

Chapter 7 - Trigonometry and Modelling

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Personal notes:



7.1 - Compound Angle Formulae

Starter

1. Solve the following questions in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$

a) $\sin(x + 50) = -0.9$

b) $2 \sin^2 x - \sin x - 3 = 0$

2. Prove the following.

a) $\cos x + \sin x \tan x \equiv \sec x$

b) $\frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{1 + \cot^2 x} \equiv \sin^2 x$

Compound Angle Formulae



7.1 - Compound Angle Formulae

Example (Ex. 7A Q9a,e)

Express the following as a single sine, cosine or tangent:

- a) $\sin 15^\circ \cos 20^\circ + \cos 15^\circ \sin 20^\circ$
- e) $\cos 2\theta \cos \theta + \sin 2\theta \sin \theta$

Example/Practice

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- (a) Starting from the formulae for $\sin(A+B)$ and $\cos(A+B)$, prove that

$$\tan(A+B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$

(4)



7.2 - Using the compound angle formulae

- The compound angle formulae can be used to find **exact values** of trig functions of different angles.

Example

Using a suitable angle formulae, show that $\sin 15^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{4}$.

Example

Given that $\sin A = -\frac{3}{5}$ and $180^\circ < A < 270^\circ$, and that $\cos B = -\frac{12}{13}$ and B is obtuse, find the value of:

a $\cos(A - B)$ **b** $\tan(A + B)$ **c** $\operatorname{cosec}(A - B)$



7.2 - Using the compound angle formulae

Challenging Question

Given that

$$2 \cos (x + 50)^\circ = \sin (x + 40)^\circ.$$

(a) Show, without using a calculator, that

$$\tan x^\circ = \frac{1}{3} \tan 40^\circ.$$

(b) Hence solve, for $0 \leq \theta < 360$,

$$2 \cos (2\theta + 50)^\circ = \sin (2\theta + 40)^\circ,$$

giving your answers to 1 decimal place.



7.3 - Double Angle Formulae

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

Example

Use the double-angle formulae to write each of the following as a single trigonometric ratio.

a $\cos^2 50^\circ - \sin^2 50^\circ$ **b** $\frac{2 \tan \frac{\pi}{6}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{6}}$ **c** $\frac{4 \sin 70^\circ}{\sec 70^\circ}$

Practice (Ex. 7C Q4)

4 Write each of the following expressions as a single trigonometric ratio.

a $2 \sin 10^\circ \cos 10^\circ$

b $1 - 2 \sin^2 25^\circ$

c $\cos^2 40^\circ - \sin^2 40^\circ$



7.3 - Double Angle Formulae

Example

Given that $x = 3 \sin \theta$ and $y = 3 - 4 \cos 2\theta$, eliminate θ and express y in terms of x .

Practice (Ex. 7C Q9)

9 Eliminate θ from the following pairs of equations:

a $x = \cos^2 \theta, y = 1 - \cos 2\theta$

b $x = \tan \theta, y = \cot 2\theta$

Example

Given that $\cos x = \frac{3}{4}$, and that $180^\circ < x < 360^\circ$, find the exact value of:

a $\sin 2x$

b $\tan 2x$



7.4 - Solving Trigonometry Equations

Compound Angle Formulae

$$\blacksquare \sin(A + B) \equiv \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$$

$$\blacksquare \cos(A + B) \equiv \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$$

$$\blacksquare \tan(A + B) \equiv \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$

$$\sin(A - B) \equiv \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A - B) \equiv \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan(A - B) \equiv \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + \tan A \tan B}$$

Double Angle Formulae

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$$\blacksquare \tan 2A \equiv \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$$

Example

Solve $4 \cos(\theta - 30^\circ) = 8\sqrt{2} \sin \theta$ in the range $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$. Round your answer to 1 decimal place.

Example

Solve $3 \cos 2x - \cos x + 2 = 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$.



7.4 - Solving Trigonometry Equations

Practice (Ex. 7D Q5c,e,g)

Solve the following equations in the given intervals

c $3 \cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta, 0 \leq \theta < 360^\circ$

e $3 \cos \theta - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - 1 = 0, 0 \leq \theta < 720^\circ$

g $2 \sin \theta = \sec \theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$



7.4 - Solving Trigonometry Equations

Example

- a By expanding $\sin(2A + A)$ show that $\sin 3A \equiv 3 \sin A - 4 \sin^3 A$.
- b Hence, or otherwise, for $0 < \theta < 2\pi$, solve $16 \sin^3 \theta - 12 \sin \theta - 2\sqrt{3} = 0$ giving your answers in terms of π .

Extension

- (a) Solve, for $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$,

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cos \theta. \quad (5)$$

- (b) Find the value of x for which



$$\arcsin(1 - 2x) = \frac{\pi}{3} - \arcsin x, \quad 0 < x < 0.5$$

[$\arcsin x$ is an alternative notation for $\sin^{-1}x$]

(7)

BF MATHS

7.5 (1) - Simplifying $a \cos x \pm b \sin x$

- For positive values of a and b ,
 - $a \sin x \pm b \cos x$ can be expressed in the form $R \sin(x \pm \alpha)$
 - $a \cos x \pm b \sin x$ can be expressed in the form $R \cos(x \mp \alpha)$
- with $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < 90^\circ$ (or $\frac{\pi}{2}$)
where $R \cos \alpha = a$ and $R \sin \alpha = b$ and $R = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$.

Example

Put $3 \sin x + 4 \cos x$ in the form $R \sin(x + \alpha)$ giving α in degrees to 1dp.

Practice

Put $2 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$ giving α in terms of degrees



7.5 (1) - Simplifying $a \cos x \pm b \sin x$

Example

- Put $2 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$ giving α in terms of degrees
- Sketch the graph of $y = 2 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta$
- Hence, solve for $0 < \theta \leq 360^\circ$, the equation $2 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta = 3$



7.5 (2) - Maxima and Minima

Example **Exam Favourite

Express $12 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta$ in the form of $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$ and hence find the maximum value of $12 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta$, and give the smallest positive value of θ at which it arises.

Practice

Find the maximum value of the expression and determine the smallest positive value of θ (in degrees) at which it occurs.

Expression	Maximum Value	(Smallest) θ at max
$20 \sin \theta$		
$5 - 10 \sin \theta$		
$3 \cos(\theta + 20^\circ)$		
$\frac{2}{10 + 3 \sin(\theta - 30)}$		



7.5 (2) - Maxima and Minima

Exam Practice (Edexcel C3 Jan 2013 Q4)

4. (a) Express $6 \cos \theta + 8 \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$.
Give the value of α to 3 decimal places.

(4)

(b)
$$p(\theta) = \frac{4}{12 + 6 \cos \theta + 8 \sin \theta}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi.$$

Calculate

- (i) the maximum value of $p(\theta)$,
(ii) the value of θ at which the maximum occurs.

(4)



7.6 - Proving Trigonometric identities

Key skill: Apply appropriate compound angle formulae and double angle formulae.

Structure of Proof

- Start either by the LHS or the RHS
- Manipulate the expression and write in the form as the RHS
- Write "= LHS/RHS" to finish off.

Example

Prove the identity $\tan 2\theta \equiv \frac{2}{\cot \theta - \tan \theta}$

Example

Prove that $\sqrt{3} \cos 4\theta + \sin 4\theta \equiv 2 \cos\left(4\theta - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$.



7.6 - Proving Trigonometric identities

Extension

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(a) Prove that

$$\sec 2A + \tan 2A \equiv \frac{\cos A + \sin A}{\cos A - \sin A}, \quad A \neq \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{4}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (5)$$

(b) Hence solve, for $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$,

$$\sec 2\theta + \tan 2\theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

Give your answers to 3 decimal places.

(4)



7.7 - Modelling with trigonometric functions

- In trigonometrical modelling questions, you will often have to write the model using $R\sin(x \pm \alpha)$ or $R\cos(x \pm \alpha)$ to find maximum and minimum values.

Example

The cabin pressure, P , in pounds per square inch (psi) on an aeroplane at cruising altitude can be modelled by the equation $P = 11.5 - 0.5 \sin(t - 2)$, where t is the time in hours since the cruising altitude was first reached, and angles are measured in radians.

- a State the maximum and the minimum cabin pressure.
- b Find the time after reaching cruising altitude that the cabin first reaches a maximum pressure.
- c Calculate the cabin pressure after 5 hours at a cruising altitude.
- d Find all the times during the first 8 hours of cruising that the cabin pressure would be exactly 11.3 psi.



7.7 - Modelling with trigonometric functions

Example

[June 2013 (Withdrawn) Q8]

- (a) Express $9\cos\theta - 2\sin\theta$ in the form $R\cos(\theta + \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Give the exact value of R and give the value of α to 4 decimal places. (3)

- (b) (i) State the maximum value of $9\cos\theta - 2\sin\theta$

(ii) Find the value of θ , for $0 < \theta < 2\pi$, at which this maximum occurs. (3)

Ruth models the height H above the ground of a passenger on a Ferris wheel by the equation

$$H = 10 - 9\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{5}t\right) + 2\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{5}t\right)$$

where H is measured in metres and t is the time in minutes after the wheel starts turning.



- (c) Calculate the maximum value of H predicted by this model, and the value of t , when this maximum first occurs. Give your answers to 2 decimal places. (4)

(d) Determine the time for the Ferris wheel to complete two revolutions. (2)



7.7 - Modelling with trigonometric functions

Practice

[June 2010 Q7] 2. (a) Express $2 \sin \theta - 1.5 \cos \theta$ in the form $R \sin(\theta - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Give the value of α to 4 decimal places. (3)

(b) (i) Find the maximum value of $2 \sin \theta - 1.5 \cos \theta$. (3)

(ii) Find the value of θ , for $0 \leq \theta < \pi$, at which this maximum occurs. (3)

Tom models the height of sea water, H metres, on a particular day by the equation

$$H = 6 + 2 \sin\left(\frac{4\pi t}{25}\right) - 1.5 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi t}{25}\right), \quad 0 \leq t < 12,$$

where t hours is the number of hours after midday.

(c) Calculate the maximum value of H predicted by this model and the value of t , to 2 decimal places, when this maximum occurs. (3)

(d) Calculate, to the nearest minute, the times when the height of sea water is predicted, by this model, to be 7 metres. (6)

