

FCQs: If our section gets a 90% response rate, everyone gets a free 20/20 in the FCQ extra credit quiz column.

Angle Sum & Difference Identities

Definition (Sum & Difference Identities).

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(A \pm B) &= \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B \\ \cos(A \pm B) &= \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B \\ \tan(A \pm B) &= \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B}\end{aligned}$$

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

Remark. You do not need to memorize the half angle identities. These identities will be listed on a provided formula sheet for the exam. You are responsible for memorizing the reciprocal, quotient, and Pythagorean identities.

Example. Evaluate $\cos(75^\circ)$.

Write $75^\circ = 45^\circ + 30^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(75^\circ) &= \cos(45^\circ + 30^\circ) = \cos(45^\circ) \cos(30^\circ) - \sin(45^\circ) \sin(30^\circ) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Example. Evaluate $\sin\left(\frac{11\pi}{12}\right)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{11\pi}{12} &= \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{A} \\ \swarrow \\ \frac{2\pi}{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{B} \\ \swarrow \\ \frac{\pi}{4} \end{matrix} \\ \sin\left(\frac{11\pi}{12}\right) &= \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Example. Given $\sin A = \frac{3}{5}$, where A is in Quadrant I, and $\cos B = -\frac{5}{13}$, where B is in Quadrant II, find $\sin(A+B)$, $\cos(A+B)$, and determine the quadrant of $A+B$.

Determine $\cos A$ and $\sin B$ (using $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$):

$$\cos A = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 A} = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2} = \frac{4}{5} \quad (\text{positive since in Quadrant I})$$

$$\sin B = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 B} = \sqrt{1 - \left(-\frac{5}{13}\right)^2} = \frac{12}{13} \quad (\text{positive since in Quadrant II})$$

$$\sin(A+B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B = \frac{3}{5} \cdot \left(-\frac{5}{13}\right) + \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{12}{13} = \frac{-15+48}{65} = \frac{33}{65}$$

$$\cos(A+B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B = \frac{4}{5} \cdot \left(-\frac{5}{13}\right) - \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{12}{13} = \frac{-20-36}{65} = \frac{-56}{65}$$

Since $\sin(A+B) > 0$ and $\cos(A+B) < 0$, the angle $A+B$ is in Quadrant II.