

8.5 Sum and Difference Formulas

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$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos\alpha \cos\beta - \sin\alpha \sin\beta$$

$$\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos\alpha \cos\beta + \sin\alpha \sin\beta$$

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin\alpha \cos\beta + \cos\alpha \sin\beta$$

$$\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin\alpha \cos\beta - \cos\alpha \sin\beta$$

Ex: Find exact values

a) $\cos 15^\circ$

$$= \cos(45^\circ - 30^\circ)$$

$$15^\circ = 45^\circ - 30^\circ$$

$$= \cos 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ + \sin 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

b) $\sin 75^\circ \cos 15^\circ - \cos 75^\circ \sin 15^\circ$

$$= \sin(75^\circ - 15^\circ)$$

$$= \sin 60^\circ$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

$$\tan(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

Ex: Exact value of $\tan \frac{5\pi}{12}$?

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \frac{5\pi}{12} &= \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ &= \frac{\tan \frac{\pi}{6} + \tan \frac{\pi}{4}}{1 - \tan \frac{\pi}{6} \tan \frac{\pi}{4}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} + 1}{1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot 1} \cdot \frac{3}{3} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3} + 3}{3 - \sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5\pi}{12} &= \frac{2\pi}{12} + \frac{3\pi}{12} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \quad \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

Ex: Show that $\tan\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -\cot \theta$

Caution: $\tan \frac{\pi}{2}$ is undefined
Can't use $\tan(\alpha + \beta)$ formula

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

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

$$\boxed{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 \quad \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1}$$

$$= \frac{\cos \theta}{- \sin \theta}$$

$$= -\cot \theta$$

Ex: Show $\frac{\sin(\alpha + \beta)}{\sin(\alpha - \beta)} = \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}$

$$\frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta} = \frac{\left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} + \frac{\sin \beta}{\cos \beta} \right)}{\left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} - \frac{\sin \beta}{\cos \beta} \right)} \cdot \frac{\cos \alpha \cos \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta}$$

$$= \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta}{\sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta}$$

$$= \frac{\sin(\alpha + \beta)}{\sin(\alpha - \beta)} \quad \checkmark$$

Ex: Let $0 < \alpha, \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

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Given $\cos \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and $\sin \beta = \frac{1}{4}$,

find $\sin(\alpha + \beta)$

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\boxed{\cos \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

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

$$\sin^2 \alpha + \frac{3}{4} = 1$$

$$\sin^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\alpha \in \text{QI} \rightarrow \boxed{\sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{Similarly: } \boxed{\sin \beta = \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\text{implies } \boxed{\cos \beta = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(\alpha + \beta) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{3}}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Ex: Find $\sin(\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5} - \cos^{-1}(-\frac{4}{5}))$

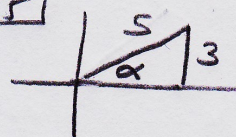
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Let $\alpha = \sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}$ and $\beta = \cos^{-1}(-\frac{4}{5})$

$$\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin\alpha\cos\beta - \cos\alpha\sin\beta$$

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}$$

$$\sin\alpha = \frac{3}{5}$$



$$x^2 + 3^2 = 5^2$$

$$x^2 = 16$$

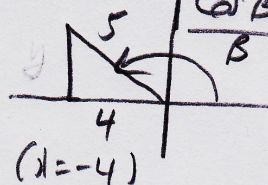
$$x = \pm 4$$

$$x = 4$$

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\beta = \cos^{-1}(-\frac{4}{5})$$

$$\cos\beta = -\frac{4}{5}$$



$$(x = -4)$$

$$4^2 + y^2 = 5^2$$

$$y^2 = 9$$

$$y = \pm 3$$

$$y = 3$$

$$\sin\beta = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(\alpha - \beta) &= \frac{3}{5}\left(-\frac{4}{5}\right) - \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \\ &= -\frac{24}{25}\end{aligned}$$