

## TOPIC: SUM AND DIFFERENCE IDENTITIES

### Sum and Difference of Sine & Cosine

◆ The sum & difference identities are useful when you have multiple angles in the argument of a trig function.

TRIG IDENTITIES			
Name	Identity	Example	Use when...
Sum & Difference	$\sin(a + b) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}a \underline{\hspace{1cm}}b \quad \underline{\hspace{1cm}}a \underline{\hspace{1cm}}b$	$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ OR $\sin(90^\circ + 30^\circ)$	argument contains a $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}/\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ OR multiples of $15^\circ$ or $\frac{\pi}{12}$
	$\sin(a - b) = \sin a \cos b \quad \cos a \sin b$		
	$\cos(a + b) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}a \underline{\hspace{1cm}}b \quad \underline{\hspace{1cm}}a \underline{\hspace{1cm}}b$		
	$\cos(a - b) = \cos a \cos b \quad \sin a \sin b$		

◆ To find exact values of trig functions NOT on the unit circle, rewrite argument as sum or diff. of 2 KNOWN angles.

#### EXAMPLE

Find the exact value of the function.

$$\cos 15^\circ$$

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### EXAMPLE

Rewrite each argument as the sum or difference of two angles on the unit circle.

(A)  $\sin(75^\circ)$

(B)  $\cos(-15^\circ)$

(C)  $\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{12}\right)$

### PRACTICE

Find the exact value of the expression.

(A)  $\cos 105^\circ$

#### Recall

$$\sin(a \pm b) = \sin a \cos b \pm \cos a \sin b$$

$$\cos(a \pm b) = \cos a \cos b \mp \sin a \sin b$$

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(B)  $\sin 15^\circ$

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(C)  $\cos \frac{5\pi}{12}$

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### EXAMPLE

Find the exact value of the expression.

$$\sin 10^\circ \cos 20^\circ + \sin 20^\circ \cos 10^\circ$$

### Recall

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### PRACTICE

Find the exact value of the expression.

$$\cos 80^\circ \cos 20^\circ + \sin 80^\circ \sin 20^\circ$$

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### EXAMPLE

Expand the expression using the sum & difference identities and simplify.

(A)  $\sin(\theta + 30^\circ)$

#### Recall

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(B)  $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right)$

### PRACTICE

Expand the expression using the sum & difference identities and simplify.

$$\sin\left(-\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$



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### Sum and Difference of Tangent

◆ The sum & diff. identities for tangent can also be used to simplify expressions & find exact values of functions.

TRIG IDENTITIES			
Name	Identity	Example	Use when...
Sum & Diff.	$\tan(a + b) = \frac{\tan a + \tan b}{1 - \tan a \tan b}$	$\tan\left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$	argument contains a + / - OR multiples of $15^\circ$ or $\frac{\pi}{12}$
	$\tan(a - b) = \frac{\tan a - \tan b}{1 + \tan a \tan b}$		

#### EXAMPLE

Expand the expression using the sum and/or difference identities, then simplify.

(A)  $\tan(\theta - 45^\circ)$

(B)  $\tan(90^\circ + \theta)$

◆ If  $\tan a$  or  $\tan b$  is undefined, rewrite  $\tan(a \pm b)$  as  $\frac{\sin(a \pm b)}{\cos(a \pm b)}$

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### PRACTICE

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$$\tan 105^\circ$$

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$$\cos(a \pm b) = \cos a \cos b \mp \sin a \sin b$$

$$\tan(a \pm b) = \frac{\tan a \pm \tan b}{1 \mp \tan a \tan b}$$

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### PRACTICE

Expand the expression using the sum & difference identities and simplify.

$$\tan\left(-\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

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### Verifying Identities Using Sum and Difference Formulas

◆ Recall: To verify an identity, simplify one or both sides to make them equal. Start with more complicated side.

#### EXAMPLE

Verify the identity using the sum/diff. identities.

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \sin \theta$$

#### STRATEGIES: Simplifying Trig Expressions

- ◆ Constantly scan for identities
- ◆ Add fractions using a common denominator
- ◆ Break down in terms of sin & cos
- ◆ If  $1 \pm \text{trig}(\theta)$ , multiply top & bottom by  $1 \mp \text{trig}(\theta)$
- ◆ Factor

#### Recall

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#### EXAMPLE

Verify the identity using the sum/difference identities.

$$\cot(90^\circ - \theta) = \tan \theta$$

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### EXAMPLE

Verify the identity.

(A)

$$\frac{\cos(a+b)}{\cos a \cos b} = -\tan a \tan b + 1$$

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(B)

$$\frac{\sin(a-b)}{\tan a \tan b} = \cos a \cos b (\cot b - \cot a)$$

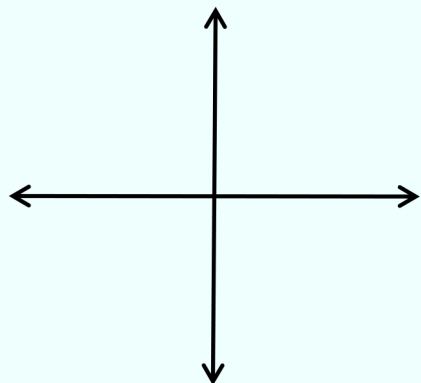
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### Evaluate Sums and Differences Given Conditions

◆ Sometimes you'll need to evaluate a sum or difference based on given trig values without knowing the angles.

#### EXAMPLE

Find  $\sin(a + b)$  given  $\cos a = \frac{4}{5}$ ,  $\sin b = \frac{5}{13}$ ,  
where  $a$  is in Quadrant IV &  $b$  is in Quadrant II.



#### HOW TO: Evaluate Trig Functions Given Conditions

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ identity & **identify** unknown trig value(s)
- 2) From given info, sketch & label\*  $\triangle(s)$  in *proper quadrant*
- 3) Find \_\_\_\_\_(s) using Pythag. Thm.\*
- 4) **Solve** for unknown trig value(s) from (1)
- 5) Plug in values & simplify

\*pay attention to \_\_\_\_\_

#### Recall

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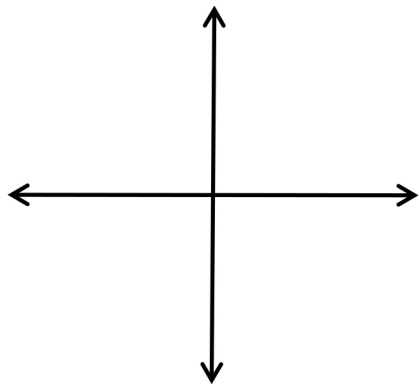
$$\tan(a \pm b) = \frac{\tan a \pm \tan b}{1 \mp \tan a \tan b}$$

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### EXAMPLE

Find  $\sin(a + b)$  given  $\sin a = \frac{3}{5}$ ,  $\sin b = -\frac{1}{2}$ , where  $\frac{\pi}{2} < a < \pi$  &  $\frac{3\pi}{2} < b < 2\pi$



### HOW TO: Evaluate Trig Functions Given Conditions

- 1) Expand identity & **identify** unknown trig value(s)
- 2) From given info, sketch & label\*  $\angle(s)$  in *proper quadrant*
- 3) Find missing sides using Pythag. Thm.\*
- 4) **Solve** for unknown trig value(s) from (1)
- 5) Plug in values & simplify

*\*pay attention to SIGN*

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### PRACTICE

Find  $\cos(a + b)$  given  $\cos a = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\sin b = \frac{1}{2}$ , &  $a$  is in QIV &  $b$  is in QII.

