

USEFUL TRIGONOMETRIC FORMULAS

1. Pythagorean identity:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A &= 1 \\ \tan^2 A + 1 &= \sec^2 A \\ 1 + \cot^2 A &= \csc^2 A.\end{aligned}$$

2. Trigonometric functions in a triangle (draw the picture!):

$$\begin{aligned}\sin A &= \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} & \cos A &= \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} & \tan A &= \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} \\ \csc A &= \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}} & \sec A &= \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}} & \cot A &= \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}}.\end{aligned}$$

3. Relations between sin, cos, tan, etc:

$$\begin{aligned}\tan A &= \frac{\sin A}{\cos A} & \cot A &= \frac{1}{\tan A} \\ \sec A &= \frac{1}{\cos A} & \csc A &= \frac{1}{\sin A}.\end{aligned}$$

4. Addition formulas:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(A + B) &= \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B \\ \sin(A - B) &= \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B \\ \cos(A + B) &= \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B \\ \cos(A - B) &= \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B.\end{aligned}$$

Notice, the second and fourth can be obtained from the first and third, respectively, by replacing B with $-B$ and using that sin is an odd function, cos even.

5. Double angle formulas:
(plug in $A = B$ above)

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 2A &= 2 \sin A \cos A \\ \cos 2A &= \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A.\end{aligned}$$

6. Half-angle formulas:
(use the second double angle formula and the Pythagorean identity)

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

7. Product formulas:
(solve addition formulas as a linear system for $\sin A \cos B$, etc)

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

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

$$\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B)).$$

8. Other (less relevant):

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

$$\sin 3A = -4 \sin^3 A + 3 \sin A$$

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

9. The unit circle:

