

Double Angle Formulas

Recall the compound angle formulas:

$$\sin(a \pm b) = \sin a \cos b \pm \cos a \sin b$$

$$\cos(a \pm b) = \cos a \cos b \mp \sin a \sin b$$

$$\tan(a \pm b) = \frac{\tan a \pm \tan b}{1 \mp \tan a \tan b}$$

Also note that the Pythagorean Identity can be rearranged as follows:

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

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

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Activity 1

The compound angle formulas can be used to create double angle formulas by expanding the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sin(2\theta) \\ \text{a) } \sin(2\theta) &= \sin(\theta + \theta) \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \theta \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \cos(2\theta) &= \cos(\theta + \theta) \\ &= \cos \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$(\sin \theta)^2 \Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta$$

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

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

$$\boxed{\cos(2\theta) = 2\cos^2 \theta - 1}$$

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

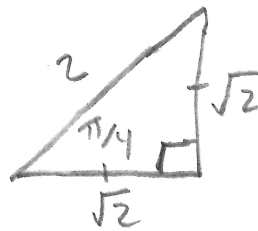
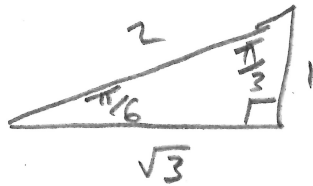
$$\text{c) } \tan(2\theta) = \tan(\theta + \theta)$$

$$= \frac{\tan \theta + \tan \theta}{1 - \tan \theta \tan \theta}$$

$$\boxed{\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}}$$

Example 1

Simplify the following:



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } & 8 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \\
 &= 4 \cdot 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \\
 &= 4 \sin\left[2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right)\right] \\
 &= 4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$
 $= \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{2}$
 $= 2\sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } & \frac{2 \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{1 - \tan^2\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)} \\
 &= \tan\left[2\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right] \\
 &= \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\
 &= \sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2

Use the double angle formulas to evaluate the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } & \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\
 &= \sin\left[2\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right] \\
 &= 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \\
 &= \frac{2}{1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } & \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\
 &= \cos\left[2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right] \\
 &= \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) - \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow = -\frac{2}{4}$
 $= -\frac{1}{2}$

Example 3

If $\cos\theta = \frac{3}{5}$ and $\pi \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$, determine the values of $\cos 2\theta$ and $\sin 2\theta$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 + y^2 &= r^2 \\
 (3)^2 + y^2 &= (5)^2 \\
 9 + y^2 &= 25 \\
 y^2 &= 25 - 9 \\
 \sqrt{y^2} &= \pm\sqrt{16} \\
 y &= +4 \\
 y &= -4
 \end{aligned}$$

Positive is inadmissible since $\pi \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos(2\theta) &= 2 \cos^2\theta - 1 \\
 &= 2 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 - 1 \\
 &= \frac{2}{1} \left(\frac{9}{25}\right) - 1 \\
 &= \frac{18}{25} - \frac{25}{25} \\
 &= -\frac{7}{25}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin 2\theta &= 2 \sin\theta \cos\theta \\
 &= \frac{2}{1} \left(\frac{-4}{5}\right) \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) \\
 &= -\frac{24}{25}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\sin\theta = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{-4}{5}$