

Trig Identities

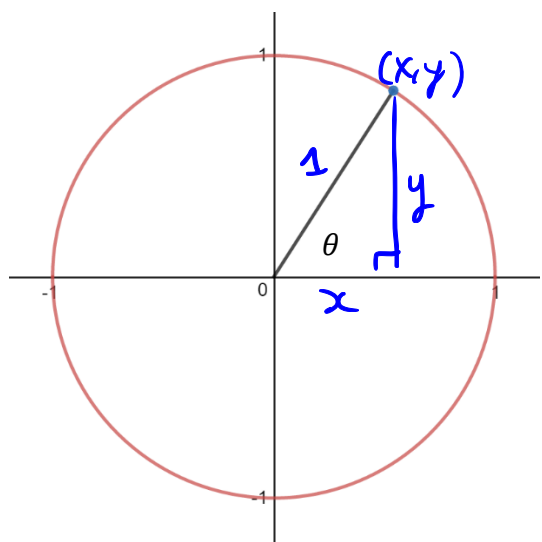
Goal:

- Can prove $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$ using Pythagoras and can derive the other two identities from this one.
- Understands that changing all trig terms to sine and cosine is the first step to simplifying identities.
- Understands how the addition and subtraction identities are derived. Can use the identities to simplify trig statements.

New terminology:

- Statement
- Identity

Use the unit circle to show that $\sin \theta = y$ and $\cos \theta = x$.



$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{1} = x$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{1} = y$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1}$$

Pythagorean Trig Identity

The above statement is called an **identity** – something that is fundamentally true and can be used to support other statements. In mathematics, a **statement** is something that is true or false.

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

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

$$\cos \theta = \pm \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$$

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

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

$$\boxed{\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta}$$

$$\boxed{1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta}$$

Test $x=1$

$$\sin^2 1 = (\sin 1)^2$$

Example: Prove or provide a counterexample to the following statements. If true, then show it.

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{6}$$

$$\sin 1 = 0.84$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{6} = 0.83$$

False

$$\boxed{\sec x - \sec x \sin^2 x = \cos x}$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos 1} - \frac{1}{\cos 1} \cdot \sin^2 1 = 0.54 \dots$$

$$\cos 1 = 0.54$$

$$\sec x (1 - \sin^2 x) \stackrel{?}{=} \cos x$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos x} (1 - \sin^2 x) \stackrel{?}{=} \cos x$$

$$1 - \sin^2 x \stackrel{?}{=} \cos^2 x, \cos x \neq 0$$

Yes ✓

True

Practice: Prove or provide a counterexample to the following statement. If true, then show it.

$$\csc x - \sin x = \cot x$$

$$\tan^2 x \cdot \sin^2 x = \tan^2 x - \sin^2 x$$

$$\tan^2 1 \cdot \sin^2 1 = 1.71 \dots$$

$$\tan^2 1 - \sin^2 1 = 1.71 \dots$$

$$\tan^2 x = \frac{\tan^2 x}{\sin^2 x} - 1, \sin^2 x \neq 0$$

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

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

$$\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$$

Pythagorean Identity

True for $\sin x \neq 0$

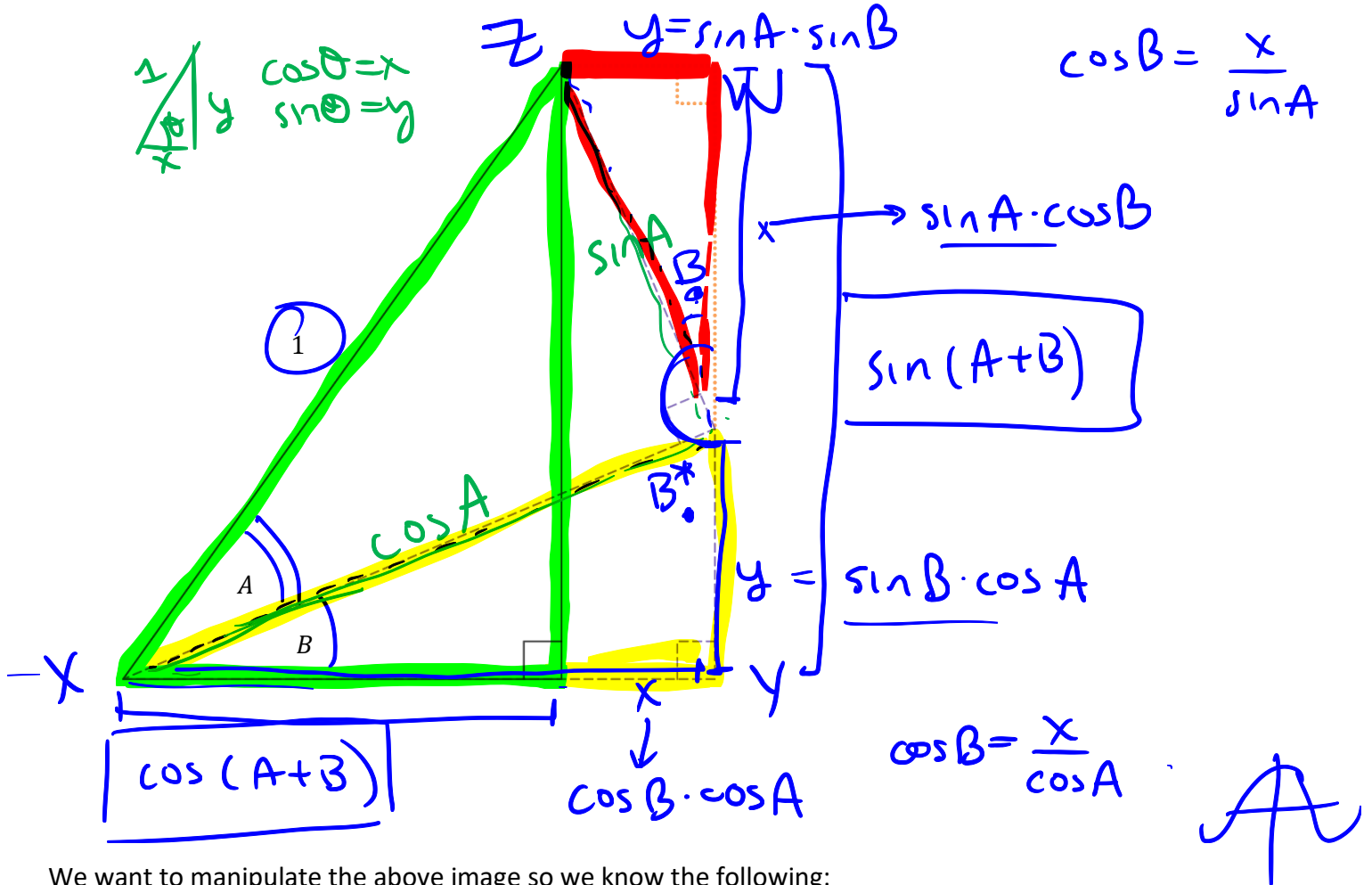
$$\tan^2 x (1 - \cos^2 x)$$

$$= \tan^2 x - \tan^2 x \cdot \cos^2 x$$

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

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

Aside from the Pythagorean Identity, we will look at one other important identity: **Angle Addition Identity**.



We want to manipulate the above image so we know the following:

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \sin B \cos A$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\cos(-x) = \cos x$$

$$\sin(-x) = -\sin x$$

Example:

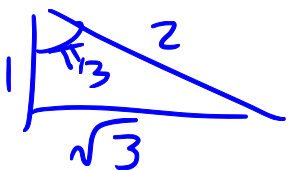
Determine the exact value of $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)$

$$\frac{\pi}{12} = \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{7\pi}{12}$$

$$\frac{11\pi}{12}$$

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



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

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Practice: Determine the exact value of $\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{12}\right)$

$$\frac{7\pi}{12} = \frac{7\pi}{3} - \frac{7\pi}{4} ; \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{12}\right) &= \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{3} - \frac{7\pi}{4}\right) \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{3}\right) \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{3}\right) \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \\ &= \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Example: Simplify the following into a single sinusoidal equation

$$r \cos A \sin x + r \sin A \cos x \quad \left(\sin(A+B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B \right)$$

$$r(\cos A \sin x + \sin A \cos x)$$

$$r \cdot \sin(A+x) = r(\sin A \cos x + \cos A \sin x)$$

Example: Determine an equation for $2 \sin x - \cos x$

$$r \sin(A+x) = \left(\begin{matrix} r \cos A \sin x \\ 2 \sin x \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} r \sin A \cos x \\ -1 \cos x \end{matrix} \right) \quad \left(\begin{matrix} x^2 - 4x \\ ax^2 + bx + c \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow r \cos A = 2 \quad r \sin A = -1$$

$$\textcircled{r} = \frac{2}{\cos A} \quad \textcircled{r} = \frac{-1}{\sin A} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{2}{\cos A} = \frac{-1}{\sin A}$$

$$r = \frac{2}{\cos(-0.46)} = 2.236$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{\cos A} = -\frac{1}{2} = \tan A$$

$$\Rightarrow 2.236 \sin(x - 0.46)$$

$$A = \arctan\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -0.46$$

$$r \cos A \sin x + r \sin A \cos x = r \sin(A+x)$$

Practice: Determine an equation for $-3 \sin x + 4 \cos x$

$$-3 = r \cos A, \quad 4 = r \sin A$$

$$r = \frac{-3}{\cos A} = \frac{4}{\sin A} \Rightarrow \tan A = -\frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow A = -0.927$$

$$r = -5$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 \sin(x - 0.927)$$

$$\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A = 1$$

From the sum of angle identities, we get a set of important identities called **double angle identities**

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2A &= \sin A \cos A + \sin A \cos A \\ &= 2 \sin A \cos A \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2A &= \cos A \cos A - \sin A \sin A \\ \cos 2A &= \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 - \sin^2 A - \sin^2 A$$

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

$$1 - 2(1 - \cos^2 A)$$

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

$$\cos^2 A = \frac{1 + \cos 2A}{2}$$

$$\sin^2 A = \frac{1 - \cos 2A}{2}$$

Calculus

Suggested Practice Problems: 6.1 # 3-6, 10-12, 14-16
6.2 # 1-8, 11, 14-16, 18-20, 23, 24

Textbook Reading: page 290-295 and 299-305
Key Ideas page 296 and 305

Next Class: Proving Trig Identities

