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7.1) Addition formulae

Worked example

Given that

$$\sin(A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$$

find $\sin(A - B)$

Given that

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

find $\cos(A - B)$

Your turn

Given that

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

find $\tan(A - B)$

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

Worked example

Use the formulae for $\sin(A - B)$ and $\cos(A - B)$ to prove that

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

Your turn

Use the formulae for $\sin(A + B)$ and $\cos(A + B)$ to prove that

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

Proof

Worked example

Given that $3 \sin(x - y) = 2 \cos(x + y)$
express $\tan x$ in terms of $\tan y$.

Your turn

Given that $2 \sin(x + y) = 3 \cos(x - y)$
express $\tan x$ in terms of $\tan y$.

$$\tan x = \frac{3 - 2 \tan y}{2 - 3 \tan y}$$

Worked example

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

$$\sin 30^\circ \cos 60^\circ + \cos 30^\circ \sin 60^\circ$$

$$\cos 20^\circ \cos 25^\circ - \sin 20^\circ \sin 25^\circ$$

$$\frac{\tan \frac{\pi}{18} + \tan \frac{\pi}{9}}{1 - \tan \frac{\pi}{18} \tan \frac{\pi}{9}}$$

Your turn

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

$$\sin 60^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \cos 60^\circ \sin 30^\circ$$

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos 70^\circ \cos 25^\circ + \sin 70^\circ \sin 25^\circ$$

$$\cos 45^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\frac{\tan \frac{13\pi}{36} - \tan \frac{\pi}{9}}{1 + \tan \frac{13\pi}{36} \tan \frac{\pi}{9}}$$

$$\tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

Worked example

Write in the form $\sin(x \pm \theta)$ or $\cos(x \pm \theta)$ where $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$:

$$\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} \sin x + \cos x)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} \cos x - \sin x)$$

Your turn

Write in the form $\sin(x \pm \theta)$ or $\cos(x \pm \theta)$ where $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$:

$$\frac{1}{2}(\sin x - \sqrt{3} \cos x)$$

$$\sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

Worked example

Given that $\tan\left(x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$ evaluate $\tan x$

Given that $\tan\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$ evaluate $\tan x$

Your turn

Given that $\tan\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$ evaluate $\tan x$

$$\tan x = -\frac{1}{3}$$

7.2) Using the angle addition formulae [Chapter CONTENTS](#)

Worked example

Using the trigonometric angle addition formulae find:

$$\sin 75^\circ$$

$$\tan 75^\circ$$

Your turn

Using the trigonometric angle addition formulae find:

$$\cos 75^\circ$$
$$\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

Worked example

Using the trigonometric angle addition formulae find:

$$\sin 15^\circ$$

$$\tan 15^\circ$$

Your turn

Using the trigonometric angle addition formulae find:

$$\cos 15^\circ$$
$$\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

Worked example

Using the trigonometric angle addition formulae evaluate:

$$\sin 30^\circ \cos 60^\circ + \cos 30^\circ \sin 60^\circ$$

$$\cos 20^\circ \cos 25^\circ - \sin 20^\circ \sin 25^\circ$$

$$\frac{\tan \frac{\pi}{18} + \tan \frac{\pi}{9}}{1 - \tan \frac{\pi}{18} \tan \frac{\pi}{9}}$$

Your turn

Using the trigonometric angle addition formulae evaluate:

$$\sin 60^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \cos 60^\circ \sin 30^\circ$$

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos 70^\circ \cos 25^\circ + \sin 70^\circ \sin 25^\circ$$

$$\cos 45^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\frac{\tan \frac{13\pi}{36} - \tan \frac{\pi}{9}}{1 + \tan \frac{13\pi}{36} \tan \frac{\pi}{9}}$$

$$\tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

Worked example

Given that:

$$\sin A = \frac{8}{17} \text{ and } 0^\circ < A < 90^\circ, \text{ and}$$

$$\cos B = -\frac{4}{5}, B \text{ is obtuse,}$$

find the value of $\cos(A + B)$

Your turn

Given that:

$$\sin A = -\frac{3}{5} \text{ and } 180^\circ < A < 270^\circ, \text{ and}$$

$$\cos B = -\frac{12}{13}, B \text{ is obtuse,}$$

find the value of $\cos(A - B)$

$$\frac{33}{65}$$

Worked example

Given that:

$$\sin A = \frac{8}{17} \text{ and } 0^\circ < A < 90^\circ, \text{ and}$$

$$\cos B = -\frac{4}{5}, B \text{ is obtuse,}$$

find the value of $\tan(A - B)$

Your turn

Given that:

$$\sin A = -\frac{3}{5} \text{ and } 180^\circ < A < 270^\circ, \text{ and}$$

$$\cos B = -\frac{12}{13}, B \text{ is obtuse,}$$

find the value of $\tan(A + B)$

$$\frac{16}{63}$$

Worked example

Given that:

$$\sin A = \frac{8}{17} \text{ and } 0^\circ < A < 90^\circ, \text{ and}$$

$$\cos B = -\frac{4}{5}, B \text{ is obtuse,}$$

find the value of $\sec(A - B)$

Your turn

Given that:

$$\sin A = -\frac{3}{5} \text{ and } 180^\circ < A < 270^\circ, \text{ and}$$

$$\cos B = -\frac{12}{13}, B \text{ is obtuse,}$$

find the value of $\operatorname{cosec}(A + B)$

$$\frac{65}{16}$$

Worked example

Given that

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

show that $\tan x = 3 \tan 50^\circ$

Your turn

Given that

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

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

Shown

7.3) Double-angle formulae

Worked example

Using the trigonometric angle addition formulae, derive:

$$\sin 2x$$

$$\tan 2x$$

Your turn

Using the trigonometric angle addition formulae find:

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

Worked example

Using $\cos 2x \equiv \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$, express $\cos 2x$ using only terms of $\cos^2 x$ and constants

Your turn

Using $\cos 2x \equiv \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$, express $\cos 2x$ using only terms of $\sin^2 x$ and constants

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

Worked example

Use the double-angle formulae to write as a single trigonometric ratio:

$$\cos^2 50^\circ - \sin^2 50^\circ$$

$$2 \cos^2 \frac{2\pi}{9} - 1$$

$$1 - 2 \sin^2 30^\circ$$

Your turn

Use the double-angle formulae to write as a single trigonometric ratio:

$$\cos^2 15^\circ - \sin^2 15^\circ$$

$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$2 \cos^2 22.5^\circ - 1$$

$$\cos 45^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

Worked example

Use the double-angle formulae to write as a single trigonometric ratio:

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

$$4 \cos^2 3x - 2$$

$$3 - 6 \sin^2 4x$$

Your turn

Use the double-angle formulae to write as a single trigonometric ratio:

$$\cos^2 5x - \sin^2 5x$$

$$\cos 10x$$

$$8 \cos^2 6x - 4$$

$$4 \cos 12x$$

$$5 - 10 \sin^2 7x$$

$$5 \cos 14x$$

Worked example

Use the double-angle formulae to write as a single trigonometric ratio:

$$2 \sin 45^\circ \cos 45^\circ$$

$$4 \sin \frac{\pi}{12} \cos \frac{\pi}{12}$$

$$7 \sin 5x \cos 5x$$

Your turn

Use the double-angle formulae to write as a single trigonometric ratio:

$$2 \sin 30^\circ \cos 30^\circ$$

$$\sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$8 \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$16 \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 16$$

$$5 \sin 7x \cos 7x$$

$$10 \sin 14x$$

Worked example

Use the double-angle formulae to write as a single trigonometric ratio:

$$\frac{2 \tan 30^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 30^\circ}$$

$$\frac{2 \tan \frac{\pi}{12}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{12}}$$

$$\frac{4 \tan 6x}{1 - \tan^2 6x}$$

Your turn

Use the double-angle formulae to write as a single trigonometric ratio:

$$\frac{2 \tan 22.5^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 22.5^\circ}$$

$$\tan 45^\circ = 1$$

$$\frac{2 \tan \frac{\pi}{4}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$0$$

$$\frac{6 \tan 4x}{1 - \tan^2 4x}$$

$$3 \tan 8x$$

Worked example

Use the double-angle formulae to write as a single trigonometric ratio:

$$\frac{8 \sin 22.5^\circ}{\sec 22.5^\circ}$$

$$\frac{6 \cos \frac{\pi}{4}}{\operatorname{cosec} \frac{\pi}{4}}$$

Your turn

Use the double-angle formulae to write as a single trigonometric ratio:

$$\frac{4 \sin 30^\circ}{\sec 30^\circ}$$

$$2 \sin 60^\circ = \sqrt{3}$$

Worked example

Given that

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

Given that

$x = 5 \cos \theta$ and $y = 6 - 7 \cos 2\theta$,
eliminate θ and express y in terms of x .

Your turn

Given that

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

$$y = \frac{8x^2}{9} - 1$$

Worked example

Given that $\cos x = \frac{5}{8}$ and x is acute, find the exact value of

(a) $\sin 2x$ (b) $\tan 2x$

Your turn

Given that $\cos x = \frac{3}{4}$ and x is acute, find the exact value of

(a) $\sin 2x$ (b) $\tan 2x$

(a) $\frac{3\sqrt{7}}{8}$

(b) $3\sqrt{7}$

Worked example

Using the double-angle formulae, evaluate:

$$\left(\sin \frac{\pi}{3} + \cos \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\left(\sin \frac{\pi}{4} - \cos \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2$$

Your turn

Using the double-angle formulae, evaluate:

$$\left(\sin \frac{\pi}{6} + \cos \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Worked example

Given that $0 < \theta < \pi$, find the value of $\tan \frac{\theta}{2}$ when $\tan \theta = -\frac{3}{4}$

Your turn

Given that $\pi < \theta < \frac{3\pi}{2}$, find the value of $\tan \frac{\theta}{2}$ when $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$

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7.4) Solving trigonometric equations [Chapter CONTENTS](#)

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$8 \sin(\theta + 60^\circ) = 4\sqrt{2} \cos \theta$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$4 \sin(\theta + 30^\circ) = 8\sqrt{2} \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = 69.6^\circ, 249.6^\circ (1 \text{ dp})$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$8 \cos(\theta - 60^\circ) = 4\sqrt{2} \sin \theta$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$4 \cos(\theta - 30^\circ) = 8\sqrt{2} \sin \theta$$

$$\theta = 20.4^\circ, 200.4^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$3 \cos 2x + \cos x + 2 = 0$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$3 \cos 2x - \cos x + 2 = 0$$

$$x = 60.0^\circ, 109.5^\circ, 250.5^\circ, 300.0^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$3 \cos 2x - \sin x - 2 = 0$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$3 \cos 2x + \sin x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = 30.0^\circ, 150.0^\circ, 199.5^\circ, 340.5^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$5 \sin 2x + 4 \sin x = 0$$

$$4 \sin 2x - 5 \cos x = 0$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$5 \sin 2x - 4 \sin x = 0$$

$$x = 0.0^\circ, 66.4^\circ, 180.0^\circ, 199.5^\circ, 293.6^\circ, 360.0^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq y \leq 2\pi$:
 $3 \tan 2y \tan y = 2$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq y \leq 2\pi$:
 $2 \tan 2y \tan y = 3$

$$y = 0.58, 2.56, 3.72, 5.70 \text{ (2 dp)}$$

Worked example

- a) Show that $\cos(3A) = 4 \cos^3 A - 3 \cos A$.
- b) Hence or otherwise, solve, for $0 < \theta < 2\pi$, the equation $12 \cos \theta - 16 \cos^3 \theta - 2\sqrt{3} = 0$

Your turn

- a) Show that $\sin(3A) = 3 \sin A - 4 \sin^3 A$.
- b) Hence or otherwise, solve, for $0 < \theta < 2\pi$, the equation $16 \sin^3 \theta - 12 \sin \theta - 2\sqrt{3} = 0$

a) Shown

b) $\theta = \frac{4\pi}{9}, \frac{5\pi}{9}, \frac{10\pi}{9}, \frac{11\pi}{9}, \frac{16\pi}{9}, \frac{17\pi}{9}$

7.5) Simplifying $a \cos x \pm b \sin x$

Worked example

Express $5 \sin x + 12 \cos x$ in the form:
 $R \sin(x + \alpha)$, $R > 0$, $0 < \alpha < 90^\circ$

Your turn

Express $3 \sin x + 4 \cos x$ in the form:
 $R \sin(x + \alpha)$, $R > 0$, $0 < \alpha < 90^\circ$

$$5 \sin(x + 53.1^\circ)$$

Worked example

Express $5 \sin x + 12 \cos x$ in the form:
 $R \cos(x - \alpha), R > 0, 0 < \alpha < 90^\circ$

Your turn

Express $3 \sin x + 4 \cos x$ in the form:
 $R \cos(x - \alpha), R > 0, 0 < \alpha < 90^\circ$

$$5 \cos(x - 36.9^\circ)$$

Worked example

Express $5 \sin x + 12 \cos x$ in the form:
 $R \sin(x - \alpha), R > 0, 0 < \alpha < 180^\circ$

Your turn

Express $3 \sin x + 4 \cos x$ in the form:
 $R \sin(x - \alpha), R > 0, 0 < \alpha < 180^\circ$

$$5 \sin(x + 126.9^\circ)$$

Worked example

Express $5 \sin x + 12 \cos x$ in the form:
 $R \cos(x + \alpha), R > 0, 0 < \alpha < 180^\circ$

Your turn

Express $3 \sin x + 4 \cos x$ in the form:
 $R \cos(x + \alpha), R > 0, 0 < \alpha < 180^\circ$

$$5 \cos(x + 143.1^\circ)$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 < \theta < 360^\circ$:

$$5 \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta = 3$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 < \theta < 360^\circ$:

$$2 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta = 3$$

$$\theta = 12.1^\circ, 124.3^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta < 180^\circ$:

$$5 \sin 3\theta - 12 \cos 3\theta = 1$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta < 180^\circ$:

$$3 \sin 3\theta - 4 \cos 3\theta = 1$$

$$\theta = 21.6^\circ, 73.9^\circ, 141.6^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta < 180^\circ$:

$$5 \cos 3\theta - 12 \sin 3\theta = 1$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta < 180^\circ$:

$$3 \cos 3\theta - 4 \sin 3\theta = 1$$

$$\theta = 8.4^\circ, 76.1^\circ, 128.4^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta < 360^\circ$:

$$\cot \theta + 4 = \operatorname{cosec} \theta$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta < 360^\circ$:

$$\cot \theta + 3 = \operatorname{cosec} \theta$$

$$\theta = 143.1^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Find the maximum value and the smallest positive value of θ at which the maximum occurs for:

$$4 \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta$$

Your turn

Find the maximum value and the smallest positive value of θ at which the maximum occurs for:

$$12 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta$$

Maximum = 13 when $\theta = 22.6^\circ$ (1 dp)

Worked example

Find the minimum value and the smallest positive value of θ at which the minimum occurs for:

$$4 \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta$$

Your turn

Find the minimum value and the smallest positive value of θ at which the minimum occurs for:

$$12 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta$$

Minimum = -13 when $\theta = 202.6^\circ$ (1 dp)

Worked example

Find the maximum value and the smallest positive value of θ at which the maximum occurs for:

$$\frac{5}{7 + 4 \cos \theta - 3 \sin \theta}$$

Your turn

Find the maximum value and the smallest positive value of θ at which the maximum occurs for:

$$\frac{3}{17 + 12 \cos \theta - 5 \sin \theta}$$

Maximum = $\frac{3}{4}$ when $\theta = 157.4^\circ$ (1 dp)

Worked example

Find the minimum value and the smallest positive value of θ at which the minimum occurs for:

$$\frac{5}{7 + 4 \cos \theta - 3 \sin \theta}$$

Your turn

Find the minimum value and the smallest positive value of θ at which the minimum occurs for:

$$\frac{3}{17 + 12 \cos \theta - 5 \sin \theta}$$

$$\text{Minimum} = \frac{1}{10} \text{ when } \theta = 337.4^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

7.6) Proving trigonometric identities [Chapter CONTENTS](#)

Worked example

Prove that:

$$\cot 2\theta \equiv \frac{\cot \theta - \tan \theta}{2}$$

Your turn

Prove that:

$$\tan 2\theta \equiv \frac{2}{\cot \theta - \tan \theta}$$

Proof

Worked example

Prove that:

$$\frac{-\sin 2\theta}{\cos 2\theta - 1} \equiv \cot \theta$$

Your turn

Prove that:

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

Proof

Worked example

Prove that:

$$\cot 2x - \operatorname{cosec} 2x \equiv -\tan x$$

Your turn

Prove that:

$$\cot 2x + \operatorname{cosec} 2x \equiv \cot x$$

Proof

Worked example

Prove, starting with the left-hand side:

$$\tan 2x + \sec 2x \equiv \frac{\cos x + \sin x}{\cos x - \sin x}$$

Your turn

Prove, starting with the right-hand side:

$$\tan 2x + \sec 2x \equiv \frac{\cos x + \sin x}{\cos x - \sin x}$$

Proof

Worked example

Show that:

$$\sin^4 \theta = \frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta + \frac{1}{8} \cos 4\theta$$

Your turn

Show that:

$$\cos^4 \theta = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta + \frac{1}{8} \cos 4\theta$$

Shown

Worked example

By writing $\cos x = \cos\left(2 \times \frac{x}{2}\right)$, prove the identity

$$\frac{1 + \cos x}{1 - \cos x} \equiv \cot^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

Your turn

By writing $\cos x = \cos\left(2 \times \frac{x}{2}\right)$, prove the identity

$$\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \equiv \tan^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

Proof

7.7) Modelling with trigonometric functions

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Worked example

The cabin pressure, P (psi) on an aeroplane at cruising altitude can be modelled by the equation

$$P = 14.5 - 0.2 \sin(t - 3)$$

where t is the time in hours since cruising altitude was first reached, and angles are in radians. Find:

- The maximum and minimum cabin pressure
- The time after reaching cruising altitude that the cabin first reaches a maximum pressure
- The cabin pressure after 3 hours at cruising altitude
- All the times within the first 10 hours of cruising that the cabin pressure would be exactly 14.42 psi

Your turn

The cabin pressure, P (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 cruising altitude was first reached, and angles are in radians. Find:

- The maximum and minimum cabin pressure
- The time after reaching cruising altitude that the cabin first reaches a maximum pressure
- The cabin pressure after 5 hours at cruising altitude
- All the times within the first 8 hours of cruising that the cabin pressure would be exactly 11.3 psi

a) Maximum = 12 psi ; Minimum = 11 psi

b) 0.43 hours = 26 minutes

c) 11.43 psi

d) 2 hours 25 minutes, and 4 hours 44 minutes

Worked example

- a) Express $7 \cos \theta - 5 \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta + \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$. State the exact value of R and give α to four decimal places.
- b) State the maximum value of $7 \cos \theta - 5 \sin \theta$ and the value of θ , for $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ at which this maximum occurs.

The height H above ground of a passenger on a Ferris wheel is modelled by the equation

$$H = 12 - 7 \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{4}\right) + 5 \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{4}\right)$$

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
- d) Determine the time for the Ferris wheel to complete five revolutions

Your turn

- a) Express $9 \cos \theta - 2 \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta + \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$. State the exact value of R and give α to four decimal places.
- b) State the maximum value of $9 \cos \theta - 2 \sin \theta$ and the value of θ , for $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ at which this maximum occurs.

The height H above ground of a passenger on a Ferris wheel is modelled by the equation

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

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
- d) Determine the time for the Ferris wheel to complete two revolutions

a) $R = \sqrt{85}, \alpha = 0.2187$

b) Maximum = $\sqrt{85}$ when $\theta = 6.06$

c) Maximum $H = 19.22m$ at $t = 4.65$

d) 20 minutes

Worked example

- a) Express $1.5 \sin \theta - 2 \cos \theta$ in the form $R \sin(\theta - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$. State the exact value of R and give α to four decimal places.
- b) State the maximum value of $1.5 \sin \theta - 2 \cos \theta$ and the value of θ , for $0 < \theta < \pi$ at which this maximum occurs.

The height H of sea water on a particular day can be modelled by the equation

$$H = 8 + 1.5 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{25}\right) - 2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi t}{25}\right), 0 \leq t < 12$$

where H is measured in metres, and t is the number of hours after midnight.

- c) Calculate the maximum value of H predicted by this model, and the value of t when this maximum occurs
- d) Calculate, to the nearest minute, the times when the height of sea water is predicted, by this model, to be 7 metres.

Your turn

- a) Express $2 \sin \theta - 1.5 \cos \theta$ in the form $R \sin(\theta - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$. State the exact value of R and give α to four decimal places.
- b) State the maximum value of $2 \sin \theta - 1.5 \cos \theta$ and the value of θ , for $0 < \theta < \pi$ at which this maximum occurs.

The height H of sea water on a particular day can be modelled by the equation

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

where H is measured in metres, and t is the number of hours after midday.

- c) Calculate the maximum value of H predicted by this model, and the value of t when this maximum occurs
- d) Calculate, to the nearest minute, the times when the height of sea water is predicted, by this model, to be 7 metres.

- a) $R = 2.5, \alpha = 0.6435$
b) Maximum = 2.5 when $\theta = 2.21$
c) Maximum $H = 8.5m$ at $t = 4.41$
d) 14:06 and 18:43