

Trigonometric Identities:

Key Points:

- Fundamental Identities:**

Pythagorean identities	$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$
	$1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$
	$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$
Even-odd identities	$\tan(-\theta) = -\tan \theta$
	$\cot(-\theta) = -\cot \theta$
	$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$
	$\csc(-\theta) = -\csc \theta$
	$\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$
	$\sec(-\theta) = \sec \theta$
Reciprocal identities	$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\csc \theta}$
	$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta}$
	$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}$
	$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$
	$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$
	$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$
Quotient identities	$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$
	$\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$
Cofunction identities	$\sin \theta = \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$
	$\cos \theta = \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$
	$\tan \theta = \cot \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$
	$\cot \theta = \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$
	$\sec \theta = \csc \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$
	$\csc \theta = \sec \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$

- Sum and Difference Identities**

Sum Formula for Cosine	$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$
Difference Formula for Cosine	$\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta$
Sum Formula for Sine	$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta$
Difference Formula for Sine	$\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta$
Sum Formula for Tangent	$\tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$
Difference Formula for Tangent	$\tan(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$

- **Double-Angle, Half-Angle, and Reduction Formulas:**

Double-angle formulas	$\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$
	$\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$
	$= 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta$
	$= 2\cos^2 \theta - 1$
	$\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}$
Reduction formulas	$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2}$
	$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos(2\theta)}{2}$
	$\tan^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{1 + \cos(2\theta)}$
Half-angle formulas	$\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{2}}$
	$\cos \frac{\alpha}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \alpha}{2}}$
	$\tan \frac{\alpha}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{1 + \cos \alpha}}$
	$= \frac{\sin \alpha}{1 + \cos \alpha}$
	$= \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha}$

- **Sum-to-Product and Product-to-Sum Formulas**

Product-to-sum Formulas	$\cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$
	$\sin \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\alpha - \beta)]$
	$\sin \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$
	$\cos \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(\alpha + \beta) - \sin(\alpha - \beta)]$
Sum-to-product Formulas	$\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin \left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \right)$
	$\sin \alpha - \sin \beta = 2 \sin \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \right)$
	$\cos \alpha - \cos \beta = -2 \sin \left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \right)$
	$\cos \alpha + \cos \beta = 2 \cos \left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \right)$

- There are multiple ways to represent a trigonometric expression. Verifying the identities illustrates how expressions can be rewritten to simplify a problem.
- Simplifying one side of the equation to equal the other side is another method for verifying an identity.
- It is often useful to begin on the more complex side of the equation
- Verifying an identity may involve algebra with the fundamental identities.

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Practice Exercises:

1. Use basic identities to simplify the expression.

$$\sec x \cos x + \cos x - \frac{1}{\sec x}$$

2. Determine if the given identities are equivalent.

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

For exercises 3 -7 use the sum and difference identities:

3. Find the exact value of: $\tan\left(\frac{7\pi}{12}\right)$
4. Find the exact value of : $\sin(70^\circ) \cos(25^\circ) - \cos(70^\circ) \sin(25^\circ)$
5. Prove the identity: $\cos(4x) - \cos(3x) \cos(x) = \sin^2 x - 4 \cos^2 x \sin^2 x$
6. Simplify the expression: $\frac{\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) + \tan\left(\frac{1}{8}x\right)}{1 - \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) \tan\left(\frac{1}{8}x\right)}$
7. Find the exact value of : $\tan\left(\sin^{-1}(0) + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$

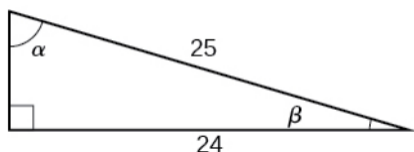
For exercises 8 – 12, use the Double-Angle, Half-Angle, and Reduction Formulas:

8. Find the exact value of : $\sin(2\theta)$, $\cos(2\theta)$ **and** $\tan(2\theta)$ given $\sec(\theta) = -\frac{5}{3}$ and θ is in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$

9. Find the exact value of $\sec\left(\frac{3\pi}{8}\right)$

10. Use the following figure to find the value of :

$$\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right), \cos\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right), \tan\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right), \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right), \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right), \tan\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$$



11. Verify the identity: $\cot(x) \cos(2x) = -\sin(2x) + \cot(x)$

12. Rewrite the expression with no powers: $\tan^2 x \sin^3 x$

For exercises 13 –16 , use Sum-to-Product and Product-to-Sum Formulas:

13. Find the exact value of: $2 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$

14. Find the exact value of: $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{12}\right)$

15. Change the function from the product to a sum: $\sin(9x) \cos(3x)$

16. Change the function from sum to a product: $\sin(11x) + \sin(2x)$

Answers:

1. 1

2. Yes

3. $-2 - \sqrt{3}$

4. $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

5.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos(4x) - \cos(3x) \cos x &= \cos(2x + 2x) - \cos(x + 2x) \cos x \\
 &= \cos(2x) \cos(2x) - \sin(2x) \sin(2x) - \cos x \cos(2x) \cos x + \sin x \sin(2x) \cos x \\
 &= (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)^2 - 4 \cos^2 x \sin^2 x - \cos^2 x (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x) + \sin x (2) \sin x \cos x \cos x \\
 &= (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)^2 - 4 \cos^2 x \sin^2 x - \cos^2 x (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x) + 2 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \\
 &= \cos^4 x - 2 \cos^2 x \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x - 4 \cos^2 x \sin^2 x - \cos^4 x + \cos^2 x \sin^2 x + 2 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \\
 &= \sin^4 x - 4 \cos^2 x \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \sin^2 x \\
 &= \sin^2 x (\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x) - 4 \cos^2 x \sin^2 x \\
 &= \sin^2 x - 4 \cos^2 x \sin^2 x
 \end{aligned}$$

6. $\tan\left(\frac{5}{8}x\right)$

7. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$

8. $-\frac{24}{25}, -\frac{7}{25}, \frac{24}{7}$

9. $\sqrt{2(2 + \sqrt{2})}$

10. $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{10}, \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{10}, \frac{1}{7}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{4}$

11.

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

12.

$$\frac{10 \sin x - 5 \sin(3x) + \sin(5x)}{8(\cos(2x) + 1)}$$

13. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

14. $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

15. $\frac{1}{2}(\sin(6x) + \sin(12x))$

16. $2 \sin\left(\frac{13}{2}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{9}{2}x\right)$