

Find the exact value of $\tan(45^\circ - 30^\circ)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\tan(45^\circ - 30^\circ) &= \frac{\tan 45^\circ - \tan 30^\circ}{1 + \tan 45^\circ \tan 30^\circ} \\ &= \frac{1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}}{1 + (1) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \right)} = \frac{\frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{3}}{\frac{3 + \sqrt{3}}{3}} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{3 + \sqrt{3}} = \frac{(3 - \sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3})}{(3 + \sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3})} = \frac{9 - 6\sqrt{3} + 3}{9 - 3} = \frac{12 - 6\sqrt{3}}{6} = 2 - \sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

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Find the exact value of $\sin \frac{5\pi}{12} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \cos \frac{5\pi}{12} \sin \frac{\pi}{4}$.

Solution:

$$\sin \frac{5\pi}{12} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \cos \frac{5\pi}{12} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \sin \left(\frac{5\pi}{12} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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Find the exact value of $\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{3} \right) &= \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}\end{aligned}$$

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Write the expression $\cos 4x \cos 2x - \sin 4x \sin 2x$ in terms of single trigonometric function.

Solution:

$$\cos 4x \cos 2x - \sin 4x \sin 2x = \cos(4x + 2x) = \cos 6x$$

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Write the expression $\frac{\tan 3x + \tan 4x}{1 - \tan 3x \tan 4x}$ in terms of single trigonometric function.

Solution:

$$\frac{\tan 3x + \tan 4x}{1 - \tan 3x \tan 4x} = \tan(3x + 4x) = \tan 7x$$

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Given $\sin \alpha = 3/5$, α in Quadrant I, and $\cos \beta = -5/13$, β in Quadrant II, find

(a): $\sin(\alpha - \beta)$

(b): $\cos(\alpha + \beta)$

(c): $\tan(\alpha - \beta)$

Solution:

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{3}{5} \quad \alpha \text{ is in QI} \Rightarrow \cos \alpha = +\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \alpha} = +\sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\cos \beta = -\frac{5}{13} \quad \beta \text{ is in QII} \Rightarrow \sin \beta = +\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \beta} = +\sqrt{1 - \frac{25}{13^2}} = \frac{12}{13}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = \frac{3/5}{4/5} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\tan \beta = \frac{\sin \beta}{\cos \beta} = \frac{12/13}{-5/13} = -\frac{12}{5}$$

(a): $\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta$

$$= \frac{3}{5} \left(-\frac{5}{13} \right) - \frac{4}{5} \left(\frac{12}{13} \right) = -\frac{15}{65} - \frac{48}{65} = -\frac{63}{65}$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c): } \tan(\alpha - \beta) &= \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{3}{4} - \left(-\frac{12}{5}\right)}{1 + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\left(-\frac{12}{5}\right)} = \frac{\frac{15+48}{20}}{\frac{20-36}{20}} = -\frac{63}{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Given $\cos \alpha = 8/17$, α in Quadrant IV, and $\sin \beta = -24/25$, β in Quadrant III, find

(a): $\sin(\alpha - \beta)$ (b): $\cos(\alpha + \beta)$ (c): $\tan(\alpha + \beta)$

Solution:

$$\cos \alpha = 8/17 \quad \alpha \text{ is in QIV} \Rightarrow \sin \alpha = -\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \alpha} = -\sqrt{1 - \frac{64}{17^2}} = -\frac{15}{17}$$

$$\sin \beta = -24/25 \quad \beta \text{ is in QIII} \Rightarrow \cos \beta = -\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \beta} = -\sqrt{1 - \frac{24^2}{25^2}} = -\sqrt{\frac{25^2 - 24^2}{25^2}} = -\frac{\sqrt{(24+1)^2 - 24^2}}{25} = -\frac{7}{25}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = \frac{-15/17}{8/17} = -\frac{15}{8}$$

$$\tan \beta = \frac{\sin \beta}{\cos \beta} = \frac{-24/25}{-7/25} = \frac{24}{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a): } \sin(\alpha - \beta) &= \sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta \\
 &= \left(-\frac{15}{17}\right)\left(-\frac{7}{25}\right) - \frac{8}{17}\left(-\frac{24}{25}\right) = \frac{105}{425} + \frac{192}{425} = \frac{297}{425}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b): } \cos(\alpha + \beta) &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta \\
 &= \frac{8}{17}\left(-\frac{7}{25}\right) - \left(-\frac{15}{17}\right)\left(-\frac{24}{25}\right) = -\frac{56}{425} - \frac{360}{425} = -\frac{416}{425}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c): } \tan(\alpha + \beta) &= \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta} \\
 &= \frac{-\frac{15}{8} + \frac{24}{7}}{1 - \left(-\frac{15}{8}\right)\left(\frac{24}{7}\right)} = \frac{\frac{-105+192}{56}}{1 + \frac{360}{56}} = \frac{87}{416}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Write the expression $\cos(\theta + 3\pi)$ as a function than involve only $\cos\theta$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(\theta + 3\pi) &= \cos\theta \cos 3\pi - \sin\theta \sin 3\pi \\ &= \cos\theta(-1) - \sin\theta(0) \\ &= -\cos\theta\end{aligned}$$

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Verify the identity $\frac{\sin(x + y)}{\sin x \sin y} = \cot x + \cot y$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \frac{\sin(x + y)}{\sin x \sin y} = \frac{\sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y}{\sin x \sin y} \\ &= \frac{\sin x \cos y}{\sin x \sin y} + \frac{\cos x \sin y}{\sin x \sin y} \\ &= \frac{\cos y}{\sin y} + \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \\ &= \cot y + \cot x = \text{RHS}\end{aligned}$$

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