

Example: Find the value of $\sin 75^\circ$.

Solution:

The aim is to find the value of $\sin 75^\circ$.

Here we can use the formula $\sin(A + B) = \sin A \cdot \cos B + \cos A \cdot \sin B$.

Here we have $A = 30^\circ$ and $B = 45^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 75^\circ &= \sin(30^\circ + 45^\circ) \\ &= \sin 30^\circ \cdot \cos 45^\circ + \cos 30^\circ \cdot \sin 45^\circ \\ &= (1/2) (1/\sqrt{2}) + (\sqrt{3}/2) (1/\sqrt{2}) \\ &= 1/2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}/2\sqrt{2} \\ &= (\sqrt{3} + 1) / 2\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

2-7-Half-Angle Identities

$$\sin A/2 = \pm\sqrt{[(1 - \cos A) / 2]}$$

$$\cos A/2 = \pm\sqrt{[(1 + \cos A) / 2]}$$

$$\tan A/2 = \pm\sqrt{[(1 - \cos A) / (1 + \cos A)]} \text{ (or) } \sin A / (1 + \cos A) \text{ (or) } (1 - \cos A) / \sin A$$

Example :

Use an appropriate half angle formula to find the exact value of :

$$\cos \pi/8.$$

Solution:

Using the half angle formula of cos,

$$\cos A/2 = \pm\sqrt{[(1 + \cos A) / 2]}$$

We know that $\pi/8 = 22.5^\circ$.

Substitute $A = 45^\circ$ on both sides,

$$\cos 45^\circ/2 = \pm\sqrt{[(1 + \cos 45^\circ) / 2]}$$

From Trig chart, we know that $\cos 45^\circ = \sqrt{2}/2$.

$$\cos 22.5^\circ = \pm\sqrt{[1 + (\sqrt{2}/2) / 2]}$$

$$\cos 22.5^\circ = \pm\sqrt{[(2 + \sqrt{2}) / (2 \times 2)]}$$

$$\cos 22.5^\circ = \pm\sqrt{(2 + \sqrt{2}) / 2}$$

But 22.5° lies in quadrant I and hence $\cos 22.5^\circ$ is positive. Thus,

$$\cos 22.5^\circ = \sqrt{(2 + \sqrt{2}) / 2}$$

2-8-Double Angle Identities

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(2x) &= 2\sin(x) \cos(x) = [2\tan x / (1 + \tan^2 x)] \\ \cos(2x) &= \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x) = [(1 - \tan^2 x) / (1 + \tan^2 x)] \\ \cos(2x) &= 2\cos^2(x) - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2(x) \\ \tan(2x) &= [2\tan(x)] / [1 - \tan^2(x)] \\ \cot(2x) &= [\cot^2(x) - 1] / [2\cot(x)] \\ \sec(2x) &= \sec^2 x / (2 - \sec^2 x) \\ \operatorname{cosec}(2x) &= (\sec x \cdot \operatorname{cosec} x) / 2\end{aligned}$$

Example 6:

If $\tan A = 3/4$, find the values of $\sin 2A$, $\cos 2A$, and $\tan 2A$.

Solution:

Since the value of $\tan A$ is given, we use the double angle formulas for finding each of $\sin 2A$, $\cos 2A$, and $\tan 2A$ in terms of \tan .

$$\sin 2A = 2 \tan A / (1 + \tan^2 A) = 2(3/4) / (1 + (3/4)^2) = 24 / 25$$

$$\cos 2A = (1 - \tan^2 A) / (1 + \tan^2 A) = (1 - (3/4)^2) / (1 + (3/4)^2) = 7/25$$

$$\tan 2A = 2 \tan A / (1 - \tan^2 A) = 2(3/4) / (1 - (3/4)^2) = 24 / 7$$

Answer:

$$\sin 2A = 24 / 25, \cos 2A = 7 / 25, \text{ and } \tan 2A = 24 / 7$$

2-9-Triple Angle Identities

$$\sin 3x = 3 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x$$

$$\cos 3x = 4 \cos^3 x - 3 \cos x$$

$$\tan 3x = [3 \tan x - \tan^3 x] / [1 - 3 \tan^2 x]$$

Example:-

$$\sin 3x = \sin(2x+x)$$

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

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

$$= 2 \sin x \cos^2 x + \cos^2 x \sin x - \sin^3 x$$

$$= 3 \sin x \cos^2 x - \sin^3 x = 3 \sin x (1 - \sin^2 x) - \sin^3 x$$

$$= 3 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x$$

2-10-Product identities

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

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

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

$$\sin x + \sin y = 2\sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin x - \sin y = 2\cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos x + \cos y = 2\cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos x - \cos y = -2\sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$$

Example:

Use sum to product formula to express $\cos 8x + \cos 2x$ as the product.

Solution:

To express $\cos 8x + \cos 2x$ as the product, we will use the formula

$$\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos \left[\frac{A+B}{2} \right] \cos \left[\frac{A-B}{2} \right].$$

Substituting $A = 8x$ and $B = 2x$ into the formula, we have

$$\cos 8x + \cos 2x = 2 \cos \left[\frac{8x+2x}{2} \right] \cos \left[\frac{8x-2x}{2} \right]$$

$$= 2 \cos \left(\frac{10x}{2} \right) \cos \frac{6x}{2}$$

$$= 2 \cos 5x \cos 3x$$

Answer:

Hence,

$\cos 8x + \cos 2x = 2 \cos 5x \cos 3x$ using the sum to product formula.