

3.4 Sum and Difference Identities

1. Answers:

a.

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \frac{5\pi}{12} &= \cos \left(\frac{2\pi}{12} + \frac{3\pi}{12} \right) = \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{6} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}\end{aligned}$$

b.

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \frac{7\pi}{12} &= \cos \left(\frac{4\pi}{12} + \frac{3\pi}{12} \right) = \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}\end{aligned}$$

c.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 345^\circ &= \sin(300^\circ + 45^\circ) = \sin 300^\circ \cos 45^\circ + \cos 300^\circ \sin 45^\circ \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}\end{aligned}$$

d.

$$\begin{aligned}\tan 75^\circ &= \tan(45^\circ + 30^\circ) = \frac{\tan 45^\circ + \tan 30^\circ}{1 - \tan 45^\circ \tan 30^\circ} \\ &= \frac{1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}}{1 - 1 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}} = \frac{\frac{3 + \sqrt{3}}{3}}{\frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{3}} = \frac{3 + \sqrt{3}}{3 - \sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{3 + \sqrt{3}}{3 + \sqrt{3}} = \frac{9 + 6\sqrt{3} + 3}{9 - 3} = \frac{12 + 6\sqrt{3}}{6} = 2 + \sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

e.

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 345^\circ &= \cos(315^\circ + 30^\circ) = \cos 315^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \sin 315^\circ \sin 30^\circ \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}\end{aligned}$$

f.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \frac{17\pi}{12} &= \sin \left(\frac{9\pi}{12} + \frac{8\pi}{12} \right) = \sin \left(\frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) = \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} = \frac{-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}\end{aligned}$$

2. If $\sin y = \frac{12}{13}$ and in Quadrant II, then by the Pythagorean Theorem $\cos y = -\frac{5}{13}$ ($12^2 + b^2 = 13^2$).

- And, if $\sin z = \frac{3}{5}$ and in Quadrant I, then by the Pythagorean Theorem $\cos z = \frac{4}{5}$ ($a^2 + 3^2 = 5^2$).
- $\cos(y - z) = \cos y \cos z + \sin y \sin z$ and $= -\frac{5}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{5} + \frac{12}{13} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = -\frac{20}{65} + \frac{36}{65} = \frac{16}{65}$

3. If $\sin y = -\frac{5}{13}$ and in Quadrant III, then cosine is also negative.

- By the Pythagorean Theorem, the second leg is 12 ($5^2 + b^2 = 13^2$), so $\cos y = -\frac{12}{13}$.
- If the $\sin z = \frac{4}{5}$ and in Quadrant II, then the cosine is also negative.

- By the Pythagorean Theorem, the second leg is $3(4^2 + b^2 = 5^2)$, so $\cos = -\frac{3}{5}$.
- To find $\sin(y+z)$, plug this information into the sine sum formula.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(y+z) &= \sin y \cos z + \cos y \sin z \\ &= -\frac{5}{13} \cdot -\frac{3}{5} + -\frac{12}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = \frac{15}{65} - \frac{48}{65} = -\frac{33}{65}\end{aligned}$$

4. Answers:

- This is the cosine difference formula, so: $\cos 80^\circ \cos 20^\circ + \sin 80^\circ \sin 20^\circ = \cos(80^\circ - 20^\circ) = \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$
- This is the expanded sine sum formula, so: $\sin 25^\circ \cos 5^\circ + \cos 25^\circ \sin 5^\circ = \sin(25^\circ + 5^\circ) = \sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$

5. Step 1: Expand using the cosine sum formula and change everything into sine and cosine

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\cos(m-n)}{\sin m \cos n} &= \cot m + \tan n \\ \frac{\cos m \cos n + \sin m \sin n}{\sin m \cos n} &= \frac{\cos m}{\sin m} + \frac{\sin n}{\cos n}\end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Find a common denominator for the right hand side.

$$= \frac{\cos m \cos n + \sin m \sin n}{\sin m \cos n}$$

The two sides are the same, thus they are equal to each other and the identity is true.

- $\cos(\pi + \theta) = \cos \pi \cos \theta - \sin \pi \sin \theta = -\cos \theta$
- Step 1: Expand $\sin(a+b)$ and $\sin(a-b)$ using the sine sum and difference formulas. $\sin(a+b)\sin(a-b) = \cos^2 b - \cos^2 a (\sin a \cos b + \cos a \sin b)(\sin a \cos b - \cos a \sin b)$ Step 2: FOIL and simplify.

$$\sin^2 a \cos^2 b - \sin a \cos a \sin b \cos b + \sin a \sin b \cos a \cos b - \cos^2 a \sin^2 b \sin^2 a \cos^2 b - \cos a^2 \sin^2 b$$

Step 3: Substitute $(1 - \cos^2 a)$ for $\sin^2 a$ and $(1 - \cos^2 b)$ for $\sin^2 b$, distribute and simplify.

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - \cos^2 a) \cos^2 b - \cos a^2 (1 - \cos^2 b) \\ \cos^2 b - \cos^2 a \cos^2 b - \cos^2 a + \cos^2 a \cos^2 b \\ \cos^2 b - \cos^2 a\end{aligned}$$

$$8. \tan(\pi + \theta) = \frac{\tan \pi + \tan \theta}{1 - \tan \pi \tan \theta} = \frac{\tan \theta}{1} = \tan \theta$$

$$9. \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{2}{4} + \frac{2}{4} = 1$$

This could also be verified by using $60^\circ + 30^\circ$

10. Step 1: Expand using the cosine and sine sum formulas.

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

Step 2: Distribute $\cos y$ and $\sin y$ and simplify.

$$\begin{aligned}&= \cos x \cos^2 y - \sin x \sin y \cos y + \sin x \sin y \cos y + \cos x \sin^2 y \\ &= \cos x \cos^2 y + \cos x \sin^2 y \\ &= \cos x \underbrace{(\cos^2 y + \sin^2 y)}_1 \\ &= \cos x\end{aligned}$$

11. Step 1: Expand left hand side using the sum and difference formulas

$$\frac{\cos(c+d)}{\cos(c-d)} = \frac{1 - \tan c \tan d}{1 + \tan c \tan d}$$

$$\frac{\cos c \cos d - \sin c \sin d}{\cos c \cos d + \sin c \sin d} = \frac{1 - \tan c \tan d}{1 + \tan c \tan d}$$

Step 2: Divide each term on the left side by $\cos c \cos d$ and simplify

$$\frac{\frac{\cos c \cos d}{\cos c \cos d} - \frac{\sin c \sin d}{\cos c \cos d}}{\frac{\cos c \cos d}{\cos c \cos d} + \frac{\sin c \sin d}{\cos c \cos d}} = \frac{1 - \tan c \tan d}{1 + \tan c \tan d}$$

$$\frac{1 - \tan c \tan d}{1 + \tan c \tan d} = \frac{1 - \tan c \tan d}{1 + \tan c \tan d}$$

12. To find all the solutions, between $[0, 2\pi)$, we need to expand using the sum formula and isolate the $\cos x$.

$$2 \cos^2 \left(x + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \left(x + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos \left(x + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\cos x \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin x \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\cos x \cdot 0 - \sin x \cdot 1 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$-\sin x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\sin x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

This is true when $x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4},$ or $\frac{7\pi}{4}$

13. First, solve for $\tan(x + \frac{\pi}{6})$.

$$2 \tan^2 \left(x + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) + 1 = 7$$

$$2 \tan^2 \left(x + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = 6$$

$$\tan^2 \left(x + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = 3$$

$$\tan \left(x + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = \pm \sqrt{3}$$

Now, use the tangent sum formula to expand for when $\tan(x + \frac{\pi}{6}) = \sqrt{3}$.

$$\frac{\tan x + \tan \frac{\pi}{6}}{1 - \tan x \tan \frac{\pi}{6}} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\tan x + \tan \frac{\pi}{6} = \sqrt{3} \left(1 - \tan x \tan \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$$

$$\tan x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} = \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3} \tan x \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\tan x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} = \sqrt{3} - \tan x$$

$$2 \tan x = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

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

This is true when $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$ or $\frac{7\pi}{6}$. If the tangent sum formula to expand for when $\tan(x + \frac{\pi}{6}) = -\sqrt{3}$, we get no solution as shown.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\tan x + \tan \frac{\pi}{6}}{1 - \tan x \tan \frac{\pi}{6}} &= -\sqrt{3} \\ \tan x + \tan \frac{\pi}{6} &= -\sqrt{3} \left(1 - \tan x \tan \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \\ \tan x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} &= -\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3} \tan x \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ \tan x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} &= -\sqrt{3} + \tan x \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} &= -\sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the tangent sum formula cannot be used in this case. However, since we know that $\tan(x + \frac{\pi}{6}) = -\sqrt{3}$ when $x + \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$ or $\frac{11\pi}{6}$, we can solve for x as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}x + \frac{\pi}{6} &= \frac{5\pi}{6} \\ x &= \frac{4\pi}{6} \\ x &= \frac{2\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x + \frac{\pi}{6} &= \frac{11\pi}{6} \\ x &= \frac{10\pi}{6} \\ x &= \frac{5\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, all of the solutions are $x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$

14. To solve, expand each side:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) &= \sin x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + \cos x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin x + \frac{1}{2} \cos x \\ \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) &= \sin x \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \cos x \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \sin x - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cos x\end{aligned}$$

Set the two sides equal to each other:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin x + \frac{1}{2} \cos x &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \sin x - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cos x \\ \sqrt{3} \sin x + \cos x &= \sqrt{2} \sin x - \sqrt{2} \cos x \\ \sqrt{3} \sin x - \sqrt{2} \sin x &= -\cos x - \sqrt{2} \cos x \\ \sin x (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}) &= \cos x (-1 - \sqrt{2}) \\ \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} &= \frac{-1 - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}} \\ \tan x &= \frac{-1 - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{-\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6} - 2}{3 - 2} \\ &= -2 + \sqrt{6} - \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

As a decimal, this is -2.69677 , so $\tan^{-1}(-2.69677) = x, x = 290.35^\circ$ and 110.35° .