

Section 3.3 – Double-angle Formulas

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 2A &= \sin(A + A) \\ &= \sin A \cos A + \cos A \sin A \\ &= 2 \sin A \cos A\end{aligned}\qquad \sin 2A \neq 2 \sin A$$

Example

If $\sin A = \frac{3}{5}$ with A in QII, find $\sin 2A$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\cos A &= \pm \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 A} \\ &= -\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2} \\ &= -\sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}} \\ &= -\sqrt{\frac{25-9}{25}} \\ &= -\sqrt{\frac{16}{25}} \\ &= -\frac{4}{5}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 2A &= 2 \sin A \cos A \\ &= 2\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\left(-\frac{4}{5}\right) \\ &= -\frac{24}{5}\end{aligned}$$

Example

Prove $(\sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2 = 1 + \sin 2\theta$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}(\sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2 &= \sin^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta \\ &= \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= 1 + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= 1 + \sin 2\theta\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos 2A &= \cos(A + A) \\
 &= \cos A \cos A - \sin A \sin A \\
 &= \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos 2A &= \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A \\
 &= \cos^2 A - (1 - \cos^2 A) \\
 &= \cos^2 A - 1 + \cos^2 A \\
 &= 2\cos^2 A - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos 2A &= \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A \\
 &= (1 - \sin^2 A) - \sin^2 A \\
 &= 1 - \sin^2 A - \sin^2 A \\
 &= 1 - 2\sin^2 A
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos 2A &= \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A \\
 &= 2\cos^2 A - 1 \\
 &= 1 - 2\sin^2 A
 \end{aligned}$$

Example

If $\sin A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$, find $\cos 2A$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos 2A &= 1 - 2\sin^2 A \\
 &= 1 - 2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^2 \\
 &= 1 - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{5} \\
 &= 1 - \frac{2}{5} \\
 &= \frac{3}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example

Prove $\sin 2x = \frac{2 \cot x}{1 + \cot^2 x}$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{2 \cot x}{1 + \cot^2 x} &= \frac{2 \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}}{1 + \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x}} \\
 &= \frac{2 \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}}{\frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x}} \\
 &= 2 \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x} \\
 &= 2 \frac{\cos x}{1} \frac{\sin x}{1} \\
 &= 2 \cos x \sin x \\
 &= \sin 2x
 \end{aligned}$$

Example

Prove $\cos 4x = 8 \cos^4 x - 8 \cos^2 x + 1$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos 4x &= \cos(2 \cdot 2x) \\
 &= 2 \cos^2 2x - 1 \\
 &= 2(\cos 2x)^2 - 1 \\
 &= 2(2 \cos^2 x - 1)^2 - 1 \\
 &= 2(4 \cos^4 x - 4 \cos^2 x + 1) - 1 \\
 &= 8 \cos^4 x - 8 \cos^2 x + 2 - 1 \\
 &= 8 \cos^4 x - 8 \cos^2 x + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan 2A = \tan(A + A)$$

$$= \frac{\tan A + \tan A}{1 - \tan A \tan A}$$

$$\boxed{\tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}}$$

Example

Simplify $\frac{2 \tan 15^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 15^\circ}$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2 \tan 15^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 15^\circ} &= \tan(2 \cdot 15^\circ) \\ &= \tan(30^\circ) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Example

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

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{\sin 2\theta} &= \frac{1 - (1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta)}{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{1 - 1 + 2 \sin^2 \theta}{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin^2 \theta}{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \end{aligned}$$

Example

Given $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ and $\sin \theta < 0$, find $\sin 2\theta$, $\cos 2\theta$, and $\tan 2\theta$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta &= -\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta} \\ &= -\sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}} \\ &= -\sqrt{\frac{16}{25}} \\ &= -\frac{4}{5}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 2\theta &= 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= 2 \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right) \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) \\ &= -\frac{24}{25}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 2\theta &= \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 - \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{9}{25} - \frac{16}{25} \\ &= -\frac{7}{25}\end{aligned}$$

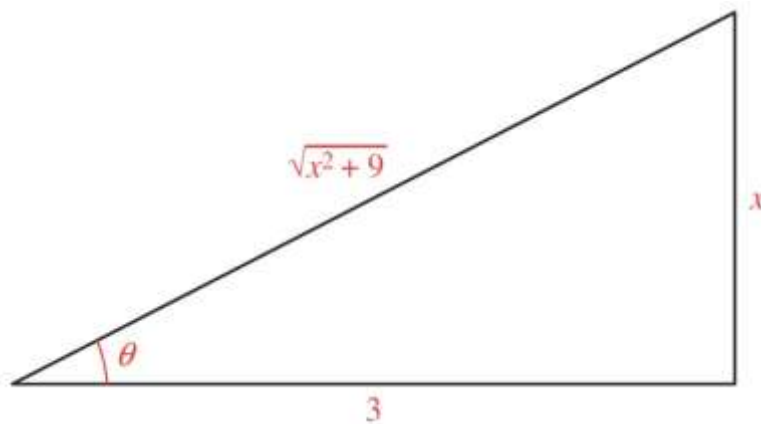
$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{-\frac{4}{5}}{\frac{3}{5}} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tan 2\theta &= \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} \\ &= \frac{2 \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)}{1 - \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{-\frac{8}{3}}{1 - \frac{16}{9}} \\ &= \frac{-\frac{8}{3}}{-\frac{7}{9}} \\ &= \left(-\frac{8}{3}\right) \left(-\frac{9}{7}\right) \\ &= \frac{24}{7}\end{aligned}$$

Example

If $x = 3 \tan \theta$, write the expression $\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{4}$ in terms of just x .

Solution



$$x = 3 \tan \theta \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{x}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)$$

$$\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{4} = \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{4}$$

$$= \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{2}$$

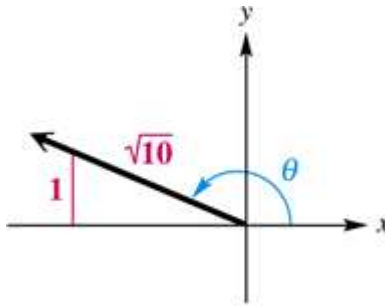
$$= \frac{1}{2} (\theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\tan^{-1} x + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 9}} \frac{3}{\sqrt{x^2 + 9}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\tan^{-1} x + \frac{3x}{x^2 + 9} \right)$$

Exercises Section 3.3 – Double-angle Formulas

1. Let $\sin A = -\frac{3}{5}$ with A in QIII and find $\cos 2A$
2. Let $\cos x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$ with x in QIV and find $\cot 2x$
3. Verify: $(\cos x - \sin x)(\cos x + \sin x) = \cos 2x$
4. Verify: $\cot x \sin 2x = 1 + \cos 2x$
5. Prove: $\cot \theta = \frac{\sin 2\theta}{1 - \cos 2\theta}$
6. Simplify $\cos^2 7x - \sin^2 7x$
7. Write $\sin 3x$ in terms of $\sin x$
8. Find the values of the six trigonometric functions of θ if $\cos 2\theta = \frac{4}{5}$ and $90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$
9. Use a right triangle in QII to find the value of $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$



10. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\sin 3x = \sin x (3\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)$
11. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\cos 3x = \cos^3 x - 3\cos x \sin^2 x$
12. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\cos^4 x - \sin^4 x = \cos 2x$
13. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\sin 2x = -2\sin x \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
14. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\frac{\sin 4t}{4} = \cos^3 t \sin t - \sin^3 t \cos t$
15. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\frac{\cos 2x}{\sin^2 x} = \csc^2 x - 2$
16. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\frac{\cos 2x + \cos 2y}{\sin x + \cos y} = 2\cos y - 2\sin x$
17. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\frac{\cos 2x}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x - 2\tan^2 x$

18. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\sin 4x = (4 \sin x \cos x)(2 \cos^2 x - 1)$
19. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\cos 2y = \frac{1 - \tan^2 y}{1 + \tan^2 y}$
20. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\cos 4x = \cos^4 x - 6 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x + \sin^4 x$
21. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\tan^2 x (1 + \cos 2x) = 1 - \cos 2x$
22. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\frac{\cos 2x}{\sin^2 x} = 2 \cot^2 x - \csc^2 x$
23. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\tan x + \cot x = 2 \csc 2x$
24. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\tan 2x = \frac{2}{\cot x - \tan x}$
25. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\frac{1 - \tan x}{1 + \tan x} = \frac{1 - \sin 2x}{\cos 2x}$
26. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\sin 2\alpha \sin 2\beta = \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) - \sin^2(\alpha - \beta)$
27. Prove the following equation is an identity: $\cos^2(A - B) - \cos^2(A + B) = \sin 2A \sin 2B$