

Sum to Product Identities

I. Identities: I shall use sin and cos to explain the concepts. The sum to product identities can allow you to find theta values that are usually found with a calculator.

A. Sine and Cosine:

$$\sin (A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$$

$$\sin (A - B) = \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$$

***note- try to memorize patterns- sine identity is the one that keeps the same sign, and sine alternates with cosine.**

1. ex: Find sin 75 without using a calculator:

a) first thing is to determine what angles(30,45,60,90,...) trig you can break down 75 (angles that have **memorized** values of sine, cosine,...):

$$\mathbf{30 + 45 = 75}$$

b) then use the appropriate identity:

$$\mathbf{\sin (30 + 45) = \sin 30 \cos 45 + \cos 30 \sin 45}$$

c) now using your **memorized** quantities substitute:

$$\mathbf{\sin (30 + 45) = (1/2)(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}) + (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}$$

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

***note-** the pattern here is no alternation(2 cos then 2 sin), and the sign of the identity is the opposite of + and -.

1. Find $\cos \pi/12 = \cos 15$:

a) same angles as the previous example, but this time it is a difference: $45 - 30 = 15$

$$\cos(A - B) = \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B$$

b) $\cos(45 - 30) = \cos 45 \cos 30 + \sin 45 \sin 30$

c) $\cos(45 - 30) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

d) $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}$

C. Tangent: $\tan(A+B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$

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

By now you should see it is just memorization and plugging into the formula.

