

# **Trigonometric Functions**

In an extended way the study is also of the angles forming the elements of a triangle. Logically, a discussion of the properties of a triangle; solving a triangle, physical problems in the area of heights and distances using the properties of a triangle – all constitute a part of the study. It also provides a method of solution of trigonometric equations.

#### **1 MEASUREMENT OF ANGLES**

There are two methods used in measuring angles. The first one uses the idea of right angle as a fundamental unit. When two lines intersect, four angles are formed. If the lines intersect in such a way that all the four angles are equal, then each is called a right angle. The other units in this system are:

- 1 right angle = 90 degrees (= 90°)
- 1 degree = 60 minutes (= 60')
- 1 minute = 60 seconds (= 60")

In the second method the fundamental unit is radian, which is the angle subtended at the centre of any circle by an arc of the circle equal in length to the radius.

Though defined with respect to a circle it is totally independent of the circle (its radius or its centre location).

In fact it is a constant angle for otherwise it cannot be chosen as a unit of measurement. The formula of conversion of angles from radian measure to degree measure is

 $\pi$  radians = 180 degrees or  $\pi^{c}$  = 180°

conversely from degrees to radians

 $1^\circ = (\pi/180)$  of a radian.

It is usual to write  $\pi$  for 180°,  $\pi/2$  for 90°,  $\pi/4$  for 45° *etc.* It may be mentioned that this means that  $\pi$  radians = 180°; ( $\pi/2$ ) radians = 90° and so on.

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1 radian

The unit radian is denoted by c (circular measure) and it is customary to omit this symbol c.

Thus, when an angle is denoted as  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , it means that the angle is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  radians where  $\pi$  is the number

#### with approximate value 3.14159.

#### LENGTH OF AN ARC OF A CIRCLE

Consider an arc *PS* of a circle which subtends an angle  $\theta$  ( $\theta$  radians). Let  $\angle POQ = 1$  radian.



Then arc PQ = rIf the length of the arc PS = l, then  $\frac{\angle POS}{\angle POQ} = \frac{\operatorname{arc} PS}{\operatorname{arc} PQ}$ *i.e.*,  $\frac{\theta}{1} = \frac{l}{r}$  or  $l = r\theta$ 



E(0, y

0

P(x, y)

D(x, 0)

### **2 TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS OF AN ANGLE**

The six trigonometric ratios sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, secant and cosecant of an angle  $\theta$ ,  $0^{\circ} < \theta < 90^{\circ}$  are defined as the ratios of two sides of a right-angled triangle with  $\theta$  as one of the angles. However these can be defined through a unit circle more elegantly.

Draw a unit circle and take any two diameters at right angle as

X and Y axes. Taking OX as the initial line, let  $\overrightarrow{OP}$  be the radius vector corresponding to an angle  $\theta$ , where P lies on the unit circle. Let (x, y) be the coordinates of P.

Then by definition :

 $\cos\theta = x$ , the x coordinate of P

$$\sin\theta = y$$
, the y coordinate of P

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}, x \neq 0$$
$$\cot \theta = \frac{x}{y}, y \neq 0$$
$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{x}, x \neq 0$$
$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{y}, y \neq 0$$

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Angles measured anticlockwise from the initial line OX are deemed to be positive and angles measured clockwise are considered to be negative.



Since we can associate a unique radius vector *OP* and a unique point *P* with each angle  $\theta$ , we say *x* and *y* and their ratios are functions of  $\theta$ . This justifies the term trigonometric 'function'. This definition holds good for all angles positive, negative, acute or not acute (irrespective of the magnitude of the angle).

This definition also helps us to write the sine and cosine of four important angles 0°, 90°, 180° and 270° easily.

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 $\begin{array}{ll} \theta = 0^{\circ} & \Rightarrow & A(1, 0) \\ \theta = 90^{\circ} & \Rightarrow & B(0, 1) \\ \theta = 180^{\circ} & \Rightarrow & A'(-1, 0) \\ \theta = 270^{\circ} & \Rightarrow & B'(0, -1) \end{array}$ 





cos0° sin0°	$= 1 \Big\} cos 90^{\circ} =$ $= 0 \int sin 90^{\circ} =$	0 cos18 1∫ sin18	$30^{\circ} = -1$ $30^{\circ} = 0$	$\cos 270^\circ = 0$ $\sin 270^\circ = -1$								
	I quadrant ] II quadrant ] III quadrant ] IV quadrant ]											
sin cosine and sine along is tan gont along is cosing along is												
sin, cosine and > sine alone is > tan gent alone is > cosine alone is >												
tange	nt are positive j po	psitive j p	OSITIVE	j positive	J							
90° →	Point <i>B</i> (0, 1)											
Since,	$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}, x \neq 0, \ ta$	$n90^\circ = \frac{1}{0}$ and h	ence undefin	ed. However, as $\theta$ i	ncreases from 0 to 90°,							
$tan\theta$ increase	s from 0 to $+\infty$ .											
Simila	rly, sec 90°, cot 0°,	cosec 0° are a	Iso undefined	d. 360° and 0° corr	espond to one and the							
same point	A(1, 0). Therefore	ore, the trigo	nometric fu	inctions of 360°	are the same as							
ingono-metric	71000000000000000000000000000000000000	$^{\circ}$ – 1 and tan 30	30° – 0									
Since	$\theta 2\pi + \theta 4\pi + \theta 6\pi$	$+\theta = 2n\pi +$	$\theta$ and $\theta = 2\pi$	$\theta - 4\pi$ $\theta - 6\pi$	$\theta = 2n\pi$ all correspond							
to the same ra	adius vector, the tric	nonometric func	tions of all the	ese angles are the	same as those of $\theta$ .							
∴ si	$n(2n\pi + \theta) = \sin\theta$ ar	nd sin( $\theta - 2n\pi$ ) =	= sinθ									
C	$\cos(2n\pi + \theta) = \cos\theta$	and $\cos(\theta - 2n\pi)$	$) = \cos\theta$									
ta	$an(2n\pi + \theta) = tan\theta a$	nd tan( $\dot{\theta} - 2n\pi$ )	= tan0									
The ra	ange of the trigon	ometric ratios	in the four o	<mark>quadrants</mark> are dep	icted in the following							
table.												
In t	the second quadra	nt Y		In the first quadra	ant							
sine	decreases from	1 to 0	sine	increases from	0 to 1							
cosine	decreases from	0 to -1	cosine	decreases from								
cotongont	docrossos from	$-\infty$ 10 0	cotongont	docroacco from	$0 10 \infty$							
secant	increases from	$0 t0 - \infty$	secant	increases from	∞ t0 0 1 to ∞							
cosecant	increases from	$-\infty$ to $-1$	cosecant	decreases from	$\sim to 1$							
v'		1.00	coscoant									
	In the third quadr	ant		In the fourth quad	rant							
sine	decreases from	0 to -1	sine	increases from	-1 to 0							
cosine	increases from	-1 to 0	cosine	increases from	0 to 1							
tangent	increases from	0 to ∞	tangent	increases from	–∞ to 0							
cotangent	decreases from	∞ to 0	cotangent	decreases from	0 to –∞							
secant	decreases from	_1 to _∞	secant	decreases from	∞ to 1							
cosecant	increases from	_∞ to _1	cosecant	decreases from	-1 to -∞							
			Y'									

#### 2.1 TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS OF $(-\theta)$

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Let OP and OP' be the radii vectors, on the unit circle corresponding to  $\theta$  and  $-\theta$ . If (x, y) are the coordinates of P, then (x, -y) would be the coordinates of P. Now  $\sin\theta = y$  and  $\sin(-\theta) = -y$ Hence,  $sin(-\theta) = -sin\theta$ Similarly,  $\cos(-\theta) = \cos\theta$  and  $\tan(-\theta) = -\tan\theta$ **CIRCULAR FUNCTIONS OF ALLIED ANGLES** When  $\theta$  is an acute angle,  $90^{\circ} - \theta$  is called the angle complementary to  $\theta$ . Trigonometric functions of  $90^{\circ} - \theta$  are related to trigonometric functions of  $\theta$  as follows :  $\sin(90^\circ - \theta) = \cos\theta$  $\csc(90^\circ - \theta) = \sec\theta$ 

 $\sec(90^\circ - \theta) = \csc\theta$  $\cos(90^\circ - \theta) = \sin\theta$ 

 $\tan(90^\circ - \theta) = \cot\theta$ 

 $\cot(90^\circ - \theta) = \tan\theta$ 





When  $\theta$  is acute,  $\theta$  and  $180^\circ - \theta$  are called supplementary angles.

- $sin(180^{\circ} \theta) = sin\theta$   $cosec(180^{\circ} \theta) = cosec\theta$
- $\cos(180^\circ \theta) = -\cos\theta$   $\sec(180^\circ \theta) = -\sec\theta$
- $tan(180^{\circ} \theta) = -tan\theta$   $cot(180^{\circ} \theta) = -cot\theta$

Formulae for functions of :180° +  $\theta$ , 270° -  $\theta$ , 270° +  $\theta$ , 360° -  $\theta$  can all be derived with the help of unit circle definition.

There is an easy way to remember these formulae. First of all think of  $\theta$  as an acute angle. Angles like  $180^\circ \pm \theta$ ,  $360^\circ \pm \theta$ ,  $-\theta$  can be considered as angles associated with the horizontal line, angles like  $90^\circ - \theta$ ,  $90^\circ + \theta$ ,  $270^\circ \mp \theta$  can be considered as angles associated with vertical line. When associated with the horizontal line, the magnitude of the function does not change, whereas when associated with the vertical line the function changes to the corresponding complementary value. For example sin(180° +  $\theta$ ) will be only sin $\theta$  (in magnitude) plus or minus and cos(180° -  $\theta$ ) will be cosine  $\theta$  only in magnitude.

To decide upon the sign, consider the quadrant in which the angle falls and decide the sign by the quadrant rule.

For example,  $sin(180^\circ + \theta)$  is  $sin\theta$  (in magnitude)  $(180^\circ + \theta)$  lies in third quadrant and hence  $sin(180^\circ + \theta)$  is negative.

 $\therefore$  sin (180° +  $\theta$ ) =  $-\sin\theta$ 

Again consider  $cos(360^\circ - \theta)$  : first of all, it should be  $cos\theta$  (in magnitude); since  $(360^\circ - \theta)$  lies in IV quadrant, its cosine is positive.

 $\therefore \quad \cos(360^\circ - \theta) = \cos\theta.$ 

Again consider tan  $(90^\circ + \theta)$ : This should be  $\cot\theta$  and must have a negative sign since  $(90^\circ + \theta)$  is in II quadrant and hence tan  $(90^\circ + \theta)$  is negative.

 $\therefore$  tan (90° +  $\theta$ ) = -cot $\theta$ 

TABLE OF FORMULAE FOR ALLIED ANGLES

	<b>180°</b> – θ	1 <b>80° +</b> θ	<b>360°</b> – θ	- θ	<b>90°</b> – θ	<b>90° +</b> θ	<b>270°</b> – θ	<b>270°</b> + θ
sin	sinθ	– sinθ	$-\sin\theta$	– sinθ	cosθ	cosθ	$-\cos\theta$	$-\cos\theta$
COS	$-\cos\theta$	– cosθ	cosθ	cosθ	sinθ	_sinθ	–sinθ	sinθ
tan	-tanθ	tanθ	–tanθ	-tanθ	cotθ	−cotθ	cotθ	-cotθ

These formulae are not memorized but derived as and when the occasion demands according to the rule explained above.

Trigonometric ratios of 30°, 45° and 60° are of great importance in solving problems on heights and distances. These along with 0° and 90° are written in tabular form and remembered.

ANGLE	0°	30°	45°	60°	90°
sine	0	1/2	1/ √2	$\sqrt{3}/2$	1
cosine	1	$\sqrt{3}/2$	1/ √2	1/2	0
tangent	0	1/ √3	1	$\sqrt{3}$	undefined
cotangent	undefined	$\sqrt{3}$	1	1/ √3	0
secant	1	2/ \sqrt{3}	$\sqrt{2}$	2	undefined
cosecant	undefined	2	$\sqrt{2}$	2/ \sqrt{3}	1

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2.3 SOME IMPORTANT FACTS The following may be noted





- (i) For any power *n*,  $(\sin A)^n$  is written as  $\sin^n A$ . Similarly for all other trigonometric ratios.
- (ii) cosecA, secA and cotA are respectively the reciprocals of sinA, cosA and tanA.
- (iii)  $\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$ ; 1 +  $\tan^2 A = \sec^2 A$  and 1 +  $\cot^2 A = \csc^2 A$ .
- (iv) secA tanA and secA + tanA are reciprocals. So also are cosecA cotA and cosecA + cotA.

Whenever secA or tanA is thought of for an angle A, it is necessary to stress that,  $A \neq \pi/2$ 

particularly, and generally  $A \neq n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}$  ( $n \in N$ , where **N** is the set of natural numbers).

(v) 
$$|\sin A| \le 1 \Rightarrow -1 \le \sin A \le 1$$
  
 $|\cos A| \le 1 \Rightarrow -1 \le \cos A \le 1$   
 $|\csc A| \ge 1 \Rightarrow \csc A \ge 1 \text{ or } \csc A \le -1$   
 $|\sec A| \ge 1 \Rightarrow \sec A \ge 1 \text{ or } \sec A \le -1$   
 $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - A\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + A\right) = \cos A$   
(vi)  $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - A\right) = -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + A\right) = \sin A$   
 $\sin(\pi - A) = -\sin(\pi + A) = \sin A$   
 $\cos(\pi - A) = \cos(\pi + A) = -\cos A$ 

$$\tan(\pi - A) = -\tan(\pi + A) = -\tan A$$

(vii) The trigonometric ratios are also called as trigonometric functions. They are also sometimes called circular functions.

The trigonometric functions, apart from possessing many other properties exhibit a property of the values being repeated when the angle is changed (increased or decreased) by a constant value. Such a property is referred to as periodicity.

Thus  $\sin x = \sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin(x + 4\pi)$ 

= sin( $x - 2\pi$ ) = sin( $x + 2k\pi$ ), k an integer.

 $\cos x = \cos(x + 2\pi) = \cos(x + 4\pi)$ 

 $= \cos(x - 2\pi) = \cos(x + 2k\pi)$ , k an integer.

Hence both sinx and cosx are periodic functions of period  $2\pi$  radians. From (v), it is clear that they are also bounded functions.

cosec x and sec x, whenever they exist, are also periodic of period  $2\pi$  radians. tan x and cot x, when they exist, are periodic of period  $\pi$  radians.

tan x, sec x, cosec x and cot x are unbounded functions.

### 2.4 GRAPH OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

**Graph of**  $y = \sin x$ 

<b>!</b>	Them the knowledge of ingenemetry we compute the following table .												
x	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	π	$\frac{7\pi}{6}$	$\frac{4\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{5\pi}{3}$	$\frac{11\pi}{6}$	2π
sin <i>x</i>	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	<u>1</u> 2	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	-1	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0





 $y = \sin x$ 



Graph	of y	Y = COS X
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x	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	π	$\frac{7\pi}{6}$	$\frac{4\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{5\pi}{3}$	$\frac{11\pi}{6}$	2π
cosx	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	<u>1</u> 2	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$	-1	$\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	<u>1</u> 2	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1



Graph of  $y = \tan x$ 

x	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	π
tanx	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$	- \sqrt{3}	-1	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0



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G	aph of y	$= \cot x$							
	x	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	π
	cotx	undefined	$\sqrt{3}$	1	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	-1	$-\sqrt{3}$	undefined





### **3 CIRCULAR FUNCTIONS OF COMPOUND ANGLES**

An equation involving trigonometric functions, which is true for all those values of  $\theta$  for which the functions are defined is called a trigonometric identity, otherwise it is a trigonometric equation. We shall now derive some results which are useful in simplifying trigonometric equations. *To* 











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

#### 3.2 SUBTRACTION FORMULAE

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

...(ii)

...(i)

These formulae can be derived with the help of elementary geometry. The subtraction formulae can be derived from the addition formulae by replacing B by -B.

#### Function of (A + B + C)

1.  $sin(A + B + C) = \Sigma sinA cosB cosC - sinA sinB sinC$  **Proof**:  $sin\{A + (B + C)\} = sinA \cdot cos(B + C) + cosA.sin(B + C)$  $= sinA\{cosB cosC - sinB sinC\}$ 

 $+\cos A \{\sin B \cos C + \cos B \sin C\}$ 

...(iii)

$$= \sum \sin A \cos B \cos C - \sin A \sin B \sin C$$

- 2.  $\cos(A + B + C) = \cos A \cos B \cos C \sum \cos A \sin B \sin C$ Proof is similar to that of the previous formula.
- 3.  $\tan (A + B + C) = \frac{\sum \tan A \tan A \tan B \tan C}{2}$

$$1-\Sigma \tan B \tan \theta$$

 $Proof: \tan(A+B+C) = \tan\{A+(B+C)\} = \frac{\tan A + \tan(B+C)}{1-\tan A \cdot \tan(B+C)} = \frac{\tan A + \frac{\tan B + \tan C}{1-\tan B \tan C}}{1-\tan B \tan C}$ 

 $= \frac{(\tan A + \tan B + \tan C) - \tan A \tan B \tan C}{1 - (\tan A \tan B + \tan B + \tan C) + \tan C \tan A} = \frac{S_1 - S_3}{1 - S_2}$ where  $S_r = \text{sum of the products (of tangents) taken } r \text{ at a time.}$ 

#### 3.4 MULTIPLE ANGLE FORMULAE

#### 3.4.1 Functions of 2A

(i) sin2A = 2sinA cosA

(ii) 
$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A = 2 \cos^2 A - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 A$$

(iii) 
$$\tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{4 \tan^2 A}$$

 $1 - \tan^2 A$ 

These are special cases of the addition formulae by taking B = A. The formulae for cos2A leads to two results whose application occurs often in problems.

$$1 + \cos 2A = 2\cos^2 A \text{ and } 1 - \cos 2A = 2\sin^2 A$$

Besides these, 
$$\sin 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 + \tan^2 A}$$
 and  $\cos 2A = \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A}$   
If A be replaced by  $\frac{A}{2}$ , these formulae reduce to

(i) 
$$\sin A = 2\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$$



(ii) 
$$\cos A = \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$
  
 $= 2\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$   
(iii)  $\tan A = = \frac{2\tan \frac{A}{2}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}$ 

3.4.2 Functions of 3A

(i)  $\sin 3A = 3\sin A - 4\sin^3 A$ 

**Proof:**  $\sin 3A = \sin(2A + A) = \sin 2A \cos A + \cos 2A \sin A$ 

 $= 2\sin A \cos^2 A + \sin A (1 - 2 \sin^2 A)$ 

 $= 3\sin A - 4\sin^3 A$ 

(ii) 
$$\cos 3A = 4\cos^3 A - 3\cos A$$

**Proof**:  $\cos 3A = \cos(2A + A) = \cos 2A \cdot \cos A - \sin 2A \sin A$ 

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

$$= (2\cos^2 A - 1)\cos A - 2\cos A (1 - \cos^2 A)$$

$$= 4\cos^3 A - 3\cos^2 A$$

(iii) 
$$\tan 3A = \frac{3\tan A - \tan^3 A}{1 - 3\tan^2 A}$$

**Proof:** 
$$\tan 3A = \frac{\tan 2A + \tan A}{1 - \tan 2A \tan A} = \frac{\frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A} + \tan A}{1 - \frac{2 \tan^2 A}{1 - \tan^2 A}} = \frac{3 \tan A - \tan^3 A}{1 - 3 \tan^2 A}$$

Note: This formula can be derived from the expansion of  $tan(A + B + C) = \frac{S_1 - S_3}{1 - S_2}$  by taking B = C = A.

#### 3.5 EXPRESSING PRODUCTS OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS AS SUM OR DIFFERENCE

- (i)  $2\sin A \cos B = \sin(A + B) + \sin(A B)$
- (ii)  $2\cos A \sin B = \sin(A + B) \sin(A B)$
- (iii)  $2\cos A \cos B = \cos(A + B) + \cos(A B)$
- (iv)  $2\sin A \sin B = \cos(A B) \cos(A + B)$

The above four formulae can be obtained by expanding the right hand side and simplifying.

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**Note** : In the fourth formula, there is a change in the pattern. Angle (A - B) comes first and (A + B) later. In the first quadrant, the greater the angle, the less the cosine. Hence cosine of the smaller angle is written first [to get a positive result].

#### 3.7 SOME MORE RESULTS

• 
$$\sin(A + B) \times \sin(A - B) = \sin^2 A - \sin^2 B$$

• 
$$\cos(A + B) \times \cos(A - B) = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 B$$

• 
$$\sin 18^\circ = \frac{(\sqrt{5}-1)}{4} = \cos 72^\circ$$

• 
$$\cos 18^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}}{4} = \sin 72^\circ$$



• 
$$\cos 36^\circ = \frac{(\sqrt{5}+1)}{4} = \sin 54^\circ$$

• 
$$\sin 36^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{4} = \cos 54^\circ$$

• 
$$\tan 22\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} = (\sqrt{2} - 1)$$

### **Triple Angle Formulae**

- $\sin\theta \sin(60^\circ \theta) \sin(60^\circ + \theta) = \frac{1}{4}\sin 3\theta$
- $\cos\theta \cos(60^\circ \theta) \cos(60^\circ + \theta) = \frac{1}{4}\cos 3\theta$ •
- $\tan\theta \tan(60^\circ \theta) \tan(60^\circ + \theta) = \tan 3\theta$

#### **CONDITIONAL TRIGONOMETRICAL IDENTITIES**

#### 4.1 **IDENTITIES**

A trigonometric equation is an identity if it is true for all values of the angle or angles involved.

4.2 **CONDITIONAL IDENTITIES** When the angles involved satisfy a given relation, the identity is called conditional identity. In proving these identities we require properties of complementary and supplementary angles.

#### 4.3 SOME IMPORTANT CONDITIONAL IDENTITIES

If  $A + B + C = \pi$ , then

- $\tan A + \tan B + \tan C = \tan A \tan B \tan C$ •
- $\cot A \cot B + \cot B \cot C + \cot C \cot A = 1$ •
- $\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C = 4 \sin A \sin B \sin C$
- $\cos 2A + \cos 2B + \cos 2C = -1 4 \cos A \cos B \cos C$
- $\cos^2 A + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 C = 1 2 \cos A \cos B \cos C$

• 
$$\cos A + \cos B + \cos C = 1 + 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}$$

• 
$$\tan\frac{A}{2}\tan\frac{B}{2}+\tan\frac{B}{2}\tan\frac{C}{2}+\tan\frac{C}{2}\tan\frac{A}{2}=$$

• 
$$\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} = \cot \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2}$$

#### SOME OTHER USEFUL RESULTS 4.4

 $\sin \alpha + \sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots$  to *n* terms =  $\frac{\sin[\alpha + (n-1)\beta/2]\sin(n\beta/2)}{\sin(n\beta/2)}$ 1.

2. 
$$\cos \alpha + \cos(\alpha + \beta) + \cos(\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots$$
 to *n* terms  
=  $\frac{\cos[\alpha + (n-1)\beta/2]\sin(n\beta/2)}{\sin(\beta/2)}$ .

3. 
$$\sin\frac{A}{2} + \cos\frac{A}{2} = \pm\sqrt{1+\sin A}$$

$$4. \quad \sin\frac{A}{2} - \cos\frac{A}{2} = \pm\sqrt{1 - \sin A}$$



5. 
$$\sin A \pm \cos A = \sqrt{2} \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \pm A\right) = \sqrt{2} \cos \left(A \mp \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

6. 
$$\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma + \cos (\alpha + \beta + \gamma) = 4 \cos \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\beta + \gamma}{2} \cos \frac{\gamma + \alpha}{2}$$

7. 
$$\sin\alpha + \sin\beta + \sin\gamma - \sin(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) = 4\sin\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\sin\frac{\beta + \gamma}{2}\sin\frac{\gamma + \alpha}{2}$$

8. If *A*, *B*, *C* are the angles of a triangle (or  $A + B + C = \pi$ ), then the result (1) implies  $\Sigma \sin A \cos B \cos C = \Pi \sin A$ . Result (2)  $\Rightarrow \Sigma \cos A \sin B \sin C = 1 + \Pi \cos A$ 

Result (3) 
$$\Rightarrow \Sigma \tan A = \Pi \tan A$$

Putting  $\alpha = A$ ,  $\beta = B$  and  $\gamma = C$  in result (9) and (10),

we get 
$$\Sigma \cos A = 1 + 4\Pi \cos \frac{A}{2}$$

and  $\Sigma \sin A = 4\Pi \cos \frac{A}{2}$  respectively. Putting A/2, B/2, C/2 in place of A, B, C respectively in result (3), and utilizing  $A + B + C = \pi$ , we get,

$$\Sigma \tan \frac{B}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2} = 1$$

For a triangle we can also show that  $\Sigma \cot B \cot C = 1$ ;  $\Sigma \cot \frac{A}{2} = \Pi \cot \frac{A}{2}$ ;  $\Sigma \sin 2A = 4\Pi \sin A$ ;  $\Sigma \cos 2A = -1 - 4\Pi \cos A$ ;  $\Sigma \cos^2 A = -1 - 2\Pi \cos A$ , etc.

#### **BOUNDS OF THE EXPRESSION:** $acos\theta + bsin\theta$

$$a\cos\theta + b\sin\theta = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \left( \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos\theta + \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin\theta \right)$$
  
$$= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} (\sin\alpha \cos\theta + \cos\alpha \sin\theta)$$
  
$$= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \sin(\theta + \alpha), \text{ where } \tan\alpha = \frac{a}{b}$$
  
Also,  $a\cos\theta + b\sin\theta = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cos(\theta - \beta), \text{ where } \tan\beta = \frac{b}{a}$   
and hence,  $-\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \le a \cos\theta + b\sin\theta \le \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$   
Thus the expression  $a\cos\theta + b\sin\theta$  is bounded above by  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  and bounded below  
by  $-\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ .





