

5.1: Fundamental Identities

I. Identities

A. An identity is a true sentence in which x must be in the domain of both expressions.

B. Examples:

$$\frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1} = x^2 + x + 1 \quad \frac{2x^3}{x^2} = 2x$$

$$\csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x} \quad \cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

C. The set of all values for which the identity is true is called the *domain of validity*.

II. Basic Trigonometric Identities

A. Reciprocal Identities

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \quad \sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\csc \theta} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}$$

B. Quotient Identities

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

III. Pythagorean Identities

A. Since the sine and cosine of an angle make up the legs of a reference triangle with a hypotenuse of 1:

$$\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1$$

B. If we divide through by the cosine squared:

$$\frac{\cos^2 t}{\cos^2 t} + \frac{\sin^2 t}{\cos^2 t} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 t} \Rightarrow 1 + \tan^2 t = \sec^2 t$$

C. If we divide through by the sine squared:

$$\frac{\cos^2 t}{\sin^2 t} + \frac{\sin^2 t}{\sin^2 t} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 t} \Rightarrow \cot^2 t + 1 = \csc^2 t$$

C. Pythagorean Identities

$$\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$

$$1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$$

$$\cot^2 x + 1 = \csc^2 x$$

D. Example 1: use the identities to find $\cos(x)$ and $\tan(x)$ if $\sin(x) = 1/3$ and $\cos(x) < 0$.

$$\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$

note: we could use a reference triangle, but are using identities instead.

$$\cos^2 x + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\cos^2 x + \frac{1}{9} = 1$$

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{8}{9}$$

$$\cos x = \pm \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$\cos x = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$\cos x = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \quad \tan^2 x = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\sec x = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \quad \tan x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x \quad \boxed{\tan x = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}}$$

$$1 + \tan^2 x = \left(-\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)^2$$

$$1 + \tan^2 x = \frac{9}{8}$$

E. Example 2: Write the following expression in terms of $\sin t$:

$$\sin^4 t + \cos^4 t$$

$$\sin^4 t + (\cos^2 t)^2$$

$$\sin^4 t + (1 - \sin^2 t)^2$$

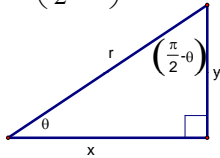
$$\sin^4 t + 1 - 2\sin^2 t + \sin^4 t$$

$$\boxed{2\sin^4 t - 2\sin^2 t + 1}$$

IV. Cofunction Identities

Note that in the triangle below,

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right)$$



This is true for all co-functions, and can be generalized as follows:

The Cofunction Identities

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

$$\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \sec \theta \quad \sec\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \csc \theta$$

$$\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \tan \theta \quad \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cot \theta$$

V. Odd-Even Identities

$$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta \quad \cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\csc(-\theta) = -\csc \theta \quad \sec(-\theta) = \sec \theta$$

$$\tan(-\theta) = -\tan \theta \quad \cot(-\theta) = -\cot \theta$$

VI. Simplifying Trigonometric Expressions

A. Example 4: Simplify each of the following:

$$1. (\sec t - \tan t)(\sec t + \tan t) = \sec^2 t - \tan^2 t$$

$$= (1 + \tan^2 t) - \tan^2 t = \boxed{1}$$

$$2. \frac{\sin^2 t - 2\sin t + 1}{1 - \sin t} = \frac{(\sin t - 1)^2}{-(\sin t - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{\sin t - 1}{-1} = \boxed{1 - \sin t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3. \left(\frac{\sin t}{\cos t}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{\cos^2 t} &= \frac{\sin^2 t}{\cos^2 t} - \frac{1}{\cos^2 t} \\
 &= \frac{\sin^2 t - 1}{\cos^2 t} \\
 &= \frac{-(1 - \sin^2 t)}{\cos^2 t} \\
 &= \frac{-\cos^2 t}{\cos^2 t} = \boxed{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

VII. Solving Trigonometric Equations

A. Example 5: Solve the following trigonometric equations over the interval $[0, 2\pi]$

1. $(\sec x)(\csc x) = 2 \csc x$

$(\sec x)(\csc x) - 2 \csc x = 0$

$\csc x(\sec x - 2) = 0$

$\csc x = 0$

no solution

$\sec x - 2 = 0$

$\sec x = 2$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

2. $1 - 3 \tan^2 x = 0$

$\tan^2 x = \frac{1}{3}$

$\tan x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\tan x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \tan x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6} \quad x = \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$

$$x = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}}$$

3. $\sin^2 3x = 0$

$\sin 3x = 0$

$3x = 0 + 2n\pi$

$3x = \dots, -2\pi, 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi, \dots$

$x = \dots, -\frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{0}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{6\pi}{3}, \dots$

$3x = \pi + 2n\pi$

$3x = \dots, -\pi, \pi, 3\pi, 5\pi, 7\pi, \dots$

$x = \dots, -\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{3\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}, \frac{7\pi}{3}, \dots$

$$x = \boxed{0, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \pi, \frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}}$$

B. Find all solutions to the following trigonometric identities

1. $\csc^2 x + \csc x - 2 = 0$

$(\csc x - 1)(\csc x + 2) = 0$

$\csc x = 1$

$x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\csc x = -2$

$x = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$

to include all solutions, we write:

$$x = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi, \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2n\pi, \frac{11\pi}{6} + 2n\pi}$$

2. $\cos^2 x + \sin x + 1 = 0$

$1 - \sin^2 x + \sin x + 1 = 0$

$\sin^2 x - \sin x - 2 = 0$

$(\sin x + 1)(\sin x - 2) = 0$

$\sin x = -1$

$x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

$\sin x = 2$

no solution

to include all solutions, we write:

$$x = \boxed{\frac{3\pi}{2} + 2n\pi}$$

5.2: Proving Trigonometric Identities

I. Proving Identities

A. Steps:

1. Begin with the expression on one side of the identity (usually start with the side that looks more complicated)
2. Show a sequence of expressions, each of which is clearly equivalent to the one before it.* If you don't know what to do, convert the entire expression into sines and cosines
3. End with the expression on the other side of the identity.

*you can only change one side of the identity in a given proof

B. Prove the following identities:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \sec x &= \frac{\csc(-x)}{\cot(-x)} &= \frac{1}{\sin x} \div \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \\
 \frac{\csc(-x)}{\cot(-x)} &= \frac{-\csc(x)}{-\cot(x)} &= \frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \\
 &= \frac{\csc(x)}{\cot(x)} &= \frac{1}{\cos x} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}} &= \boxed{\sec x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \frac{\sin x}{\csc x} &= 1 - \frac{\cos x}{\sec x} &= \sin x \cdot \sin x \\
 \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sec x} &= 1 - \frac{\cos x}{\frac{1}{\cos x}} &= \sin x \cdot \frac{1}{\csc x} \\
 &= 1 - \cos x \div \frac{1}{\cos x} &= \boxed{\frac{\sin x}{\csc x}} \\
 &= 1 - \cos^2 x \\
 &= \sin^2 x
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3. \sin^3 x \cos x - \sin^5 x \cos x &= \sin^3 x \cos^3 x \\
 \boxed{\sin^3 x \cos x - \sin^5 x \cos x} &= \sin^3 x \cos x (1 - \sin^2 x) \\
 &= \sin^3 x \cos x (\cos^2 x) \\
 &= \boxed{\sin^3 x \cos^3 x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4. \frac{1 - \tan^2 x}{1 - \sec^2 x} &= 1 - \cot^2 x \\
 \frac{1 - \tan^2 x}{1 - \sec^2 x} &= \frac{1 - \tan^2 x}{-(\sec^2 x - 1)} \\
 &= \frac{1 - \tan^2 x}{-\tan^2 x} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\tan^2 x} + \frac{-\tan^2 x}{-\tan^2 x} \\
 &= -\cot^2 x + 1 \\
 &= \boxed{1 - \cot^2 x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$5. -4 \sec x \tan x = \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x} - \frac{1 + \sin x}{1 - \sin x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x} - \frac{1 + \sin x}{1 - \sin x} &= \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x} \left(\frac{1 - \sin x}{1 - \sin x} \right) - \frac{1 + \sin x}{1 - \sin x} \left(\frac{1 + \sin x}{1 + \sin x} \right) \\ &= \frac{1 - 2\sin x + \sin^2 x}{1 - \sin^2 x} - \frac{1 + 2\sin x + \sin^2 x}{1 - \sin^2 x} \\ &= \frac{1 - 2\sin x + \sin^2 x - (1 + 2\sin x + \sin^2 x)}{1 - \sin^2 x} \\ &= \frac{1 - 2\sin x + \sin^2 x - 1 - 2\sin x - \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= \frac{-4\sin x}{\cos^2 x} = -4 \frac{1}{\cos x} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \boxed{-4 \sec x \tan x} \end{aligned}$$

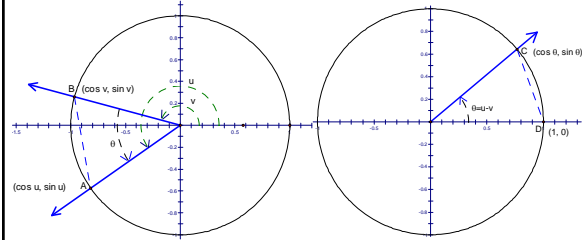
C. Disproving non-identities:

1. You can check if identities work by graphing (see exploration 1 on page 458).
2. To disprove identities, you need only find one counterexample.

5.3: Sum and Difference Identities

I. Cosine of a Difference:

A. Derivation: Consider the two diagrams, (Note that for the chords $AB=CD$).



$$\begin{aligned}
 AB &= CD \\
 \sqrt{(\cos v - \cos u)^2 + (\sin v - \sin u)^2} &= \sqrt{(\cos \theta - 1)^2 + (\sin \theta - 0)^2} \\
 \cos^2 u - 2 \cos u \cos v + \cos^2 v + \sin^2 u - 2 \sin u \sin v + \sin^2 v &= \cos^2 \theta - 2 \cos \theta + 1 + \sin^2 \theta \\
 (\cos^2 u + \sin^2 u) + (\cos^2 v + \sin^2 v) - 2 \cos u \cos v - 2 \sin u \sin v &= (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) + 1 - 2 \cos \theta \\
 2 - 2 \cos u \cos v - 2 \sin u \sin v = 2 - 2 \cos \theta & \\
 \cos u \cos v + \sin u \sin v = \cos \theta & \\
 \boxed{\cos u \cos v + \sin u \sin v = \cos(u - v)} &
 \end{aligned}$$

B. Find the formula for the cosine of a sum.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos(u + v) &= \cos[u - (-v)] \\
 &= \cos u \cos(-v) + \sin u \sin(-v) \\
 &= \cos u \cos v + \sin u (-\sin v) \\
 &= \boxed{\cos u \cos v - \sin u \sin v}
 \end{aligned}$$

C. Cosine sum and difference formulas:

$$\boxed{\cos(u \pm v) = \cos u \cos v \mp \sin u \sin v}$$

D. Example 1: Determine the value of: $\cos \frac{5\pi}{12}$

First, note that $\frac{5\pi}{12} = \frac{3\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos \frac{5\pi}{12} &= \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\
 &= \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \\
 &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}}
 \end{aligned}$$

E. Example 2: Verify the following identities:

1. $\cos(\pi + \theta) = -\cos \theta$

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

$$2. \cos\left(\theta - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = -\sin \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos\left(\theta - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) &= \cos \theta \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + \sin \theta \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= \cos \theta (0) + \sin \theta (-1) \\ &= \boxed{-\sin} \end{aligned}$$

Note: these are called reduction formulas,
since they reduce the complexity of the expression

II. Sine of a difference or sum

$$\begin{aligned} \text{A. } \sin(u+v) &= \cos\left[\frac{\pi}{2} - (u+v)\right] \\ &= \cos\left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) - v\right] \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right)\cos v + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right)\sin v \\ &= \sin u \cos v + \cos u \sin v \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{B. } \sin(u-v) = \cos\left[\frac{\pi}{2} - (u-v)\right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \cos\left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) + v\right] \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right)\cos v - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right)\sin v \\ &= \sin u \cos v - \cos u \sin v \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\sin(u \pm v) = \sin u \cos v \pm \cos u \sin v}$$

C. Example 3: Find the value of each of the following.

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \sin(27.35^\circ)\cos(2.65^\circ) + \cos(27.35^\circ)\sin(2.65^\circ) \\ &= \sin(27.35^\circ + 2.65^\circ) \\ &= \sin(30^\circ) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{11}\right)\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{11}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{11}\right)\sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{11}\right) \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{11} + \frac{7\pi}{11}\right) \\ &= \cos(\pi) = \boxed{-1} \end{aligned}$$

III. Tangent of a difference or sum

$$\text{A. } \tan(u \pm v) = \frac{\sin(u \pm v)}{\cos(u \pm v)} = \frac{\sin u \cos v \pm \cos u \sin v}{\cos u \cos v \mp \sin u \sin v}$$

or

$$\boxed{\tan(u \pm v) = \frac{\tan u \pm \tan v}{1 \mp \tan u \tan v}}$$

B. Prove the reduction formula below:

$$\begin{aligned} \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right) &= -\cot \theta \\ \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right) &= \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right)}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right)} = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\cos \theta + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\sin \theta}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\cos \theta - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{(1)\cos \theta + (0)\sin \theta}{(0)\cos \theta - (1)\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{\cos \theta}{-\sin \theta} \\ &= \boxed{-\cot \theta} \end{aligned}$$

IV. Verifying a Sinusoid Algebraically

Express the function below as a single sinusoid

$$f(x) = 2 \sin 2x + 3 \cos 2x$$

$$a \sin(bx + c) = a(\sin bx \cos c + \cos bx \sin c)$$

$$= a \sin bx \cos c + a \cos bx \sin c$$

$$2 \sin 2x + 3 \cos 2x = (a \cos c) \sin bx + (a \sin c) \cos bx$$

$$\boxed{b=2}$$

$$2 = a \cos c \quad 3 = a \sin c$$

$$(a \cos c)^2 + (a \sin c)^2 = (2)^2 + (3)^2$$

$$a^2 \cos^2 c + a^2 \sin^2 c = 13$$

$$a^2 (\cos^2 c + \sin^2 c) = 13$$

$$a^2 = 13$$

$$a = \pm \sqrt{13}$$

$$\text{let's use } a = \sqrt{13}$$

$$\sqrt{13} \cos c = 2$$

$$\sqrt{13} \sin c = 3$$

$$\cos c = \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$\sin c = \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$c = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2\sqrt{13}}{13}\right) \text{ or } c = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3\sqrt{13}}{13}\right)$$

Exact answer:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{13} \sin 2 \left[x + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2\sqrt{13}}{13}\right) \right]$$

or

$$f(x) = \sqrt{13} \sin 2 \left[x + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3\sqrt{13}}{13}\right) \right]$$

Approximate:

$$\boxed{3.606 \sin 2[x + 0.983]}$$

5.4: Multiple-Angle Identities

I. Double-Angle Identities

A.

$$\sin 2u = 2 \sin u \cos u$$

$$\cos 2u = \begin{cases} \cos^2 u - \sin^2 u \\ 2 \cos^2 u - 1 \\ 1 - 2 \sin^2 u \end{cases}$$

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

B. Example 1: Prove the identity below:

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

$$\cos 2u = \cos(u+u)$$

$$= \cos u \cos u - \sin u \sin u$$

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

C. Example 2: Prove the identity below.

$$\begin{aligned} \sec 2x &= \frac{\sec^2 x + \sec^4 x}{2 + \sec^2 x - \sec^4 x} \\ &= \frac{\sec^2 x(1 + \sec^2 x)}{(2 - \sec^2 x)(1 + \sec^2 x)} \\ &= \frac{\sec^2 x}{2 - \sec^2 x} \\ &= \frac{\cos^2 x(\sec^2 x)}{\cos^2 x(2 - \sec^2 x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \cos^2 x - 1} = \frac{1}{\cos 2x} = \sec 2x \end{aligned}$$

II. Power-Reducing Identities

A. $\sin^2 u = \frac{1 - \cos 2u}{2}$

$$\cos^2 u = \frac{1 + \cos 2u}{2}$$

$$\tan^2 u = \frac{1 - \cos 2u}{1 + \cos 2u}$$

B. Example 3: rewrite the expression below in terms of trigonometric functions with no power greater than 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^4 x &= (\sin^2 x)^2 = \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1 - 2 \cos 2x + \cos^2 2x}{4} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1 + \cos 4x}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1 + \cos 4x}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} (3 - 4 \cos 2x + \cos 4x) \end{aligned}$$

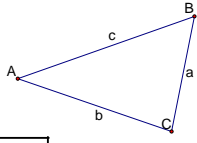
III. Half-Angle Identities

A.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \frac{u}{2} &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos u}{2}} \\ \cos \frac{u}{2} &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos u}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad \tan \frac{u}{2} = \begin{cases} \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos u}{2}} \\ \frac{1 - \cos u}{\sin u} \\ \frac{\sin u}{1 + \cos u} \end{cases}$$

5.5: The Law of Sines

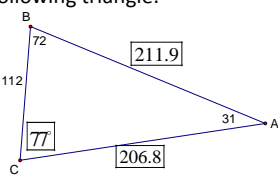
I. The Law of Sines



$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$

B. Example 1: Solve the following triangle.

$m\angle C = 180 - 31 - 72 = 77$



$$\frac{\sin 31}{112} = \frac{\sin 72}{b} = \frac{\sin 77}{c}$$

$$\frac{\sin 31}{112} = \frac{\sin 72}{b}$$

$$b \sin 31 = 112 \sin 72$$

$$b = \frac{112 \sin 72}{\sin 31}$$

$$b \approx 206.8$$

$$\frac{\sin 31}{112} = \frac{\sin 77}{c}$$

$$c = \frac{112 \sin 77}{\sin 31}$$

$$c \approx 211.9$$

C. SSA: The ambiguous case

- Given two sides and an angle, the law of sines can give 0, 1, or 2 solutions
- Example 2: Determine all triangles for which $a=50$, $b=150$, and $A=60$ degrees.

$$\frac{\sin 60}{50} = \frac{\sin B}{150}$$

$$\frac{150 \sin 60}{50} = \sin B$$

$$3 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = \sin B$$

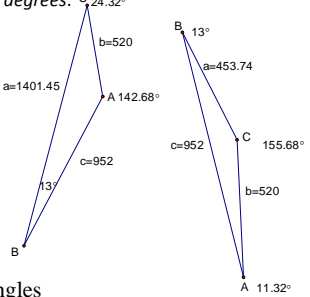
$$\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sin B$$

$$B = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = \emptyset$$

since $-1 \leq \sin^{-1} x \leq 1$

no solution

3. Example 3: Determine all triangles for which $b=520$, $c=952$, and $B=13$ degrees.



$$\frac{\sin 13}{520} = \frac{\sin C}{952}$$

$$\frac{952 \sin 13}{520} = \sin C$$

$$0.41183 \approx \sin C$$

$$24.32 \text{ or } 155.68 = C$$

\therefore we have 2 possible triangles

4. Example 5: Determine all triangles for which $a=10$, $c=20$, and $A=30$ degrees.

$$\frac{\sin 30}{10} = \frac{\sin C}{20}$$

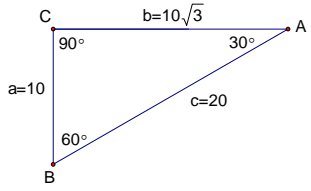
$$\sin C = \frac{20 \sin 30}{10}$$

$$\sin C = 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\sin C = 1$$

$$C = 90^\circ$$

we have the following right triangle



II. Applications

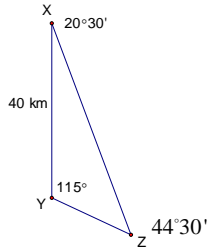
Two lighthouses at points X and Y are 40 kilometers apart. Each has a visual contact with a fishing boat at point Z . If the angles are as given below, how far is the fishing boat from lighthouse Y ?

$$m\angle ZXY = 20^\circ 30', m\angle ZYX = 115^\circ$$

$$m\angle Z = 180 - 20^\circ 30' - 115^\circ = 44^\circ 30'$$

$$\frac{\sin 44^\circ 30'}{40} = \frac{\sin 115}{y}$$

$$y = \frac{40 \sin 115}{\sin 44^\circ 30'} \approx \boxed{51.72 \text{ km}}$$



5.6: The Law of Cosines

I. Deriving the Law of Cosines

A. Let triangle ABC be any triangle with sides and angles labeled in the usual way. Then:

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

B. Derivation

In each of the three cases above,

$$\frac{x}{b} = \cos a \quad \frac{y}{b} = \sin a$$

$$x = b \cos a \quad y = b \sin a$$

Using the distance formula:

$$a = \sqrt{(x-c)^2 + (y-0)^2}$$

$$a^2 = (x-c)^2 + y^2$$

$$a^2 = (b \cos a - c)^2 + (b \sin a)^2$$

$$a^2 = b^2 \cos^2 a - 2bc \cos a + c^2 + b^2 \sin^2 a$$

$$a^2 = b^2 (\cos^2 a + \sin^2 a) - 2bc \cos a + c^2$$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos a$$

Since we chose the sides generally,
it is true for any set of sides and angles

C. Example 1: Solve the triangle with the following sides and angles. $a = 300, b = 225, C = 51^\circ$

$$c^2 = 300^2 + 225^2 - 2(300)(225)\cos 51$$

$$c^2 \approx 55666.75 \quad \boxed{c \approx 235.94}$$

$$300^2 \approx 225^2 + 235.94^2 - 2(225)(235.94)\cos A$$

$$90000 \approx 50625 + 55666.75 - 106172.11 \cos A$$

$$-16291.75 \approx -106172.11 \cos A$$

$$0.153 \approx \cos A$$

$$\boxed{A \approx 81.17^\circ}$$

$$\boxed{B \approx 180 - 51 - 81.17 = 47.83^\circ}$$

II. Triangle Area

A. Suppose that you know two sides of a triangle and the included angle. The area of the triangle is given by the formula

$$A = \frac{ab}{2} \sin C$$

B. Proof:

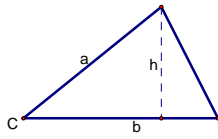
We draw a perpendicular segment from the vertex opposite side a . We have:

$$\sin C = \frac{h}{a}$$

$$a \sin C = h$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$$

QED



C. Example 2: Find the area of a triangle with sides of length 22 feet and 31 feet, with an included angle of 37 degrees.

$$A = \frac{ab}{2} \sin C$$

$$A = \frac{(22)(31)}{2} \sin 37$$

$$\boxed{A \approx 205.22 \text{ ft}^2}$$

D. Heron's Formula: Suppose that a triangle has side lengths a , b , and c . Then the area of the triangle is given by the formula below.

$$\boxed{A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}$$

where $s = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$

E. Example 3: Suppose that a triangle has sides of length 12 cm, 15 cm, and 11 cm. Use Heron's formula to estimate the area of the triangle.

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(12+15+11) = 19$$

$$\text{Area} = \sqrt{19(19-12)(19-15)(19-11)}$$

$$\text{Area} = \sqrt{19(7)(4)(8)}$$

$$\text{Area} = \sqrt{4256}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Area} \approx 65.42 \text{ cm}^2}$$