

CAT- Practice Problems  
 Trig sections 5.5-5.6

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$$\frac{\sqrt{2-\sqrt{2}}}{2}$$

1. Find the exact value of  $\sin 22.5^\circ$  using the **half-angle** identity.

2. Find the exact value of  $\tan 75^\circ$  using **each** half-angle identity listed for tangent.

a.  $2 + \sqrt{3}$  OR  $\sqrt{7 + 4\sqrt{3}}$

$$\tan \frac{x}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}}$$

$$\tan \frac{150}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 150}{1 + \cos 150}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - (-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})}{1 + (-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2 - \sqrt{3}}}$$

$$\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}} \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{(2 + \sqrt{3})^2} = 2 + \sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2 - \sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}}}{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}}} = \frac{2 + \sqrt{3} + 2 + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{4 - 9}} = 1$$

b.  $2 + \sqrt{3}$

$$\tan \frac{x}{2} = \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x}$$

$$\tan \frac{150}{2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 + (-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})} \cdot \frac{2}{2} = \frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2 + \sqrt{3}} = \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{4 - 3} = \boxed{2 + \sqrt{3}}$$

c.  $2 + \sqrt{3}$

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$\frac{\pi}{2} < \frac{n}{2} < \frac{3\pi}{2}$   
 $90 < n < 135$

3. Given  $\cos n = \frac{-3}{7}$  with  $\pi < n < \frac{3\pi}{2}$ , find  $\sin \frac{n}{2}$ ,  $\cos \frac{n}{2}$ , and  $\tan \frac{n}{2}$ . (In which quadrant does  $n/2$  lie?)

a.  $\sin \frac{n}{2} = \frac{+\sqrt{35}}{7}$

$$\sin \frac{n}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos n}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{-3}{7}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{7+3}{7}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{7+3}{14}} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{7} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}}}$$

b.  $\cos \frac{n}{2} = \frac{-\sqrt{14}}{7}$

$$\cos \frac{n}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos n}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{-3}{7}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{7-3}{7}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{7-3}{14}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{7} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{7}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{\sqrt{14}}{7}$$

c.  $\tan \frac{n}{2} = \frac{-\sqrt{10}}{2}$

$$\tan \frac{n}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos n}{\sin n} = \frac{1 - \frac{-3}{7}}{\frac{-2\sqrt{10}}{7}} = \frac{\frac{7+3}{7}}{\frac{-2\sqrt{10}}{7}} = \frac{7+3}{-2\sqrt{10}} = \frac{10}{-2\sqrt{10}} = \frac{5}{-\sqrt{10}} = \frac{5}{-\sqrt{10}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{-5\sqrt{10}}{10} = \frac{-\sqrt{10}}{2}$$

$\cos^2 n + \sin^2 n = 1$   
 $\frac{9}{49} + \sin^2 n = 1$   
 $\sqrt{\sin^2 n} = \sqrt{\frac{40}{49}} = \frac{2\sqrt{10}}{7}$

4. Simplify each expression using the half-angle identities.

a.  $\pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 8x}{2}}$

b.  $\pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 9B}{1 + \cos 9B}}$

$\sin 4x$

$\tan \frac{9B}{2}$

5. Verify that the equation is an identity:  $\tan^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{\sec x + \cos x - 2}{\sec x - \cos x}$

1.  $\frac{\frac{1}{\cos x} + \cos x - 2}{\frac{1}{\cos x} - \cos x} \cdot \frac{\cos x}{\cos x}$

2.  $\frac{1 + \cos^2 x - 2\cos x + 1}{1 - \cos^2 x}$

3.  $\frac{(\cos x - 1)(\cos x - 1)}{(1 - \cos x)(1 + \cos x)}$

4.  $\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}$

5.  $\tan^2 \frac{x}{2} = \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}$

1. Reciprocal Id

2. multiply by 1 ( $\frac{\cos x}{\cos x}$ )

3. factor

4. Simplify

5. Half Angle Identity

$x^2 - 2x + 1$   
 $(x-1)(x-1)$   
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6. Write  $\cos(3x)$  in terms of  $\cos x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2x+x) &= \cos 2x \cos x - \sin 2x \sin x \\ &= (2\cos^2 x - 1)\cos x - (2\sin x \cos x)\sin x \\ &= 2\cos^3 x - \cos x - 2\sin^2 x \cos x \\ &= 2\cos^3 x - \cos x - 2\cos x(1 - \cos^2 x) \\ &= 2\cos^3 x - \cos x - 2\cos x + 2\cos^3 x \\ &= 4\cos^3 x - 3\cos x \end{aligned}$$

7. Given  $\sin \theta = \frac{8}{17}$ , and  $\cos \theta < 0$  (is negative!), find  $\sin 2\theta$ ,  $\cos 2\theta$ , and  $\tan 2\theta$ .

$\sin 2\theta = -240/289$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2\theta &= 2\sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= 2\left(\frac{8}{17}\right)\left(-\frac{15}{17}\right) \end{aligned} \quad \left(\frac{8}{17}\right)^2 + \cos^2 = 1$$

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{15}{17}$$

$\cos 2\theta = 161/289$

$$\cos 2\theta = 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta = 1 - 2\left(\frac{8}{17}\right)^2$$

$\tan 2\theta = -240/161$

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2\tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = \frac{2 \cdot \frac{-8}{15}}{1 - \left(\frac{-8}{15}\right)^2} = \frac{-\frac{16}{15}}{\frac{64}{225} - 1} = \frac{-\frac{16}{15}}{-\frac{161}{225}} = \frac{-16 \cdot 225}{15 \cdot 161} = \frac{-240}{161}$$

8. Find the value of the 6 trig functions of  $\theta$  if  $\cos 2\theta = \frac{-12}{13}$  and  $180^\circ < \theta < 270^\circ$ .

Hint: use one of the  $\cos 2x$  identities first!

$\cos \theta = \frac{-\sqrt{26}}{26}$	$\sec \theta = -\sqrt{26}$
$\sin \theta = \frac{-5\sqrt{26}}{26}$	$\csc \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{26}}{5}$
$\tan \theta = 5$	$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{5}$

$$2\cos^2 \theta - 1 = \frac{-12}{13}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\frac{-5\sqrt{26}}{26}}{\frac{-\sqrt{26}}{26}} = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta &= \frac{-12}{13} \Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta = \frac{25}{26} \\ \sin \theta &= -\frac{5\sqrt{26}}{26} \end{aligned}$$