

# Math 1060 ~ Trigonometry

## 11 Multiple Angle Identities

### Learning Objectives

In this section you will:

- Learn the double and half angle identities for sine, cosine and tangent.
- Find trigonometric values of double and half angles.
- Verify identities involving double and half angles.
- Learn and apply the power reduction formulas for sine and cosine.
- Learn and apply product/sum formulas.

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

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

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

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

The double angle identities are easy to generate using the identities for the sum of two angles.

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

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

$$\tan (2\theta) = \tan (\theta + \theta)$$

**Double Angle Identities:** For all applicable angles  $\theta$ ,

- $\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin(\theta)\cos(\theta)$
- $\cos(2\theta) = \begin{cases} \cos^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta) \\ 2\cos^2(\theta) - 1 \\ 1 - 2\sin^2(\theta) \end{cases}$
- $\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2\tan(\theta)}{1 - \tan^2(\theta)}$

Why do we need the double angle identities? Do they allow us to compute exact values of any angles?

- Simplify expressions.
- Solve equations with  $2x$ .

Ex 1: Solve this equation for values of  $x$  on the interval  $[0, 2\pi)$ .

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

Starting with two forms of the double angle identity for the cosine, we can generate half-angle identities for the sine and cosine.

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

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

**Power Reduction Formulas:** For all angles  $\theta$ ,

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

$$\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

**Half Angle Formulas.** For all applicable angles  $\theta$ ,

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

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

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

where the choice of  $\pm$  depends on the quadrant in which the terminal side of  $\frac{\theta}{2}$  lies.

Ex 2: Use these identities to determine exact values.

a)  $\sin(105^\circ)$

b)  $\tan\left(\frac{7\pi}{12}\right)$

Ex 3: If  $\theta$  is an obtuse angle and  $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ , find the exact value of these using double/half angle identities.

a)  $\sin(2\theta)$

b)  $\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$

c)  $\tan(2\theta)$

Ex 4: Evaluate  $\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{12}\right)$  in two ways, using the half-angle identity and using the difference identity.