

## 6.2B Double Angle Identities

Special cases of the addition identities occur when the two angles are equal. In this instance,  $A = B$ , and therefore the expression  $A + B$  could be replaced with  $A + A$  or simply  $2A$ . This results in the following double angle identities:

$\sin(2A) = \sin(A + A)$ $= \sin A \cos A + \cos A \sin A$ $= 2 \sin A \cos A$	$\cos(2A) = \cos(A + A)$ $= \cos A \cos A - \sin A \sin A$ $= \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$	$\tan(2A) = \tan(A + A)$ $= \frac{\tan A + \tan A}{1 - \tan A \tan A}$ $= \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$
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The identity for  $\cos(2A)$  has two other forms:

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

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

$\cos(2A) = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$ $= \cos^2 A - (1 - \cos^2 A)$ $= 2\cos^2 A - 1$	$\cos(2A) = \underline{\cos^2 A} - \sin^2 A$ $= (1 - \sin^2 A) - \sin^2 A$ $= 1 - 2\sin^2 A$
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Double Angle Identities	
*	$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$
*	$\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$ $= 2\cos^2 x - 1$ $= 1 - 2\sin^2 x$
*	$\tan 2x = \frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x}$

Example 1: Write each of the following as a single trigonometric ratio:

a)  $30 \sin A \cos A$

$$15 \sin 2x = 15 \cdot 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$15 \sin 2x = 30 \sin x \cos x$$

$$15 \sin 2A = 30 \sin A \cos A$$

c)  $10 \sin 3x \cos 3x$

$$5 \sin 2x = 5 \cdot 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$5 \sin 2x = 10 \sin x \cos x$$

$$5 \sin(2 \cdot 3x) = 10 \sin(3x) \cos(3x)$$

$$5 \sin(6x)$$

b)  $\cos^2 5x - \sin^2 5x$

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

$$\cos(2 \cdot 5x) = \cos^2(5x) - \sin^2(5x)$$

$$\cos(10x)$$

$$3 \cos 2x = 3(1 - 2\sin^2 x)$$

$$3 \cos 2x = 3 - 6\sin^2 x$$

$$3 \cos(2 \cdot 4x) = 3 - 6\sin^2(4x)$$

$$3 \cos 8x$$

Example 2: Consider the expression  $\frac{1-\cos 2x}{\sin 2x}$ .

a) What are the non-permissible values? when  $\sin 2x = 0$

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ solve } \sin 2x = 0$$

or  $\textcircled{2}$  solve an identity for  $\sin 2x = 0$

$$\text{period} = \frac{2\pi}{b} = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$$

$$x \neq 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi, \dots$$

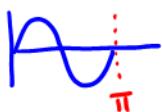
$$x \neq n \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$2 \sin x \cos x = 0$$

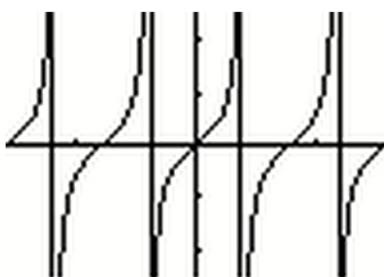
$$\begin{aligned} \sin x &= 0 \\ x &\neq 0, \pi, 2\pi, \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos x &= 0 \\ x &\neq \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$x \neq n \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$$



b) Graph this expression on the interval  $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$ . What primary trigonometric function does this graph resemble?



looks like  $y = \tan x$

c) Simplify the expression so that there is only one primary trigonometric ratio involved. Does this make seem reasonable given your result from part b?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1-\cos 2x}{\sin 2x} &= \frac{1-(1-2\sin^2 x)}{2\sin x \cos x} && \text{- we chose an identity} \\ &= \frac{2\sin^2 x}{2\sin x \cos x} && \text{that would cancel out} \\ &= \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} && \text{the 1 in } 1-2\cos\theta \\ &= \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} && \text{which is equivalent to } \tan x. \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: Find the amplitude and the period of the graph of  $y = 4 \sin 2x \cos 2x + 3$ .

$$2 \cdot \sin 2x = 2 \cdot 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$2 \sin 2x = 4 \sin x \cos x$$

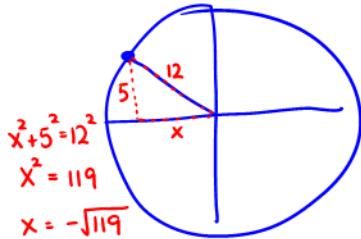
$$2 \sin(2x) = 4 \sin(2x) \cos(2x)$$

$$y = 2 \sin(4x) + 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amplitude} &= 2 \\ \text{Period} &= \frac{2\pi}{b} = \frac{2\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Example 4: Given that  $\sin \theta = \frac{5}{12}$  and that  $\theta$  terminates in quadrant II, determine an exact value for

Use general circle.



$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{-\sqrt{119}}{12}$$

a)  $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$

$$2 \left( \frac{5}{12} \right) \left( -\frac{\sqrt{119}}{12} \right) = \frac{-10\sqrt{119}}{144} = \frac{-5\sqrt{119}}{72}$$

b)  $\cos 2\theta = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta$   
 $= 1 - 2 \left( \frac{5}{12} \right)^2$

$$1 - 2 \left( \frac{25}{144} \right) \rightarrow 1 - \frac{50}{144} = \frac{144}{144} - \frac{50}{144}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{94}{144}}$$

c)  $\sin \left( 2\theta + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$   
 $= \sin 2\theta \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + \cos 2\theta \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$= \left( \frac{-5\sqrt{119}}{72} \right) (0) + \left( \frac{94}{144} \right) (1)$$

$$= \frac{94}{144} \quad \text{in lowest terms } \frac{47}{72}$$

Example 5: Simplify each of the following to a single trigonometric function:

a)  $\frac{\sin 2x}{2 \cos x} = \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{2 \cos x}$   
 $= \sin x$

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

c)  $\frac{\cos 2x + 1}{\sin 2x} = \frac{2 \cos^2 x - 1 + 1}{2 \sin x \cos x}$   
 $= \frac{2 \cos^2 x}{2 \sin x \cos x}$   
 $= \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = \cot x$