

5.4 Multiple-Angle Identities

Double-Angle Identities

$$\sin 2u = 2 \sin u \cos u$$

$$\cos 2u = \begin{cases} \cos^2 u - \sin^2 u \\ 2 \cos^2 u - 1 \\ 1 - 2 \sin^2 u \end{cases}$$

$$\tan 2u = \frac{2 \tan u}{1 - \tan^2 u}$$

Half-Angle Identities

$$\sin \frac{u}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos u}{2}}$$

$$\cos \frac{u}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos u}{2}}$$

$$\tan \frac{u}{2} = \begin{cases} \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos u}{1 + \cos u}} \\ \frac{1 - \cos u}{\sin u} \\ \frac{\sin u}{1 + \cos u} \end{cases}$$

Power-Reducing Identities

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

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

$$\tan^2 u = \frac{1 - \cos 2u}{1 + \cos 2u}$$

Ex #1 Prove $\cos^4 x - \sin^4 x = \cos 2x$.

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

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^4 x - \sin^4 x &= (\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x)(\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x) \\ &= (1)(\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\cos^4 x - \sin^4 x = \cos 2x \quad \blacksquare$$

Ex #2 Rewrite $\cos^4 x$ in terms of trig functions with no power greater than 1.

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^4 x &= (\cos^2 x)^2 && (1 + \cos 2x)(1 + \cos 2x) \\ &= \left(\frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}\right)^2\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1 + 2\cos 2x + \cos^2 2x}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (1 + 2\cos 2x + \cos^2 2x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + 2\cos 2x + \frac{1 + \cos 4x}{2}\right)$$

$$\boxed{\cos^4 x = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\cos 2x}{2} + \frac{1 + \cos 4x}{8}}$$

Ex #3 Show $\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{4}$.

$$\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = \frac{1 - \cos 2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \cos \frac{\pi}{4}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos \frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{2}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \\ &\boxed{\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{4}}\end{aligned}$$

Ex #4 Solve $\sin 2x = \cos x$ on $[0, 2\pi)$.

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

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

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

$$\cos x (2\sin x - 1) = 0$$

$$\cos x = 0$$

$$x = \cos^{-1} 0$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$2\sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$2\sin x = 1$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

Ex #5 Solve $\sin^2 x = 2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}$.

$$\sin^2 x = 2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin^2 x = 2 \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}{2} \right)$$

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

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

$$0 = \cos^2 x - \cos x$$

$$0 = \cos x (\cos x - 1)$$

$$0 = \cos x$$

$$x = \cos^{-1} 0$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$0 = \cos x - 1$$

$$\cos x = 1$$

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

$$x = 0 \quad \text{don't need } 2\pi.$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$x = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$x = 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$