

7.4 Double Angle and Half Angle Identities
Honors Algebra 2 with Trig

Double Angle Identities:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 2x &= 2 \sin x \cos x \\ \cos 2x &= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x \\ &= 2 \cos^2 x - 1 \\ &= 1 - 2 \sin^2 x \\ \tan 2x &= \frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x}\end{aligned}$$

1. Use the figure to find the exact value of:

a. $\sin 2\alpha = 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned}&= 2 \left(\frac{7}{25}\right) \left(\frac{24}{25}\right) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{336}{625}}\end{aligned}$$

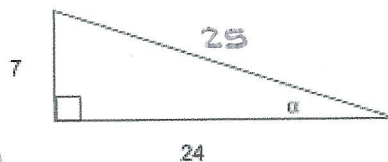
b. $\cos 2\alpha = \cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \left(\frac{24}{25}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{7}{25}\right)^2 \\ &= \boxed{\frac{527}{625}}\end{aligned}$$

c. $\tan 2\alpha = \frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1 - \tan^2 \alpha}$

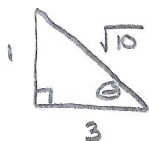
$$= \frac{2 \left(\frac{7}{24}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{7}{24}\right)^2} = \boxed{\frac{336}{527}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}7^2 + 24^2 &= h^2 \\ 25 &= h\end{aligned}$$



*could use any of the 3 identities for $\cos 2\alpha$

2. If $\cot \theta = 3$, and θ lies in quadrant III, find $\cos 2\theta$

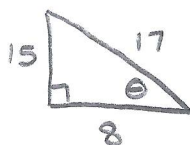


$$\begin{aligned}\cos 2\theta &= \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \\ &= \left(-\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}\right)^2 - \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{8}{10} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{4}{5}}\end{aligned}$$

$$1^2 + 3^2 = h^2$$

$$\sqrt{10} = h$$

3. If $\sin \theta = \frac{15}{17}$, and θ lies in quadrant II, find $\tan 2\theta$.



$$\begin{aligned}\tan 2\theta &= \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} \\ &= \frac{2 \left(-\frac{15}{8}\right)}{1 - \left(-\frac{15}{8}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{-30/8}{1 - 225/64} = \frac{-30/8}{-161/64} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{240}{161}}\end{aligned}$$

$$15^2 + x^2 = 17^2$$

$$x = 8$$

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4. Write each expression as the sine, cosine, or tangent of a double angle. Then find the exact value of the expression.

a. $1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{12} = \cos(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{12})$

* cos double angle identity

$$= \cos \frac{\pi}{6}$$

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

c. $2 \sin 22.5^\circ \cos 22.5^\circ$

$$= \sin(2 \cdot 22.5^\circ)$$

$$= \sin(45^\circ)$$

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

b. $\cos^2 105^\circ - \sin^2 105^\circ$

$$= \cos(2 \cdot 105^\circ)$$

$$= \cos(210^\circ)$$

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

$$\theta' = 30^\circ$$



d. $\frac{2 \tan \frac{\pi}{8}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{8}} = \tan(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{8})$

$$= \tan \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$= \boxed{1}$$

5. Verify each identity:

a. $\sin 2\theta = \frac{2 \cot \theta}{1 + \cot^2 \theta}$

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

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

$$= \frac{2 \cos \theta / \sin \theta}{1 + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}}$$

$$= \frac{2 \cos \theta / \sin \theta}{\frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}}$$

$$= \frac{2 \cos \theta / \sin \theta}{1 / \sin^2 \theta} = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \cdot \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1} = 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \checkmark$$

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

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

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

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

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

* many different ways to prove these

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Half Angle Identities:

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

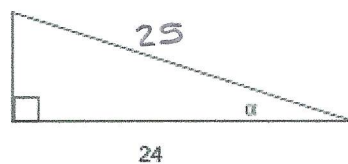
$$\cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}}$$

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

6. Use the figure to find the exact value of:

a. $\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{2}}$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1 - (24/25)}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1/25}{2}} = \sqrt{1/50} = \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2}}$$



b. $\cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$

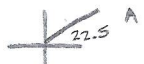
$$= \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \alpha}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + 24/25}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{49/25}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{49}{50}} = \frac{7}{5\sqrt{2}} = \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{10}$$

c. $\tan \frac{\alpha}{2}$

$$= \frac{\sin \alpha}{1 + \cos \alpha} = \frac{7/25}{1 + 24/25} = \frac{7/25}{49/25} = \frac{7}{49} = \frac{1}{7}$$

7. Use a half angle formula to find the exact value of each expression.

a. $\cos 22.5^\circ = \cos(45/2)$



since 22.5° falls in quad I choose pos in front of $\sqrt{\quad}$

$$= + \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos 45}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{4}}$$

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

b. $\sin 105^\circ$

$$= \sin(210/2)$$

$$= + \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 210}{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1 - (-\sqrt{3}/2)}{2}}$$

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

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

c. $\tan 112.5^\circ = \tan(225/2)$



$$= \frac{\sin 225}{1 + \cos 225}$$

$$= \frac{-\sqrt{2}/2}{1 - \sqrt{2}/2}$$

$$= \frac{-\sqrt{2}/2}{\frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2}} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{2 - \sqrt{2}}$$

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

$$= \frac{-\sqrt{2}(2 + \sqrt{2})}{4 - 2}$$

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

$$= -\sqrt{2} - 1$$

d. $\tan \frac{3\pi}{8}$

$$= \tan\left(\frac{3\pi/4}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1 - \cos 3\pi/4}{\sin 3\pi/4}$$

$$= \frac{1 - (-\sqrt{2}/2)}{\sqrt{2}/2}$$

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

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

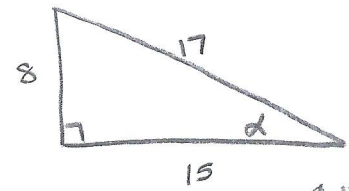
8. $\tan \alpha = \frac{8}{15}$, α lies in quadrant III. Find:

a. $\sin \frac{\alpha}{2}$

$$= + \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1 - (-15/17)}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + 15/17}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{32/17}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{16}{17}} = \frac{4\sqrt{17}}{17}$$

$$90^\circ < \frac{\alpha}{2} < 135^\circ$$



α in quad 3



b. $\cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$

$$= - \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \alpha}{2}}$$

$$= - \sqrt{\frac{1 + (-15/17)}{2}} = - \sqrt{\frac{2/17}{2}} = - \sqrt{1/17} = - \frac{\sqrt{17}}{17}$$

c. $\tan \frac{\alpha}{2}$

$$= \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{1 - (-15/17)}{-8/17} = \frac{32/17}{-8/17} = - \frac{32}{8} = -4$$

* $\alpha/2$ in quad 2
so $\cos \alpha/2$ neg

9. Verify the identity: $\tan \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sec \alpha + 1}$

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{1 + \cos \alpha} =$$

$$= \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\cos \alpha} + 1}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}}{\frac{1 + \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha}}$$

$$= \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \cdot \frac{\cos \alpha}{1 + \cos \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{\sin \alpha}{1 + \cos \alpha} \quad \checkmark$$