

MAT1375, Classwork23, Fall2025

Ch21. Trigonometric Identities

1. Addition and Subtraction of angles formulas:

Let α, β be two angles. We have $\sin(\alpha)$ is good and $\cos(\alpha)$ is bad.

$$(1) \sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta) + \cos(\alpha) \sin(\beta)$$

$$(2) \sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta) - \cos(\alpha) \sin(\beta)$$

$$(3) \cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta) - \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta)$$

$$(4) \cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta) + \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta)$$

2. Half- and double-angle formulas:

$$(5) \sin(2\alpha) = 2 \sin(\alpha) \cos(\alpha) \text{ (From (1) and let } \beta = \alpha \text{)}$$

$$(6) \cos(2\alpha) = \cos^2(\alpha) - \sin^2(\alpha) \text{ (From (3) and let } \beta = \alpha \text{)}$$

\downarrow
 $\cos(\alpha + \alpha)$

$$(7) \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos(\alpha)}{2}}$$

$\frac{\alpha}{2}$ is in I, II
 $\frac{\alpha}{2}$ is in III, IV

$$+ \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos(\alpha)}{2}}$$

$$- \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos(\alpha)}{2}}$$

$$(8) \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos(\alpha)}{2}}$$

$\frac{\alpha}{2}$ is I, IV
 $\frac{\alpha}{2}$ is II, III

$$+ \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos(\alpha)}{2}}$$

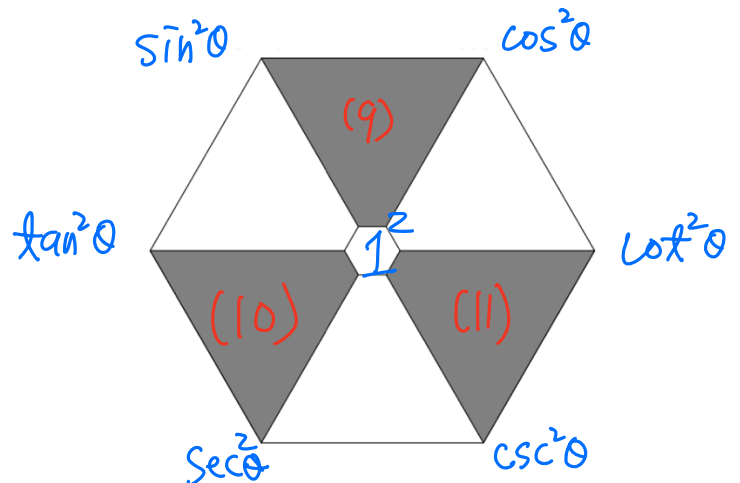
$$- \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos(\alpha)}{2}}$$

3. Pythagorean Identities:

$$(9) \sin^2(\theta) + \cos^2(\theta) = 1^2$$

$$(10) 1^2 + \tan^2(\theta) = \sec^2(\theta)$$

$$(11) 1^2 + \cot^2(\theta) = \csc^2(\theta)$$



4. Find the exact value of the trigonometric functions:

II

a) $\sin\left(\frac{11\pi}{12}\right)$ b) $\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right)$ c) $\sin(15^\circ)$ d) $\cos(75^\circ)$

(a) $\sin\left(\frac{3}{12}\pi + \frac{8}{12}\pi\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$
 $\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{4}$

(b) $\cos\left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{7\pi}{4}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right)}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\left(1+\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \times 2}{(2) \times 2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{4}}$
 $\rightarrow \text{II} \rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right) = -\sqrt{\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{4}}$

(c) $\sin(15^\circ) = \sin(45^\circ - 30^\circ) = \sin(45^\circ)\cos(30^\circ) - \cos(45^\circ)\sin(30^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{4}$

(d) $\cos(75^\circ) = \cos(45^\circ + 30^\circ) = \cos(45^\circ)\cos(30^\circ) - \sin(45^\circ)\sin(30^\circ)$
 $= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{4}$

5. Simplify the given function using the addition and subtraction formulas.

a) $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + x\right)$ b) $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)$ c) $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + x\right)$ d) $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)$

$\sin(-x) =$
e) $\sin(0-x) = \sin(0)\cos(x) - \cos(0)\sin(x) = -\sin(x)$ odd

$\cos(-x) =$
f) $\cos(0-x) = \cos(0)\cos(x) + \sin(0)\sin(x) = \cos(x)$ even

a) $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + x\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\cos(x) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\sin(x) = 1 \cdot \cos(x) + 0 \cdot \sin(x) = \cos(x)$

b) $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\cos(x) - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\sin(x) = 1 \cdot \cos(x) - 0 \cdot \sin(x) = \cos(x)$

c) $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + x\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\cos(x) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\sin(x) = 0 \cdot \cos(x) - 1 \cdot \sin(x) = -\sin(x)$

d) $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\cos(x) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\sin(x) = 0 \cdot \cos(x) + 1 \cdot \sin(x) = \sin(x)$