

## 5.2 Verifying identities (cont'd)

62) verify:

$$\frac{1}{\sec \alpha - \tan \alpha} = \sec \alpha + \tan \alpha$$

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

Reciprocal, and  
quotient identities.

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

Subtract fractions.

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

Take reciprocal

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

← TRICK:  
Equivalent fraction.

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

Difference of squares  
multiplication

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

Pythagorean identity.

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

Cancel one  $\cos \alpha$ .

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

Separate fractions.

$$= \sec \alpha + \tan \alpha$$

Reciprocal and  
quotient identities

## 5.3 Sum and Difference Identities for Cosine

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(A+B) &= \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B \\ \cos(A-B) &= \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B\end{aligned}$$

Sum formula...

difference formula  
for cosine

example Find the exact value of  $\cos 75^\circ$ .

Hint:  $75^\circ = 45^\circ + 30^\circ$

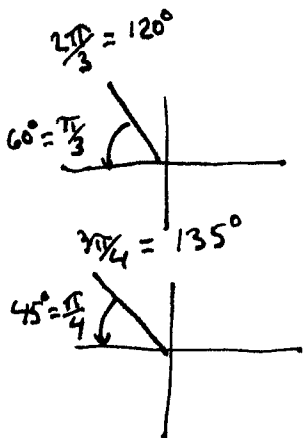
$$\begin{aligned}\cos 75^\circ &= \cos(45^\circ + 30^\circ) \\ &= \cos 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \sin 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ \\ &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}\end{aligned}$$

ex:  $\cos \frac{17\pi}{12} = ?$

Hint:  $\frac{8\pi}{12} + \frac{9\pi}{12} = \frac{17\pi}{12}$   
 $= \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{3\pi}{4}$

$$\cos \frac{17\pi}{12} = \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} - \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \sin \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} = -\left(\frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}\right)\end{aligned}$$



ex: Find the exact value of

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos 173^\circ \cos 83^\circ + \sin 173^\circ \sin 83^\circ \\ &= \cos(173^\circ - 83^\circ) = \cos 90^\circ = 0 \end{aligned}$$

### Cofunction identities

$$\cos(90^\circ - \theta) = \sin \theta$$

$$\sin(90^\circ - \theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\tan(90^\circ - \theta) = \cot \theta$$

$$\cot(90^\circ - \theta) = \tan \theta$$

$$\sec(90^\circ - \theta) = \csc \theta$$

$$\csc(90^\circ - \theta) = \sec \theta$$

Added after class:

Remark ① We get the first of these identities by taking  $A = 90^\circ$  and  $B = \theta$  in the difference identity for cosine:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(90^\circ - \theta) &= \cos 90^\circ \cos \theta + \sin 90^\circ \sin \theta \\ &= (0)(\cos \theta) + (1)(\sin \theta) \\ &= \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

② Leave a gap where  $\theta$  is in the above identity:

$$\cos[90^\circ - ( \quad )] = \sin( \quad )$$

Then, in the gap, write  $90^\circ - \theta$ :

$$\cos[90^\circ - (90^\circ - \theta)] = \sin(90^\circ - \theta)$$

This simplifies to:

$$\cos(90^\circ - 90^\circ + \theta) = \sin(90^\circ - \theta)$$

or:

$$\cos \theta = \sin(90^\circ - \theta)$$

That is, we've derived the second cofunction identity.

$$\sin(90^\circ - \theta) = \cos \theta$$