

Mth 114 – Trigonometry – Practice Exam 3 Solutions

Half-Angle Identities:	Product-to-Sum Identities:	Sum-to-Product Identities:
$\cos \frac{A}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos A}{2}}$	$\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)]$	$\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)$
$\sin \frac{A}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos A}{2}}$	$\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)]$	$\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)$
$\tan \frac{A}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos A}{1 + \cos A}}$	$\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)]$	$\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)$
$\tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{\sin A}{1 + \cos A} = \frac{1 - \cos A}{\sin A}$	$\cos A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(A+B) - \sin(A-B)]$	$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)$

1. Find $\sin s$ given $\cos s = \frac{3}{5}$ and s is in quadrant IV.

Using the Pythagorean identity,

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

$$\sin^2 s + \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \sin^2 s + \frac{9}{25} = 1$$

$$\sin^2 s = 1 - \frac{9}{25} = \frac{16}{25} \Rightarrow \sin s = -\frac{4}{5}$$

(Remember, sine is negative in quadrant IV.)

2. Find $\cos(s+t)$ given that $\sin s = \frac{2}{3}$ and $\sin t = -\frac{1}{3}$, s in quadrant II and t in quadrant IV.

We know $\cos(s+t) = \cos s \cos t - \sin s \sin t$, so we need to find $\cos s$ and $\cos t$.

Using the Pythagorean identity,

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

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

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \cos^2 s = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{4}{9} + \cos^2 s = 1 \quad \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \cos^2 t = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{9} + \cos^2 t = 1$$

$$\cos^2 s = 1 - \frac{4}{9} = \frac{5}{9} \Rightarrow \cos s = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \quad \cos^2 t = 1 - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{8}{9} \Rightarrow \cos t = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$\text{So } \cos(s+t) = \cos s \cos t - \sin s \sin t = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}\right)\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}\right) - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{-2\sqrt{10} + 2}{9}$$

3. Verify the following identities.

a. $\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} = \sec \theta - \cos \theta$

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

b. $\frac{1}{1 - \sin \alpha} + \frac{1}{1 + \sin \alpha} = 2 \sec^2 \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{1 - \sin \alpha} \cdot \frac{1 + \sin \alpha}{1 + \sin \alpha} + \frac{1}{1 + \sin \alpha} \cdot \frac{1 - \sin \alpha}{1 - \sin \alpha} \\ &= \frac{1 + \sin \alpha}{1 - \sin^2 \alpha} + \frac{1 - \sin \alpha}{1 - \sin^2 \alpha} \\ &= \frac{1 + \sin \alpha + 1 - \sin \alpha}{1 - \sin^2 \alpha} \\ &= \frac{2}{\cos^2 \alpha} = 2 \sec^2 \alpha \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y}{\sin y} + \frac{\cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y}{\cos y} \\ &= \frac{\sin x \cos y}{\sin y} - \cos x + \cos x + \frac{\sin x \sin y}{\cos y} \\ &= \frac{\sin x \cos y}{\sin y} + \frac{\sin x \sin y}{\cos y} \\ &= \frac{\sin x \cos y}{\sin y} \cdot \frac{\cos y}{\cos y} + \frac{\sin x \sin y}{\cos y} \cdot \frac{\sin y}{\sin y} \\ &= \frac{\sin x \cos^2 y + \sin x \sin^2 y}{\sin y \cos y} \\ &= \frac{\sin x (\cos^2 y + \sin^2 y)}{\sin y \cos y} \\ &= \frac{\sin x}{\sin y \cos y} \end{aligned}$$

d. $\frac{2 \cos 2\theta}{\sin 2\theta} = \cot \theta - \tan \theta$

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

4. Use identities to find each exact value.

a. $\sin 75^\circ$

There is more than one right way to do this one. I chose:

$$\sin 75^\circ = \sin \frac{150^\circ}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 150^\circ}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - (-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}}}{2}$$

Another option would have been $\sin 75^\circ = \sin(45^\circ + 30^\circ)$

b. $\tan \frac{\pi}{12}$

There's also more than one right way here.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tan \frac{\pi}{12} &= \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{\tan \frac{\pi}{3} - \tan \frac{\pi}{4}}{1 + \tan \frac{\pi}{3} \tan \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{1 + \sqrt{3} \cdot 1} = \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{1 + \sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{1 - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3} - 3 - 1 + \sqrt{3}}{1 - 3} \\
 &= \frac{2\sqrt{3} - 4}{-2} = -\sqrt{3} + 2 = 2 - \sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

c. $\sin 22.5^\circ$

There's only one option here.

$$\sin 22.5^\circ = \sin \frac{45^\circ}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 45^\circ}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}}{2}$$

5. Find $\cos 2\theta$ given $\cos \theta = -\frac{12}{13}$.

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

$$\cos 2\theta = 2\left(-\frac{12}{13}\right)^2 - 1 = 2 \cdot \frac{144}{169} - 1 = \frac{288}{169} - \frac{169}{169} = \frac{119}{169}$$

6. Write the expression $\sin 5x \cos 3x$ as a sum or difference of trigonometric functions.

$$\sin 5x \cos 3x = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(5x + 3x) + \sin(5x - 3x)] = \frac{1}{2} \sin 8x + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x$$

7. Find $\cos \frac{\theta}{2}$, given $\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{5}$, with $180^\circ < \theta < 270^\circ$.

Since $\cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}}$, we first need to find $\cos \theta$.

Using the Pythagorean identity,

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

$$\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{25} + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \frac{1}{25} = \frac{24}{25} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5}}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5}}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{5}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{5 - 2\sqrt{6}}{10}}^* \\ &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{5 - 2\sqrt{6}}}{\sqrt{10}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{10}\sqrt{5 - 2\sqrt{6}}}{10} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{50 - 20\sqrt{6}}}{10} \end{aligned}$$

* This expression technically isn't simplified, but the rest of the steps get pretty messy.

Since, $180^\circ < \theta < 270^\circ$, $90^\circ < \frac{\theta}{2} < 135^\circ$, so $\cos \frac{\theta}{2}$ must be negative.

$$\text{Therefore, } \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = -\frac{\sqrt{50 - 20\sqrt{6}}}{10}.$$