

Trigonometry Identities

Math 170 “Pre-Calculus”

*Reciprocal Identities:

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{\csc x}$$

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{\sec x}$$

$$\tan x = \frac{1}{\cot x}$$

$$\cot x = \frac{1}{\tan x}$$

$$\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

$$\csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

*Quotient Identities:

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

$$\cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

*Pythagorean Identities:

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

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

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

Double Angle Identities:

$$* \sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$* \cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$$

$$* \cos 2x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1$$

$$* \cos 2x = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x$$

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

Half-Angle Identities:

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{2}}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos x}{2}}$$

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

Sum and Difference Identities:

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

$$\sin(x - y) = \sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x - y) = \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y$$

$$\tan(x + y) = \frac{\tan x + \tan y}{1 - \tan x \tan y}$$

$$\tan(x - y) = \frac{\tan x - \tan y}{1 + \tan x \tan y}$$

Even/Odd Identities:

Identities:

$$\sin(-u) = -\sin u$$

$$\cos(-u) = \cos u$$

$$\tan(-u) = -\tan u$$

Cofunction

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

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

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

* Must have these memorized for Test and Final Exam*