

In this section, you will study three additional categories of trigonometric identities.

1. The first category involves *functions of multiple angles* such as $\sin(ku)$ and $\cos(ku)$. *Double angles*
2. The second category involves *squares of trigonometric functions* such as $\sin^2 u$. *$\sin^4 x$, $\tan^6 x$*
3. The third category involves *functions of half-angles* such as $\sin\left(\frac{u}{2}\right)$. *$\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$*

1 Double-Angle Formulas

The double-angle formulas allow us to express trigonometric functions of twice an angle in terms of functions of the original angle.

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

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

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

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

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

$$\sin(2\theta) = \sin(\theta + \theta) = \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \theta \sin \theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\cos(2\theta) = \cos(\theta + \theta) = \cos \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta \sin \theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

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

Example 1 Solving a Multiple-Angle Equation

Solve $2 \cos x + \sin(2x) = 0$.

Solution:

$$2 \cos x + 2 \sin x \cdot \cos x = 0 \quad | : 2$$

$$\cos x + \sin x \cos x = 0$$

$$\cos x (1 + \sin x) = 0$$

$\downarrow$
 $= 0$

$\downarrow$
 $= 0$

$$\cos x = 0$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$$

$$x = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$$

$$1 + \sin x = 0$$

$$\sin x = -1$$

$$x = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$$

solution: $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$

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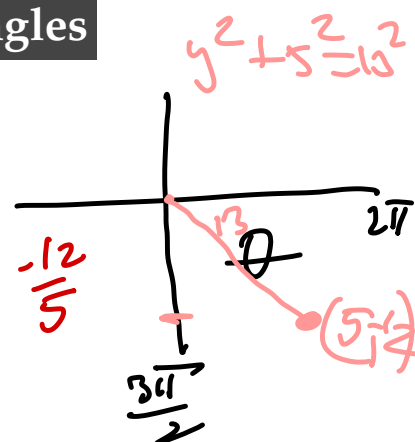
Example 2 Evaluating Functions Involving Double Angles

Use the following to find $\sin(2\theta)$, $\cos(2\theta)$, and $\tan(2\theta)$.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{5}{13}, \quad \frac{3\pi}{2} < \theta < 2\pi$$

Solution:

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{-\frac{12}{13}}{\frac{5}{13}} = -\frac{12}{5}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \sin(2\theta) &= 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= 2 \sin \theta \left(\frac{5}{13} \right) \\ &= 2 \left(-\frac{12}{13} \right) \frac{5}{13} \\ &= -\frac{120}{169} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\sin^2 \theta + \left(\frac{5}{13} \right)^2 = 1$$

$$\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \frac{25}{169}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{169 - 25}{169}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{144}{169}$$

$$\sin \theta = \pm \frac{12}{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2\theta) &= \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = \left(\frac{5}{13} \right)^2 - \left(-\frac{12}{13} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{25 - 144}{169} = -\frac{119}{169} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = \frac{2 \left(-\frac{12}{5} \right)}{1 - \left(\frac{12}{5} \right)^2} = -\frac{264}{25}$$

2 Power-Reducing Formulas

The power-reducing formulas express powers of sine and cosine in terms of cosines of multiple angles.

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

solve for $\sin^2\theta$

$$\cos(2\theta) - 1 = -2\sin^2\theta \quad | :(-2)$$

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

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

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

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

$$\tan^2\theta = \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{1 + \cos(2\theta)}$$

$$\int \sin^2\theta \, d\theta = ?$$

$$\int \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2} \, d\theta = \text{yes...}$$

Example 4 Reducing a Power

Rewrite $\sin^4 x$ as a sum of first powers of the cosines of multiple angles.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^4 x &= \sin^2 x \cdot \sin^2 x = \\ &= \frac{(1 - \cos 2x)}{2} \cdot \frac{(1 - \cos 2x)}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos 2x - \cos 2x + \cos^2(2x)}{4} \\ &= \frac{1 - 2\cos(2x) + \cos^2(2x)}{4} = \frac{1 - 2\cos(2x) + \frac{1 + \cos 4x}{2}}{4} \\ &= \frac{2 - 4\cos(2x) + 1 + \cos(4x)}{8} = \frac{3 - 4\cos(2x) + \cos(4x)}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos^2(\star) = \frac{1 + \cos(2\star)}{2}$$

$$\cos^2(2x) = \frac{1 + \cos(4x)}{2}$$

3 Half-Angle Formulas

$$2 \cdot \frac{\theta}{2} = \theta$$

The half-angle formulas express trigonometric functions of half an angle in terms of functions of the original angle.

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

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

$$\sin \theta = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2}}$$

↓ use $\theta/2$
Formula hold for any angle

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

$$\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}}$$

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

The sign in the first two formulas depends on the quadrant in which $\frac{\theta}{2}$ lies.

Example 5 Using a Half-Angle Formula

Find the exact value of $\sin 105^\circ$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(105^\circ) &= \sin\left(\frac{210^\circ}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos(210^\circ)}{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1 - (-\sqrt{3}/2)}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2/2 + \sqrt{3}/2}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{4}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Example 6 Solving a Trigonometric Equation

Find all solutions of $1 + \cos^2 x = 2 \cos^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ in the interval $[0, 2\pi)$.

Solution:

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

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

$$\cos^2 x = \cos x$$

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

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

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