

Trigonometry Lesson 9: The Rest of the Addition and Subtraction Formulas

textbook section 8.2

Introduction: can we use what we learned in lesson 8 – that $\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta$ – to develop a similar formula for sine? What machinery (identities) do we have that allow us to switch between sine and cosine? Which one is preferable in this situation?

1: Is there a way that we can use these subtraction formulas to figure out the sine and cosine of a *sum* as well (this was touched on briefly in the previous lesson as well)? For example, how can we modify and use what we know already to evaluate $\sin \frac{5\pi}{12} = \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$ and $\sin \frac{7\pi}{12} = \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$?

2: Use the same method as in part 1 to find general formulas for $\sin(\alpha + \beta)$ and $\cos(\alpha + \beta)$:

3: Use the addition and subtraction formulas for sine and cosine to evaluate the following (this demonstrates that we don't actually need to derive and remember a similar formula for tangent, though many textbooks do):

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

$$\tan\left(\frac{7\pi}{12}\right)$$

4: Given that $\cos \alpha = \frac{5}{13}$ and $\tan \beta = -2$, with $0 \leq \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \beta < \pi$, find $\tan(\alpha + \beta)$.

5: Use the addition and subtraction formulas to simplify the following expressions (the first two are known as the *double angle formulas*, which will feature prominently in the next section; the latter three exercises prove certain repetitive lengths for sine, cosine, and tangent in a different way than we had previously):

$$\sin(2\theta)$$

$$\cos(2\theta)$$

$$\tan(\theta + \pi)$$

$$\sin(\theta + 2\pi)$$

$$\cos(\theta + 2\pi)$$