

Section 7.5 - Sum and Difference Formulas

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$$\begin{cases} \cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos\alpha \cos\beta - \sin\alpha \sin\beta \\ \cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos\alpha \cos\beta + \sin\alpha \sin\beta \end{cases}$$

Ex) Find $\cos(75^\circ)$

Solution: $\cos(75^\circ) = \cos(45^\circ + 30^\circ)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \cos(45^\circ)\cos(30^\circ) - \sin(45^\circ)\sin(30^\circ) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})} \end{aligned}$$

Ex) Find $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)$

Soln: $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{12} - \frac{2\pi}{12}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2})} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\begin{cases} \sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin\alpha \cos\beta + \cos\alpha \sin\beta \\ \sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin\alpha \cos\beta - \cos\alpha \sin\beta \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Ex) Find } \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{12}\right)$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{12} + \frac{4\pi}{12}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6})}$$

$$\text{Ex) Prove the identity } \frac{\cos(\alpha - \beta)}{\sin\alpha \sin\beta} = \cot\alpha \cot\beta + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cos(\alpha - \beta)}{\sin\alpha \sin\beta} = \frac{\cos\alpha \cos\beta + \sin\alpha \sin\beta}{\sin\alpha \sin\beta}$$

$$= \frac{\cos\alpha}{\sin\alpha} \cdot \frac{\cos\beta}{\sin\beta} + \frac{\cancel{\sin\alpha} \cancel{\sin\beta}}{\cancel{\sin\alpha} \cancel{\sin\beta}}$$

$$= \boxed{\cot\alpha \cot\beta + 1}$$

$$\text{Ex) } \tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan(\alpha) + \tan(\beta)}{1 - \tan(\alpha)\tan(\beta)}$$

$$\tan(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{\tan(\alpha) - \tan(\beta)}{1 + \tan(\alpha)\tan(\beta)}$$

Ex) Find $\sin(\cos^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}) + \sin^{-1}(\frac{3}{5}))$

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Soln: Let $\alpha = \cos^{-1}(\frac{1}{2})$ $\beta = \sin^{-1}(\frac{3}{5})$

need angle in $[0, \pi]$ need angle in $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Use } \sin \alpha = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \alpha} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\cos \beta = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \beta} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}} = \sqrt{\frac{16}{25}} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = \boxed{\frac{4\sqrt{3} + 3}{10}}$$

Ex) Solve $\sin \theta + \cos \theta = 1$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta + (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta + 1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = 0 \text{ or } \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 0, \pi \text{ or } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

Test \Rightarrow Solutions are $\frac{\pi}{2}$ and 0 .



