

2.4 ~ Sum and difference formulas

- Develop and use sum and difference formulas.
- Evaluate trigonometric functions using these formulas.
- Verify identities using these formulas.
- Solve more trigonometric equations.

Which are true and which are false?

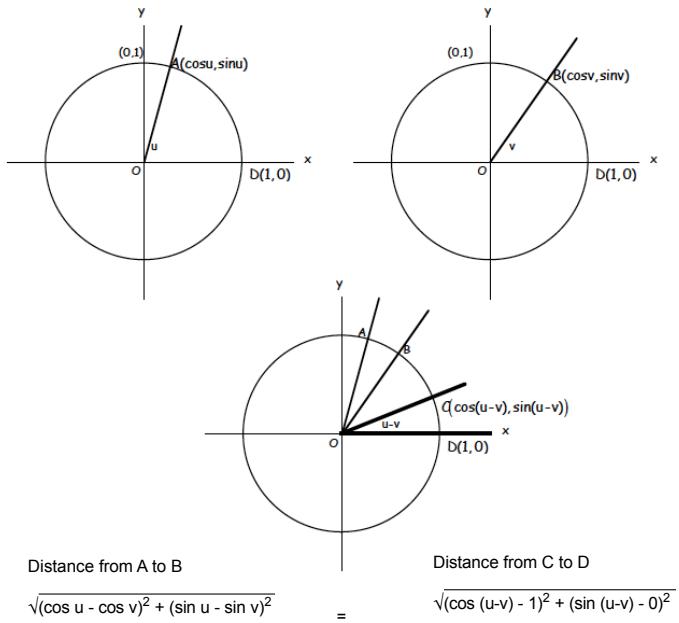
$$5(c+d) = 5c + 5d$$

$$\frac{a+b}{2} = \frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2}$$

$$(x+y)^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\sqrt{p+q} = \sqrt{p} + \sqrt{q}$$

$$\sin(u+v) = \sin u + \sin v$$



Simplify each side of this equality to arrive at the formula on the next page.

Simplifying the equation on the previous page gives us one of our sum/difference formulas for trigonometric expressions.

$$\cos(u - v) = \cos u \cos v + \sin u \sin v$$

In a similar way, we can derive these formulas:

$$\sin(u + v) = \sin u \cos v + \cos u \sin v$$

$$\sin(u - v) = \sin u \cos v - \cos u \sin v$$

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These are the formulas for the sum/difference of a tangent.

$$\tan(u + v) = \frac{\tan u + \tan v}{1 - \tan u \tan v}$$

$$\tan(u - v) = \frac{\tan u - \tan v}{1 + \tan u \tan v}$$

Why do we need to know these?

Example 1:

- a) Find the exact value of $\cos 75^\circ$.

$$\cos 75^\circ = \cos (45^\circ + 30^\circ)$$

According to the formula this is:

$$\cos 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \sin 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ$$

b) $\sin \left(\frac{5\pi}{12} \right)$

Example 2: Verify this identity.

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

Example 3:

Solve this equation for all x on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$.

$$\sin(x + \frac{\pi}{4}) + \cos(x + \frac{\pi}{4}) = 1$$

Example 4: Now one harder one:

Simplify (state as an algebraic expression in terms of x).

$$\sin(\arctan(2x) + \arccos x)$$