ID:  $\sin(2u) = 2 \sin u \cos u$ , where  $u = \arccos x$ .

$$\sin(2 \arccos x) = 2 \sin(\arccos x) \cos(\arccos x)$$

Since  $x$  is assumed to be in  $[-1, 1]$ , we know that  $\cos(\arccos x) = x$ .

We will use a right triangle model to reexpress  $\sin(\arccos x)$ .



$$\sin(\arccos x) = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1} = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We then have ... } \sin(2 \arccos x) &= 2 \left( \sqrt{1-x^2} \right) (x) \\ &= 2x \sqrt{1-x^2} \end{aligned}$$

[See Example 4 on p.381 of Larson.](#) When rewriting  $\cos(\arctan 1 + \arccos x)$ , we let  $u = \arctan 1$  and  $v = \arccos x$ , and we can apply the Sum Identity for  $\cos(u + v)$ .

It may help to recognize that  $\arctan 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

Examples: Using Power-Reducing IDs (PRIs)

[See Example 5 on p.389. In Calculus:](#) You will need to do this when you do advanced techniques of integration in [Calculus II: Math 151 at Mesa](#). In the next Example, we will explain one of the more confusing steps in the solution:

Example

Express  $\cos^2(2x)$  in terms of first powers of cosines.

Solution

We use the PRI:  $\cos^2 u = \frac{1 + \cos(2u)}{2}$ , where  $u = 2x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^2(2x) &= \frac{1 + \cos[2(2x)]}{2} \\ &= \frac{1 + \cos(4x)}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Example: Product-to-Sum IDExample

Apply a Product-to-Sum ID to reexpress  $\sin(6\theta)\sin(4\theta)$  as an equivalent expression.

Solution

The relevant ID is:  $\sin u \sin v = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(u - v) - \cos(u + v)]$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(6\theta)\sin(4\theta) &= \frac{1}{2}[\cos(6\theta - 4\theta) - \cos(6\theta + 4\theta)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[\cos(2\theta) - \cos(10\theta)]\end{aligned}$$

Example: Sum-to-Product IDExample

Apply a Sum-to-Product ID to reexpress  $\sin(6\theta) + \sin(4\theta)$  as an equivalent expression.

Warning: This is **not** equivalent to  $\sin(10\theta)$ .

Solution

The relevant ID is:  $\sin x + \sin y = 2 \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(6\theta) + \sin(4\theta) &= 2 \sin\left(\frac{6\theta + 4\theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{6\theta - 4\theta}{2}\right) \\ &= 2 \sin\left(\frac{10\theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\theta}{2}\right) \\ &= 2 \sin(5\theta) \cos\theta \end{aligned}$$

Example: Extending IDs

[Example 4 on p.389 in Larson](#) shows how a Triple-Angle ID can be derived from the Double-Angle IDs.

**PART C: APPLICATIONS IN CALCULUS**

Review difference quotients and derivatives (“slope functions”) in [Notes 1.57 and 1.58](#).

The Sum IDs help us show that:

If  $f(x) = \sin x$ , then the derivative  $f'(x) = \cos x$ .  
 If  $f(x) = \cos x$ , then the derivative  $f'(x) = -\sin x$ .

Let's consider  $f(x) = \sin x$ . We will use a limit definition for the derivative:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin x}{h}$$

We will use a Sum ID to expand  $\sin(x+h)$ .

[Example 7 on p.383](#) works this out in a slightly different way.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \cos h + \cos x \sin h - \sin x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sin x \cos h - \sin x) + \cos x \sin h}{h} \quad (\text{Group terms with } \sin x.) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sin x)(\cos h - 1) + \cos x \sin h}{h} \quad (\text{Factor } \sin x \text{ out of the group.}) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ (\sin x) \underbrace{\left( \frac{\cos h - 1}{h} \right)}_{\rightarrow 0} + (\cos x) \underbrace{\left( \frac{\sin h}{h} \right)}_{\rightarrow 1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

As  $h \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{\cos h - 1}{h} \rightarrow 0$ , or, equivalently,  $\frac{1 - \cos h}{h} \rightarrow 0$ , if you use the book's result.

Also,  $\frac{\sin h}{h} \rightarrow 1$ .

$$= \cos x$$