

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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