

## Double Angle Identities

Instead of the angle being just " $\theta$ ", the angle will be " $2\theta$ "

**Double Angle:**

$$\sin 2\theta = \sin(\theta + \theta) = \sin\theta \cos\theta + \cos\theta \sin\theta = \boxed{2 \sin\theta \cos\theta}$$

We can use the Sum/Difference Identities to derive the Double Angle Identities.

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos(\theta + \theta) = \cos\theta \cos\theta - \sin\theta \sin\theta = \boxed{\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta}$$

$$1 - \sin^2\theta - \sin^2\theta = \boxed{1 - 2\sin^2\theta} \qquad \cos^2\theta - (1 - \cos^2\theta) = \boxed{2\cos^2\theta - 1}$$

Double-Angle Identities		
$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin\theta \cos\theta$	$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta$ $\cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2\theta - 1$ $\cos 2\theta = 1 - 2 \sin^2\theta$	$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan\theta}{1 - \tan^2\theta}$

Recall from the Pythagorean Identities that  $\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1$ , which means that  $\cos^2\theta = 1 - \sin^2\theta$  and  $\sin^2\theta = 1 - \cos^2\theta$ . This is why  $\cos 2\theta$  has so many variations.

**NOTE:** It is very important to remember that  $\cos 2\theta \neq 2\cos\theta$ . The interior coefficient cannot be pulled to the front! In terms of transformations, this should make sense since  $2\cos\theta$  indicates that the amplitude has changed to be 2, where  $\cos 2\theta$  indicates a period/frequency change.

Example #1:

**Prove:**  $\sin 2\theta = 2 \tan\theta - 2 \tan\theta \sin^2\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \tan\theta - 2 \tan\theta \sin^2\theta &= 2 \tan\theta (1 - \sin^2\theta) \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} \cdot \cos^2\theta \\ &= 2 \sin\theta \cos\theta \\ &= \sin 2\theta \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

1. I factored out a common term.

2. I made a substitution using a Pythagorean Identity.

3. When the remaining expression is simplified, it matches the desired result!

Since  $\cos 2\theta$  has so many variations, it will be important in proofs to be strategic about which form we select. Since all 3 forms are equivalent, they will all eventually lead you to a complete proof, but there is always a fastest option. I will discuss this in the example proof below.

Example #2:

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

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

$$= 2\cos^2\theta - \cos^2\theta\sec^2\theta$$

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

$$= \cos 2\theta \checkmark$$

1. I made a substitution using  $\cos^2\theta = 1 - \sin^2\theta$

2. I distributed.

3.  $\cos^2\theta\sec^2\theta = \cos^2\theta \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta} = 1$

4. The remaining expression simplifies to match one of the forms of  $\cos 2\theta$

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You try:  $\sin 2x = 2\cot(x)\sin^2(x)$

Sample Proof:

$$2\cot(x)\sin^2(x) = 2\frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \cdot \sin^2 x = 2\cos x \sin x = \sin 2x$$