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TRIGONOMETRIC IDENTITIES – DAY #1

ALGEBRA 2 WITH TRIGONOMETRY

Equations that are true (check) for every value of their input variable(s) are known as **identities**. The most important trigonometric identity you have already seen, the **Pythagorean Identity**:

THE PYTHAGOREAN IDENTITY

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \text{ for any value of } \theta$$

So useful is this identity that it must be memorized. Its primary use is to produce the value of either sine or cosine if the other is known.

Exercise #1: The angle θ has its terminal ray in the second quadrant and $\sin \theta = \frac{5}{13}$. Algebraically determine the value of $\cos \theta$.

There are many, many other trigonometric identities. Their derivation and memorization are left for a future course. In the rest of this lesson, we will work with the sum and difference identities for sine and cosine.

THE SUM AND DIFFERENCE IDENTITIES

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

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

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

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

Exercise #2: Find an expression for the exact value of $\sin(75^\circ)$ in simplest radical form.

Exercise #3: Determine the value of $\cos(15^\circ)$ in simplest radical form.



THE SUM AND DIFFERENCE IDENTITIES (AGAIN)

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

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

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

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

Exercise #4: For two angles, α and β , it is known that $0 < \alpha < 90^\circ$ and $90^\circ < \beta < 180^\circ$. If $\cos \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$ and $\sin \beta = \frac{7}{25}$ find the following values in simplest form.

(a) $\sin \alpha$

(b) $\cos \beta$

(c) $\sin(\alpha - \beta)$

(d) $\cos(\alpha + \beta)$

(e) $\sin(2\alpha)$

(f) $\cos(2\beta)$

Exercise #5: Which of the following is equivalent to $\cos(100^\circ)\cos(20^\circ) + \sin(100^\circ)\sin(20^\circ)$?

(1) $\cos(120^\circ)$

(3) $\sin(120^\circ)$

(2) $\cos(80^\circ)$

(4) $\sin(80^\circ)$

Exercise #6: Which of the following is *not* equivalent to $\sin 70^\circ$?

(1) $\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 70^\circ}$

(3) $\sin 40^\circ \cos 30^\circ + \sin 30^\circ \cos 40^\circ$

(2) $\sin 80^\circ \cos 10^\circ - \sin 10^\circ \cos 80^\circ$

(4) $\sin 60^\circ \cos 10^\circ - \sin 10^\circ \cos 60^\circ$



TRIGONOMETRIC IDENTITIES – DAY #1
ALGEBRA 2 WITH TRIGONOMETRY - HOMEWORK

THE SUM AND DIFFERENCE IDENTITIES (YET AGAIN)

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

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

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

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

SKILLS

1. Match each of the trigonometric values in column A with an equivalent expression in column B.

Column A

Column B

$$\sin 35^\circ$$

$$\cos 50^\circ \cos 15^\circ + \sin 50^\circ \sin 15^\circ$$

$$\cos 35^\circ$$

$$\sin 50^\circ \cos 15^\circ + \sin 15^\circ \cos 50^\circ$$

$$\sin 65^\circ$$

$$\sin 50^\circ \cos 15^\circ - \sin 15^\circ \cos 50^\circ$$

$$\cos 65^\circ$$

$$\cos 50^\circ \cos 15^\circ - \sin 50^\circ \sin 15^\circ$$

2. Which of the following is equivalent to $\cos 75^\circ \cos 25^\circ - \sin 75^\circ \sin 25^\circ$?

(1) $\sin 100^\circ$

(3) $\cos 100^\circ$

(2) $\sin 50^\circ$

(4) $\cos 50^\circ$

3. Which of the following gives the exact value of $\cos 75^\circ$?

(1) $\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$

(3) $\frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{2}$

(2) $\frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{4}$

(4) $\frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{2}$

4. The value of $\sin 80^\circ$ can be expressed in terms of $\sin 40^\circ$ and $\cos 40^\circ$ as

(1) $\sin^2 40^\circ - \cos^2 40^\circ$

(3) $2 \sin 40^\circ \cos 40^\circ$

(2) $1 - \cos^2 40^\circ$

(4) $\sin^2 40^\circ + \cos^2 40^\circ$



THE SUM AND DIFFERENCE IDENTITIES (YET AGAIN)

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

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

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

5. For two angles, A and B , it is known that $90^\circ < A < 180^\circ$ and $270^\circ < B < 360^\circ$. If $\cos A = -\frac{12}{13}$ and $\cos B = \frac{4}{5}$ then find each of the following values in exact, simplest form.

(a) $\sin A$

(b) $\sin B$

(c) $\sin(A+B)$

(d) $\sin(A-B)$

(e) $\cos(A+B)$

(f) $\cos(A-B)$

6. For two angles, α and β , it is known that $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ and $90^\circ < \beta < 180^\circ$. If $\sin \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$ and $\sin \beta = \frac{1}{2}$ then find $\sin(\alpha + \beta)$ in simplest radical form.

