Trigonometry Rules

Basic Definitions

• Sine: $\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$

• Cosine: $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$

• Tangent: $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$

• Cosecant: $\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$

• Secant: $\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$

• Cotangent: $\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$

Pythagorean Identities

 $\bullet \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$

• $1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$

• $1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$

Sum and Difference Formulas

• $\sin(a \pm b) = \sin a \cos b \pm \cos a \sin b$

• $\cos(a \pm b) = \cos a \cos b \mp \sin a \sin b$

• $\tan(a \pm b) = \frac{\tan a \pm \tan b}{1 \mp \tan a \tan b}$

Double Angle Formulas

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

• $\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = 2\cos^2 \theta - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta$

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

Half Angle Formulas

•
$$\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1-\cos \theta}{2}$$

•
$$\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1+\cos \theta}{2}$$

•
$$\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

Product-to-Sum Formulas

•
$$\sin a \sin b = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(a-b) - \cos(a+b)]$$

•
$$\cos a \cos b = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(a-b) + \cos(a+b)]$$

•
$$\sin a \cos b = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(a+b) + \sin(a-b)]$$

Sum-to-Product Formulas

•
$$\sin a + \sin b = 2\sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)$$

•
$$\sin a - \sin b = 2\cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)$$

•
$$\cos a + \cos b = 2\cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)$$

•
$$\cos a - \cos b = -2\sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)$$

Law of Sines and Law of Cosines

• Law of Sines:
$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

• Law of Cosines:
$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$