

TOPIC: DOUBLE ANGLE IDENTITIES

Double Angle Identities

◆ When the sum identities are used with the *same* two angles, we get the **double angle identities**.

TRIG IDENTITIES			
Name	Identity	Example	Use when...
Sum & Diff.	$\sin(a \pm b) = \sin a \cos b \pm \cos a \sin b$ $\sin(\theta + \theta) = \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \theta \sin \theta$		
Double Angle	$\sin 2\theta = 2 \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{12} - \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{12} =$	argument contains <u> </u> OR you recognize a <u> </u> of the identity
	$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$ $\hspace{1.5cm} = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta$ $\hspace{1.5cm} = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$		
	$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}^2 \theta}$		

◆ To simplify expressions & verify identities, you'll need to recognize different **forms** of the Double Angle Identities.

EXAMPLE Simplify the expression, do not evaluate.

$\sin 15^\circ \cos 15^\circ$

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EXAMPLE

Use the double angle formulas to verify the identity.

(A)

$$\frac{\sin 2\theta}{\tan \theta} = \cos 2\theta + 1$$

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

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

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

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

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

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

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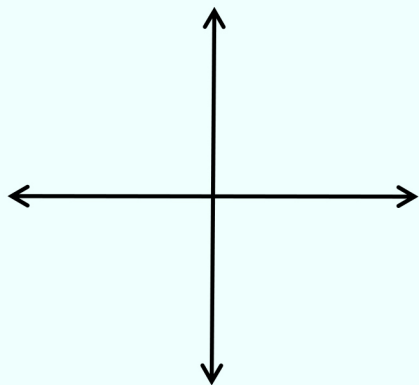
(B)

$$\cot 2\theta = \cot \theta - \frac{1}{2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}$$

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EXAMPLE

Given $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ and $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, find $\sin(2\theta)$.



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 _____

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PRACTICE

Given $\tan \theta = \frac{5}{12}$ and $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, find $\cos(2\theta)$.

