

5.5 Other Trig Formulas Rally Coach

Double-Angle Formulas

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

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

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

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

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

These formulas can be easily derived from the "Sum and Difference" formulas.

Note: There are 3 different double angle formulas for cosine. Use the one that is most convenient.

EXAMPLE 1 Solving a Multiple-Angle Equation

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

Solution Begin by rewriting the equation so that it involves functions of x (rather than $2x$). Then factor and solve.

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

Write original equation.

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

Double-angle formula

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

Factor.

$$2 \cos x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 + \sin x = 0$$

Set factors equal to zero.

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

Solutions in $[0, 2\pi)$

So, the general solution is

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

Solve each of the following equations over the interval $[0, 2\pi)$.

1a.) $\cos(2x) + \cos x = 0$

1b.) $\tan(2x) - \cot x = 0$

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

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

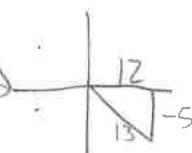
Use the given information to find the requested trig ratio for the double angle. (Hint: Drawing a diagram may be helpful.)

2a.) If $\sin \theta = -\frac{5}{13}$ and $\frac{3\pi}{2} < \theta < 2\pi$,
find the value of $\sin(2\theta)$.

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

$$= 2 \left(-\frac{5}{13}\right) \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)$$

$$= \frac{-120}{169}$$



2b.) If $\sin \theta = -\frac{5}{13}$ and $\frac{3\pi}{2} < \theta < 2\pi$,
find the value of $\cos(2\theta)$.

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

$$= 1 - 2 \left(-\frac{5}{13}\right)^2$$

$$= 1 - 2 \left(\frac{25}{169}\right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{50}{169} = \frac{169}{169} - \frac{50}{169} = \frac{119}{169}$$

Power Reducing Formulas:

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

$$\cos^2 u = \frac{1 + \cos 2u}{2}$$

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

These formulas are useful when trying to re-write a trig expression in a form without exponents. This is helpful in calculus.

Example 2: Rewrite $\sin^4 x$ in terms of first powers of the cosines of multiple angles.

Solution Note the repeated use of power-reducing formulas.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^4 x &= (\sin^2 x)^2 && \text{Property of exponents} \\ &= \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \right)^2 && \text{Power-reducing formula} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (1 - 2 \cos 2x + \cos^2 2x) && \text{Expand.} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - 2 \cos 2x + \frac{1 + \cos 4x}{2} \right) && \text{Power-reducing formula} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \cos 4x && \text{Distributive Property} \\ &= \frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x + \frac{1}{8} \cos 4x && \text{Simplify.} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} (3 - 4 \cos 2x + \cos 4x) && \text{Factor out common factor.} \end{aligned}$$

Use the power-reducing formulas to re-write each of the following expressions in terms of the first power of cosine.

3a.)

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

3b.) $\tan^4(2x)$

Note the double angle.

See paper for 3b

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

You can derive some useful alternative forms of the power-reducing formulas by replacing u with $u/2$. The results are called **half-angle formulas**.

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 signs of $\sin \frac{u}{2}$ and $\cos \frac{u}{2}$ depend on the quadrant in which $\frac{u}{2}$ lies.

Example 3: Find the exact value of $\sin 105^\circ$.

Solution Begin by noting that 105° is half of 210° . Then, using the half-angle formula for $\sin(u/2)$ and the fact that 105° lies in Quadrant II, you have

$$\sin 105^\circ = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 210^\circ}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + (\sqrt{3}/2)}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}}}{2}$$

The positive square root is chosen because $\sin \theta$ is positive in Quadrant II.

Use the Half-Angle formulas to find the exact value of each trig function for the given angle.

4a.) $\cos \frac{\pi}{8} = \cos \left(\frac{\frac{\pi}{4}}{2} \right)$
 $\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{8} \right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \frac{\pi}{4}}{2}}$
 $= \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{2}}$
 $= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}} \text{ or } \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{4}} \text{ or } \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}{2}$

4b.) $\tan 75^\circ = \tan \left(\frac{150}{2} \right) = \frac{1 - \cos(150)}{\sin(150)}$
 $= \frac{1 - (-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})}{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $= \frac{1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $= 2 + \sqrt{3}$

Use the half-angle formulas to find all of the solutions to the equation over the interval $[0, 2\pi)$.

5a.) $\cos^2 x = \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}$
 $\cos^2 x = \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{2} \right)^2$
 $2 \left(\cos^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos x}{2} \right)$
 $2 \cos^2 x = 1 - \cos x$
 $2 \cos^2 x + \cos x - 1 = 0$
 $(2 \cos x - 1)(\cos x + 1) = 0$
 $\cos x = \frac{1}{2} \quad \cos x = -1$
 $x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3} \quad x = \pi$ ✓

5b.) $\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos x = 0$
 $\sin \frac{x}{2} = -\cos x$
 $\left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{2} \right)^2 = (-\cos x)^2$
 $2 \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{2} = \cos^2 x \right)$
 $1 - \cos x = 2 \cos^2 x$
 $0 = 2 \cos^2 x + \cos x - 1$
 $0 = (2 \cos x - 1)(\cos x + 1)$
 $x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}, \pi$
 check for extraneous!
 $\sin \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) + \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 0$
 $\sin \frac{\pi}{6} + \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 0$
 $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$
 $\sin \left(\frac{5\pi}{3} \right) + \cos \frac{5\pi}{3} = 0$
 $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$
 $\sin \frac{\pi}{2} + \cos \pi = 0$
 $1 + (-1) = 0$ ✓
 $x = \pi$

Product-to-Sum Formulas

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

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

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

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

These formulas are used in calculus to solve problems involving the products of sines and cosines of different angles.

Rewrite the product as a sum or difference using the Product-to-Sum formulas.

6a.) $\cos(5x) \sin(4x)$
 $\frac{1}{2} [\sin(9x) - \sin(x)]$

6b.) $\sin(5x) \sin(3x)$
 $\frac{1}{2} [\cos(2x) - \cos(8x)]$

Sum-to-Product Formulas

$$\sin u + \sin v = 2 \sin\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{u-v}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos u + \cos v = 2 \cos\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{u-v}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin u - \sin v = 2 \cos\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{u-v}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos u - \cos v = -2 \sin\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{u-v}{2}\right)$$

These formulas are helpful if you have the sum (or difference) of a trig function with 2 different angles. The formulas allow you to rewrite the sum/difference as a product and then use the zero product property.

Example 4:

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$$\text{Solve } \sin 5x + \sin 3x = 0.$$

Solution

$$\sin 5x + \sin 3x = 0$$

Write original equation.

$$2 \sin\left(\frac{5x+3x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{5x-3x}{2}\right) = 0$$

Sum-to-product formula

$$2 \sin 4x \cos x = 0$$

Simplify.

$$2 \sin 4x = 0 \text{ yields}$$

$$\cos x = 0 \text{ yields}$$

$$(\text{in the interval } [0, 2\pi))$$

$$x = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \pi, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \text{ which are repeat solutions}$$

$$\text{Final answer: } x = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \pi, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

Find the exact value of the following expression by using the appropriate sum-to-product formula.

7a.) $\cos 195^\circ + \cos 105^\circ$

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

$$2 \cos(150^\circ) \cos(45^\circ)$$

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

7b.) $\sin 195^\circ + \sin 105^\circ$

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

$$2 \sin(150^\circ) \cos(45^\circ)$$

$$2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

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

Solve the following equation over the interval $[0, 2\pi)$.

8a.) $\sin 5x + \sin 3x = 0$

$$2 \sin\left(\frac{8x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2x}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$2 \sin 4x \cos x = 0$$

$$2 \neq 0$$

$$\sin 4x = 0$$

$$\cos x = 0$$

$$\sin u = 0$$

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

$$u = \pi n$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} = \frac{\pi n}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi n}{4}$$

$$x = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \pi, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

Repeat solutions

8b.) $\cos 2x - \cos 6x = 0$

$$-2(\sin 4x)(\sin -2x) = 0$$

$$\sin 4x = 0$$

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$$\sin -2x = 0$$

$$\sin u = 0$$

$$u = \pi n$$

$$-2x = \pi n$$

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

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

gives same angles

$$x = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \pi, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$1a) \cos(2x) + \cos x = 0$$

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Sub.

$$(2\cos^2 x - 1) + \cos x = 0$$

$$2\cos^2 x + \cos x - 1 = 0$$

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

$$2\cos x - 1 = 0$$

$$2\cos x = 1$$

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

$$\cos x + 1 = 0$$

$$\cos x = -1$$

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

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

$$1b) \tan(2x) - \cot x = 0$$

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$$\frac{(\tan x) \cdot 2 \tan x}{(\tan x) (1 - \tan^2 x)} - \frac{1}{\tan x} \frac{(1 - \tan^2 x)}{(1 - \tan^2 x)} = 0$$

$$\frac{2\tan^2 x - (1 - \tan^2 x)}{\tan x (1 - \tan^2 x)} = 0$$

$$(\tan x) (1 - \tan^2 x) \frac{2\tan^2 x + \tan^2 x - 1}{\tan x (1 - \tan^2 x)} = 0 \quad (\tan x) (1 - \tan^2 x)$$

$$3\tan^2 x - 1 = 0$$

$$3\tan^2 x = 1$$

$$\tan^2 x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\tan x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Think $\frac{1}{2} = \sin$

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

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3b) \quad & \tan^4(2x) \\
 &= (\tan^2(2x))^2 \\
 &= \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2(2x)}{1 + \cos 2(2x)} \right)^2 \\
 &= \left(\frac{1 - \cos 4x}{1 + \cos 4x} \right)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1 - 2\cos 4x + \cos^2 4x}{1 + 2\cos 4x + \cos^2 4x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1 - 2\cos 4x + \frac{1 + 2\cos 8x}{2}}{1 + 2\cos 4x + \frac{1 + 2\cos 8x}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{2 - 4\cos 4x + 1 + 2\cos 8x}{2 + 4\cos 4x + 1 + 2\cos 8x} = \frac{3 - 4\cos 4x + 2\cos 8x}{3 + 4\cos 4x + 2\cos 8x}$$