

# Closed-form values of $\sin A^\circ$ and $\cos A^\circ$ for whole $A$ in the first quadrant

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## Abstract

In this paper, I describe closed-form values of  $\sin A^\circ$  and  $\cos A^\circ$  for whole  $A \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 88, 89, 90\}$ .  
The paper ends with "The End"

## Introduction

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## Preliminaries

Recall the following trigonometric identities:

$$\sin^2 A^\circ + \cos^2 A^\circ = 1$$

$$\sin(A^\circ + B^\circ) = \sin A^\circ \cos B^\circ + \cos A^\circ \sin B^\circ$$

$$\sin(A^\circ - B^\circ) = \sin A^\circ \cos B^\circ - \cos A^\circ \sin B^\circ$$

$$\cos(A^\circ + B^\circ) = \cos A^\circ \cos B^\circ - \sin A^\circ \sin B^\circ$$

$$\cos(A^\circ - B^\circ) = \cos A^\circ \cos B^\circ + \sin A^\circ \sin B^\circ$$

whence

$$\sin 2A^\circ = 2 \sin A^\circ \cos A^\circ$$

$$\sin 3A^\circ = 3 \sin A^\circ - 4 \sin^3 A^\circ$$

and so on...

and

$$\cos 2A^\circ = 2 \cos^2 A^\circ - 1$$

$$\cos 3A^\circ = 4 \cos^3 A^\circ - 3 \cos A^\circ$$

and so on...

whence

$$\sin^2 \frac{A^\circ}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos A^\circ}{2}$$

and

$$\cos^2 \frac{A^\circ}{2} = \frac{1 + \cos A^\circ}{2}$$

## Deriving closed-form values of $\cos A^\circ$

For  $0^\circ \leq A^\circ \leq 90^\circ$ , we have

$$\cos A^\circ = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 A^\circ}$$

Therefore, for  $0^\circ \leq A^\circ \leq 90^\circ$ , to derive closed-form values of  $\cos A^\circ$ , knowing the value of  $\sin A^\circ$  is **sufficient**.

## Commonly-known closed-form values of $\sin A^\circ$

Recall the following commonly-known closed-form values of  $\sin A^\circ$ :

$$\sin 90^\circ = 1$$

$$\sin 84^\circ = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{7 + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{6(\sqrt{5} + 5)}}$$

$$\sin 78^\circ = \frac{1}{8} \left( \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{30 + 6\sqrt{5}} - 1 \right)$$

$$\sin 75^\circ = \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sin 72^\circ = \sqrt{\frac{5}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{8}}$$

$$\sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sin 54^\circ = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{4}$$

$$\sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sin 36^\circ = \sqrt{\frac{5}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{8}}$$

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin 18^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{4}$$

$$\sin 15^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{3}}}{2}$$

$$\sin 12^\circ = \frac{1}{8} \left( \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{5}} - \sqrt{15} \right)$$

$$\sin 6^\circ = \frac{1}{8} \left( \sqrt{30 - 6\sqrt{5}} - \sqrt{5} - 1 \right)$$

$$\sin 0^\circ = 0$$

Therefore, for  $A \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 88, 89, 90\}$ , the value of  $\sin 1^\circ$  is **necessary and sufficient** to derive  $\sin A^\circ$  and  $\cos A^\circ$ .

## Derivation of the closed-form values of $\sin 1^\circ$ and $\cos 1^\circ$

We derive the closed-form values of  $\sin 1^\circ$  and  $\cos 1^\circ$  by finite descent:

For  $0^\circ \leq A^\circ \leq 45^\circ$ , from the system

$$\sin 2A^\circ = 2 \sin A^\circ \cos A^\circ$$

$$\cos 2A^\circ = \cos^2 A^\circ - \sin^2 A^\circ$$

$$\sin^2 A^\circ + \cos^2 A^\circ = 1$$

$$0 \leq \sin A^\circ \leq \cos A^\circ \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

we can derive  $\sin A^\circ$  and  $\cos A^\circ$

Similarly, for  $0^\circ \leq A^\circ \leq 30^\circ$ , from the system

$$\sin 3A^\circ = 3 \sin A^\circ - 4 \sin^3 A^\circ$$

$$\cos 3A^\circ = 4 \cos^3 A^\circ - 3 \cos A^\circ$$

$$\sin^2 A^\circ + \cos^2 A^\circ = 1$$

$$0 \leq \sin A^\circ \leq \cos A^\circ \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

we can derive  $\sin A^\circ$  and  $\cos A^\circ$

We begin with  $\sin 18^\circ$  and  $\cos 18^\circ$  to obtain

$$\sin 9^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} (5 + \sqrt{5})}}$$

and

$$\cos 9^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} (5 + \sqrt{5})}}$$

We continue with  $\sin 15^\circ$  and  $\cos 15^\circ$  and eliminate  $\sin 5^\circ$  and  $\cos 5^\circ$  to obtain

$$\sin 10^\circ = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\left(2\sqrt[3]{2} + (2(\sqrt{3} + i))^{2/3}\right)^2}{16(\sqrt{3} + i)^{2/3}}}$$

and

$$\cos 10^\circ = \frac{2\sqrt[3]{2} + (2(\sqrt{3} + i))^{2/3}}{4\sqrt[3]{\sqrt{3} + i}}$$

We continue with the subtraction identities above with  $\sin 10^\circ$ ,  $\cos 10^\circ$ ,  $\sin 9^\circ$  and  $\cos 9^\circ$  to obtain

$$\sin 1^\circ = \frac{\sqrt[18]{-1} \left( 2((-1)^{8/9} - 1) \sqrt{4 - \sqrt{2(\sqrt{5} + 5)}} + (-2i + (-1)^{13/18} + (-1)^{2/9} \sqrt{3}) \sqrt{\sqrt{2(\sqrt{5} + 5)} + 4} \right)}{8\sqrt{2}}$$

and

$$\cos 1^\circ = \frac{\sqrt[18]{-1} \left( -2((-1)^{8/9} - 1) \sqrt{\sqrt{2(\sqrt{5} + 5)} + 4} + (-2i + (-1)^{13/18} + (-1)^{2/9} \sqrt{3}) \sqrt{4 - \sqrt{2(\sqrt{5} + 5)}} \right)}{8\sqrt{2}}$$

**Derivation of closed-form values of  $\sin A^\circ$  and  $\cos A^\circ$  for  
 $A \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 88, 89, 90\}$**

From the closed-form values of  $\sin 1^\circ$  and  $\cos 1^\circ$ ,  
closed-form values of  $\sin A^\circ$  and  $\cos A^\circ$  for  $A \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 88, 89, 90\}$   
can be derived by repeatedly using the addition and/or subtraction and/or multiple-angle identities  
above.

**The End**