

5.5 Double Angle Identities

Know: $\cos(A+B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$

what if A and B are equal? Set $A=B$.

$$\cos(A+A) = \cos A \cos A - \sin A \sin A$$

$$\boxed{\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Double angle} \\ \text{formula for cosine} \\ \text{(1st form)} \end{array}$$

use: $\sin^2 A = 1 - \cos^2 A \leftarrow \text{pythagorean id.}$

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

$$\boxed{\cos 2A = 2\cos^2 A - 1} \quad \text{(2nd form)}$$

use: $\cos^2 A = 1 - \sin^2 A$ to sub into 1st form

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

$$\boxed{\cos 2A = 1 - 2\sin^2 A} \quad \text{(3rd form)}$$

Know: $\sin(A+B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$, and if $A=B$,

$$\sin(A+A) = \sin A \cos A + \cos A \sin A$$

$$\boxed{\sin 2A = 2\sin A \cos A} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Double angle formula} \\ \text{for sine} \end{array}$$

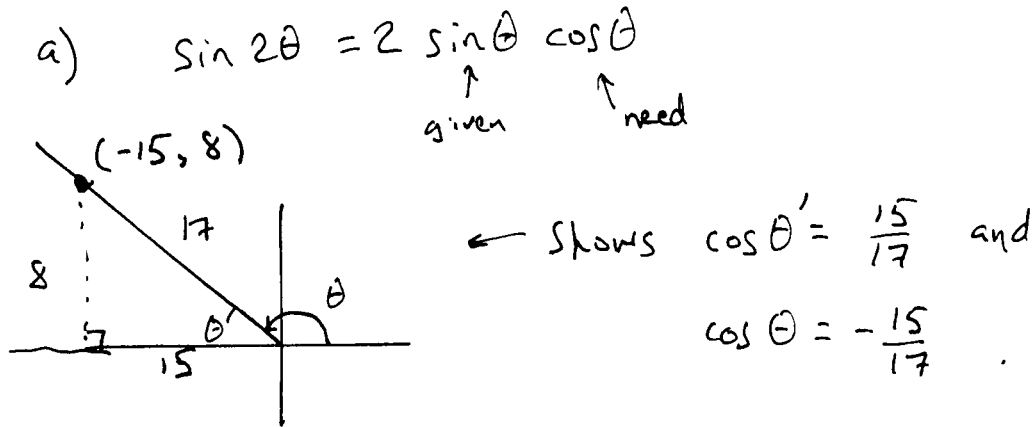
Know: $\tan(A+B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$, and if $A=B$

$$\boxed{\tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Double angle formula} \\ \text{for tangent} \end{array}$$

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ex: Given $\sin \theta = \frac{8}{17}$ and $\cos \theta < 0$.

- a) Find $\sin 2\theta$ b) Find $\cos 2\theta$ c) Find $\tan 2\theta$.



$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 2 \left(\frac{8}{17} \right) \left(-\frac{15}{17} \right) = \boxed{-\frac{240}{289}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \cos 2\theta &= 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta = 1 - 2 (\sin \theta)^2 \\ &= 1 - 2 \left(\frac{8}{17} \right)^2 = \boxed{\frac{161}{289}} \end{aligned}$$

note: we never used $\cos \theta < 0$.

$$\text{c) } \tan 2\theta = \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\cos 2\theta} = \frac{-240/289}{161/289} = \boxed{-\frac{240}{161}}$$

ex: a) Simplify the expression $2 \cos^2 5x - 1$

Use: $2 \cos^2 A - 1 = \cos 2A$, with $A = 5x$.

$$2 \cos^2 5x - 1 = \cos 2(5x) = \boxed{\cos 10x}$$

b) Simplify the expression $\sin 165^\circ \cos 165^\circ$.

Use: $2 \sin A \cos A = \sin 2A$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 165^\circ \cos 165^\circ &= \frac{1}{2} (2 \sin 165^\circ \cos 165^\circ) = \frac{1}{2} (\sin 2 \cdot 165^\circ) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin 330^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= \boxed{-\frac{1}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

ex: Write $\cos 3x$ in terms of $\cos x$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos 3x &= \cos(2x+x) \\
 &= \cos 2x \cos x - \sin 2x \sin x \quad \downarrow \text{sum formula for cosine} \\
 &= (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x) \cos x - 2 \sin x \cos x \cdot \sin x \quad \downarrow \text{Double angle IDs} \\
 &= \cos^3 x - \sin^2 x \cos x - 2 \sin^2 x \cos x \\
 &= \cos^3 x - 3 \sin^2 x \cos x \\
 &= \cos^3 x - 3 \cos x (1 - \cos^2 x) \quad \downarrow \text{Pythagorean ID} \\
 &= \cos^3 x - 3 \cos x + 3 \cos^3 x \\
 &= 4 \cos^3 x - 3 \cos x
 \end{aligned}$$

Remark: In retrospect, using the 2nd form of double-angle ID for cosine would have saved a step or two.

Product-to-Sum identities Here is a trick for deriving one of the identities:

Know: (1) $\cos(A+B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$

(2) $\cos(A-B) = \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B$

(1) + (2): $\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B) = 2 \cos A \cos B$ multiply by $\frac{1}{2}$:

$$\boxed{\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)]}$$

ex: $\cos 8x \cos 3x = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(8x+3x) + \cos(8x-3x)]$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\cos 11x + \cos 5x]$$