

Double Angle Formulas

$$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

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

$$\cos 2x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1$$

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

$$\tan 2x = \frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x}$$

Half Angle Formulas

$$\sin \theta = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{1 + \cos 2\theta}}$$

1. Use an appropriate double angle formula to rewrite each expression as a single trigonometric ratio.

a) $10 \sin 5x \cos 5x$

b) $1 - 2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right)$

c) $\frac{\sin^2(4x) - \cos^2(4x)}{\cos 3x \sin 3x}$

2. Derive a formula for

a) $\cos 3\theta$ in terms for $\cos \theta$

b) $\sin 4\theta$ in terms for $\sin \theta$ & $\cos \theta$

Prove each identity

$$3. \sin 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 + \tan^2 A}$$

$$4. \frac{\sin 2x}{2 - 2 \cos^2 x} = 2 \csc 2x - \tan x$$

$$5. \tan 2x = \frac{2}{\cot x - \tan x}$$

$$6. \frac{\sin 2\theta}{1 - \cos 2\theta} = 2 \csc 2\theta - \tan \theta$$

$$7. 2 \csc 2x = \sec x \csc x$$

$$8. 2 \cot 2x = \cot x - \tan x$$

$$9. \cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1 + \cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$10. \frac{1 - \sin 2x}{\cos 2x} = \frac{\cos 2x}{1 + \sin 2x}$$

Determine the exact value of each.

1. $\sin(22.5^\circ)$

2. $\tan \frac{5\pi}{12}$

3. $\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{12}\right)$

Math 12 – Double Angle Identities Worksheet

1. Write each expression in terms of a single trigonometric function.
a) $2 \sin 0.6 \cos 0.6$ b) $2 \sin 3 \cos 3$ c) $2 \sin 2 \cos 2$
d) $\cos^2 0.45 - \sin^2 0.45$ e) $2 \cos^2 5 - 1$ f) $1 - 2 \sin^2 3$
2. Write each expression in terms of a single trigonometric function
a) $2 \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \cos \frac{\pi}{6}$ b) $\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{10} - \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{10}$ c) $2 \cos^2 0.5 - 1$
3. If $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{3}$ and θ is in quadrant I, evaluate each expression.
a) $\sin 2\theta$ b) $\cos 2\theta$ c) $\tan 2\theta$
4. A value of θ is defined. Evaluate the expressions $\sin 2\theta$, $\cos 2\theta$, and $\tan 2\theta$
a) $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$, and θ is in Quadrant II
b) $\sin \theta = -\frac{2}{3}$, and θ is in Quadrant III
c) $\tan \theta = 0.75$ and $\pi < \theta < \frac{3\pi}{2}$
5. Prove each identity:
a) $1 + \sin 2\theta = (\sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2$ b) $\sin 2\theta = 2 \cot \theta \sin^2 \theta$
c) $\cos 2\theta = \frac{1 - \tan^2 \theta}{1 + \tan^2 \theta}$ d) $\sec^2 \theta = \frac{2}{1 + \cos 2\theta}$
6. Prove each identity:
a) $\frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} = \sin^2 \theta$ b) $\frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta} = -\sec 2\theta$
c) $\frac{(\sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2}{\sin 2\theta} = \csc 2\theta + 1$

Answers:

- 1a) $\sin 1.2$ b) $\sin 6$ c) $\sin 4$ d) $\cos 0.9$ e) $\cos 10$ f) $\cos 6$
2a) $\sin \frac{\pi}{3}$ b) $\cos \frac{\pi}{5}$ c) $\cos 1$
3a) $\frac{4\sqrt{2}}{9}$ b) $\frac{7}{9}$ c) $\frac{4\sqrt{2}}{7}$
4a) $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{3}$ b) $\frac{4\sqrt{5}}{9}, \frac{1}{9}, 4\sqrt{5}$ c) $\frac{24}{25}, \frac{7}{25}, \frac{24}{7}$

Use a double-angle or half-angle identity to find the exact value of each expression.

1) $\cos \frac{7\pi}{8}$

2) $\sin \frac{7\pi}{8}$

3) $\sin 165^\circ$

4) $\sin 112\frac{1}{2}^\circ$

5) $\sin 15^\circ$

6) $\cos \frac{23\pi}{12}$

7) $\sin 22\frac{1}{2}^\circ$

8) $\sin -\frac{5\pi}{12}$

9) $\cos \frac{3\pi}{8}$

10) $\sin 75^\circ$

Solving Trigonometric Equations (I)

Because of their periodic nature, trigonometric equations have an infinite number of solutions. When we use a trigonometric model, we usually want solutions within a specified interval.

- To find the exact solutions of a linear trigonometric equation, use special triangles, the CAST rule, the unit circle, and/or a sketch of the graph. In some cases, you may also need to use a trigonometric identity to help you solve a given equation.
- A scientific or graphing calculator can be used to find the approximate solutions of a linear trigonometric equation. The inverse trigonometric function of a positive ratio yields the related acute angle. Use this reference angle and the period of the corresponding function to determine all the solutions in the given interval.
- The same strategies can be used to solve linear trigonometric equations when the variable is measured in degrees or radians.

Example 1

Solve each equation for θ , where $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$.

a) $\sec \theta = -1$

b) $5 \tan \theta + 7 = 0$

Example 2

Solve each equation for x , where $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

a) $\sqrt{3} \sin x = 3 \cos x$

b) $2 - 6 \cot x = 5 \cot x + 13$

Example 3

Solve for θ in the domain $[0, 2\pi]$.

a) $4 \sin \theta \cos \theta - 1 = 0$

b) $\cos \theta \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - \sin \theta \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Solving Trigonometric Equations (II)

In some applications, the formula contains a square of a trigonometric ratio.

- Quadratic trigonometric equation can often be factored. You can then solve the resulting two linear trigonometric equations.
- In cases where the equation cannot be factored, use the quadratic formula and then solve the resulting linear trigonometric equations.

Recall that the solutions to $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are determined by $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$.

- You may need to use a Pythagorean identity, compound angle formula, or double angle formula to create a quadratic equation that contains only a single trigonometric function whose arguments all match.
- A quadratic equation may have multiple solutions in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$. Some of the solutions may be inadmissible, however, in the context of the problem.

Example 1

Solve each equation for x in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

a) $\csc^2 x - 1 = 0$

b) $2\cos^2 x + 5\cos x = 3$

Example 2

Use the quadratic formula to solve each equation for θ , where $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$.
Give answers to the nearest degree.

a) $\tan^2 \theta - 5 \tan \theta + 10 = 0$

b) $3 \cot^2 \theta - 1 = 4 \cot \theta$

Example 3

For each equation, use a trigonometric identity to create a quadratic equation. Then solve the equation for x in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$. Give exact answers where possible. Round approximate answers to the nearest hundredth.

- a) $5 - 5\cos x = 4\sin^2 x$
- b) $2\cot^2 x + 3\csc x = 0$
- c) $\sin x = 6\sin 2x$
- d) $\cos 2x + \cos x + 1 = 0$

