

Double and Half Angles

Derivation of Double angles for sine, cosine and tangent:

SINE

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

you can simplify it as

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

(notice this only works for double angles*, this does not apply when sin has 2 different variables for example $\sin(\theta + \beta)$ or odd angles as $\sin 3\theta$)

COSINE

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

$$\cos(A+A) = (1 - \sin^2 A) - \sin^2 A \implies \text{apply Pythagorean identities to eliminate a variable}$$

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

(this is our final formula for cosine's double angle formula as sine being the variable)

OR

$$\cos(A+A) = \cos^2 A - (1 - \cos^2 A) \implies \text{P.I.D}$$

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

(as cosine being the variable)

TANGENT

$$\tan 2(B) = \frac{(\tan B + \tan B)}{(1 - \tan B \tan B)} \implies \text{Sum and of tangent formula}$$

$$= \frac{2 \tan B}{(1 - \tan^2 B)} \implies \text{Simplify}$$

Applying formulas:

If $\sin(b) = \frac{1}{2}$, use the double angle formula to find the exact value of

$\sin 2(b)$, $\cos 2(b)$, $\tan 2(b)$ in the first quadrant

Step 1: find the value for $\cos(b)$ and $\tan(b)$ using Pythagorean theorem

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$\sin(a) = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$2^2 = 1^2 + b^2$$

$$4 = 1 + b^2$$

$$3 = b^2$$

$$\pm \sqrt{3} = b$$

since it's in the first quadrant $\cos(a)$ must be positive

$$\cos(a) = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Step 2: find $\sin 2(a)$

$$\sin 2(a) = 2 \sin a \cos a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: find $\cos 2(a)$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) &= 1 - 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= 1 - 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \\ &= 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Step4: find $\tan 2(a)$

$$\tan(a) = \frac{\sin a}{\cos a} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\tan 2(a) = \frac{2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}}{\frac{9}{9} - \frac{3}{9}}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)}{\left(\frac{6}{9}\right)}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) \left(\frac{9}{6}\right)$$

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

$$= \sqrt{3}$$

Half Angle

SINE

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

$$-1 \quad -1$$

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

$$-(\cos 2\theta - 1) = 2\sin^2 \theta \rightarrow \text{using distri. property on the left side}$$

$$\frac{(1 - \cos 2\theta)}{2} = \frac{2\sin^2 \theta}{2} \Rightarrow \text{divide both sides by 2 (we are trying to isolate } \sin \theta)$$

$$\frac{(1 - \cos 2\theta)}{2} = \sin^2 \theta \Rightarrow \text{cross out 2 on the right side}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{(1 - \cos 2\theta)}{2}} = \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta} \rightarrow \text{take the square root of both sides}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{(1 - \cos 2\theta)}{2}} = \sin \theta \rightarrow \text{cancellation}$$

NOTICE * since θ is arbitrary, we can replace θ for $\frac{\theta}{2}$ for both sides

$$\sqrt{\frac{(1 - \cos 2\frac{\theta}{2})}{2}} = \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \rightarrow \text{simplify by canceling 2 on the left side}$$

FINAL FORMULA

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

COSINE

To do so, you can repeat the process that we did above except we use $\cos 2\theta$ in term of cosine

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

$$+1 \qquad \qquad +1 \qquad \rightarrow \text{Add 1 on both side}$$

$$\frac{\cos 2\theta + 1}{2} = \frac{2 \cos^2 \theta}{2} \qquad \rightarrow \text{divide both side by 2}$$

$$\frac{\cos 2\theta + 1}{2} = \cos^2 \theta \qquad \rightarrow \text{cross out the 2 on the right}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\cos 2\theta + 1}{2}} = \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta} \qquad \rightarrow \text{take the square root}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\cos 2\theta + 1}{2}} = \cos \theta \qquad \rightarrow \text{cancelation}$$

Once again, we replace θ for $\frac{\theta}{2}$ (the angle is arbitrary)

since we are looking for the half angle formula.

$$\sqrt{\frac{\cos \theta + 1}{2}} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$$

TANGENT

$$\tan = \frac{\sin}{\cos} \quad \rightarrow \text{tangent identity}$$

$$\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{(1-\cos\theta)}{2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{1+\cos\theta}{2}}} \quad \rightarrow \text{half angle formula of sine and cosine}$$

$$\text{step1} = \sqrt{\frac{(1-\cos\theta)}{2}} \times \sqrt{\frac{2}{1+\cos\theta}} \quad \rightarrow \text{reciprocal to cancel the 2}$$

$$\text{step2} = \sqrt{\frac{(1-\cos\theta)}{1+\cos\theta}} \times \sqrt{\frac{(1-\cos\theta)}{(1-\cos\theta)}} \quad \rightarrow \text{multiply top and bottom to simplify}$$

$$\text{step3} = \frac{1-\cos\theta}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2\theta}}$$

$$\text{step4} = \frac{1-\cos\theta}{\sqrt{\sin^2\theta}} \quad \rightarrow \text{Pythagorean identity (}\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1\text{)}$$

$$\text{step5} = \frac{1-\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \quad \rightarrow \text{cancel square root}$$

* we can take the square root of $1+\cos\theta$ instead of $\sqrt{1-\cos\theta}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{step2} &= \sqrt{\frac{(1-\cos\theta)}{1+\cos\theta}} \times \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos\theta}{1+\cos\theta}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1-\cos^2\theta}}{1+\cos\theta} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\sin^2\theta}}{1+\cos\theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin\theta}{1+\cos\theta} \end{aligned}$$