

Compound Angle Formulas

Key Trigonometric Identities

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

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

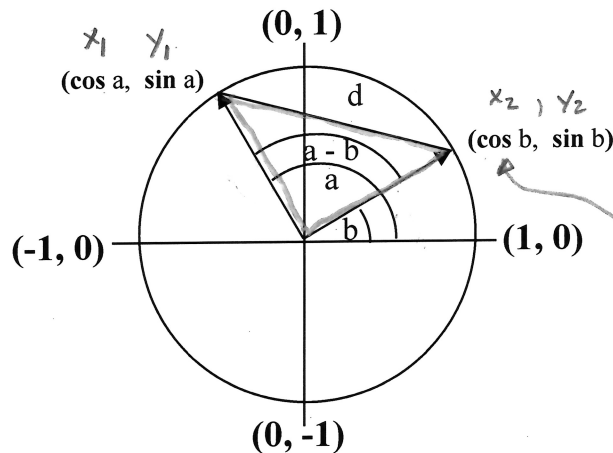
$$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)$$

$$\cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta)$$

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

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

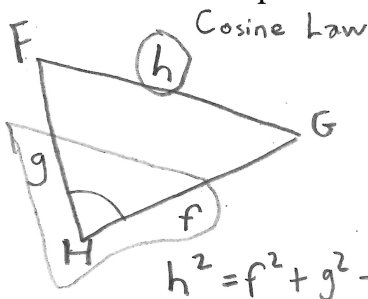
Consider the following terminal arms on a unit circle



$$\frac{\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}}{1} \\ x = r \cos \theta \\ x = 1 \cos b \\ \boxed{x = \cos b}$$

Activity

a) Determine the square of the length of line d using the cosine law.



$$h^2 = f^2 + g^2 - 2fg \cos H$$

$$d^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 - 2(1)(1) \cos(a-b)$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \underline{d^2 = 2 - 2 \cos(a-b)}$$

b) Determine the square of the length of line d using Pythagorean Theorem;

$$d^2 = (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2.$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} d^2 &= (\cos b - \cos a)^2 + (\sin b - \sin a)^2 \\ &= \cos^2 b - 2 \cos a \cos b + \cos^2 a + \sin^2 b - 2 \sin a \sin b + \sin^2 a \\ &= \underbrace{\sin^2 a + \cos^2 a}_1 + \underbrace{\sin^2 b + \cos^2 b}_1 - 2 \sin a \sin b - 2 \cos a \cos b \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \underline{d^2 = 2 - 2 \sin a \sin b - 2 \cos a \cos b}$$

c) Substitute the answer from a) into the answer for b)

sub (1) into (2)

$$\begin{aligned} r - 2\cos(a-b) &= r - 2\sin a \sin b - 2\cos a \cos b \\ \frac{-2\cos(a-b)}{-2} &= \frac{-2\sin a \sin b}{-2} - \frac{2\cos a \cos b}{-2} \\ \cos(a-b) &= \cos a \cos b + \sin a \sin b \end{aligned}$$

d) Create an equation for $\cos(a+b)$ by replacing the variable 'b' with '-b'.

$$\begin{aligned} \cos[a - (-b)] &= \cos a \cos(-b) + \sin a \sin(-b) \\ \cos(a+b) &= \cos a \cos b + \sin a (-\sin b) \\ \cos(a+b) &= \cos a \cos b - \sin a \sin b \end{aligned}$$

e) Create an equation for $\sin(a+b)$ using the identity $\sin(\theta) = \cos\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b) - c & \\ = a+b-c & \\ = a+(b-c) & \end{aligned} \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \begin{aligned} \sin(a+b) &= \cos\left[(a+b) - \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \\ &= \cos\left[a + \left(b - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right] \\ &= \cos a \cos\left(b - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \sin a \sin\left(b - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= \cos a \sin b - \sin a (-\cos b) \\ \sin(a+b) &= \sin a \cos b + \cos a \sin b \end{aligned}$$

f) Create an equation for $\sin(a-b)$ by replacing the variable 'b' with '-b'.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin[a + (-b)] &= \sin a \cos(-b) + \cos a \sin(-b) \\ \sin(a-b) &= \sin a \cos b - \cos a \sin b \end{aligned}$$

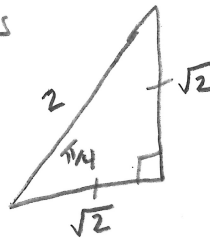
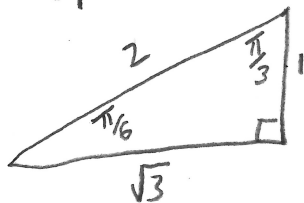
g) Compound angle formulas for $\tan(a+b)$ and $\tan(a-b)$ can be created using the

quotient identity: $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$.

In doing so, we get...

$$\begin{aligned} \tan(a+b) &= \frac{\tan(a) + \tan(b)}{1 - \tan(a)\tan(b)} \\ \tan(a-b) &= \frac{\tan(a) - \tan(b)}{1 + \tan(a)\tan(b)} \end{aligned}$$

Special Triangles



Example 1

Using the compound angle formulas to determine the exact value of the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{12}\right) &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \quad \begin{matrix} 75^\circ \\ \swarrow \\ \frac{5\pi}{12} \end{matrix} \\
 &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) &= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \quad \begin{matrix} 15^\circ \\ \swarrow \\ \frac{\pi}{12} \end{matrix} \\
 &= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

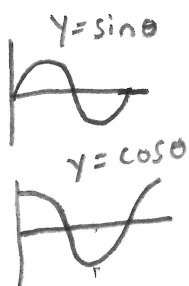
Example 2

Simplify the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\cos\left(\frac{13\pi}{12}\right)\cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{12}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{13\pi}{12}\right)\sin\left(\frac{11\pi}{12}\right) \\
 &= \cos\left(\frac{13\pi}{12} - \frac{11\pi}{12}\right) \quad \begin{matrix} a \\ \downarrow \\ \frac{13\pi}{12} \\ b \\ \downarrow \\ \frac{11\pi}{12} \end{matrix} \\
 &= \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{12}\right) \\
 &= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3

Use compound angle formulas to show that $\cos(\theta + \pi) = \cos(\theta - \pi)$.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.S.} &= \cos(\theta + \pi) \\
 &= \cos\theta \cos\pi - \sin\theta \sin\pi \\
 &= \cos\theta(-1) - \sin\theta(0) \\
 &= -\cos\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{R.S.} &= \cos(\theta - \pi) \\
 &= \cos\theta \cos\pi + \sin\theta \sin\pi \\
 &= \cos\theta(-1) + \sin\theta(0) \\
 &= -\cos\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

L.S. = R.S.

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