

Proving trigonometric identities using sum and difference properties

Prove the identity.

$$\cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - x\right) = \cos x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(x+y) &= \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y \\ \cos(x-\pi/3) &= \cos(-\pi/3) \cos x - \sin(-\pi/3) \sin(x) \\ &= .5 \cos x + \sqrt{3}/2 \sin x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(x+y) &= \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y \\ \sin(\pi/6-x) &= \sin(\pi/6) \cos(-x) + (\cos(\pi/6)) \sin(-x) \\ &= .5 \cos(x) - \sqrt{3}/2 \cdot \sin(x) \\ \frac{1}{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{2} \cos x &= 1 \cos x \end{aligned}$$

Statement	Rule
$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + x\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - x\right)$	
$= \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{3} \cos x + \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \sin x\right) - \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{3} \cos x - \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \sin x\right)$	Sum and Difference
$= \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \cos x + \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \sin x - \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \cos x + \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \sin x$	Algebra
$= 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \sin x$	Algebra
$= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sin x$	Evaluation

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Prove the identity.

$$\sin(x+y) + \sin(x-y) = 2 \sin x \cos y$$

$$\sin x \cos y + \sin y \cos x + \sin x \cos(-y) + \cos x \sin(-y)$$

$$\sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y$$

$$\sin x \cos y + \sin x \cos y$$

$$2 \sin x \cos y$$

$$\frac{\cot y + \cot x}{\cot y \cot x - 1} = \frac{\frac{\cos y}{\sin y} + \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}}{\frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \frac{\cos y}{\sin y} - 1} \cdot \sin x \sin y$$

Quotient identity for cotangent

$$= \frac{\sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y}{\cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y} \cdot \frac{\sin x \sin y}{\sin x \sin y}$$

Algebra :
Common denominator

$$= \frac{\sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y}{\cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y} \cdot \frac{\sin x \sin y}{\cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y}$$

Algebra :
Multiply the numerator by the reciprocal of the denominator

$$= \frac{\sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y}{\cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y} = \frac{\sin(x+y)}{\cos(x-y)}$$

Algebra :
Cancel common factor(s)

$$= \frac{\sin(x+y)}{\cos(x-y)}$$

Sum and difference identity

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Prove the identity.

$$\sin(x+y)\sin(x-y) = \sin^2 x - \sin^2 y$$

$$(\sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y)(\sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y)$$

FOIL

$$(\sin x \cos y)^2 + \cancel{\cos x \sin y \sin x \cos y} - \cancel{\cos x \sin y \sin x \cos y} - (\cos x \sin y)^2$$

$$\sin^2 x \cos^2 y - \cos^2 x \sin^2 y$$

$$\cos^2 y = 1 - \sin^2 y \quad \cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$$

$$\sin^2 x (1 - \sin^2 y) - (1 - \sin^2 x) \sin^2 y$$

$$\sin^2 x - \cancel{\sin^2 x \sin^2 y} - \sin^2 y + \cancel{\sin^2 x \sin^2 y}$$

$$\sin^2 x - \sin^2 y$$

Proving trigonometric identities using double-angle properties

Prove the identity.

$$\frac{\sin 2x}{1 + \cos 2x} = \tan x$$

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

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

$$\frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{-\sin^2 x} = -2 \cot x$$

$$\frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{\cos^2 x + \cos^2 x}$$

$$\frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{2 \cos^2 x} = \tan x$$

Double-angle identities: Problem type 1

Find $\sin 2x$, $\cos 2x$, and $\tan 2x$ if $\sin x = \frac{12}{13}$ and x terminates in quadrant II.

SOH
 $\sin = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{12}{13}$

$5^2 + 12^2 = 13^2$
 $5^2 = 25$
 $5 = \pm 5$

$\sin(2x) = 2 \sin x \cos x$
 $2 \left(\frac{12}{13}\right) \left(\frac{-5}{13}\right) = \frac{-120}{169}$

$\cos(2x) = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$
 $= (\cos x)^2 - (\sin x)^2$
 $= \left(\frac{-5}{13}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^2$
 $\frac{25 - 144}{169} = \frac{-119}{169}$

$\tan(2x) = \frac{\sin(2x)}{\cos(2x)} = \frac{-120}{-119} = \frac{120}{119}$

Double-angle identities: Problem type 2

Simplify the expression by using a double-angle formula.

$$\cos^2 5\theta - \sin^2 5\theta = \cos(2 \cdot 5\theta) = \cos(10\theta)$$

The following identities are the double-angle formulas.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2x &= 2 \sin x \cos x \\ \cos 2x &= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x \\ &= 1 - 2 \sin^2 x \\ &= 2 \cos^2 x - 1 \\ \tan 2x &= \frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x} \end{aligned}$$

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Double-angle identities: Problem type 2

Simplify the expression by using a double-angle formula.

$$\cos^2 \frac{2\pi}{9} - \sin^2 \frac{2\pi}{9} = \cos(2 \cdot 2\pi/9) = \cos(4\pi/9)$$

The following identities are the double-angle formulas.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2x &= 2 \sin x \cos x \\ \cos 2x &= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x \\ &= 1 - 2\sin^2 x \\ &= 2\cos^2 x - 1 \\ \tan 2x &= \frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x} \end{aligned}$$

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Double-angle identities: Problem type 2

Simplify the expression by using a double-angle formula.

$$\frac{2 \tan \frac{\pi}{11}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{11}} \quad \boxed{\tan 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{11}} = \frac{2 \tan \frac{\pi}{11}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{11}} \quad \text{replace } x = \pi/11$$

$$\tan(2 \pi / 11)$$

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Statement	Rule
$\frac{\sin 2x}{1 + \cos 2x}$	
$= \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{1 + (2 \cos^2 x - 1)}$	Double-angle
$= \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{2 \cos^2 x}$	Algebra
$= \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$	Algebra
$= \tan x$	Quotient

ODD & EVEN

$$f(x) = x^3$$

$$f(-x) = (-x)^3 = -x^3$$

$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

$$\sin(-x) = -\sin x$$

$$\sin(-\pi/3) = -\sin(\pi/3)$$

$$f(x) = x^2$$

$$f(-x) = (-x)^2 = x^2$$

$$f(-x) = f(x)$$

$$\cos(-x) = \cos(x)$$

$$\cos(-\pi/3) = \cos(\pi/3)$$