

CHAPTER 8

TRIGONOMETRY 2

Compound, Multiple and Half-angle Formulas

A **compound angle** is an angle which is written as the sum or difference of two or more angles. For example, $(A + B)$, $(A - B)$ and $(A - B - C)$ are compound angles.

A **multiple angle** is an angle which is written as a multiple of a single angle. For example, $2A$, $2B$, 3θ are multiple angles.

A **sub-multiple angle** is an angle which is written as a fraction of a single angle. For example, $\frac{A}{2}$, $\frac{B}{2}$, $\frac{\theta}{3}$ are sub-multiple angles.

We shall now derive formulas for trigonometric functions of these angles.

In deriving these formulas we make use of the following identities for all $A \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$1. \cos^2 A + \sin^2 A = 1$$

$$2. \cos(-A) = \cos A$$

$$3. \sin(-A) = -\sin A$$

$$4. \tan A = \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}$$

$$5. \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - A\right) = \sin A$$

$$6. \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - A\right) = \cos A$$

Example ▼

Given $\cos(A - B) = \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B$, prove each of the following:

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

$$2. \cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$$

$$3. \sin(A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$$

$$4. \sin(A - B) = \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$$

$$5. \sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

$$6. \sin A = 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$$

$$7. \tan(A + B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$

$$8. \tan(A - B) = \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + \tan A \tan B}$$

$$9. \tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$$

$$10. \tan 6\theta = \frac{2 \tan 3\theta}{1 - \tan^2 3\theta}$$

$$11. \cos^2 A = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2A)$$

$$12. \sin^2 A = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2A)$$

$$13. \cos 2A = \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A}$$

$$14. \sin 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 + \tan^2 A}$$

Solution:

We derive each of these formulas based on the formula:

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

We then use each new formula to derive another formula.

1. Prove:

Given:

Proof:

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

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

Replace B with $(-B)$ on both sides.

$$\cos[A - (-B)] = \cos A \cos(-B) + \sin A \sin(-B)$$

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

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

2. Prove:

Given:

Proof:

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$$

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

Replace B with A on both sides.

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

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$$

3. Prove:

Given:

Proof:

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

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

Replace A with $(\frac{\pi}{2} - A)$ on both sides.

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

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

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

4. Prove:

Given:

Proof:

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

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

Replace B with $(-B)$ on both sides.

$$\sin[A + (-B)] = \sin A \cos(-B) + \cos A \sin(-B)$$

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

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

5. Prove:

Given:

Proof:

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

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

Replace B with A on both sides.

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

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

6. Prove:

$$\sin A = 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$$

Given:

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

Proof:

Replace A with $\frac{A}{2}$ on both sides.

$$\sin 2\left(\frac{A}{2}\right) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin A = 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$$

7. Prove:

$$\tan(A + B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$

Given:

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

Proof:

Replace A with $(A + B)$ on both sides.

$$\tan(A + B) = \frac{\sin(A + B)}{\cos(A + B)}$$

$$\tan(A + B) = \frac{\sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B}{\cos A \cos B - \cos A \sin B}$$

$$\tan(A + B) = \frac{\frac{\sin A \cos B}{\cos A \cos B} + \frac{\cos A \sin B}{\cos A \cos B}}{\frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos A \cos B} - \frac{\sin A \sin B}{\cos A \cos B}}$$

(Divide top and bottom
by $\cos A \cos B$)

$$\tan(A + B) = \frac{\frac{\sin A}{\cos A} + \frac{\sin B}{\cos B}}{1 - \frac{\sin A}{\cos A} \cdot \frac{\sin B}{\cos B}}$$

$$\tan(A + B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$

8. Prove:

$$\tan(A - B) = \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + \tan A \tan B}$$

Given:

$$\tan(A + B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$

Proof:

Replace B with $(-B)$ on both sides.

$$\tan(A + (-B)) = \frac{\tan A + \tan(-B)}{1 - \tan A \tan(-B)}$$

$$\tan(A - B) = \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + \tan A \tan B}$$

9. Prove:

Given:

Proof:

$$\tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$$

$$\tan(A+B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$

Replace B with A on both sides

$$\tan(A+A) = \frac{\tan A + \tan A}{1 - \tan A \tan A}$$

$$\tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$$

10. Prove:

Given:

Proof:

$$\tan 6\theta = \frac{2 \tan 3\theta}{1 - \tan^2 3\theta}$$

$$\tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$$

Replace A with 3θ on both sides

$$\tan 2(3\theta) = \frac{2 \tan 3\theta}{1 - \tan^2 3\theta}$$

$$\tan 6\theta = \frac{2 \tan 3\theta}{1 - \tan^2 3\theta}$$

11. Prove:

Given:

Proof:

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

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$$

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

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - 1 + \cos^2 A$$

$$\cos 2A = 2 \cos^2 A - 1$$

$$2 \cos^2 A = 1 + \cos 2A$$

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

12. Prove:

Given:

Proof:

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

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$$

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

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

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

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

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

13. Prove:

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 2A &= \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A} \\ \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A} &= \frac{1 - \frac{\sin^2 A}{\cos^2 A}}{1 + \frac{\sin^2 A}{\cos^2 A}} \\ &= \frac{\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A}{\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A} \\ &\quad \text{(multiplying top and bottom by } \cos^2 A \text{)} \\ &= \frac{\cos 2A}{1} \\ &= \cos 2A\end{aligned}$$

14. Prove:

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 2A &= \frac{2 \tan A}{1 + \tan^2 A} \\ \frac{2 \tan A}{1 + \tan^2 A} &= \frac{2 \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}}{1 + \frac{\sin^2 A}{\cos^2 A}} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin A \cos A}{\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A} \\ &\quad \text{(multiplying top and bottom by } \cos^2 A \text{)} \\ &= \frac{\sin 2A}{1} \\ &= \sin 2A\end{aligned}$$

Example ▼

Prove that $\sin 3A = 3 \sin A - 4 \sin^3 A$.

Solution:

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 3A &= \sin(2A + A) \\ &= \sin 2A \cos A + \cos 2A \sin A \\ &= (2 \sin A \cos A) \cos A + (\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A) \sin A \\ &= 2 \sin A \cos^2 A + \sin A \cos^2 A - \sin^3 A \\ &= 3 \sin A \cos^2 A - \sin^3 A \\ &= 3 \sin A (1 - \sin^2 A) - \sin^3 A \\ &= 3 \sin A - 3 \sin^3 A - \sin^3 A \\ &= 3 \sin A - 4 \sin^3 A\end{aligned}$$

Applications

Example ▼

Express (i) $\sin 15^\circ$ and (ii) $\tan 105^\circ$ in surd form.

Solution:

First express each angle as a combination of 30° , 45° or 60° .
Then use the compound angle formulas on page 9 of the tables.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad \sin 15^\circ &= \sin(45^\circ - 30^\circ) \\
 &= \sin 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \cos 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad \tan 105^\circ &= \tan(60^\circ + 45^\circ) \\
 &= \frac{\tan 60^\circ + \tan 45^\circ}{1 - \tan 60^\circ \tan 45^\circ} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{1 - (\sqrt{3})(1)} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{1 - \sqrt{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example ▼

If $\tan(A + B) = 3$ and $\tan B = 2$, find the value of $\tan A$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tan(A + B) &= \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B} \\
 3 &= \frac{\tan A + 2}{1 - (\tan A)(2)} \\
 3 &= \frac{\tan A + 2}{1 - 2 \tan A} \\
 3 - 6 \tan A &= \tan A + 2 \\
 -7 \tan A &= -1 \\
 7 \tan A &= 1 \\
 \tan A &= \frac{1}{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$[\text{given } \tan(A + B) = 3, \tan B = 2]$$

$$[\text{multiply both sides by } (1 - 2 \tan A)]$$

Alternatively,

$$\tan A = \tan[(A + B) - B] = \frac{\tan(A + B) - \tan B}{1 + \tan(A + B)(\tan B)} = \frac{3 - 2}{1 + (3)(2)} = \frac{1}{7}$$

Example ▾

If $\sin 2A = \frac{7}{25}$, $0 < A < \frac{\pi}{2}$, find $\tan A$, $\sin A$, and $\cos A$.

Solution:

$$\sin 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 + \tan^2 A}$$

$$\frac{7}{25} = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 + \tan^2 A}$$

(let $t = \tan A$)

$$\frac{7}{25} = \frac{2t}{1 + t^2}$$

$$7 + 7t^2 = 50t$$

$$7t^2 - 50t + 7 = 0$$

$$(7t - 1)(t - 7) = 0$$

$$7t - 1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad t - 7 = 0$$

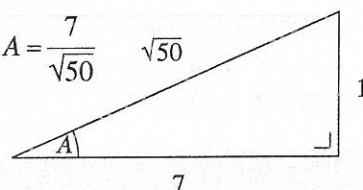
$$t = \frac{1}{7} \quad \text{or} \quad t = 7$$

$$\tan A = \frac{1}{7} \quad \text{or} \quad \tan A = 7$$

1. $\tan A = \frac{1}{7}$

$$\sin A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{50}}$$

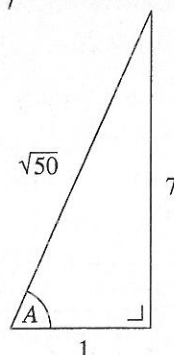
and $\cos A = \frac{7}{\sqrt{50}}$



2. $\tan A = \frac{7}{1}$

$$\sin A = \frac{7}{\sqrt{50}}$$

and $\cos A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{50}}$



Exercise 8.1 ▾

1. A and B are acute angles such that $\sin A = \frac{12}{13}$ and $\cos B = \frac{4}{5}$.

Without the use of tables or calculator, find the value of:

- | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| (i) $\cos A$ | (ii) $\tan A$ | (iii) $\sin B$ | (iv) $\tan B$ |
| (v) $\sin(A + B)$ | (vi) $\cos(A + B)$ | (vii) $\tan(A + B)$ | (viii) $\sin 2A$ |

2. (i) If $\tan \theta = \frac{20}{21}$, $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, without using tables or calculator find the value of:

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

- (ii) If $\cos x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$, find the value of $\cos 2x$ without using tables or a calculator.

Express each of the following in surd form:

- | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------|--|
| 3. $\cos 75^\circ$ | 4. $\sin 105^\circ$ | 5. $\tan 75^\circ$ | 6. $\cos 15^\circ$ |
| 7. $\sin 165^\circ$ | 8. $\cot 15^\circ$ | 9. $\sec 15^\circ$ | 10. $\operatorname{cosec} \frac{5\pi}{12}$ |
| 11. $\cos 25^\circ \cos 20^\circ - \sin 25^\circ \sin 20^\circ$ | 12. $\sin 70^\circ \cos 10^\circ - \cos 70^\circ \sin 10^\circ$ | | |

13. $\frac{\tan 80^\circ - \tan 20^\circ}{1 + \tan 80^\circ \tan 20^\circ}$

14. A and B are acute angles such that $\tan A = 4$ and $\tan(A + B) = 5$. Find $\tan B$.

15. A and B are acute angles such that $\tan B = \frac{1}{4}$ and $\tan(A - B) = 2$. Find (i) $\tan A$ (ii) $\sin 2A$.

16. A and B are acute angles such that $\tan A = \frac{3}{5}$ and $\tan B = \frac{1}{4}$. Find $(A + B)$.

17. $\tan A = \frac{1}{2}$, $180^\circ < A < 360^\circ$, $\tan B = -\frac{1}{3}$, $-90^\circ < B < 90^\circ$. Find $(A - B)$.

Verify each of the following:

18. $\sin(90^\circ - A) = \cos A$

19. $\cos(90^\circ + A) = -\sin A$

20. $\cos(180^\circ - A) = -\cos A$

21. $\sin(180^\circ - A) = \sin A$

22. $\tan(45^\circ + A) = \frac{1 + \tan A}{1 - \tan A}$

23. $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right) = 0$

24. If $\cos 2A = \frac{1}{49}$, find the two values of $\cos A$ without using tables or calculator.

25. If $\cos 2A = \frac{12}{13}$, find the two possible values of $\tan A$.

26. A, B, C and D are acute angles such that $\tan A = \frac{1}{3}$, $\tan B = \frac{1}{5}$, $\tan C = \frac{1}{7}$ and $\tan D = \frac{1}{8}$.

Evaluate (a) $\tan(A + B)$ (b) $\tan(C + D)$.

Hence, or otherwise, find the value of $\tan(A + B + C + D)$.

Prove that $A + B + C + D = 45^\circ$.

Prove each of the following:

27. $2 \cos^2 A - \cos 2A - 1 = 0$

29. $\frac{\sin 2A}{1 + \cos 2A} = \tan A$

31. $\cos 3A = 4 \cos^3 A - 3 \cos A$

28. $\sin(A + B)\sin(A - B) = \cos^2 B + \sin^2 A - 1$

30. $\frac{1 - \cos 2A}{1 + \cos 2A} = \tan^2 A$

32. $\tan 3\theta = \frac{3 \tan \theta - \tan^3 \theta}{1 - 3 \tan^2 \theta}$

33. Use the formula $\cos 2A = 2 \cos^2 A - 1$, to write $\cos \frac{\pi}{8}$ in surd form.

Sum and Product Formulas

Changing products into sums and differences:

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

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

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

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

Changing sums and differences into products:

$$\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2}$$

These are given on page 9 of the tables. The proof of these 8 formulas is **not** required.

Example ▼

- (i) Express $\cos 3\theta \sin 5\theta$ as a sum or difference of two trigonometric functions.
 (ii) Express $\sin 6\theta + \sin 4\theta$ as the product of two trigonometric functions.

Solution:

- (i) $\sin 5\theta \cos 3\theta$ (larger angle first)

$$A = 5\theta \quad B = 3\theta$$

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

$$\therefore \sin 5\theta \cos 3\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}[\sin(5\theta + 3\theta) + \sin(5\theta - 3\theta)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}[\sin 8\theta + \sin 2\theta]$$

- (ii) $\sin 6\theta + \sin 4\theta$

$$A = 6\theta \quad B = 4\theta$$

$$\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore \sin 6\theta + \sin 4\theta$$

$$= 2 \sin \left(\frac{6\theta + 4\theta}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{6\theta - 4\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$= 2 \sin 5\theta \cos \theta$$

Example ▼

- (i) Find the exact value of $\sin 105^\circ - \sin 15^\circ$.
 (ii) Prove that $\frac{\sin \theta - \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta}{\cos \theta - \cos 2\theta + \cos 3\theta} = \tan 2\theta$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & \sin 105^\circ - \sin 15^\circ \\ &= 2 \cos \left(\frac{105^\circ + 15^\circ}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{105^\circ - 15^\circ}{2} \right) \\ &= 2 \cos 60^\circ \sin 45^\circ \\ &= 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & [A = 105^\circ, B = 15^\circ] \\ & \left[\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad & \frac{\sin \theta - \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta}{\cos \theta - \cos 2\theta + \cos 3\theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin 3\theta + \sin \theta - \sin 2\theta}{\cos 3\theta + \cos \theta - \cos 2\theta} \end{aligned}$$

[linking the odd angles on top and bottom
(or even angles if given) and putting the
larger angle first in both cases]

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2 \sin \left(\frac{3\theta + \theta}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{3\theta - \theta}{2} \right) - \sin 2\theta}{2 \cos \left(\frac{3\theta + \theta}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{3\theta - \theta}{2} \right) - \cos 2\theta} \end{aligned}$$

[using
 $\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right)$
 on the top and
 $\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right)$
 on the bottom]

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

[factorising top and bottom]

[dividing top and bottom by $(2 \cos \theta - 1)$]

Exercise 8.2

Express each of the following as the product of two trigonometric functions:

1. $\sin 4\theta + \sin 2\theta$

2. $\cos 7\theta + \cos 5\theta$

3. $\cos 8\theta - \cos 2\theta$

4. $\sin 5\theta - \sin 3\theta$

5. $\cos 6\theta - \cos 2\theta$

6. $\cos \theta + \cos 7\theta$

7. $\sin \theta + \sin 3\theta$

8. $\cos \theta + \cos 5\theta$

9. $\sin 2\theta - \sin 8\theta$

Express each of the following as the sum or difference of two trigonometric functions:

10. $2 \sin 6\theta \cos 2\theta$

11. $2 \cos 3\theta \cos \theta$

12. $2 \cos 4\theta \cos \theta$

13. $2 \cos 6\theta \sin 3\theta$

14. $-2 \sin 4\theta \sin \theta$

15. $2 \cos 7\theta \sin 6\theta$

16. $\cos x \sin 5x$

17. $\sin 2A \sin A$

18. $\cos 3A \sin A$

Find the exact value of each of the following:

19. $\sin 75^\circ - \sin 15^\circ$

20. $\cos 105^\circ - \cos 15^\circ$

21. $\sin 255^\circ - \sin 15^\circ$

22. $2 \sin 75^\circ \sin 105^\circ$

23. $2 \cos 75^\circ \cos 15^\circ$

24. $\cos 37\frac{1}{2}^\circ \sin 7\frac{1}{2}^\circ$

Verify:

25. $\frac{\cos 80^\circ - \cos 40^\circ}{\sin 80^\circ - \sin 40^\circ} = -\sqrt{3}$

26. $\frac{\sin(120^\circ + A) + \sin A}{\cos(60^\circ - A) + \cos A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Prove each of the following identities:

27. $\sin 3\theta + \sin \theta = 4 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta$

28. $\cos 3\theta + \cos \theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta - 2 \cos \theta$

29. $\frac{\cos 5A + \cos 3A}{\sin 5A - \sin 3A} = \cot A$

30. $\frac{\cos 5A - \cos 3A}{\sin 3A - \sin A} = -2 \sin 2A$

31. $2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \theta\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right) = \cos 2\theta$

32. $\frac{\cos 2\theta \cos \theta - \sin 4\theta \sin 3\theta}{\sin 8\theta \cos \theta - \sin 6\theta \cos 3\theta} = \cot 2\theta$

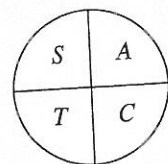
Trigonometric Equations I

Between 0° and 360° there may be two angles with the same trigonometric ratio.

For example, $\cos 120^\circ = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $\cos 240^\circ = -\frac{1}{2}$.

To solve a trigonometric equation do the following:

1. Ignore the sign and calculate the related angle.
2. From the sign of the given ratio, decide in which quadrants the angles lie.
3. Using a rough diagram, state the angles between 0° and 360° .



Maximum and minimum values for simple trigonometric equations

If $\sin \theta = k$, then,
 If $\cos \theta = k$, then,
 If $\tan \theta = k$, then,

$$\begin{aligned} -1 \leq k \leq 1 \\ -1 \leq k \leq 1 \\ k \in \mathbf{R}. \end{aligned}$$

min. value = -1, max. value = 1
 min. value = -1, max. value = 1
 any value, $-\infty$ to ∞

Example ▼

(i) Solve $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, $0 < \theta < 2\pi$.

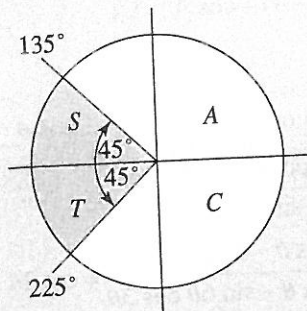
(ii) Solve $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, $0 < \theta < 2\pi$.

(iii) Solve $\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$.

Solution:

(i) $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

related angle (ignore sign) = 45° or $\frac{\pi}{4}$
 \cos is negative in the 2nd and 3rd quadrants.



Thus, if $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, $0 < \theta < 2\pi$,

$$\theta = 135^\circ, 225^\circ \text{ or } \theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

(iii) $\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$

$$\sin \theta = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \text{ related angle, } \theta = 45^\circ$$

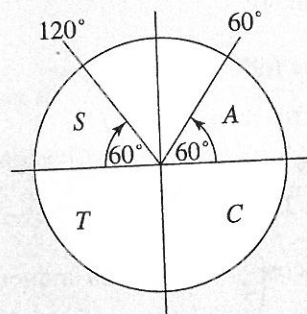
$$\theta = 45^\circ, 135^\circ, 225^\circ, 315^\circ$$

$$\text{or } \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

(ii) $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

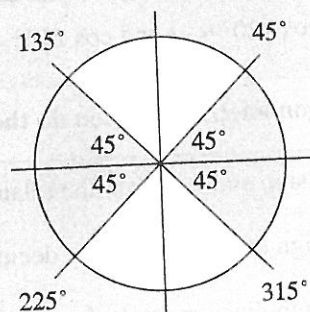
related angle = 60° or $\frac{\pi}{3}$

\sin is positive in the 1st and 2nd quadrants.



Thus, if $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, $0 < \theta < 2\pi$,

$$\theta = 60^\circ, 120^\circ \text{ or } \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}$$



Example ▼

Solve $\sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

Solution:

$$\sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$$

let $\left(x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \theta$

$$\sin \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

related angle, $\theta = 60^\circ$

sin is negative in the 3rd and 4th quadrants, thus $\theta = 240^\circ$ or 300° .

Thus, $x + \frac{\pi}{6} = 240^\circ$ or $x + \frac{\pi}{6} = 300^\circ$

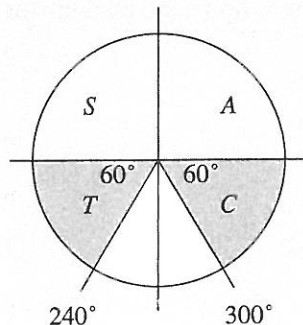
$$x + 30^\circ = 240^\circ$$

$$x = 210^\circ$$

$$x + 30^\circ = 300^\circ$$

$$x = 270^\circ$$

or $x = \frac{7\pi}{6}$ or $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$



We may have to solve equations involving multiple and sub-multiple angles.

Example ▼

Solve $\cos 3A = \frac{1}{2}$, $0 \leq A \leq 360^\circ$

Solution:

$$\cos 3A = \frac{1}{2}$$

related angle = 60°

cos is positive in the 1st and 4th quadrants.

Given: $0 \leq A \leq 360^\circ$

$\therefore 0 \leq 3A \leq 1080^\circ$ (multiply each part by 3)

Thus, we need to go as far as $A + 1080^\circ$

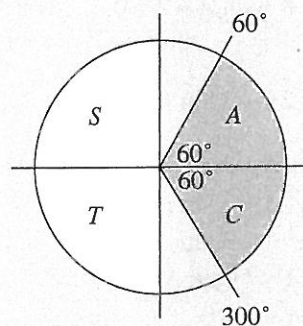
$$\therefore 3A = 60^\circ, 60^\circ + 360^\circ, 60^\circ + 720^\circ, 60^\circ + 1080^\circ$$

$$3A = 60^\circ, 420^\circ, 780^\circ, 1140^\circ$$

$$A = 20^\circ, 140^\circ, 260^\circ, 380^\circ$$

But we are given $0 \leq A \leq 360^\circ$

Thus, $A = 20^\circ, 100^\circ, 140^\circ, 220^\circ, 260^\circ, 340^\circ$.



Exercise 8.3 ▼

Solve each of the following equations for $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$.

1. $\tan \theta = 1$

2. $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$

3. $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

4. $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

5. $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

6. $\sin \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

7. $\tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$

8. $\sin \theta = 0$

9. $\cos \theta = -1$

10. $\operatorname{cosec} \theta = -2$

11. $\cot \theta = -1$

12. $\sec \theta = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

13. $\tan^2 \theta = \frac{1}{3}$

14. $4 \cos^2 \theta = 1$

15. $2 \sin^2 \theta - 1 = 0$

16. $\tan 3\theta = 1$

17. $\sin 2\theta = \frac{1}{2}$

18. $\cos \frac{\theta}{2} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

19. $\sin(\theta + 60^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}$

20. $\cos(\theta - 45^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

21. $\tan(\theta + 30^\circ) = -\sqrt{3}$

22. $\sin(2\theta + 30^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}$

23. $\cos(3\theta + 15^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}$

24. $\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2} + 60^\circ\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

In questions 25–27, give your answers correct to one place of decimals:

25. $100 \sin \theta = 43$

26. $4 \tan \theta = 5$

27. $3 \cos \theta = -1$

Trigonometric Equations 2

More complicated trigonometric equations can usually be reduced to one or more simple trigonometric equations by factorising or rearranging.

Example ▼

Solve $\cos 2A + 3 \sin A - 2 = 0$, $0 \leq A \leq 360^\circ$.

Solution:

$$\cos 2A + 3 \sin A - 2 = 0$$

$$(1 - 2 \sin^2 A) + 3 \sin A - 2 = 0$$

$$[\cos 2A = 1 - 2 \sin^2 A]$$

$$-2 \sin^2 A + 3 \sin A - 1 = 0$$

$$2 \sin^2 A - 3 \sin A + 1 = 0$$

$$(2 \sin A - 1)(\sin A - 1) = 0$$

[factorise]

$$2 \sin A - 1 = 0$$

$$\sin A - 1 = 0$$

$$\sin A = \frac{1}{2}$$

or

$$\sin A = 1$$

$$\sin A = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ related angle} = 30^\circ$$

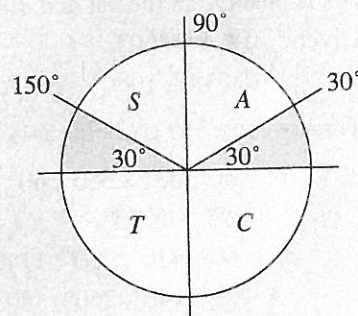
\sin is positive in the 1st and 2nd quadrants.

Thus $A = 30^\circ$ or 150° .

$$\sin A = 1$$

$$A = 90^\circ$$

Thus, $A = 30^\circ, 90^\circ, 150^\circ$



Example ▼

Solve $\sqrt{2} \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \theta = 0$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$.

Solution:

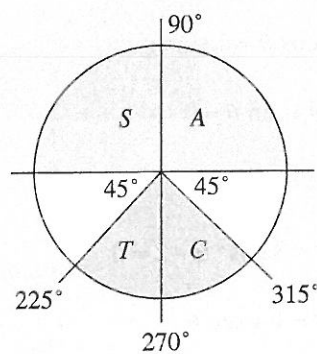
$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{2} \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \theta &= 0 \\ \cos \theta (\sqrt{2} \sin \theta + 1) &= 0 \quad [\text{take out common factor } \cos \theta] \\ \cos \theta &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt{2} \sin \theta + 1 = 0 \\ \cos \theta &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \sin \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \cos \theta &= 0 \\ \theta &= 90^\circ, 270^\circ\end{aligned}$$

$$\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \text{ related angle} = 45^\circ.$$

\sin is negative in the 3rd and 4th quadrants.

$$\theta = 225^\circ \text{ or } 315^\circ$$

Thus, $\theta = 90^\circ, 225^\circ, 270^\circ, 315^\circ$.



Example ▼

Solve $\sin 5\theta + \sin 3\theta = 0$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 5\theta + \sin 3\theta &= 0 \\ 2 \sin \left(\frac{5\theta + 3\theta}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{5\theta - 3\theta}{2} \right) &= 0 \quad \left[\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right) \right] \\ 2 \sin 4\theta \cos \theta &= 0 \\ \sin 4\theta \cos \theta &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\sin 4\theta = 0$$

$$4\theta = 0^\circ, 180^\circ, 360^\circ, 540^\circ, 720^\circ$$

$$\theta = 0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ, 135^\circ, 180^\circ$$

Thus, $\theta = 0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ, 135^\circ, 180^\circ$.

$$\text{or} \quad \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad \theta = 90^\circ$$

$$\text{or} \quad \theta = 90^\circ$$

Note: As we are given $0 \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$, then $0 \leq 4\theta \leq 720^\circ$.

Thus, we need to go as far as 720° for $\sin 4\theta = 0$.

Exercise 8.4 ▼

Solve each of the following equations for $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

1. $(2 \cos \theta - 1)(\cos \theta + 1) = 0$

2. $\sin \theta(2 \sin \theta - 1) = 0$

3. $\tan^2 \theta + \tan \theta = 0$

4. $2 \cos^2 \theta - \cos \theta = 0$

5. $2 \sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta - 1 = 0$

6. $\sqrt{3} \sin \theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 2$

7. $3 - 3 \cos \theta = 2 \sin^2 \theta$

8. $\sqrt{2} \sin A \cos A - \cos A = 0$

9. $\cos 2\theta + \sin \theta = 0$

10. $\sin 2\theta + \sin \theta = 0$

11. $\cos 4\theta = \cos 2\theta$

12. $\cos 2\theta = 1 - 2 \sin \theta$

13. $\sin^2 \theta + 3 \cos^2 \theta - 2 = 0$

14. $4 \cos^3 \theta - \cos \theta = 0$

15. $\tan^2 \theta = 1 + \sec \theta$

16. $2 \sin \theta + 1 = \operatorname{cosec} \theta$

17. Show that $\sin(\theta + 30^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} \sin \theta + \cos \theta)$.
Hence, solve $\sin(\theta + 30^\circ) = 2 \cos \theta$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

18. Show that $\sin 3\theta + \sin \theta = 2 \sin 2\theta \cos \theta$.
Hence, show that $\sin 3\theta + \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta = \sin 2\theta(2 \cos \theta + 1)$
Hence, solve $\sin 3\theta + \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta = 0$, $0 < \theta < 180^\circ$.

19. Prove that $\sin 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 + \tan^2 A}$ and hence solve $\sin 2A - \tan A = 0$, $0 \leq A \leq 180^\circ$.

20. Show that $\sin 5x - \sin x = 2 \cos 3x \sin 2x$.
Hence, solve $\sin 5x - \sin x + \sqrt{3} \cos 3x = 0$, $\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

21. Prove that $\cos 3A = 4 \cos^3 A - 3 \cos A$, and hence solve $\cos 3A + 2 \cos A = 0$, $0 \leq A \leq 180^\circ$.

22. $x = 0^\circ$ and $x = 60^\circ$ are two solutions of the equation $a \sin^2 x + b \cos x - 3 = 0$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$.
Find the value of a and the value of b .
Using these values of a and b , find all the solutions of the equation where $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$.

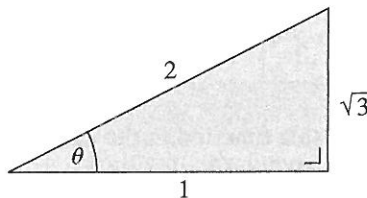
23. Solve $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin x - \cos \frac{x}{2} = 0$, $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

Inverse Trigonometric Functions

We now consider the reverse process of determining an angle given the value of one of the trigonometric ratios.

Consider the right-angled triangle on the right.

Ratio	Angle
$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$	$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$
$\tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$	$\theta = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3}$



However, a problem arises with the $\sin^{-1} x$, $\cos^{-1} x$ and $\tan^{-1} x$ notation.

Consider the following equations:

If $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$, then $\theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = \dots, -330^\circ, -210^\circ, 30^\circ, 150^\circ, 390^\circ, 510^\circ, \dots$

If $\tan \theta = 1$, then $\theta = \tan^{-1} 1 = \dots, -315^\circ, -135^\circ, 45^\circ, 315^\circ, 405^\circ, 675^\circ, \dots$

From this we can see that if there is no restriction on the value of θ , then the equations $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\tan \theta = 1$ have an infinite number of solutions.

To overcome this problem, the value of θ is restricted to the range $-90^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$ or $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

The angles within this range are often called the '**principal values**'.

Using these restrictions for θ we always obtain a single value for our answer.

Thus, $\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 60^\circ$, not also 120° , as 120° is not in the range -90° to 90° .

Note: $\sin^{-1} x$ is pronounced '**inverse sine x**' or '**sine inverse x**' or '**arc sine x**'.

Domain and range of the 'inverse trigonometric functions':

$\sin^{-1} x$:	Domain = $[-1, 1]$,	Range = $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$
$\tan^{-1} x$:	Domain = $[-\infty, \infty]$,	Range = $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$
$\cos^{-1} x$:	Domain = $[-1, 1]$,	Range = $[0, \pi]$

Example ▼

If $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x$, copy and complete the table below giving $\sin^{-1} x$ in terms of π .

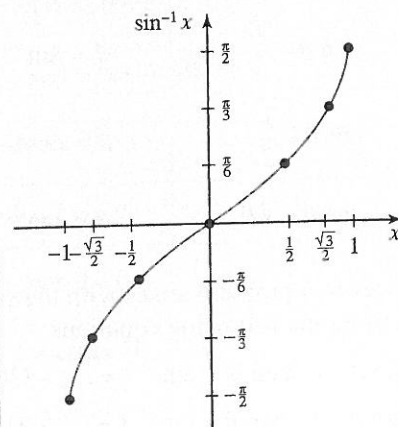
x	-1	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1
$\sin^{-1} x$		$-\frac{\pi}{3}$		0			

Draw the graph of this function in the domain $[-1, 1]$.

Solution:

Completed table.

x	-1	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1
$\sin^{-1} x$	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{3}$	$-\frac{\pi}{6}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$



Example ▼

Evaluate: $\sin\left(\cos^{-1} \frac{8}{17} - \sin^{-1} \frac{12}{13}\right)$

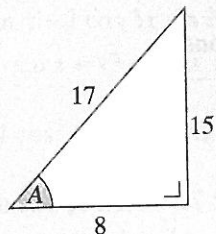
Solution:

$\cos^{-1} \frac{8}{17}$ and $\sin^{-1} \frac{12}{13}$ are angles.

let $A = \cos^{-1} \frac{8}{17}$

$$\cos A = \frac{8}{17}$$

$$\sin A = \frac{15}{17}$$



$$\sin\left(\cos^{-1} \frac{8}{17} - \sin^{-1} \frac{12}{13}\right)$$

$$= \sin(A - B)$$

$$= \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$$

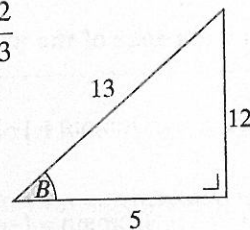
$$= \frac{15}{17} \cdot \frac{5}{13} - \frac{8}{17} \cdot \frac{12}{13}$$

$$= \frac{75}{221} - \frac{96}{221} = -\frac{21}{221}$$

let $B = \sin^{-1} \frac{12}{13}$

$$\sin B = \frac{12}{13}$$

$$\cos B = \frac{5}{13}$$



$$\left(A = \cos^{-1} \frac{8}{17}, B = \sin^{-1} \frac{12}{13}\right)$$

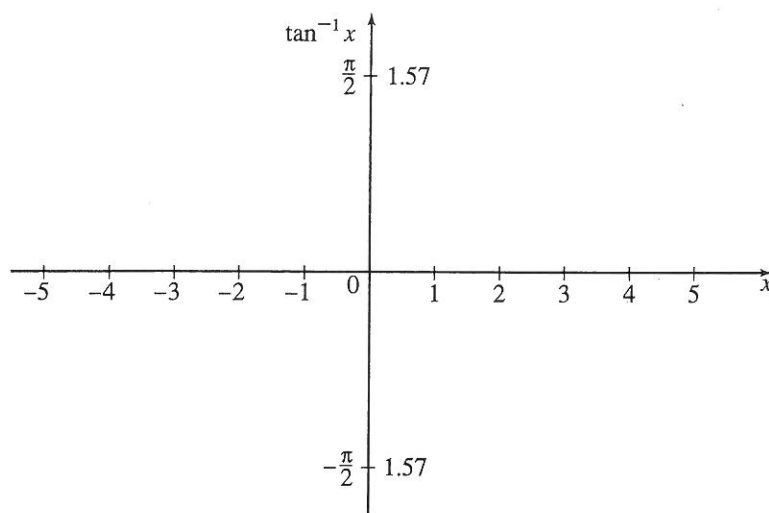
Exercise 8.5 ▼

Find the principal value of each of the following:

1. $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$
2. $\tan^{-1} 1$
3. $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
4. $\sin^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$
5. $\tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3})$
6. $\sin^{-1} 0$
7. $\tan^{-1}(-1)$
8. $\sin^{-1} \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$
9. $\tan^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$
10. $\sin^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right)$

Drawing an appropriate right-angled triangle will help in the following problems.
Evaluate each of the following:

11. $\tan \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} \right)$
12. $\cos \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{5}{13} \right)$
13. $\tan \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$
14. $\sin^2 \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4} \right)$
15. $\tan^2 \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{15}{17} \right)$
16. $\sin \left(2 \cos^{-1} \frac{8}{17} \right)$
17. $\sin \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{5}{13} + \sin^{-1} \frac{4}{5} \right)$
18. $\tan \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} + \sin^{-1} \frac{5}{13} \right)$
19. $\cos \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} + \cos^{-1} \frac{12}{13} \right)$
20. $\sin \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \right)$
21. Prove that $\sin \left(\cos^{-1} \frac{7}{25} \right) = \sin \left(2 \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4} \right)$.
22. Prove that (i) $\sin(\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$ (ii) $2 \tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$.
23. For $0 \leq x \leq 1$, prove that $\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.
24. Make sure your calculator is in radian mode.
If $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$, x in radians, draw the graph of f in the domain $-5 \leq x \leq 5$.



Limits of Trigonometry Functions

Let us consider the value of the expression $\frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$ as θ approaches 0 (θ in radians).

θ (in radians)	$\sin \theta$	$\frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$
1	0.8414709848	0.8414709848
0.5	0.4794255386	0.9588510772
0.1	0.0998334166	0.9983341665
0.01	0.0099998333	0.9999833334
0.001	0.0009999998	0.9999998333

As θ approaches 0, the expression $\frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$ approaches 1.

This is written: $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$ (θ in radians)

The result can be extended to multiple and sub-multiple angles:

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin k\theta}{k\theta} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{k\theta}{\sin k\theta} = 1, \quad k \in \mathbf{R}$$

Similarly, where θ is in radians:

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan k\theta}{k\theta} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{k\theta}{\tan k\theta} = 1, \quad k \in \mathbf{R}$$

Note: $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \cos \theta = 1$.

Example ▼

Evaluate: (i) $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4\theta + \sin 2\theta}{\theta}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad & \frac{\sin 4\theta + \sin 2\theta}{\theta} \\
 &= \frac{\sin 4\theta}{\theta} + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\theta} \\
 &= 4 \left(\frac{\sin 4\theta}{4\theta} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{\sin 2\theta}{2\theta} \right) \\
 \therefore \quad & \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin 4\theta + \sin 2\theta}{\theta} \right) \\
 &= 4 \left(\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin 4\theta}{4\theta} \right) \right) + 2 \left(\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin 2\theta}{2\theta} \right) \right) \\
 &= 4(1) + 2(1) \\
 &= 4 + 2 = 6
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 4\theta}{5\theta}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad & \frac{\tan 4\theta}{5\theta} \\
 &= \frac{\tan 4\theta}{\theta} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \\
 &= \frac{\tan 4\theta}{4\theta} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \\
 \therefore \quad & \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 4\theta}{5\theta} \\
 &= \frac{4}{5} \left(\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 4\theta}{4\theta} \right) \\
 &= \frac{4}{5} (1) \\
 &= \frac{4}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Sometimes we have to change sums and differences of trigonometric functions to products (using page 9 of the tables).

Example ▼

Evaluate: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 5x - \cos 3x}{\cos 4x - \cos 2x}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\cos 5x - \cos 3x}{\cos 4x - \cos 2x} \\
 &= \frac{-2 \sin \left(\frac{5x+3x}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{5x-3x}{2} \right)}{-2 \sin \left(\frac{4x+2x}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{4x-2x}{2} \right)} \\
 &= \frac{-2 \sin 4x \sin x}{-2 \sin 3x \sin x} \\
 &= \frac{\sin 4x}{\sin 3x} \\
 &= \frac{\sin 4x}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin 3x} \\
 &= \frac{\sin 4x}{4x} \cdot \frac{3x}{\sin 3x} \cdot \frac{4}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

From page 9 of the tables:

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 5x - \cos 3x}{\cos 4x - \cos 2x} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{4x} \cdot \frac{3x}{\sin 3x} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \\
 &= (1)(1) \left(\frac{4}{3} \right) \\
 &= \frac{4}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 8.6 ▼

Evaluate each of the following limits:

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{x}$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{x}$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin 2x}$

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin 4x}$

5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{4x}$

6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{\sin 2x}$

7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 8x}{x}$

8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 6x}{2x}$

9. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{2x^2}$

10. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{3x^2}$

11. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \tan x}{x^2}$

12. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan^2 2x}{3x^2}$

13. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x + \sin 2x}{x}$

14. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 8x - \sin 2x}{x}$

15. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 4x - \cos 2x}{\cos 5x - \cos 3x}$

16. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin x}{\sin 3x + \sin x}$

17. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x \tan 2x}{x^2}$

18. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x}{\sin 4x + \sin 2x}$

19. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x^2}{x \tan x}$

20. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin 2x}{2 - 2 \cos^2 x}$

21. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin x}{1 - \cos x}$

22. Prove that $\cos 2x = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x$.

Hence, show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2}{1 - \cos x} = 4$.