

Trigonometric Identities - Math 142
(You can use this handout on tests and quizzes.)

Pythagorean identities:

$$\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1, \quad 1 + \cot^2 \alpha = \csc^2 \alpha, \quad \tan^2 \alpha + 1 = \sec^2 \alpha$$

Sum and Difference Identities:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(\alpha + \beta) &= \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta, & \sin(\alpha - \beta) &= \sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta \\ \cos(\alpha + \beta) &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta, & \cos(\alpha - \beta) &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta \\ \tan(\alpha + \beta) &= \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta}, & \tan(\alpha - \beta) &= \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta} \end{aligned}$$

Product-to-sum Identities:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin A \cos B &= \frac{1}{2}(\sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B)), & \sin A \sin B &= \frac{1}{2}(\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B)) \\ \cos A \sin B &= \frac{1}{2}(\sin(A + B) - \sin(A - B)), & \cos A \cos B &= \frac{1}{2}(\cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B)) \\ \sin^2 A &= \frac{1 - \cos(2A)}{2}, & \cos^2 A &= \frac{1 + \cos(2A)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Sum-to-product Identities:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x + \sin y &= 2 \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right), & \cos x + \cos y &= 2 \cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) \\ \sin x - \sin y &= 2 \cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right), & \cos x - \cos y &= -2 \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Derivative Identities:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, & \frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1} x) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} & \text{when } |x| < 1 \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} x) &= \frac{1}{1+x^2}, & \frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1} x) &= -\frac{1}{1+x^2} & \text{when } x \in \mathbb{R} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1} x) &= \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}, & \frac{d}{dx}(\csc^{-1} x) &= -\frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}} & \text{when } |x| > 1 \end{aligned}$$

Integral Identities:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sec^2 x dx &= \tan x + C, & \int \csc^2 x dx &= -\cot x + C \\ \int \sec x \tan x dx &= \sec x + C, & \int \csc x \cot x dx &= -\csc x + C \\ \int \tan x dx &= \ln |\sec x| + C, & \int \cot x dx &= \ln |\sin x| + C \\ \int \sec x dx &= \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C, & \int \csc x dx &= -\ln |\csc x + \cot x| + C \\ \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} &= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C, & \int \frac{dx}{a^2+x^2} &= \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C \\ \int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{x^2-a^2}} &= \frac{1}{a} \sec^{-1}\left|\frac{x}{a}\right| + C \end{aligned}$$