

4-8 Double Angle Formulas

In this activity, you will be working towards the following learning goals:

I can, without a calculator, use trigonometric identities such as angle addition/subtraction and double angle formulas, to express values of trigonometric functions in terms of rational numbers and radicals

The Grand Finale . . .

The sum & difference formulas that we used in the previous investigations can be used to derive double angle formulas. In this investigation we will derive a total of six double angle formulas for sine, cosine & tangent.

A. There is one formula for **sin (2x)**.

To derive a formula for $\sin (2x)$, think of $\sin (2x)$ as **sin (x + x)**. Then use the $\sin (\alpha + \beta)$ formula.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin (2x) &= \sin (x+x) = \sin x \cdot \cos x + \cos x \cdot \sin x \\ &= \boxed{2 \sin x \cdot \cos x} \end{aligned}$$

B. There are 3 formulas for **cos (2x)**.

To derive a formula for $\cos (2x)$, use the same process you did in part A.

$$\begin{aligned} \cos (2x) &= \cos (x+x) = \cos x \cdot \cos x - \sin x \cdot \sin x \\ &= \boxed{\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x} \end{aligned}$$

Now use your result from above to write 2 more formulas for **cos (2x)** – one in terms of just sine & one in terms of just cosine.

$$\begin{aligned} \cos (2x) &= \cos^2 x - (1 - \cos^2 x) \\ &= \boxed{2 \cos^2 x - 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos (2x) &= 1 - \sin^2 x - \sin^2 x \\ &= \boxed{1 - 2 \sin^2 x} \end{aligned}$$

C. There are 2 formulas for **tan (2x)**.

To get the first one, “stack up” $\sin (2x)$ & $\cos (2x)$.

$$\tan (2x) = \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x} = \frac{\sin 2x}{\cos 2x}$$

To derive the second one for $\tan (2x)$, use the same process you did in part A.

$$\begin{aligned} \tan (2x) &= \tan (x+x) = \frac{\tan x + \tan x}{1 - \tan x \cdot \tan x} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x}} \end{aligned}$$

Transfer all six formulas you derived on the front of this page, below.
 Call me over to your group for verification of your formulas.

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

$$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$\cos 2x = 2\cos^2 x - 1$$

$$\tan 2x = \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x} = \frac{\sin 2x}{\cos 2x}$$

$$\cos 2x = 1 - 2\sin^2 x$$

$$\tan 2x = \frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x}$$

Check with me to make sure you are correct, then try examples 1 - 4. No calculator!

1. If $\cos x = \frac{4}{5}$, find $\cos 2x$.

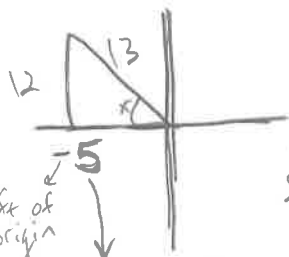
NOT $x = \frac{4}{5}$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2x &= 2\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 - 1 \\ &= 2\left(\frac{16}{25}\right) - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{32}{25} - \frac{25}{25} = \frac{7}{25}$$

2. If $\sin x = \frac{12}{13}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi$, find $\sin 2x$, $\cos 2x$ and $\tan 2x$.

2nd Quad.



$$\sin x = \frac{12}{13}$$

$$\cos x = -\frac{5}{13}$$

$$a^2 = 25 \quad \tan x = -\frac{12}{5}$$

$a=5$ In what quadrant does $2x$ lie? How do you know?

3rd! Both $\sin 2x$ + $\cos 2x$ are negative.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2x &= 2 \sin x \cdot \cos x \\ &= 2\left(\frac{12}{13}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{13}\right) \\ &= \frac{-120}{169} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2x &= 2\cos^2 x - 1 \\ &= 2\left(-\frac{5}{13}\right)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2\left(\frac{25}{169}\right) - 1 \\ &= \frac{50}{169} - \frac{169}{169} \\ &= \frac{-119}{169} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan 2x &= 2\left(-\frac{12}{5}\right) \\ &= \frac{-24}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\frac{-24}{5}}{\frac{-119}{169}} \\ &= \frac{-24}{5} \cdot \frac{169}{-119} \\ &= \frac{120}{119} \end{aligned}$$

3. Solve for primary values: $2 \cos x + \sin 2x = 0$

$$2 \cos x + 2 \sin x \cos x = 0$$

$$2 \cos x (1 + \sin x) = 0$$

$$2 \cos x = 0$$

$$1 + \sin x = 0$$

$$\cos x = 0$$

$$\sin x = -1$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

4. Verify: $\cos^4 x - \sin^4 x = \cos 2x$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x)(\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x) \\ &= 1 \cdot \cos 2x \\ &= \boxed{\cos 2x} \end{aligned}$$

★ 5. $2\sin(2x) + 1 = 0$

$u = 2x$

$2\sin u = -1$

$\sin u = -\frac{1}{2}$

$u = 210^\circ, 330^\circ$

Graph first! $x_{\min} = 0, x_{\max} = 2\pi \rightarrow$ See 4 x-int.
 $y_{\min} = -1, y_{\max} = 3$
 Answer in degrees



The $2x$ makes the period go from 2π to π (180°)

$2x = 210^\circ$

$x = 105^\circ$

$x = 65 + 180 = 245^\circ$

$2x = 330^\circ$

$x = 165^\circ$

$x = 165 + 180 = 345^\circ$

Primary values are any solutions from $0 - 2\pi$ or $0 - 360^\circ$

★ 6. $2\sin^2(2x) - 5\sin(2x) + 3 = 0$

$u = 2x$

$2\sin^2 u - 5\sin u + 3 = 0$

$(2\sin u + 1)(\sin u - 3) = 0$

$\sin u = -\frac{1}{2}$

$u = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$

$2x = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$

$x = \frac{7\pi}{12}, \frac{11\pi}{12}$

$\sin u = 3$

No solution

Period = π
 Still a primary value!

$\frac{7\pi}{12} + \pi = \frac{19\pi}{12}$
 $\frac{11\pi}{12} + \pi = \frac{23\pi}{12}$