

# TRIGONOMETRIC AND GEOMETRIC IDENTITIES

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## 1 Trigonometry

**Theorem 1.1** (Very basic theorems).

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta &= 1 \\ \sec^2 \theta &= 1 + \tan^2 \theta \\ \csc^2 \theta &= 1 + \cot^2 \theta\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.2** (Extended Law of Sines). *If  $R$  is the circumradius of  $\triangle ABC$ , then  $BC = 2R \sin A$ .*

**Theorem 1.3** (Law of Cosines). *In  $\triangle ABC$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C \\ a &= b \cos C + c \cos B\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.4** (Addition formulae). *For any real numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) &= \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta \\ \cos(\alpha \pm \beta) &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta \\ \tan \alpha \pm \beta &= \frac{\tan \alpha \pm \tan \beta}{1 \mp \tan \alpha \tan \beta} \\ \cot \alpha \pm \beta &= \frac{\cot \cot \beta \mp 1}{\cot \alpha \pm \cot \beta}\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.5** (Product of sin, cos).

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

**Theorem 1.6** (Product to sum).

$$\begin{aligned}2 \sin a \cos b &= \sin(a + b) + \sin(a - b) \\ 2 \cos a \sin b &= \sin(a + b) - \sin(a - b) \\ 2 \cos a \cos b &= \cos(a + b) + \cos(a - b) \\ 2 \sin a \sin b &= \cos(a - b) - \cos(a + b)\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.7** (Sum-to-product formulae).

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \alpha + \sin \beta &= 2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \\ \sin \alpha - \sin \beta &= 2 \cos \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \sin \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \\ \cos \alpha + \cos \beta &= 2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \\ \cos \alpha - \cos \beta &= -2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \sin \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

In particular, one has the double and half-angle formulae.

**Theorem 1.8** (Double-angle formulae).

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

**Theorem 1.9** (Triple angle formulae).

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 3a &= 3 \sin a - 4 \sin^3 a \\ \cos 3a &= 4 \cos^3 a - 3 \cos a \\ \tan 3a &= \frac{3 \tan a - \tan^3 a}{1 - 3 \tan^2 a}\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.10** (Relation with  $\tan \frac{x}{2}$ ). *For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,*

$$\sin x = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}, \quad \cos x = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}, \quad \tan x = \frac{2t}{1-t^2}$$

$$\text{where } t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$$

**Theorem 1.11** (Half-angle formulae).

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{2}} \\ \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \alpha}{2}} \\ \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} &= \csc \alpha - \cot \alpha.\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.12** (Trigonometric Identities for Triangle).

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{cyc} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} &= 1 - 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \\ \sum_{cyc} \sin A &= 4 \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} \\ \sum_{cyc} \sin 2A &= 4 \sin A \sin B \sin C \\ \sum_{cyc} \cos A &= 1 + 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} = 1 + \frac{r}{R} \\ \sum_{cyc} \cos 2A &= -1 - 4 \cos A \cos B \cos C \\ \sum_{cyc} \cos^2 A &= 1 - 2 \cos A \cos B \cos C \\ \sum_{cyc} \sin^2 A &= 2 + 2 \cos A \cos B \cos C \\ \sum_{cyc} \tan A &= \tan A \tan B \tan C \\ \sum_{cyc} \cot \frac{A}{2} &= \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} \\ \sum_{cyc} \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} &= 1 \\ \sum_{cyc} \cot A \cot B &= 1\end{aligned}$$

## 2 Geometry and Identities

The half-angle formulae take a convenient form for triangles.

**Theorem 2.1.** In  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \frac{C}{2} &= \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{ab}} = \sqrt{\frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \\ \cos \frac{C}{2} &= \sqrt{\frac{s(s-c)}{ab}} = \sqrt{\frac{(x+y+z)z}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \\ \tan \frac{C}{2} &= \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{s(s-c)}} = \sqrt{\frac{xy}{(x+y+z)z}} = \frac{r}{s-c}\end{aligned}$$

It may be helpful at times to express certain other quantities associated with a triangle in terms of the angles.

**Theorem 2.2** (Identities related to  $R, r, s$ ). If  $\triangle ABC$  has semiperimeter  $s$ , inradius  $r$  and circumradius  $R$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}r &= 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \iff \frac{r}{R} = 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \\ s &= \frac{(\triangle ABC)}{r} = 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} \\ \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2} &= \frac{r}{s} \\ \cos A + \cos B + \cos C &= 1 + \frac{r}{R} \\ 2R \sin A \sin B \sin C &= r(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C) \\ a \cos A + b \cos B + c \cos C &= \frac{abc}{2R^2}\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.3** (Area of a Triangle).  $(\triangle ABC) = S$ ,  $s = \frac{a+b+c}{2} = x + y + z$ ,  $x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c$ .

$$\begin{aligned}S &= \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \\ &= \sqrt{xyz(x+y+z)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}bc \sin A = \frac{abc}{4R} \\ &= 2R^2 \sin A \sin B \sin C \\ &= sr = (s-a)r_A = (s-b)r_B = (s-c)r_C \\ &= \sqrt{r r_A r_B r_C}\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.4** (Identities and inequalities related to triangle).

$$\begin{aligned}XG^2 &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} XA^2 - \frac{1}{9} \sum_{cyc} BC^2 \iff 3 \left( \sum_{cyc} GA^2 \right) = \sum_{cyc} BC^2 \\ OH^2 &= 9R^2 - \left( \sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \iff R^2 \geq \frac{1}{9} \left( \sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \\ HG^2 &= 4R^2 - \frac{4}{9} \left( \sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \\ OG^2 &= R^2 - \frac{1}{9} \left( \sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \\ OI^2 &= R^2 - 2Rr \geq 0 \iff R \geq 2r \\ r &\leq \frac{s}{3\sqrt{3}} \leq \frac{R}{2}, \quad \sin \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{a}{b+c}\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.5**  $(R, r, r_A, r_B, r_C)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 4R + r &= r_A + r_B + r_C, \quad \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r_A} + \frac{1}{r_B} + \frac{1}{r_C} = \frac{1}{h_a} + \frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c} \\ r^2 &= \frac{xyz}{x+y+z}, \quad R^2 = \frac{(x+y)^2(y+z)^2(z+x)^2}{16xyz(x+y+z)} \\ \frac{r}{R} &= \frac{4xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \\ Rr &= \frac{abc}{4s} = \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4(x+y+z)} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.6** (Identities related to special points).

$$\begin{aligned} m_a &= \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{4}, \quad m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 = \frac{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{4} \\ AI &= \frac{b+c}{a+b+c} \sqrt{bc \left( 1 - \left( \frac{a}{b+c} \right)^2 \right)} \\ AL &= \sqrt{bc \left( 1 - \left( \frac{a}{b+c} \right)^2 \right)} \\ AR &= 2R \sin \left( B + \frac{A}{2} \right) \implies AR \cdot 2 \cos \frac{A}{2} = 2R \cdot 2 \sin \left( B + \frac{A}{2} \right) \cos \frac{A}{2}. \\ AR \cdot 2 \cos \frac{A}{2} &= 2R(\sin C + \sin B) = b + c. \iff \boxed{AR = \frac{b+c}{2 \cos \frac{A}{2}}}. \\ EF &= a \cos A = R \sin 2A \text{ (} EF = \text{the side of the orthic triangle opposite to } A \text{)} \\ AH &= a \cot A = 2R \cos A \\ HD &= 2R \cos B \cos C \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.7** (Convex and Concave Functions). **Convexity text.** Let  $f$  be twice differentiable function on  $[a, b]$ . Then,  $f$  is concave on  $[a, b]$  iff  $f''(x) \leq 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$

**Jensen's Inequality.** If  $f$  is concave in  $[a, b]$ , then for any  $\omega_i \in [0, 1]$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i = 1$  and  $x_i \in [a, b]$  we have,

$$\omega_1 f(x_1) + \cdots + \omega_n f(x_n) \leq f(\omega_1 x_1 + \cdots + \omega_n x_n)$$

$f(x) = \sin x$	$f'(x) = \cos x$	$f''(x) = -\sin x \leq 0$
$f(x) = \cos x$	$f'(x) = -\sin x$	$f''(x) = -\cos x \leq 0$
$f(x) = \tan x$	$f'(x) = \sec^2 x$	$f''(x) = 2 \sec x \tan x \geq 0$
$f(x) = \ln \sin x$	$f'(x) = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$	$f''(x) = -\csc^2 x \leq 0$
$f(x) = \ln \cos x$	$f'(x) = \frac{-\sin x}{\cos x}$	$f''(x) = -\sec^2 x \leq 0$
$f(x) = \ln x$	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$	$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \leq 0$

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