

Precalculus

Name Key

5.4 Notes: Sum and Difference Identities - Day 1

Trigonometric Identities and Formulas to date:

The Reciprocal Identities:

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{\csc x} \quad \csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{\sec x} \quad \sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

$$\tan x = \frac{1}{\cot x} \quad \cot x = \frac{1}{\tan x}$$

The Quotient Identities:

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

The Pythagorean Identities:

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

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

$$1 + \cot^2 x = \csc^2 x$$

Sum & Difference Formulas:

$$\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\tan(\alpha \pm \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha \pm \tan \beta}{1 \mp \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

Investigation: Use a graphing utility to make a conclusion about the following questions.

1. Is it true that $\cos(x+2) = \cos x + \cos 2$?
2. Is it true that $\sin(x-4) = \sin x - \sin 4$?
3. Is it true that $\cos 75^\circ = \cos 45^\circ + \cos 30^\circ$?

Evaluating a Trig Function:

Find the exact value of each function using the sum and difference formulas. In order to do this, you must select angles for which you know the EXACT values. (ie: $\sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$)

1. $\cos 75^\circ$

$$\cos(45^\circ + 30^\circ)$$

$$\cos 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \sin 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ$$

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

$$\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}}$$

2. $\tan 105^\circ$

$$\tan(60^\circ + 45^\circ)$$

$$\frac{\tan 60^\circ + \tan 45^\circ}{1 - \tan 60^\circ \tan 45^\circ}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{1 - \sqrt{3} \cdot 1}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{1 - \sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{1 + \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3} + 3 + 1 + \sqrt{3}}{1 - 3} = \frac{4 + 2\sqrt{3}}{-2}$$

$$= \boxed{-2 - \sqrt{3}}$$

Sum & Difference Formulas:	$\sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$	$\sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
$\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta$	$\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta$	$\tan(\alpha \pm \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha \pm \tan \beta}{1 \mp \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$	

Continue to find the exact value of the following functions.

3. $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{3} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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

$$\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

4. $\tan\left(\frac{11\pi}{12}\right)$

$$\frac{3\pi}{12} + \frac{8\pi}{12} \text{ or } \frac{2\pi}{12} + \frac{9\pi}{12}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\frac{\tan \frac{\pi}{4} + \tan \frac{2\pi}{3}}{1 - \tan \frac{\pi}{4} \tan \frac{2\pi}{3}}$$

$$\frac{1 + -\sqrt{3}}{1 - (1)(-\sqrt{3})}$$

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

$$= \frac{4 - 2\sqrt{3}}{-2} = \boxed{-2 + \sqrt{3}}$$

5. If $\sin \alpha = \frac{4}{5}$, where $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\cos \beta = -\frac{12}{13}$, where $\frac{\pi}{2} < \beta < \pi$

a) Find the exact value of $\sin(\alpha - \beta)$. (You can use triangles.)

$$\sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)\left(-\frac{12}{13}\right) - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\left(\frac{5}{13}\right)$$

$$-\frac{48}{65} - \frac{15}{65}$$

$$-\frac{63}{65}$$

b) Find the exact value of $\tan(\alpha - \beta)$. (You can use triangles.)

$$\frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta} = \frac{\frac{4}{3} - \left(-\frac{5}{12}\right)}{1 + \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{12}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{4}{3} + \frac{5}{12}}{\frac{36}{36} - \frac{20}{36}} = \frac{\frac{16}{12} + \frac{5}{12}}{\frac{16}{36}} = \frac{\frac{21}{12}}{\frac{16}{36}} = \frac{21}{12} \cdot \frac{36}{16} = \boxed{\frac{63}{16}}$$