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algebraic functions

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rational p(x)/q(x)

root $\sqrt[n]{g(x)}$

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scaling:

- vertical scaling y = kf(x): If $k \ge 1$, the graph is expanded vertically by the factor k. If 0 < k < 1, the graph is compressed vertically. When the scale factor k is negative (k < 0), the graph is also reflected across the x-axis.
- horizontal scaling y = f(kx): If $K \ge 1$, the graph is compressed in the horizontal direction. If 0 < k < 1, the graph is expanded. If $k \le 0$, then the graph is also reflected across the y-axis.

trigonometric functions are mathematical functions that relate the angle of a triangle to the lengths of its sides. these functions are based on the relationships between the angles and sides of right-angled triangles and can also be generalized to all real numbers using the unit circle.

To derive the rest of the fundamental trigonometric identities, you need a combination of a few key identities and principles. The most important starting point is the Pythagorean identity, but you'll also need the basic relationships between the trigonometric functions, such as the definitions of sine, cosine, tangent, secant, cosecant, and cotangent in terms of a right triangle or the unit circle.

$$\begin{split} &\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1 \\ &\sec\theta = \frac{1}{\cos\theta}, \quad \csc\theta = \frac{1}{\sin\theta}, \quad \cot\theta = \frac{1}{\tan\theta} \\ &\tan\theta = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}, \quad \cot\theta = \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \\ &1 + \tan^2\theta = \sec^2\theta \\ &1 + \cot^2\theta = \csc^2\theta \\ &\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin\alpha\cos\beta + \cos\alpha\sin\beta \\ &\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos\alpha\cos\beta - \sin\alpha\sin\beta \\ &\tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan\alpha + \tan\beta}{1 - \tan\alpha\tan\beta} \\ &\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin\alpha\cos\beta - \cos\alpha\sin\beta \\ &\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos\alpha\cos\beta + \sin\alpha\sin\beta \\ &\tan(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{\tan\alpha - \tan\beta}{1 + \tan\alpha\tan\beta} \\ &\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta \\ &\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta = 2\cos^2\theta - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2\theta \\ &\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2\tan\theta}{1 - \tan^2\theta} \\ &\sin(90^\circ - \theta) = \cos\theta, \quad \cos(90^\circ - \theta) = \sin\theta \\ &\tan(90^\circ - \theta) = \cot\theta, \quad \cot(90^\circ - \theta) = \tan\theta \\ &\sec(90^\circ - \theta) = \csc\theta, \quad \csc(90^\circ - \theta) = \sec\theta \\ &\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta), \quad \cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta) \\ &\tan(-\theta) = -\tan(\theta), \quad \sec(-\theta) = \sec(\theta) \\ &\csc(-\theta) = -\csc(\theta), \quad \cot(-\theta) = -\cot(\theta) \end{split}$$

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\sin \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta)]
\cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos(\alpha + \beta)]
\sin \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\alpha - \beta)]
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