

# Math 1060 ~ Trigonometry

## 10 Using Trigonometric Identities

### Learning Objectives

In this section you will:

- Learn and use the even/odd identities in simplifying trigonometric expressions and verifying identities.
- Learn the sum and difference identities for cosine, sine and tangent.
- Use the sum and difference identities to find values of trigonometric functions.
- Use the sum and difference identities in verifying trigonometric identities.
- Learn and apply the cofunction identities.

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

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

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

Identities are useful in simplifying expressions and computing values for some of the less-familiar angles on the Unit Circle. In this video, we will familiarize ourselves with some important identities and use them to compute values, simplify expressions and verify other identities.

The Even/Odd Identities: For all applicable angles $\theta$ ,		
• $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)$ <i>odd</i>	• $\cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta)$ <i>even</i>	• $\tan(-\theta) = -\tan(\theta)$ <i>odd</i>
• $\csc(-\theta) = -\csc(\theta)$	• $\sec(-\theta) = \sec(\theta)$	• $\cot(-\theta) = -\cot(\theta)$

Ex 1: Simplify these expressions.

a)  $\sin(-x)\cos(-x)\sec(-x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-\sin x)(\cos x)(\sec x) \\
 &= -\sin x \cancel{\cos x} \left( \frac{1}{\cancel{\cos x}} \right) \\
 &= -\sin x
 \end{aligned}$$

b)  $-\cot(-x)\tan(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -(-\cot x)\tan x \\
 &= \cot x \tan x \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

*(x in domain of both  $\cot x$  &  $\tan x$ )*

Let's play a little True False game.

Ex 2: Identify these as True or False:

a)  $5(c+d) = 5c+5d$  True (distributivity)

b)  $\frac{a+b}{2} = \frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2}$  True (")

c)  $(x+y)^2 = x^2 + y^2$  False (exponents do NOT distribute

d)  $\sqrt{p+q} = \sqrt{p} + \sqrt{q}$  False (") through addition)

e)  $\sin(u+v) = \sin u + \sin v$

ex  $u=v = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .  $\sin(u+v) = \sin \pi = 0$   
 $\sin u + \sin v = \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) + \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1+1=2$

False (sine function does NOT distribute through addition.)

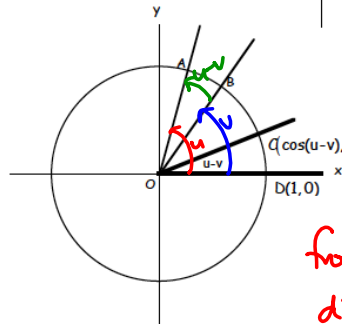
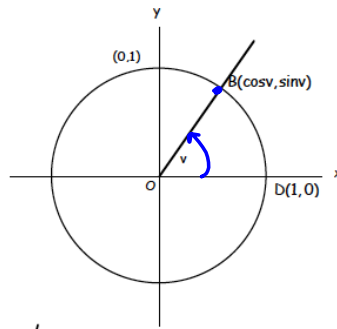
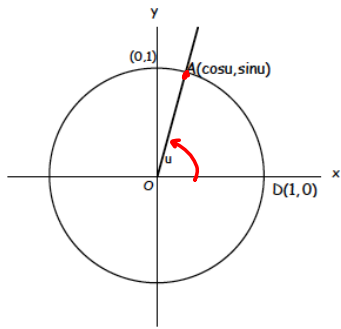
We can tell by inspection that  $\sin 30^\circ + \sin 60^\circ \neq \sin 90^\circ$ .

So, we need a set of sum/difference identities.

Sum and Difference Identities: For all applicable angles $\alpha$ and $\beta$ ,
• $\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin(\alpha)\cos(\beta) \pm \cos(\alpha)\sin(\beta)$
• $\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos(\alpha)\cos(\beta) \mp \sin(\alpha)\sin(\beta)$
• $\tan(\alpha \pm \beta) = \frac{\tan(\alpha) \pm \tan(\beta)}{1 \mp \tan(\alpha)\tan(\beta)}$

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

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



Since angle  $u-v =$  angle  $u-v$ ,  
the distance  
from A to B =  
distance from C to D

Distance from A to B

$$\left( \sqrt{(\cos u - \cos v)^2 + (\sin u - \sin v)^2} \right)^2$$

difference of x-values

Distance from C to D

$$\left( \sqrt{(\cos(u-v) - 1)^2 + (\sin(u-v) - 0)^2} \right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cos u - \cos v)(\cos u - \cos v) + (\sin u - \sin v)(\sin u - \sin v) \\ &= (\cos(u-v) - 1)(\cos(u-v) - 1) + \sin^2(u-v) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cos^2 u - 2\cos u \cos v + \cos^2 v) + (\sin^2 u - 2\sin u \sin v + \sin^2 v) \\ &= \cos^2(u-v) - 2\cos(u-v) + 1 + \sin^2(u-v) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\underbrace{\cos^2 u + \sin^2 u}_{=1}) + (\underbrace{\cos^2 v + \sin^2 v}_{=1}) - 2(\cos u \cos v + \sin u \sin v) \\ &= (\underbrace{\cos^2(u-v) + \sin^2(u-v)}_{=1}) - 2\cos(u-v) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cancel{1} - 2(\cos u \cos v + \sin u \sin v) = \cancel{1} - 2\cos(u-v)$$

$$\cancel{1} (\cos u \cos v + \sin u \sin v) = \cancel{1} \cos(u-v)$$

$$\boxed{\cos u \cos v + \sin u \sin v = \cos(u-v)}$$

Sum and Difference Identities for Sine. For all angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ,

①  $\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin(\alpha)\cos(\beta) + \cos(\alpha)\sin(\beta)$

②  $\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin(\alpha)\cos(\beta) - \cos(\alpha)\sin(\beta)$

Ex 3: Determine these exact values of  $\sin 75^\circ$  in two ways.

a)  $\sin(75^\circ) = \sin(\overset{\alpha}{30^\circ} + \overset{\beta}{45^\circ})$

①  $= \sin(30^\circ)\cos(45^\circ) + \cos(30^\circ)\sin(45^\circ)$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$   
 $= \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}$

b)  $\sin(75^\circ) = \sin(\overset{\alpha}{120^\circ} - \overset{\beta}{45^\circ})$

②  $= \sin(120^\circ)\cos(45^\circ) - \cos(120^\circ)\sin(45^\circ)$   
 $= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$   
 $= \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$

**Sum and Difference Identities:** For all applicable angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ,

- $\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin(\alpha)\cos(\beta) \pm \cos(\alpha)\sin(\beta)$
- $\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos(\alpha)\cos(\beta) \mp \sin(\alpha)\sin(\beta)$
- $\tan(\alpha \pm \beta) = \frac{\tan(\alpha) \pm \tan(\beta)}{1 \mp \tan(\alpha)\tan(\beta)}$

Ex 4: Use the sum/difference identities to find the exact values of these.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } \cos \frac{5\pi}{12} &= \cos\left(\frac{(8-3)\pi}{12}\right) & \text{b) } \sin\left(-\frac{7\pi}{12}\right) &= \sin\left(\frac{(-3-4)\pi}{12}\right) \\
 &= \cos\left(\frac{8\pi}{12} - \frac{3\pi}{12}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) & &= \sin\left(-\frac{3\pi}{12} - \frac{4\pi}{12}\right) \\
 &= \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) & &= \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4} & &= \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\
 & & & \quad - \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\
 & & &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \\
 & & &= \frac{-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 5: Evaluate  $\tan 165^\circ$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tan 165^\circ &= \tan(120^\circ + 45^\circ) \\
 &= \frac{\tan(120^\circ) + \tan(45^\circ)}{1 - \tan(120^\circ)\tan(45^\circ)} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{-1} + 1}{1 - (-\sqrt{3})(1)} \\
 &= \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{1 + \sqrt{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 6: Verify this cofunction identity.

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) = \cos x$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \beta = x \end{array}\right)$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\cos x - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\sin x$$

$$= 1 \cdot \cos x - 0 \cdot \sin x$$

$$= \cos x \quad \square$$

Identity is an eqn  
that's true for all  
allowed values of the  
variable.

Note: there are  
many cofunction  
identities.  
See the list in book!