

Objective: Use the double angle identities to find trigonometric values.

Concept

In the previous lesson, we used the Sum and Difference Identities. The **Double-Angle Identities** are a special case of the Sum Identities, where $\alpha = \beta$.

Here we derive the **Double-Angle Identity for sine**:

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin\alpha \cos\beta + \cos\alpha \sin\beta$$

If we let $\beta = \alpha$, then we have

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$$\sin(2\alpha) = 2\sin\alpha \cos\alpha$$

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The **Double-Angle Identity for cosine** can be derived in a similar way:

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

If we let $\beta = \alpha$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(\alpha + \alpha) &= \cos \alpha \cos \alpha - \sin \alpha \sin \alpha \\ \cos(2\alpha) &= \cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha\end{aligned}$$

This identity also has useful alternate forms. By substituting $\cos^2 \alpha$ with $1 - \sin^2 \alpha$ from the Pythagorean Identity we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(2\alpha) &= 1 - \sin^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha \\ \cos(2\alpha) &= 1 - 2\sin^2 \alpha\end{aligned}$$

And, by substituting $\sin^2 \alpha$ with $1 - \cos^2 \alpha$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(2\alpha) &= \cos^2 \alpha - (1 - \cos^2 \alpha) \\ \cos(2\alpha) &= 2\cos^2 \alpha - 1\end{aligned}$$

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A **Double-Angle Identity for tangent** can also be derived by starting with the Quotient Identity for tangent.

$$\tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\sin(\alpha + \beta)}{\cos(\alpha + \beta)} = \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \beta \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta}$$

Letting $\beta = \alpha$, results in the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \tan(\alpha + \alpha) &= \frac{\sin(\alpha + \alpha)}{\cos(\alpha + \alpha)} = \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha + \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha \cos \alpha - \sin \alpha \sin \alpha} \\ &= \frac{2\sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{\cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Then, **dividing numerator and denominator by $\cos^2 \alpha$** gives:

$$\tan(2\alpha) = \frac{\frac{2\sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{\cos^2 \alpha}}{\frac{\cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha}{\cos^2 \alpha}} \rightarrow \tan(2\alpha) = \frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1 - \tan^2 \alpha}$$

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Double-Angle Identities

$$\sin 2\alpha = 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$$

$$\tan 2\alpha = \frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1 - \tan^2 \alpha}$$

$$\cos 2\alpha = \cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha$$

$$\cos 2\alpha = 1 - 2\sin^2 \alpha$$

$$\cos 2\alpha = 2\cos^2 \alpha - 1$$



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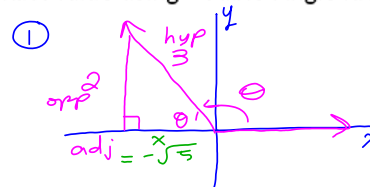
Ex) Given $\sin \theta = \frac{2}{3}$, where $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi$, find each exact value using Double-Angle Identities.

a. $\sin 2\theta$

$$\textcircled{3} \sin 2\theta = 2 \cdot \sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{-\sqrt{5}}{3}$$

$$\boxed{\sin 2\theta = \frac{-4\sqrt{5}}{9}}$$



② $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

$$x^2 + 2^2 = 3^2 \quad x = -\sqrt{5}$$

$$x^2 + 4 = 9$$

$$x^2 = 5 \rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

b. $\cos 2\theta$, using $\cos 2\theta = 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta$

④ $\cos 2\theta = 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta$

$$= 1 - 2(\sin \theta)^2$$

$$= 1 - 2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$$

$$= 1 - 2\left(\frac{4}{9}\right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{8}{9} = \frac{9}{9} - \frac{8}{9}$$

$$\boxed{\cos 2\theta = \frac{1}{9}}$$

c. $\tan 2\theta$

⑤ $\tan 2\theta = \frac{2\tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}$

$$= \frac{2\left(\frac{2}{-\sqrt{5}}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{-\sqrt{5}}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{-4}{\sqrt{5}}}{1 - \frac{4}{5}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{-4}{\sqrt{5}}}{\frac{1}{5}} = \frac{-4}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{5}{1}$$

$$= \frac{-20}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{-20\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

$$\boxed{\tan 2\theta = -4\sqrt{5}}$$

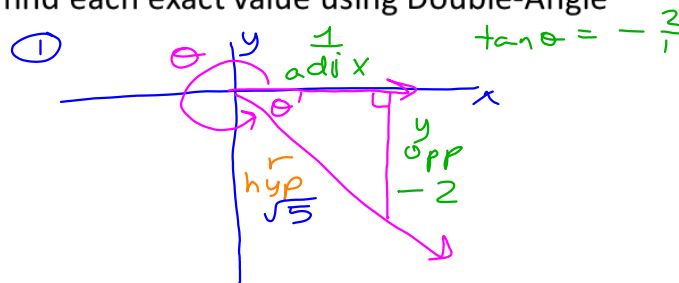
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Ex) Given $\tan \theta = -2$, where $\frac{3\pi}{2} < \theta < 2\pi$, find each exact value using Double-Angle Identities.

a. $\sin 2\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \sin 2\theta &= 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\sin 2\theta = \frac{-4}{5}}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} x^2 + y^2 &= r^2 \\ 1^2 + (-2)^2 &= r^2 \\ r &= \sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

b. $\cos 2\theta$, using $\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{4} \cos 2\theta &= \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \\ &= (\cos \theta)^2 - (\sin \theta)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{5} - \frac{4}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\cos 2\theta = \frac{-3}{5}}$$

c. $\tan 2\theta$

$$\textcircled{5} \tan 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan 2\theta &= \frac{2(-2)}{1 - (-2)^2} \\ &= \frac{-4}{1 - 4} \\ &= \frac{-4}{-3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\tan 2\theta = \frac{4}{3}}$$

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Closure

True or False: $\sin 2x = 2\sin x$. If false, explain why.

False, $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$.

