

Multiple-Angle and Product-to-Sum Formulas

Sum and Difference Formulas

$$\sin(u + v) = \sin u \cos v + \cos u \sin v$$

$$\sin(u - v) = \sin u \cos v - \cos u \sin v$$

$$\cos(u + v) = \cos u \cos v - \sin u \sin v$$

$$\cos(u - v) = \cos u \cos v + \sin u \sin v$$

$$\tan(u + v) = \frac{\tan u + \tan v}{1 - \tan u \tan v}$$

$$\tan(u - v) = \frac{\tan u - \tan v}{1 + \tan u \tan v}$$

Double-Angle Formulas

Find $\sin 2u$.

Use the Sum Formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 2u &= \sin(u + u) \\&= \sin u \cos u + \cos u \sin u \\&= 2 \sin u \cos u\end{aligned}$$

Find $\cos 2u$.

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

We can change the form of this using Pythagorean Identities:

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

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

After doing a similar derivation for $\tan 2u$, we get the following formulas:

Double-Angle Formulas

$$\sin 2u = 2\sin u \cos u$$

$$\cos 2u = \cos^2 u - \sin^2 u$$

$$= 2\cos^2 u - 1$$

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

$$= 1 - 2\sin^2 u$$

Example: Solve $\sin 2x - \cos x = 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

$$\sin 2x - \cos x = 0$$

$$(2\sin x \cos x) - \cos x = 0$$

$$\cos x(2\sin x - 1) = 0$$

$$\cos x = 0 \text{ or } 2\sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$\cos x = 0 \text{ or } \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos x = 0 \text{ at } \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \text{ and } \sin x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ at } \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

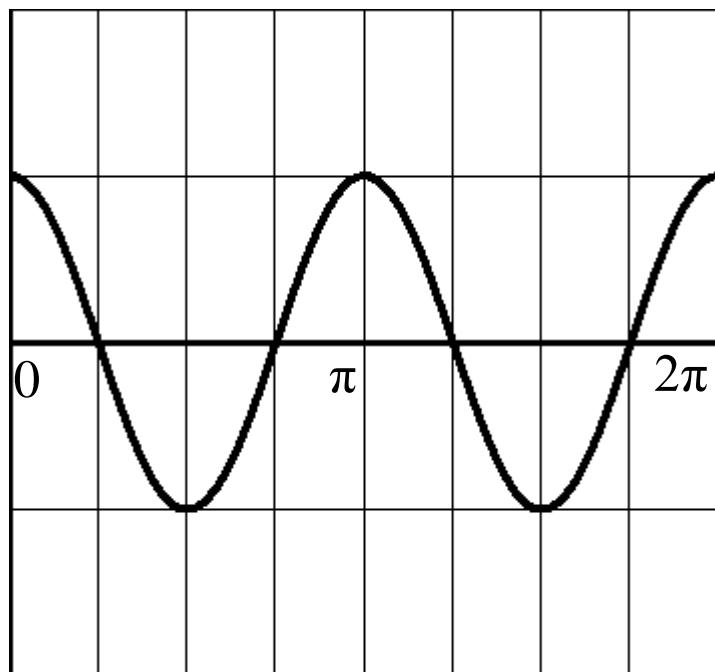
$$\text{Solution: } x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

Example: Sketch the graph of $y = \cos^4 x - \sin^4 x$ on $[0, 2\pi]$.

Factor the difference of squares:

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

Now graph $y = \cos 2x$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.



amplitude = 1

$$0 \leq 2x \leq 2\pi$$

$$0 \leq x \leq \pi$$

One period of cosine goes from 0 to π .

We need to graph from 0 to 2π , so we will graph 2 periods.

Example: Given $\sin x = \frac{12}{13}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \pi$, find $\sin 2x$, $\cos 2x$ and $\tan 2x$.

Use the Pythagorean identity to find $\cos x$.

$$\cos^2 x = 1 - \frac{144}{169}$$

Since our angle is in quadrant II, we know that the cosine is negative, so

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{25}{169}$$

$$\cos x = -\frac{5}{13}$$

$$\cos x = \pm \frac{5}{13}$$

$$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x = 2 \left(\frac{12}{13} \right) \left(\frac{-5}{13} \right) = \frac{-120}{169}$$

$$\cos 2x = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x = 1 - 2 \left(\frac{12}{13} \right)^2 = \frac{-119}{169}$$

$$\tan 2x = \frac{\sin 2x}{\cos 2x} = \frac{\frac{-120}{169}}{\frac{-119}{169}} = \frac{-120}{169} \cdot \frac{169}{-119} = \frac{120}{119}$$

Notice that it was easier to use $\tan 2x = \frac{\sin 2x}{\cos 2x}$ instead of the $\tan 2x$ formula, but you could do it either way.

From the double-angle formulas we get:

$$\sin 4u = 2 \sin 2u \cos 2u$$

$$\cos 4u = \cos^2 2u - \sin^2 2u$$

$$\sin 6u = 2 \sin 3u \cos 3u$$

$$\cos 6u = \cos^2 3u - \sin^2 3u$$

$$\sin 8u = 2 \sin 4u \cos 4u$$

$$\cos 8u = \cos^2 4u - \sin^2 4u$$

etc.

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Example: Derive a formula for $\sin 5x$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin 5x &= \sin(4x + x) \\
 &= \sin 4x \cos x + \cos 4x \sin x \\
 &= [\sin 2(2x)] \cos x + [\cos 2(2x)] \sin x \\
 &= [2 \sin 2x \cos 2x] \cos x + [1 - 2 \sin^2 2x] \sin x \\
 &= 2 \sin 2x \cos 2x \cos x + \sin x - 2 \sin x \sin^2 2x \\
 &= 2 \cos x [2 \sin x \cos x] [1 - 2 \sin^2 x] - 2 \sin x [2 \sin x \cos x]^2 \\
 &= 4 \cos^2 x \sin x [1 - 2 \sin^2 x] - 8 \cos^2 x \sin^3 x \\
 &= 4 \cos^2 x \sin x - 8 \cos^2 x \sin^3 x - 8 \cos^2 x \sin^3 x \\
 &= 4 \cos^2 x \sin x - 16 \cos^2 x \sin^3 x \\
 &= 4 \sin x (1 - \sin^2 x) - 16 \sin^3 x (1 - \sin^2 x) \\
 &= 4 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x - 16 \sin^3 x + 16 \sin^5 x \\
 &= 4 \sin x - 20 \sin^3 x + 16 \sin^5 x
 \end{aligned}$$

Power-Reducing Formulas

Look at $\cos 2u = 1 - 2 \sin^2 u$ and solve for $\sin^2 u$.

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

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

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

The double-angle formula can be used to obtain the following power-reducing formulas.

Power-Reducing Formulas

$$\sin^2 u = \frac{1 - \cos 2u}{2} \quad \cos^2 u = \frac{1 + \cos 2u}{2} \quad \tan^2 u = \frac{1 - \cos 2u}{1 + \cos 2u}$$

Example: Rewrite $\cos^4 x$ as a sum of first powers of the cosine function.

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^4 x &= (\cos^2 x)^2 = \left(\frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} \right)^2 \\&= \frac{1}{4} (1 + 2 \cos 2x + \cos^2 2x) \\&= \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + 2 \cos 2x + \left[\frac{1 + \cos 4x}{2} \right] \right) \\&= \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + 2 \cos 2x + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 4x \right) \\&= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \cos 4x \\&= \frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x + \frac{1}{8} \cos 4x \\&= \frac{1}{8} (3 + 4 \cos 2x + \cos 4x)\end{aligned}$$

Half-Angle Formulas

Look at the power-reduction for sine. Replace u with $\frac{u}{2}$.

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

Note that the argument for cosine is twice the argument for sine². Now, take the square root of both sides:

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

This is a Half-Angle formula, and the sign depends on what quadrant $\frac{u}{2}$ is in.

Half-Angle Formulas

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

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

$$\tan \frac{u}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos u}{\sin u} = \frac{\sin u}{1 + \cos u}$$

The sign
depends on the
quadrant in
which $\frac{u}{2}$ lies.

Example: Find the exact value of $\cos 165^\circ$.

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \frac{u}{2} &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos u}{2}} \\ \cos 165^\circ &= \cos \frac{330^\circ}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos 330^\circ}{2}} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2}} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{4}} \\ &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Since 165° is in quadrant 2, the cosine is negative, and

$$\cos 165^\circ = -\frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}}}{2}$$

Example Solve $2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} = \cos x$ on $[0, 2\pi)$.

If we use the half-angle formula for sine, we can get the equation all in terms of cosine.

$$2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} = \cos x$$

$$2\left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos x}{2}}\right)^2 = \cos x$$

$$2\left(\frac{1-\cos x}{2}\right) = \cos x$$

$$1 - \cos x = \cos x$$

$$1 = 2\cos x$$

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

Example Solve $2 - \sin^2 x = 2 \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}$ on $[0, 2\pi)$.

$$2 - \sin^2 x = 2 \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}$$

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

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

$$2 - \sin^2 x = 1 + \cos x$$

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

$$1 + \cos^2 x = 1 + \cos x$$

$$\cos^2 x - \cos x = 0$$

$$\cos x(\cos x - 1) = 0$$

$$\cos x = 0 \quad or \quad \cos x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, 0$$

Product-to-Sum Formulas

$$\sin u \sin v = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(u - v) - \cos(u + v)]$$

$$\cos u \cos v = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(u - v) + \cos(u + v)]$$

$$\sin u \cos v = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(u + v) + \sin(u - v)]$$

$$\cos u \sin v = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(u + v) - \sin(u - v)]$$

(These formulas can be verified using the sum and difference formulas.)

Example: Rewrite $\sin 2x \sin x$ as a difference.

Use the formula that is the product of sines.

$$\sin u \sin v = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(u - v) - \cos(u + v)]$$

$$\sin 2x \sin x = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(2x - x) - \cos(2x + x)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\cos x - \cos 3x]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cos x - \frac{1}{2} \cos 3x$$

Sum-to-Product Formulas

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

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

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

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

Example: Find the exact value of $\sin 195^\circ - \sin 105^\circ$.

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

$$\sin 195^\circ - \sin 105^\circ = 2 \cos\left(\frac{195^\circ + 105^\circ}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{195^\circ - 105^\circ}{2}\right)$$

$$= 2 \cos\left(\frac{195^\circ + 105^\circ}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{195^\circ - 105^\circ}{2}\right)$$

$$= 2 \cos\left(\frac{300^\circ}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{90^\circ}{2}\right)$$

$$= 2 \cos 150^\circ \sin 45^\circ$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) = \frac{-\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

Example : Solve $\cos 3x + \cos x = 0$ on $[0, 2\pi)$.

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

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

So we have

$$2 \cos\left(\frac{3x+x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3x-x}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$2 \cos\left(\frac{4x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2x}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$2 \cos 2x \cos x = 0$$

$$\cos 2x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \cos x = 0$$

If $\cos 2x = 0$, then $2x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{2}, \frac{9\pi}{2}, \dots$

which means that $x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}, \frac{9\pi}{4}, \dots$

If $\cos x = 0$, then $x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{2}, \frac{9\pi}{2}, \dots$

Since we are restricted to the interval $[0, 2\pi)$, we have:

$$x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

Example : Verify $\frac{\sin 7x - \sin 5x}{\cos 7x - \cos 5x} = -\cot 6x$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\sin 7x - \sin 5x}{\cos 7x - \cos 5x} &= \frac{\sin 7x - \sin 5x}{\cos 7x - \cos 5x} \\&= \frac{2 \cos\left(\frac{7x+5x}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{7x-5x}{2}\right)}{-2 \sin\left(\frac{7x+5x}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{7x-5x}{2}\right)} \\&= \frac{2 \cos 6x \sin x}{-2 \sin 6x \sin x} \\&= -\frac{\cos 6x}{\sin 6x} \\&= -\cot 6x\end{aligned}$$