

Reference table of trigonometric identities

Some basic identities. This compilation of trigonometric identities is the first part of the following online site:

<http://www.sosmath.com/trig/Trig5/trig5/trig5.html>

Familiarity with these identities will be assumed in the course (**Math 10A – 001**).

Reciprocal identities

$$\begin{aligned}\sin u &= \frac{1}{\csc u} & \cos u &= \frac{1}{\sec u} & \tan u &= \frac{1}{\cot u} \\ \csc u &= \frac{1}{\sin u} & \sec u &= \frac{1}{\cos u} & \cot u &= \frac{1}{\tan u}\end{aligned}$$

Pythagorean Identities

$$\sin^2 u + \cos^2 u = 1 \quad 1 + \tan^2 u = \sec^2 u \quad 1 + \cot^2 u = \csc^2 u$$

Quotient Identities

$$\tan u = \frac{\sin u}{\cos u} \quad \cot u = \frac{\cos u}{\sin u}$$

Co-Function Identities

$$\begin{aligned}\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) &= \cos u & \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) &= \sin u & \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) &= \cot u \\ \csc\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) &= \sec u & \sec\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) &= \csc u & \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) &= \tan u\end{aligned}$$

Sum-Difference Formulas

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(u \pm v) &= \sin u \cos v \pm \cos u \sin v \\ \cos(u \pm v) &= \cos u \cos v \mp \sin u \sin v \\ \tan(u \pm v) &= \frac{\tan u \pm \tan v}{1 \mp \tan u \tan v}\end{aligned}$$

Double Angle Formulas

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(2u) &= 2 \sin u \cos u \\ \cos(2u) &= \cos^2 u - \sin^2 u \\ &= 2 \cos^2 u - 1 \\ &= 1 - 2 \sin^2 u \\ \tan(2u) &= \frac{2 \tan u}{1 - \tan^2 u}\end{aligned}$$

Values for special angles. The following table is taken from the online site <http://oakroadsystems.com/twt/special.htm>.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 30^\circ &= 1/2, & \sin 60^\circ &= (\sqrt{3})/2 \\ \cos 30^\circ &= (\sqrt{3})/2, & \cos 60^\circ &= 1/2 \\ \tan 30^\circ &= (\sqrt{3})/3, & \tan 60^\circ &= \sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

It is also important to know the values of these functions at multiples of 90° . For example, the sine and tangent are zero at 0° , while the cosine is equal to one, and the cosine is zero at 90° , while the sine is equal to one and the tangent is undefined. The values at 180° and 270° can be read off from these and the formulas in the table below.

Values for nonacute angles. The following table is taken from the online site <http://oakroadsystems.com/twt/refangle.htm#refangleTop>.

$\sin(180^\circ - A) = \sin A$ $\sin(\pi - A) = \sin A$	$\cos(180^\circ - A) = -\cos A$ $\cos(\pi - A) = -\cos A$	$\tan(180^\circ - A) = -\tan A$ $\tan(\pi - A) = -\tan A$
$\sin(180^\circ + A) = -\sin A$ $\sin(\pi + A) = -\sin A$	$\cos(180^\circ + A) = -\cos A$ $\cos(\pi + A) = -\cos A$	$\tan(180^\circ + A) = \tan A$ $\tan(\pi + A) = \tan A$
$\sin(-A) = -\sin A$	$\cos(-A) = \cos A$	$\tan(-A) = -\tan A$

The formulas on the last line are often called the ***Even-Odd Identities***.