

Lesson 1 Trigonometry

The plane \mathbb{R}^2 is endowed with a orthonormal system (O, \vec{i}, \vec{j}) .

1 Trigonometric functions

1.1 Definition

1.1.1 First properties

For all $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$-1 \le \cos(x) \le 1 \text{ and } -1 \le \sin(x) \le 1$$

Thales' theorem : for any $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$ $(k \in \mathbb{Z})$,

$$\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}.$$

Pythagora's theorem : for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x) = 1.$$

1.1.2 Functions

Trigonometric functions are defined as following:

$$\sin, \cos : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow [-1, 1], \qquad \tan : \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi, \ k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

For all real number x, one has

$$\sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin(x), \qquad \sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin(x),$$

and for all x in the well-defined set of tan,

$$\tan(x + \pi) = \tan(x).$$

Remark 1. We say that cos and sin are 2π -periodic and tan is π -periodic.

1.1.3 Usual values

	x = 0	$x = \frac{\pi}{6}$	$x = \frac{\pi}{4}$	$x = \frac{\pi}{3}$	$x = \frac{\pi}{2}$
$\cos(x)$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
$\sin(x)$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1

Many other values can be deduced from the usual values above and symetry properties.

1.2 Symmetries

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$. One has :

$$\cos(-x) = \cos(x), \qquad \sin(-x) = -\sin(x).$$

Remark 2. We say that cos is en even function and sin is an odd function.

One has:

$$\cos(\pi + x) = -\cos(x), \qquad \sin(\pi + x) = -\sin(x).$$

One has:

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

2 Addition and duplication formula

2.1 Addition formula

These are the most important trigonometric formula : from them you can deduced all the others. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. One has :

$$\cos(x+y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) - \sin(x)\sin(y) \qquad \sin(x+y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) + \sin(y)\cos(x)$$

$$\cos(x-y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) + \sin(x)\sin(y) \qquad \sin(x-y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) - \sin(y)\cos(x)$$

Example 1.

$$\cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\cos(x) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\sin(x)$$

Example 2.

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}.$$

Remark 3. To get the value of $\cos\left(x+\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, we rather use symmetry (geometric) properties above.

2.2 Duplication formula

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. One has :

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

Example 3.

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\sqrt{2}+2}}{2}$$

Remark 4. The reserve of addition formula is also useful: to express some \cos^2 or \sin^2 as expression depending only on \cos and \sin without power. The process is called *linearize* et will be often used for the calculation of some primitive.

2.3 Other formula

Other formula can be deduced from addition formula. For example:

$$\cos(p) + \cos(q) = 2\cos\left(\frac{p+q}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{p-q}{2}\right)$$
$$\sin(p) + \sin(q) = \dots$$

3 Trigonometric equations

3.1 Resolution of $\cos(\) = \cos(\)$

The equation $\cos(u) = \cos(\alpha)$ with a given number α , can be rewritten as:

$$u = \alpha + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \text{ou} \quad u = -\alpha + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Example 4. The set of solutions of $\cos(2x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ is :

$$S = \left\{ \frac{\pi}{8} + k\pi, -\frac{\pi}{8} + k\pi, \text{ with } k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

3.2 Resolution $\sin() = \sin()$

The equation $\sin(u) = \sin(\alpha)$ with a given number α , can be rewritten as:

$$u = \alpha + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \text{ou} \quad u = \pi - \alpha + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Example 5. The set of solutions of $\sin(4x) = \frac{1}{2}$ is :

$$S = \left\{ \frac{\pi}{24} + \frac{k}{2}\pi, \ \frac{5\pi}{24} + \frac{k}{2}\pi, \text{ with } k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

3.3 Resolution $\cos() = \sin()$

There is no direct way to find the set of solutions of $\cos(u) = \sin(\alpha)$. We have to use symmetry formula to switch cos to sin **otherwise** to switch sin to cos. And then we find an equation like before.

Example 6. The set of solutions of cos(2x) = sin(x)is:

$$S = \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi, \ \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{2k}{3}\pi, \text{ with } k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

Remark 5. There is no direct way to solve $\cos(x) = 2\sin(3x)$ because of the number 2 in front of $\sin()$.

Remark 6. Be careful of the following points when you solve a trigonometric equation:

- 1. You always have to change your equation into a same-type equation (without any constant in front of cos or sin!)
- 2. There always are two sorts of solutions, separated by a **or**.
- 3. You have to apply operations you do to the $+2k\pi$ at the end of each sorts.