# Formulae for the Trigonometric functions

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### I The magic hexagon:

Along each diagonal,

$$csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \qquad sin \theta = \frac{1}{\csc \theta} 
sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \qquad cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta} 
cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} \qquad tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}$$

 $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta}$  $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}$ tan In each shaded triangle,  $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ sec csc  $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$ 

 $+\cot^2\theta = \csc^2\theta$ The S family The C family

In any three adjacent vertices, 
$$\sin \theta = \cos \theta \cdot \tan \theta \qquad \qquad \cos \theta = \sin \theta \cdot \cot \theta$$

$$\cot \theta = \cos \theta \cdot \csc \theta \qquad \qquad \csc \theta = \cot \theta \cdot \sec \theta$$

$$\sec \theta = \tan \theta \cdot \csc \theta \qquad \qquad \tan \theta = \sin \theta \cdot \sec \theta$$

### II **General Solutions**

$$\sin \theta = \sin \alpha$$
,  $\theta = 180^{\circ}n + (-1)^{n} \alpha$   $\theta = n\pi + (-1)^{n} \alpha$ , where  $n$  is an integer.  
 $\cos \theta = \cos \alpha$ ,  $\theta = 360^{\circ}n \pm \alpha$   $\theta = 2n\pi \pm \alpha$ , where  $n$  is an integer.  
 $\tan \theta = \tan \alpha$ ,  $\theta = 180^{\circ}n + \alpha$   $\theta = n\pi + \alpha$ , where  $n$  is an integer.

# **III Compound Angle Formulae**

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

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

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

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

$$\cot(A+B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$

$$\cot(A+B) = \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + \tan A \tan B}$$

$$\tan(A+B+C) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B + \tan C - \tan A \tan B \tan C}{1 - \tan A \tan B - \tan B \tan C - \tan A \tan C}$$

#### IV Multiple angles

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta$$

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

$$\sin 3\theta = 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta$$

$$\cos 3\theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta$$

$$\tan 3\theta = \frac{3 \tan \theta - \tan^3 \theta}{1 - 3 \tan^2 \theta}$$

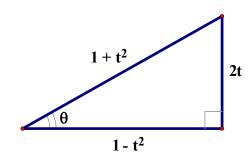
$$\tan 4\theta = \frac{4 \tan \theta - 4 \tan^3 \theta}{1 - 6 \tan^2 \theta + \tan^4 \theta}$$

## V Half angles

Let 
$$t = \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$
, then  $\sin \theta = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$   

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

$$\tan \theta = \frac{2t}{1-t^2}$$



$$\sin\frac{x}{2} = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1-\cos x}{2}}$$

$$\cos\frac{x}{2} = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1+\cos x}{2}}$$

$$\tan\frac{x}{2} = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1-\cos x}{1+\cos x}} = \frac{\sin x}{1+\cos x} = \frac{1-\cos x}{\sin x}$$

### VI Sum and Product

Sum 
$$\sin A + \sin B = 2\sin \frac{A+B}{2}\cos \frac{A-B}{2}$$
  
 $\sin A - \sin B = 2\cos \frac{A+B}{2}\sin \frac{A-B}{2}$   
 $\cos A + \cos B = 2\cos \frac{A+B}{2}\cos \frac{A-B}{2}$   
 $\cos A - \cos B = -2\sin \frac{A+B}{2}\sin \frac{A-B}{2}$   
Product  $\sin X \cos Y = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(X+Y) + \sin(X-Y)]$   
 $\cos X \sin Y = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(X+Y) - \sin(X-Y)]$   
 $\cos X \cos Y = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(X+Y) - \cos(X-Y)]$   
 $\sin X \sin Y = -\frac{1}{2}[\cos(X+Y) - \cos(X-Y)]$ 

VII Differentiation: In each shaded triangle's edge,

$$DS = + \frac{d \sin x}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d \tan x}{dx} = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d \sec x}{dx} = \sec x \tan x$$

$$DC = -\frac{d \cos x}{dx} = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d \cot x}{dx} = -\csc^2 x$$

$$\frac{d \cot x}{dx} = -\csc x \cot x$$

Integration: the inverse process of differentiation

$$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$$

$$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C$$

$$\int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x + C$$

$$\int \csc^2 x dx = -\cot x + C$$

$$\int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x + C$$

$$\int \csc x \cot x dx = -\csc x + C$$